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## City looking at \$20 million to upgrade WWTP

By Lori Copley  
Editor

The city of Glencoe is looking at close to \$20 million to upgrade its wastewater treatment plant, the city's finance and strategic planning committee heard at a Wednesday, Jan. 25, meeting.

It is hoped that city will qualify for at least \$5 million in grant funding, which will bring the cost to the city down to about \$15 million, according to staff from Short Elliott Hendrickson (SEH), the city's engi-

neering consulting firm.

Jessica Hedin of SEH ran through a slide presentation of the needed repairs and upgrades.

Hedin said SEH has goals of repurposing or reusing as much of the facility as feasible, increasing efficiency and preparing for anticipated pollution control agency mandates.

Hedin said much of the facility and its equipment is at least 50 to 60 years old. "Twenty to 25 years old are probably the most recent facilities," she added.

Among the issues with the aging plant are outdated technology, corrosion, increased maintenance, difficulty finding parts and vendors, and less efficiency.

"Staff is doing a great job of keeping the current facility in compliance, but it's getting more difficult each year," said Hedin.

One of the first tasks that needs to be address, Hedin said, is building a new lift station on higher ground.

Hedin said the current lift station is too low, and is prone to flooding,

not to mention that it is "in poor condition." A new lift station located on higher ground will keep it out of potential flooding, and will help make the plant more efficient.

Hedin said that moving the lift station higher will mean that it can use main force to move the wastewater.

"I think we counted a total of 10 pumps between the lift station and the clarification basin," said Hedin. Most, if not all, of those pumps could probably be limited if the fa-

cility could use head force by gravity rather than pumps to move the wastewater.

Among other proposed improvements are:

- Decommissioning trickling tanks, which Hedin said are leaking and in poor condition.
- Eliminating an intermediate clarifier, which won't be needed if the trickling tanks are replaced with

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Chronicle photos by Lori Copley

## Blizzard Blast another success

The Glencoe City Center Ballroom was full Friday night for the annual Blizzard Blast, a fundraiser for the Allina Hospice program, which benefits families in the area. The benefit had live and silent auctions, live music, a meal and other activities. Above, attendees check out the silent auction tables prior to the meal being served. At right, Stacy and Scott Herout were among the many volunteers who helped make the evening a success. Bill Dunbar was this year's emcee, while Kathy Krone hosted the live auction. The guest speaker was Kimberly Phifer.



## Ketelsen entertains corn, soybean growers at annual banquet

By Lori Copley  
Editor

There is nobody quite like a farmer, members of the McLeod County Corn & Soybean Growers Association heard at their annual banquet Saturday night.

Lynn Ketelsen of the Linder Farm Network was the guest speaker, and said that they are unique in their love for their jobs.

"When you walk up to most people and ask them why they do what they do, hardly any of them say 'I'm doing it because I love it and it's what I always wanted to do,'" said Ketelsen.

On the other hand, "100 percent of farmers will say they farm because they love it and it's what they've always wanted to do," Ketelsen said. "And always, always, they will say they love being part of a family unit and working together."

Which is why farmers are so good at what they do, Ketelsen added.

"When you love what you do, you're going to be better at it than anyone else," he said.

And that is why, he said, he enjoys being a reporter who focuses on agriculture — because he gets to mingle with farmers.

Ketelsen said that, sometimes, people need to be reminded about how important agriculture is in the state.

He said he was invited to speak to the Minnesota State Fair Board, whose members, he said, were "kind of down in the dumps" about people's perception of the state fair.

A recent poll indicated that only about 20 percent of the state fair's attendees came to see the animals and crops. Seventy percent came to eat.

"When I spoke to them, I said that 90 percent of the people who come to the state fair come because of agriculture," Ketelsen said. That



Lynn Ketelsen

stunned some people, who thought he had misunderstood the statistics.

"I asked, 'what do farmers do?' Farmers grow food. Farmers aren't just producing a kernel of corn, they're making corn chips," said Ketelsen.

The fair board then decided to turn its focus back to agriculture. The animal birthing center, Ketelsen said, has become the number one attraction at the fair. Tractors and combines were brought back to machinery hill. And buildings were renamed for the original uses — the dairy barn is once again the dairy barn.

The lesson, Ketelsen said, is "instead of racing away from agriculture, embrace it and keep agriculture strong."

Ketelsen also talked about the current state of agriculture. Market futures and market analysts are becoming more important. And people are thinking globally, not just locally.

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## Secretary of State talks elections in Glencoe

By Lori Copley  
Editor

Minnesota topped the nation in voting during the 2016 general election, Minnesota Secretary of State Steven Simon said in a visit to Glencoe Thursday morning.

Simon met with McLeod County Auditor-Treasurer Cindy Schultz and her staff about the election and

upcoming election needs.

Simon said that the Minnesota Legislature eliminated the "excuse" component for absentee ballot prior to the 2016 election, which means people did not need to supply a reason for not being able to make it to the polls on election day and therefore needed to vote by absentee ballot.

Removal of that requirement boosted absentee voting to 23.85 percent of ballots cast, and Minnesota had a total voter turnout of over 74 percent, the top state in the nation.

Schultz said that people like the opportunity to vote without having to physically go to the polls.

"The word is catching on,"

Schultz said.

Simon said he has heard similar comments, and that absentee balloting helped push Minnesota back to its number-one spot in voter turnout. New Hampshire held that spot in the previous general election.

"Take that, New Hampshire," Simon joked.

Simon and the county staff then

moved on to discussion of voting equipment.

Most of the current ballot counting and voter assisting equipment is getting to an age it needs to be replaced.

Schultz said her office has already

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### Weather



Wed., 2-1  
H: 18°, L: 11°



Thur., 2-2  
H: 19°, L: 10°



Fri., 2-3  
H: 25°, L: 14°



Sat., 2-4  
H: 27° L: 24°



Sun., 2-5  
H: 29°, L: 15°

Looking back: Fairly mild for the last week of January, with just some nuisance snow and a trace of rain.

Date	Hi	Lo	Precip
Jan. 24	31	29	0.00
Jan. 25	29	26	2.40/Sn

Jan. 26	27	18	0.00
Jan. 27	32	16	0.00
Jan. 28	26	20	0.00
Jan. 29	30	15	0.00
Jan. 30	44	19	Tr/rain

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

### Deuces Wild to appear Feb. 4

The Glencoe-Silver Lake Panther Association is sponsoring Deuces Wild (dueling pianos) Saturday, Feb. 4, at 7:30 p.m., at the Glencoe City Center. Advance tickets are available at the Glencoe City Offices and Glencoe Wine & Spirits, or that evening at the door.

### Sheephead tourney Feb. 12

The Brownnton Baseball Association will sponsor its 44th annual schapskopf (sheephead) tournament Sunday, Feb. 12, at the Brownnton Community Center. There will be sessions at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

### Sportsman's Club shrimp fry

The Glencoe Sportsman's Club will host a shrimp fry Wednesday, Feb. 8, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., at the Glencoe VFW Club. Call the VFW to make reservations.

### SL senior citizens to meet

The Silver Lake Senior Citizens Club will meet Monday, Feb. 13, at 1 p.m., at the Silver Lake Auditorium.

### Potato pancake dinner set

The men's club of First Evangelical Lutheran Church, Glencoe, will host its annual all-you-care-to-eat German potato pancake dinner Sunday, Feb. 5, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Regular pancakes also will be served, along with sausage, cheese, applesauce and beverages. The dinner is open to the public.

### Abundant Table meal Feb. 1

Christ Lutheran Church, 1820 Knight Ave. N, Glencoe, will host its Abundant Table community meal Wednesday, Feb. 1, in the church basement fellowship hall. The doors open at 4:30 p.m. for fellowship; the meal is served at 5 p.m. The menu includes hot dish, fresh vegetables and dip, apples and grapes salad, Abundant Table bread and cherry dessert. The meal is free and open to everyone, including families and children, the elderly, and anyone seeking fellowship or in need of a helping hand. Please call the church at 320-864-4549 so that it can plan for your presence.

### Sportsman's Club to meet

The Glencoe Sportsman's Club will meet Monday, Feb. 6, at 7:30 p.m., at the Glencoe VFW Club.

### Emanuel School night set

Emanuel Lutheran School, Hamburg, will host a school preview night Wednesday, Feb. 8, for new or currently enrolled families who would like to visit classrooms, review curriculum and meet teachers. A short informational session will be held in the primary room at 5:45 p.m., with a preschool meeting at 6 p.m. All classrooms, from preschool through eighth grade, will be open from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

### Bingo, meal set at church

The Brownnton Congregational Church will host bingo Wednesday, Feb. 8, at 2:30 p.m., in the fellowship hall. The church will host its monthly community fellowship dinner from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. that day. All are welcome; a free-will donation will be accepted.

### Hospice informational meeting

Allina Hospice will host an informational meeting regarding hospice care, its benefits, how one qualifies for care and how services are paid, on Thursday, Feb. 2, at 6:30 p.m., at Cedar Crest of Silver Lake, 1401 Main St. W, Silver Lake. Allina representatives will be on hand to answer questions and present information. To learn more about the meeting, call 320-327-6577.

### American Legion Post 95

The Glencoe American Legion Post 95 will meet Wednesday, Feb. 1, at 7 p.m., in the basement of the Glencoe VFW.

### Republican women to meet

The Greater Minnesota Republican Women have rescheduled their "Wigs of Hope" meeting to Tuesday, Feb. 14, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., at Gert & Erma's, 1110 Hennepin Ave. N, Glencoe. The topic will be presented by Pat Brinkman and Gail Koch. All are welcome.

### Blood drives set in Hutch

The American Red Cross has set two blood drives in Hutchinson. The bloodmobile will be at the Hutchinson High School on Wednesday, Feb. 8, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., and Peace Lutheran Church, 400 Franklin St. SW, on Tuesday, Feb. 14, from noon to 6 p.m.

### Noah's Ark sets open house

Noah's Ark Preschool in Brownnton will have a registration open house for new families looking for a preschool home on Sunday, Feb. 12, from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

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

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been looking at replacing equipment, but she didn't want to take on the project in 2016.

"I didn't want to change out for the presidential election," said Schultz. "That would have just been too much for us."

However, she hopes to have equipment replaced for the 2018 election.

Simon said that when the original equipment was purchased, there was pretty much just one vendor to buy from. Now, there are several.

"There are more options on the menu, more vendors," Simon said. In addition, the state will again work with a vendor to provide equipment through a state contract. But, he stressed, what equipment local precincts want to use is up to them.

Schultz said she is looking for equipment that can print ballots on demand, so that precincts will never run short at the polls.

She estimated that it will cost about \$350,000 to replace current polling equipment in the county. Schultz said the county splits the cost with each individual governing body, such as cities and townships.

Also discussed was the ad-



Chronicle photo by Lori Copley

**Minnesota Secretary of State Steve Simon, left, visited with McLeod County Auditor-Treasurer Cindy Schultz and election workers Connie Kurtzweg and Janet Betsinger about the 2016 general election and future elections on Thursday morning.**

dition of a presidential primary in the state, which could mean three elections in one year between the regular primary, the presidential primary and the general election.

Simon said that the Legislature was made aware that it would cost additional money to have a presidential primary, and that it needed to provide funding for it.

"We told them that whatever you do, you have to provide money ... you can't leave them (local govern-

ments) holding the bag," said Simon.

Schultz said that having a presidential primary will be difficult, because the county also is dealing with property taxes at the same time. But she said her office will work with the state on the primary.

"We're going to get it done, no matter what," she said.

Simon said that a component of the presidential primary may be that absentee voters have to indicate whether they want a "blue" or

"red" ballot, which in turn would let officials know which party they want to affiliate themselves with.

Schultz said that may be "disenfranchise" some voters. "When people come to the polls, they don't want to declare their party," she said.

Simon said his office has three years to figure out how to handle the issue before the next presidential election season.

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other technology.

- The construction of additional aerator basins for the secondary treatment of sludge.

- Replacing the mechanisms in the final clarifiers, although the structures themselves are in good condition and can be reused.

- Work on the filtration system, which currently has a capacity of 1.3 million gallons per day. Two of the filters in

the system have failed, Hedin said. The city needs to get up to treating 6 million gallons per day to accommodate peak flows. SEH is recommending replacing sand filters with cloth filters, which are both cheaper and allow for more flow.

- Replacing the current disinfection system, which uses chlorine and other chemicals, with a system that uses ultraviolet rays to disinfect the

water.

John Rodeberg, also an engineer with SEH, said that planning upgrades can be subjective. Although the city no longer has to treat wastewater from the now defunct creamery, there may be a new user in the future that will require greater capacity. The question then becomes, Rodeberg said, how much extra capacity should the city plan?

Both Rodeberg and Hedin

also noted that the city is already battling new proposed limits in phosphorus. Hedin said there also is talking of making nitrogen requirements more stringent, and the city needs to plan for that possibility as well.

The committee, which consists of the city council, took the report under advisement.

## Ketelsen

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"People are watching what is happening in agriculture in Brazil, Argentina and China," said Ketelsen. "It used to be that your county was your whole world."

And technology has taken huge strides, from GPS-guided tractors to enhanced weather technology and the use of drones to monitor fields.

"You are hooked up more than you have ever been," said Ketelsen.

Some statistics: one farm feeds 160 people, only 10 percent of average income is spent on food, there is a 50 percent decline in wind erosion of fields due to better management practices, a 262 percent increase in crop production since 1950, 97 percent of farms are family-owned, and agriculture exports \$120 billion worth of products annually, while the country imports about \$80 billion annually.

"From health care to personal care to transportation, agriculture is about more than just food," said Ketelsen.

As for the future, Ketelsen hopes to see fewer mandates, particularly for conservation.

"A lot of mandates we don't need, because farmers are doing a first-rate job of conservation," said Ketelsen. "That's your soil, you own it, and you don't want it to blow away."

He also said the new buffer strip rules "need to go away for a while" and be reworked or repealed.

Technology use continues to grow, allowing farmers to "farm by the inch, rather than by the acre."

New agricultural commissioner Sonny Purdie "should be very, very good for agriculture," Ketelsen predicted.

Ketelsen also said that farmers will continue to weather changes and survive.

"Prices go up, and prices go down; the same for farm values," said Ketelsen.

"You'll never go out of business making a profit, even if it's a small one."

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# County planning commission hears plans for solar garden, storage of quarry explosives

By Lori Cople Editor

Quick Supply Co., headquartered in Iowa, received preliminary approval from the McLeod County Planning Commission to store explosives and other supplies on property owned by Ron Hanson of Hutchinson in Lynn Township. The site under consideration is a former demolition landfill site and gravel mining operation.

The planning commission held a public hearing regarding request for a conditional use permit for the proposal on Wednesday, Jan. 25.

Chuck Holmes, who represents Quick Supply, said the company provides blasting services at limestone quarries in Iowa, Wisconsin and Minnesota.

Holmes said the company has remote storage sites in each of the states to ensure its truck drivers comply with Department of Transportation rules regarding the numbers of hours they can be on the road.

Holmes said the explosives and blasting caps are stored separately, and are not mixed until they are put into a blasting hole at a quarry.

He also said that Quick Supply has to comply with regulations from a variety of federal, state and local agencies, including the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (more commonly known as ATF) and Homeland Security, not to mention the state fire marshal, local law enforcement and fire department and the department of transportation.

Larry Gasow, the county zoning administrator, said the county can impose restrictions that are more stringent than those of those agencies, but not less stringent. However, Gasow said, he has been in contact with the ATF, which has very strict requirements for such sites.

Holmes said the company has to account for every bit of product it uses or transports. In fact, he said, a coming thing will be to put GPS units on trucks to make sure they are where they are supposed to be at any given time.

Holmes said the company will be transferring a 19-year employee to supervise the site, if the conditional use permit receives final approval by the county board on Feb. 7.

The company will then hire local workers to work at the site.

"We'd like to see six guys

hired within the next three to four years," said Holmes.

The product is loaded onto trucks with towers, "similar to what you see for ready-mix," said Holmes. All of the material is kept and transported separately until it gets to the quarry.

Holmes added that the site will be secured with fencing, gates and security cameras, as well as an on-site supervisor.

The planning commission is recommending approval to the county board with the conditions that the site has one secured access and gate; that it provides liability insurance; that no materials are stored in the flood plain or shoreland area; and that the site has signs indicating contact information in case there ever is an issue. The company also was instructed to keep the local fire department and the sheriff's office informed as plans progress.

## Solar garden

The planning commission also will be recommending approval to the county board for a proposed solar garden on the Patty Karels' property located in Winsted Township.

A public hearing also was held for this proposal, which includes plans to install a three-megawatt community solar garden array on 30 acres of Karels' property, which is presently being used for crop production.

Hal Gavin of Renesola Energy, Inc., which is developing the garden in cooperation with Xcel Energy, said the garden will be connected to an Xcel substation in the area. Although current plans call for putting in poles from the garden to the substation, Holmes is hoping that underground wiring will be approved by Xcel.

Neighbors raised a number of concerns, including tiling, security, access and aesthetics.

Gavin said it is not sure if there is drainage tile through the site, but said he was working with the county environmentalist and others to determine if there is tile, and where it is located. He also said that the poles for the panels would be driven around the tile, not through it.

Neighbor Jeff Hanson asked about maintenance of tile.

"Once a solar farm is put up, there is no way to repair a tile," said Hanson.

Gavin said the company would remove panels if needed to repair any damaged or

plugged tile.

There also was concern about access to the site from Cardinal Avenue. Nathan Schmalz, a supervisor for Winsted Township, said the gravel road is very narrow.

"Its width is 12 feet at the most," said Schmalz. "And whether it can stand up to commercial use is questionable."

Gavin said Karels had offered her driveway as an access point, and said that may be the best option. It was suggested that Gavin look into widening the driveway access to allow for larger equipment.

Gavin said there will be a three-month construction in which there would need to be access for heavier equipment; after that, access should only be needed for maintenance personnel.

It was asked that the construction period try to avoid the annual Winstock festival because of heavy traffic in the area.

It also was noted that the area would be fenced with chain-link fencing, topped with strands of barbed wire. Gavin said that if the project were every abandoned or decommissioned, the property would be restored to its original condition.

Gavin also said that there will be vegetative screening between the site and neighbors to the south. Most of the site, he said, "is a corn field within a corn field" and not easily viewed by the public.

It also was suggested that Gavin contact the Winsted Airport to make sure that future expansion plans are not impacted as the garden may be in the sight line of approaching or departing aircraft.

The planning commission gave its approval to the plan with several attached conditions to address items brought up by neighbors and the township board. Gasow said the item would be on the county commissioners Feb. 7 agenda, but would be part of the regular meeting since concerns had been raised about the proposal.

In other business, the commission appointed Larry Phillips as its chair and Ryan Jurgenson as its vice chair. New to the commission this year is Dave Hoernemann and Commissioner Rich Pohlmeier. Pohlmeier, recently elected to the county board, was unable to attend because of a conflict with a training session.

# Trailblazer board meeting cancelled

By Amy Newsom Arlington Enterprise

At the regular Sibley County Board meeting Tuesday, Jan. 24, Commissioner Jim Swanson updated the group on the continuing issues at Trailblazer Transit.

Swanson said the Trailblazer Joint Powers Board meeting scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 26, was canceled by Chair Ron Shimanski because Wright County Area Transportation (WCAT) told him that it had other commitments.

Swanson said that WCAT doesn't want the Trailblazer board to conduct business because WCAT is afraid that the first order of business will be to fire Executive Director Gary Ludwig. Swanson said that it isn't on the agenda, and that Sibley and McLeod counties still wanted to meet. Swanson also said that Shimanski is serving as the chairperson of a board in which he was not re-appointed. Shimanski feels that he is chairperson of the board until it has a meeting to elect new

officers. Swanson said that per the joint powers agreement, one representative from each entity must be at the meeting to conduct business. WCAT is requesting to have a workshop to mediate differ-

ences before it will come to a board meeting. Swanson said WCAT is leaving the board with no choice but to wait for the mediation workshop in February.

# Record

## Glencoe Police

### TUESDAY, JAN. 24

12:50 a.m. — An officer assisted the sheriff's office with a car-deer accident in the area of Highway 212 and Falcon Avenue.

1:11 a.m. — A snowbird citation was issued in the area of Seventh Street E and Baxter Avenue N.

6:49 a.m. — An officer responded to a juvenile issue on Chestnut Street W.

9 p.m. — An officer secured the helipad at the hospital.

### WEDNESDAY, JAN. 25

1:45 a.m. — A snowbird citation was issued in the area of Chandler Avenue N and 13th Street E.

2:52 a.m. — An officer checked on a vehicle running with its lights on in the area of Armstrong Avenue N and Ninth Street E. The vehicle belonged to an employee and everything was fine.

8:57 a.m. — Officers assisted Allina Ambulance with a medical on Hennepin Avenue N. A person was taken by ambulance to the hospital.

11:08 a.m. — An officer responded to a report of a theft on Ninth Street E.

1:16 p.m. — An officer responded to a report of a possible violation of an order for protection on 10th Street E.

3:40 p.m. — Officers picked up a loose Black Lab on 12th Street E and took it to the police station kennel.

4:04 p.m. — Officers responded to a domestic on Knight Avenue N.

### THURSDAY, JAN. 26

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

5:08 a.m. — An officer noticed that the lights on a stop sign at Highway 212 and Morningside Drive were not working, and notified the department of transportation.

8:19 a.m. — An officer took care of an abandoned vehicle on Chandler Avenue N.

9:35 a.m. — An officer responded to a theft on 16th Street E.

1:39 p.m. — Officers responded to a domestic on Newton Avenue.

2:44 p.m. — An officer responded to an unspecified accident in the area of 11th Street E and Union Avenue N.

4:16 p.m. — An officer responded to a theft on 10th Street E.

5:11 p.m. — An officer responded to a report of damage to property on 16th Street.

8:24 p.m. — Officers assisted the ambulance with a medical on Fifth Street E. The patient was transported to the hospital.

### FRIDAY, JAN. 27

12:11 a.m. — A citation for driving after suspension and a verbal warning for speeding were issued at a traffic stop in the area of Highway 212 and Chandler Avenue N.

1:03 a.m. — A citation for a violation of the winter parking ordinance was issued in the 1300 block of Newton Avenue N.

1:29 a.m. — A citation was issued for failure to transfer a vehicle title, and verbal warnings were given for a headlight, no driver license in possession and no proof of insurance, at a traffic stop in the area of Hennepin Avenue N and 12th Street E.

4:21 p.m. — An officer responded to a reported theft on 10th Street E.

5:52 p.m. — An officer assisted Allina Ambulance with a medical on Prairie Avenue. A person who had fallen was taken to the hospital.

8:44 p.m. — Citations for not a drop, driving after suspension, no proof of insurance and possession of drug paraphernalia were issued at a traffic stop in the area of Highway 212 and Morningside Drive. A passenger was cited for underage consumption.

11:52 p.m. — A driver was arrested for third-degree driving while intoxicated and possession of drug paraphernalia at a traffic stop in the area of Chandler Avenue N and Eighth Street E.

### SATURDAY, JAN. 28

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

1:38 a.m. — Two citations for possession of drug paraphernalia and two verbal warnings for curfew violations were issued at a traffic stop in the area of Highway 22 and Jade Avenue. The driver also was warned for non-working tail lights.

8:38 a.m. — An officer responded to a possible violation of a court order and a child custody issue on 10th Street E.

1:42 p.m. — Citations for no proof of insurance and speeding, and verbal warnings for stop sign and illegal change of course violations, were issued at a traffic stop in the area of Chandler Avenue N and Sixth Street E.

8:59 p.m. — A citation for speeding was issued in the area of 10th Street E and Owen Avenue N.

### SUNDAY, JAN. 29

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

1:30 a.m. — A driver was arrested for second-degree driving while intoxicated, refusal to test and a stop sign violation at a traffic stop in the area of Owen Avenue N and 10th Street E.

4:13 a.m. — Several officers responded to a domestic on Baxter Avenue N.

12:17 p.m. — An officer assisted the ambulance with a medical on Stevens Avenue N.

10:04 p.m. — A citation for speeding was issued at a traffic stop on Highway 212 between Morningside Drive and Chandler Avenue.

### MONDAY, JAN. 30

2:22 p.m. — A complaint was received people parked in the fire department parking lot to watch the demolition across the street. They were asked to move along.

9:15 p.m. — A citation for speeding was issued at a traffic stop in the area of 10th Street E and Union Avenue N. The vehicle was clocked at traveling 44 mph in a 30-mph area.

# Dairy princess candidates sought

The McLeod County American Dairy Association is looking for young women to promote the dairy industry.

The competition is for high school graduates

through, but not yet 24 years old, as of July 1, 2017. Candidates must be involved in the dairy industry.

The banquet will be April 2 at the Glencoe City Center.

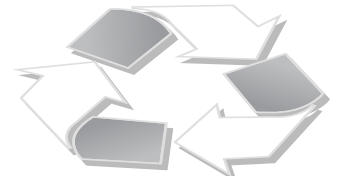
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## The cost of deferred maintenance

Our view: Glencoe, other communities now faced with playing, paying catch up

When the economy tanked in the years 2008-09, the brakes went on most public facility and infrastructure improvement projects.

It's been close to a decade since we went into a major recession — nearly an economic depression — and while the economy is starting to stir back to life, we're still feeling its ill effects.

Most notably, all of those maintenance and improvement projects that should have been, but couldn't have been, over a decade ago are now jumping off the back burner to the front burner. And they rearing their ugly heads with hefty price tags.

Most recently, the city of Glencoe's finance committee, which consists of the city council, heard that it will cost nearly \$20 million for needed improvements to its wastewater treatment plant.

As engineers from Short Elliott Hendrickson (SEH) slid through their PowerPoint display, the needed repairs are obvious. The photographs showed the obvious deterioration of the wastewater treatment facility.

And while the plant is still complying with state and federal standards and regulations, there is no doubt that someday soon, fixes will need to be made.

The project is just one of many

multi-million dollar "fixes" that Glencoe needs to address. The central storm sewer project has come again to the forefront, as well as continuing street and underground utility needs.

Lest the residents of Glencoe feel that they are alone in this situation, take a look around at your neighbors. The city of Brownston is looking at \$8.4 million in improvements, for everything from its water tower to its streets and utilities. While that figure pales in comparison to some of the price tags Glencoe faces, a city of 800 souls is going to really feel the pinch of over \$8 million in improvements.

The cities of Silver Lake and Stewart are both chipping away at fixing their streets and utilities, having invested several million in the past few years. The same can be said for New Auburn.

The question is, how much can any of these communities take on financially before their citizens find themselves back in the same economic straits they were in 10 years ago?

It's a delicate balancing act, weighing what needs to be done with how much we can afford. Let's hope our city officials and their consultants can find that right balance.

— L.C.



## Letters to the Editor

### Despite differences, good work is being done

#### To the Editor:

In serving as your state senator, I have learned that most Minnesotans do not particularly care for partisan politics, the nuances of legislative processes, or who takes credit. Despite all the negative attention being paid to national politics, I believe good work reflective of our state's values is being done in St. Paul.

On Monday evening, Gov. Mark Dayton called a joint session of the state House and Senate for the purpose of giving his annual State of the State address. Sitting governors use this address as an opportunity to talk about Minnesota's well-being, as well as to outline their legislative agenda and policy initiatives. Despite significant disagreements with Gov. Dayton's policy agenda, I am eager to work with him on the issues that are most pressing to Minnesotans, such as reforming the health insurance market, providing significant tax relief, and ensuring people have access to safe, reliable means of transportation. As chair of the Senate Transportation Finance and Policy Committee, I am com-

mitted to listening to all ideas and working with Gov. Dayton to craft a transportation budget bill that invests money where it is needed: roads, bridges, and infrastructure in Greater Minnesota. I agree with Gov. Dayton that we need a significant investment in transportation. We simply disagree on how we should pay for it; Gov. Dayton favors a gas tax increase, and I do not. Rather, I believe we should use existing revenue to cover the costs of this investment. In the weeks ahead, we will be offering more specific details of our proposal, so check back often.

I am pleased to report that the Senate has passed the final version of the Republican-led Health Care Emergency Aid and Access Act in a bipartisan vote. The language is slightly different than when I last wrote; this is a result of a conference committee working out differences between the House and the Senate versions. I expect the bill to be voted on by the House and sent to Gov. Dayton for his signature very soon. This is good news for Minnesotans

who purchase their health insurance on the individual market and have been saddled with huge premium increases. This package offers a 25 percent premium reduction to customers on the individual market who do not receive a federal subsidy and who are not enrolled in Medical Assistance or MinnesotaCare. The bill also encompasses most of the reform initiatives from the initial bill, which is a great primer for more significant, long-term reform I hope will come later this session.

Finally, my wife and I would like to offer our sincere best wishes to Gov. Dayton and his family during a particularly difficult time, having announced earlier this week that he will undergo treatment for prostate cancer. We may disagree politically, but there is no question that Gov. Dayton has been a faithful public servant to our state for many years and I hope you will join me in praying for effective treatment and a swift recovery.

State Sen. Scott Newman  
R-Hutchinson

### Annual food shelf report: needs continue to grow

#### To the Editor:

The McLeod Emergency Food Shelf completed its annual usage report for 2016 and the distribution of food at the Glencoe and Hutchinson sites totaled 537,366 pounds. The number served was 5,101 individuals in McLeod County, or about 14.6 percent of the county population.

Again this year, the number of people in the age group of 65 and

over showed the largest increase of people using the food shelf, up 6 percent more than last year.

We hope that you will support the food shelf generously with food and money through out the year to help us continue to feed the hungry. According to the Charities Review Council, we use 96.7 percent of all donations to provide food distribution to the hungry, while only 3.3

percent is used for administration. And if you see any of our great volunteers, please be sure to thank them for their 7,597 volunteer hours donated in 2016! Thank you for your continued support of feeding the hungry.

Lloyd Graupmann  
Secretary of the McLeod  
Emergency Food Shelf Board of  
Directors

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Please include your name, address and telephone number (for verification purposes). email to: [loric@glencoenews.com](mailto:loric@glencoenews.com)

### County trails committee to be appointed Feb. 7

#### To the Editor:

As McLeod County ramps up county spending for trail development, it is important to ensure that regular county residents be given a chance for participation so that the interests for the overall county are considered. One avenue for greater participation is to actually be a member on the McLeod County

Trails Committee.

According to attendees at the commissioner workshop on Friday, Jan. 27, the commissioners agreed to select 2017 members for the county trail committee at their next board meeting on Feb. 7.

This is a good time for volunteers to express their wishes to be considered for membership on this com-

mittee ahead of this next meeting. Those interested should email a letter of interest to Pat Melvin, the county administrator at [pat.melvin@co.mcleod.mn.us](mailto:pat.melvin@co.mcleod.mn.us) as soon as possible to be considered.

Jim Bobier  
Acoma Township

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## History

### From the Brownnton Bulletin archives

#### 100 Years Ago

Feb. 1, 1917  
O.C. Conrad, Editor

The second meeting of the farmers held at the city hall last Friday developed into the organization to be known as the Brownnton Farmers Cooperative Elevator Company. The meeting was an enthusiastic one and the cooperative spirit was very much evident throughout. Elected as a board of directors were Henry Streich, Otto Schatz, H.A. Braun, Fred Knick, Aug. Streich, A.S. Holmes, James Pikal, R.J. Zeidler and W.C. Hochsprung. J.H. Zander informs the Bulletin that on Saturday of this week, W.C. Hochsprung of Round Grove purchased a half interest in the Brownnton Garage, and the firm name in the future will be Zander & Hochsprung.

The annual meeting of the Brownnton Cooperative Creamery was held in this village on Tuesday afternoon. Although the day was a bad one, about 75 were in attendance. The following will serve as offices of the association for the ensuing year: Henry Streich, president; Nels P. Nelson, vice president; J.T. Mullin, secretary; H. Engelsmeier, treasurer; and William Brandt, Charles Reil, Otto Schatz, Fred Knick and A.S. Holmes, board of directors.

#### 75 Years Ago

Jan. 29, 1942  
Milton D. Hakel, Editor

Beneath an arch of evergreen boughs before the altar of Im-

manuel Lutheran Church in Brownnton on Friday afternoon, Miss LuElla Rennecke and Mr. Stanley Dawson spoke their marital vows. The newlyweds will be home to their friends at Stewart after Feb. 1, where Mr. Dawson is employed at Stewart Community Produce. The bride, who has been operating a beauty shop in New Ulm, will open such an establishment at Stewart.

Miss Mathilda H. Novak, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe S. Novak of Winthrop, became the bride of Mr. Harry W. Schwarze, son of Mrs. Augusta Schwarze of Brownnton, in a single-ring ceremony at Winthrop.

A quiet wedding was solemnized Monday afternoon, Jan. 26, at the Immanuel Lutheran parsonage in Brownnton when Miss Mabel Spiering of Brownnton became the bride of Mr. Melvin Abraham of Gaylord. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Spiering and the groom is the son of Mrs. John Abraham. Mr. and Mrs. Abraham will be at home to their friends on the Otto Spiering farm, where they will make their home.

#### 50 Years Ago

Feb. 2, 1967  
Charles H. Warner, Editor

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wagner announce the birth of a daughter, Julie Rae, Jan. 26, at the Glencoe hospital. She has a brother, Mark.

Gustav Witte, proprietor of the Witte Implement Company since 1931, announces the sale of the business to his son, Orland. Gus

is retiring after 36 years in the business.

The Pioneer Telephone Company has four to six men working in its new building, just north of the Oddfellows building, installing new dialing equipment.

#### 20 Years Ago

Jan. 29, 1997  
Lori Copler, Editor

Jim Goebel of Hutchinson, son of David and Janice Goebel of Brownnton, suffered a broken leg in a snowmobile accident near Airport Road, south of Hutchinson, Friday morning. Goebel and a friend, Jeff Shufelt, were riding on separate snowmobiles when both sleds hit a culvert that was hidden by snow. Shufelt had minor injuries, but was able to walk for help. Late Sunday afternoon, Brandon Karg of Brownnton, suffered minor injuries when his snowmobile struck a field approach along Highway 212, west of Brownnton.

Grant Knutson of rural Hutchinson feels like a rookie as he returns to the McLeod County Board of Commissioners after a four-year absence. Knutson served two four-year terms before being defeated by Eloi Hamre in 1992. Knutson defeated Hamre in the 1996 general election.

## From the Stewart Tribune archives

#### 100 Years Ago

Feb. 2, 1917  
Lester Koeppen, Editor

The local high school corn judging team placed second in the corn judging contest held at the Norwood-Young America school Saturday afternoon, Jan. 20, with seven teams competing. The local team members were Ernest Hanson, Frebert Wangerin, Virgil Plaisance, Willie Hoyt and Leslie Grunnet.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. L.S. Richards a week ago today, Friday, Jan. 26, a son.

Another snowstorm to be remembered pounced upon us Tuesday afternoon. It continued until Wednesday evening, when the mercury dropped from about zero to 30 below, and then it kept on storming and is still going it today. Trains were delayed many hours and Wednesday evening's train was abandoned altogether. The trains that did run were hauled by two giant locomotives.

#### 75 Years Ago

Jan. 29, 1942  
Harry Koeppen, Editor

Gordon H. Fleisch, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herb Fleisch, has just been transferred from Stamford, Texas, to Goodfellow Field at San Angelo. Gordon will now prepare to take his place in Uncle Sam's Air Corps.

Two of the community's popular young people were married

at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Brownnton Friday afternoon when Miss LuElla Rennecke, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Rennecke of Brownnton, became the bride of Stanley H. Dawson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dawson. The newlyweds have an apartment above the drugstore and will be at home there after Feb. 1. Mrs. Dawson is planning to open a beauty parlor. "Buster" is employed at the Community Produce Store here.

Steve and Jack Kalenberg, Ralph Larson, Ernest and Ewald Kietzman, Don Olson, Frank Rosenow and Tom Koeppen were in Minneapolis Monday where they all enlisted in the U.S. Coast Artillery, reporting Tuesday at Fort Snelling for their medical examinations. The boys expect to go in a group to the training camp in Virginia.

#### 50 Years Ago

Feb. 2, 1967  
Kermit T. Hubin, Editor

A baby boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Allen Maiers (Phyllis Thomas) Jan. 17 at the Glencoe hospital. He was named Donald Ray. The Maierses now have four sons and one daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert H. Hahn (Judy Podratz) of rural Stewart are the proud parents of a daughter, Susan Annette, born Friday, Jan. 27, at the Gaylord Hospital.

In a business transaction that took place Feb. 1, Dave Pichotta,

well-known farmer and turkey raiser, bought Klika Hatchery and Feeds. Gordon Klika has operated the feed mill and hatchery for the past seven years, but ill health forced him to reduce his workload. The business will now be operated under the name "Dave's Farm Service."

#### 35 Years Ago

Feb. 4, 1982  
Douglas G. Seitz, Editor

Lloyd Smith, rural Stewart, is awaiting sentencing after being found guilty of false imprisonment and assault in the fourth degree. He was charged in connection with the seizing of a 10-year-old Stewart boy last summer.

The McLeod County Sheriff's Department is seeking information in the Jan. 3, 1982, fire that destroyed an abandoned farm house owned by Lyle Lochner, located south of Stewart in Round Grove Township. The sheriff's department is offering a reward for information leading to the conviction of the person responsible for the fire.

Greg and Bernadette (Kalenberg) Markgraf of Buffalo Lake announce the birth of a baby girl, Amanda Jean, on Jan. 16. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kalenberg of Stewart and Mr. and Mrs. David Markgraf of Buffalo Lake.

## It's the weight that really counts

I collect coins. No, I'm not a coin collector, but one who empties his pocket each night and dumps the loose change in a large container. When the container is full, I run to my bank and cash them in. Call it mad money.

That was until recently when I went to the bank and cashed in the coins. Now I'm just mad.

I went to the bank with a sack full of coins. I counted out the quarters, dimes and nickels, which came up to over \$80. I didn't bother to count the hundreds of pennies, but I had a good idea of what the bag contained.

But when I cashed them in and the teller ran the coins through their sorting/counting machine, she came back with total of \$79 plus change. That was less than I expected, but I wrote it off as an error in counting on my part.

I wouldn't have said anything except a day later my son brought in his container of loose change. He counted \$216. He counted it twice, and then had his mother count it twice as well. It came up to \$216.

But when he cashed in the coins, it came out to \$202 plus change. That was off by over \$13! How can that happen? He asked them about the difference and was told it counted \$202. A recount was out of the question, apparently.



Rich Glennie

I stewed about the issue for several days and then finally went to the bank to question their counting ability or, specifically, their machine's ability to count.

First, I asked if they charged us a fee to cash in the coins.

Nope. Is the counting machine calibrated or checked for accuracy?

Not really. It seems the machine is not designed to actually count each penny, rather it estimates based on weight. Each coin has a different weight. The coins are bagged and then weighed before sent to the feds. The feds pay based on what the bag weighs, so I was told.

So, you really don't count the coins? Apparently not, therefore your actual count really doesn't count (pardon the pun) when cashing in your coins. Weigh it instead.

In my attempts to reason with the tellers, I asked if it would be better to roll the coins myself before I bring them in? I was told I could, but the tellers would have to rip open the rolls to put them in the counting machine.

Oh, my! That seemed a tad counterproductive in my mind. I suspect my stunned stare may have given me away.

Then I asked if the bank still has the policy of ensuring all its tills add up to the penny before they can leave for the day. I was told that was still the policy.

Which brings me to this point: If you paid me \$79 from your till and my coins were worth more than that, how does that balance your till? Or in my son's case, how do you account for that lost \$13?

No answer. My son has had an aversion to banks for many years. This episode did nothing to relieve that suspicion. I'm beginning to see his point.

So what do you do with all that loose change? Maybe it's better to pay your bills in coins and let someone else battle the banks over their estimating ways.

Rich Glennie was the editor of The Chronicle for 23 years. He retired Aug. 1, 2014, but still plans to submit an occasional column.

### From the Chronicle archives

#### 30 Years Ago

Feb. 4, 1987  
Bill Ramige, Editor

Steven Edward Brown, 22, of Waconia, was charged with two counts of second-degree arson and two counts of second-degree burglary in connection with a fire late Wednesday at Lano Equipment, Inc., in Norwood. Investigators from Carver County said several fires were set throughout the building and storage shed. The damage is around \$400,000, said Dick Lano.

Glencoe High School's one-act play, "Flowers for Algernon," received first place at the District 6 one-act play contest. Jon Hilgers also was named the outstanding actor in the district.

#### 20 Years Ago

Jan. 29, 1997  
Rich Glennie, Editor

The Glencoe Area Chamber of Commerce, at its annual ban-

quet, honored several new businesses and owners. Honored were: Brian Grochow of the Temple Cleaners, Deanna Malchow of Cozy Comfort, Mike Popelka of My Own Kwik Lube, Paul Wedin of Pam's Hallmark, John Middendorff of John's Rolling Pin Bakery, Steve Fangmeier of Subway, Connie Oehler of Tanfare Travel, Donita Harris of 4-Star Video, Ben Cruz of Mexico Quality, Sandra Schaitberger of Pine-N-Tiques and Tom Reynolds of Triangle Trucking. Also honored were Helen Tupa, senior citizen of the year, Chamber Volunteer of the Year Mary Skolberg, and Businessperson of the Year, Tom Hauer.

#### 10 Years Ago

Feb. 7, 2007  
Rich Glennie, Editor

Work on the city of Glencoe's second industrial park is expected to get started this year, but the

entry from Highway 212 isn't part of the current plans, according to City Administrator Mark Larson. The plans call for extending 11th Street east from Falcon Avenue near Pamida to the end of the city property. The access to the new industrial park will be from Falcon Avenue to 11th Street. The plan is not to plot the lots but to leave them as large "outlots."

The top priority of the city's comprehensive park plan is the acquisition of 10 acres of land and the construction of a 30-site campground as part of Oak Leaf Park. Additional long-range expansion plans include soccer and softball fields.

It took 12 rounds for Dylan Ruesgen, an eighth grader at Lincoln Junior High School, to be named the top speller at the Glencoe-Silver Lake School District spelling bee.

### From the Silver Lake Leader archives

#### 75 Years Ago

Jan. 31, 1942  
Delbert Merrill, Publisher

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Merrill of Silver Lake, on Sunday, Jan. 25, 1942, a girl; and to Mr. and Mrs. George Lhotka of Rich Valley, a son, George Henry, on Thursday, Jan. 22, 1942.

Officers of Silver Lake Lodge No. 119 Z.C.B.J. for 1942 are: J.J. Matuska, president; Jos. Svihel, past president; Anna Klima, vice president; John A. Jerabek, financial secretary; Albin E. Svihel, recording secretary; Stanley Pokorny, treasurer; Josie Vasek, escort; Frances Mikesh, inside watch; Adolph Klima, outside watch; and Henry Wanous, trustee.

The Royal Neighbor Lodge held its installation on Tuesday of this week. The following officers were installed: Alice Vorlicek, oracle; Emma Streachek, past oracle; Ruby Plihal, vice oracle; Sophia Konerza, recorder; Mary Penaz, receiver; Anna Miska; marshal; Albina Monroe, assistant marshal; Josephine Konerza, inner sentinel; Josephine Konerza, outer sentinel; Helen Friauf, manager; and Mildred Plihal, musician.

#### 50 Years Ago

Jan. 26, 1967  
Wilbert Merrill, Publisher

Mrs. Anna Miska, beloved wife of Emil Miska and fond mother of five children, died at the Glencoe Haven Nursing Home in Glencoe Jan. 3, 1967, at the age of 93 years, 11 months and 17 days.

Sgt. Glenn Pilarski, son of Mr. and Mrs. Phil Pilarski, received an honorable discharge from the Army before Christmas and is now attending St. Cloud State College.

Mr. Joseph B. Dostal is now residing at Burns Manor in Hutchinson, where he was admitted Monday.

#### 25 Years Ago

Jan. 30, 1992  
Ken and Dorothy Merrill, Publishers

Plans continue to move forward for the Church of St. Adalbert and the Church of St. Joseph to merge and become one parish. The parishioners are now in the process of selecting a new name for the parish. Every parishioner was invited to suggest a name, and the parish council has pared the list down to 10 names. The entire parish narrowed the list of 10 down to three. The final vote will be taken at the Feb. 1 and Feb. 2 Masses. The final choices are Holy Family, All Saints and St. Stephen.

Effective Jan. 1, 1992, Heartland Realty and Insurance joined with Jilek Insurance Agency.

Bonnie Nowak and Ron Schmidt were united in marriage Saturday, Nov. 2, 1991, at our Savior's Lutheran Church in Hutchinson. Parents of the couple are Patrick and Shirley Nowak of Silver Lake and Stanley and Marlys Schmidt of Hutchinson.

#### 10 Years Ago

Feb. 1, 2007  
Ken and Dorothy Merrill, Publishers

Friends and neighbors of Grace Bible Church in Silver Lake invite the public to attend its new addition celebration Sunday, Feb. 11, for its new 34-foot by 80-foot structure.

Brian and Tiffany Mikolichek announce the birth of their son, Hudson Joseph, who was born Sunday, Jan. 14, 2007, at Ridgeview Medical Center, Waconia. Grandparents are Harvey and Connie Mikolichek of Silver Lake, Maureen Wild and Jos. Ulihan of Guilford, Connecticut, and John Wild of Taylor Falls.

Fred and Jessica (Fogarty) Anderson of Hutchinson announce the birth of their daughter, Cadence Lee, on Saturday, Jan. 27, at Glencoe Regional Health Services. Grandparents are Pat and Brenda Fogarty of Silver Lake and Fritjof and Mary Engbreton of Milan.

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# GRHS emergency department receives LUCAS 2 CPR device through grant

The Glencoe Regional Health Services (GRHS) emergency department recently received a physio-control LUCAS 2 mechanical cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) device through a grant administered by the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) Office of Rural Health and Primary Care.

With funding from the Leona M. and Harry B. Helmsley Charitable Trust, MDH provided the LUCAS 2 device to all the rural Minnesota hospitals and ambulances services that previously did not have one. The grant also provided training for staff at GRHS and other rural hospitals to use the device to deliver life-saving treatment to patients who are suffering from sudden cardiac arrest.

LUCAS 2 is an automated chest compression device that enables medical personnel to perform hands-free, consistent and uninterrupted CPR while attending to the patient's other needs during a sudden cardiac arrest. For example, an automated external defibrillator (AED) may be used to deliver a shock to the heart to re-establish a normal heart rhythm. The LUCAS 2 device can be used in conjunction with an AED.

According to Mitch Palmer, medical doctor and medical director of the GRHS emergency department, research data suggests that mechanical CPR is more effective than manual CPR. For example, the LUCAS 2 device compresses the chest as in manual CPR, but it also performs "active decompression," which manual CPR does not.

"Manual CPR is physically demanding. When the person performing it gets fatigued, it's hard to maintain a consistent quality in the chest compressions. It can help for



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**Mitch Palmer, MD, medical director of the GRHS emergency department, holds the new LUCAS 2 mechanical CPR device that GRHS recently received through a grant from the Minnesota Department of Health.**

someone else to take over the compressions, but then the CPR will be interrupted momentarily," said Dr. Palmer. "The LUCAS 2 device uses a computer to control the depth, force and rate of compressions and it never gets tired."

Sudden cardiac arrest is not the same as a heart attack. In a heart attack, part of the heart's blood supply is blocked, causing damage or death to the heart muscle. A heart attack victim is awake

and will complain of symptoms, which usually include chest pain. In a sudden cardiac arrest, the heart's mechanical activity stops suddenly. When this occurs, blood immediately stops flowing to the brain, heart and other organs and the person collapses. A sudden cardiac arrest victim will be unconscious and have no pulse. Without immediate intervention, the victim will die within minutes.

A heart attack can lead to a

sudden cardiac arrest, but there are other causes including genetic conditions and disorders that cause thickening in the heart muscle, problems with the heart's electrical system and problems with heart valves. Recreational drug use, electrocution and a disruption in heart rhythm due to a sudden blow to the chest are also identified causes of sudden cardiac arrest.

The Sudden Cardiac Arrest Foundation reports that 326,200 Americans of all ages have a cardiac arrest outside of a hospital each year and nine out of 10 of these victims die.

Minnesota's Commissioner of Health, Edward Ehlinger, medical doctor, said the Helmsley Charitable Trust grant is helping MDH meet its goal of ensuring access to quality care for all Minnesotans.

"We hope to improve cardiac arrest survival rates by installing these devices in every ambulance service and hospital emergency room in the state," he said. Until the grant, MDH estimated that 80 percent of ambulance services and hospitals in Greater Minnesota did not have access to a LUCAS 2 mechanical CPR device.

To view a video of the LUCAS 2 device in action, visit [grhsonline.org/mechanical-cpr](http://grhsonline.org/mechanical-cpr).

## About GRHS

Glencoe Regional Health Services was founded in 1941. It includes a primary-care clinic, 25-bed critical access hospital, a 110-bed nursing home and a 40-unit independent senior housing complex in Glencoe, and outpatient clinics in Lester Prairie and Stewart. For more information, visit [grhsonline.org](http://grhsonline.org).

## People

### Daughter born to Sale family

Kaitlynn and Tyler Sale of Glencoe announce the arrival of a daughter, Evangeline Rose Sale, born Jan. 19, 2017, at Glencoe Regional Health Services. Evangeline weighed 10 pounds, 2 ounces, and was 21½ inches long at birth. Grandparents are Steve and Kelly Sale of Howard Lake, Jill Ellingson of Rockford and Brandon Littrell of Sand Point, Idaho.

### Popelka, Worm on dean's list

Emily Popelka of Glencoe and Heather Worm of Silver Lake were named to the fall 2016 dean's list at The College of St. Scholastica in Duluth.

### Becker on Bemidji dean's list

Lindsey Becker of Glencoe was named to the fall 2016 dean's list at Bemidji State University. Students must attain a grade point average of 3.5 or higher to be named to the dean's list.

### Daughter born to Oddens

Joshua and Inga Odden of Glencoe announce the birth of a daughter, Piper Joy Odden, who arrived Jan. 20, 2017, at Glencoe Regional Health Services. Piper weighed 8 pounds, 12 ounces, and was 20 inches long at birth. She joins a brother, Riley, 4. Grandparents are Scott and Jean Odden and Dean Martinson, all of Staples.

### Area students on Duluth list

Several students from the area were named to the University of Minnesota Duluth fall semester 2016 dean's list. Included are: Emily Muetzel, Brownton; Kaitlyn Boesche, Mark Broderius, Adam Eberhard, Ryley Oliver and Chandler Swift, all of Glencoe; Mitchell Pinske, Plato; and Michael Coughlin and Jacob Wawrzyniak, both of Silver Lake. To be named to the list, students must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or higher.



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### Rock, paper, scissors champ

Eighth-grader Breann Goff is this year's rock, paper, scissors champion at First Evangelical Lutheran School in Glencoe. This 10th annual competition, held during National Lutheran Schools Week, was one of the many fun activities and "dress-up" days that students participated in last week.



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### Wylie to perform in Glencoe

Singer, songwriter, rancher, horseman and world-famous Yahoo! Yodeler Wylie Gustafson will perform Thursday, Feb. 9, at 7 p.m., at the Glencoe City Center Auditorium under the auspices of the Glencoe Concert Association. Wylie and the Wild West have delighted audiences of all ages around the world with their unique brand of good-time cowboy music. Among thousands of appearances, Wylie and his band have performed at the Kennedy Center, Lincoln Center, on A Prairie Home Companion, the Grand Ole Opry and Late Night with Conan O'Brien. Gustafson is a real-life cowboy from a ranching family in northern Montana. He and his family were featured in the 2013 Super Bowl commercial "God Made a Farmer." A limited number of single tickets are available at the door. For further information about this show, call Darlene Dammann at 320-864-3424.



## Weather Corner

By Jake Yurek

After a very warm start to 2017 we'll finally dip below average, with highs in the teens and lower 20s as we close out the week. The good news is it won't be too bad with highs only being 5 to 10 degrees below average. Most of the cold air remains bottled up in the northern reaches of Canada so, hopefully, they can hang onto it for a couple more months. Lows will dip into the single digits toward the end of the week, so any wind we do get will make things feel a tad worse.

In terms of snowfall, there's only one storm to mention and it'll move into the area sometime Saturday into Saturday night. Right now, it doesn't have a ton of moisture to work with, but whomever gets the snow could be in line for a few inches, so it'll be something to watch (as I write this Monday the main snow band is setting up fairly close to our neighborhood).

Behind the system things will cool off slightly again Sunday and even more so next Monday. The good news, once again, is the cold will be short-lived as temperatures inch back in the right direction by mid-week.

Have a great first week of February, everyone!

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Wednesday night — Lows 5-10; clear.  
Thursday — Highs 14-20, lows 3-9, mostly clear.  
Friday — Highs 16-23, lows 3-9; clear.  
Saturday — Highs 20-28, lows 13-19; clouds, with snow possible later.  
Sunday — Highs 16-24, partly cloudy, snow showers early.

Weather Quiz: I was recently asked again, why don't the most precipitation and most snowfall for monthly extremes match up on any given month (for example below, the most precipitation occurred on a different date than the most snowfall)?

Answer to last week's question (What are some of February's weather extremes?): Highest temperature, 63 degrees, Feb. 15, 1921; lowest temperature, -33 degrees, Feb. 9, 1899; most precipitation 1.13 inches, Feb. 22, 1922; and most snowfall 11.8 inches, Feb. 20, 2011.

Remember: I make the forecast, not the weather!

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**Thurs., Feb. 2** — AA Group mtg. next to Post Office in Stewart, 8 p.m., call 320-212-5290 for info.

**Mon., Feb. 6** — Tops Weigh-In mtg., 5-5:30 p.m.; Brownton Senior Citizens Club, Brownton Community Center, 1 p.m.

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

**Wed., Feb. 8** — The Brownton Congregational Church will host bingo at 2:30 p.m., in the fellowship hall. The church will host its monthly community fellowship dinner from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. that day. All are welcome; a free-will donation will be accepted.; The American Red Cross has a blood drive in Hutchinson. The bloodmobile will be at the Hutchinson High School from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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## Obituaries

### Robert L. Hatlestad, 88, of Glencoe

Robert Lewis Hatlestad, 88, of Glencoe, died Sunday, Jan. 22, 2017, at Glencoe Regional Health Care Long Term Care.

Funeral services were held Thursday, Jan. 26, at First Congregational United Church of Christ in Glencoe with the Rev. Michael Fritz officiating. Lon Roach was the organist. Special music by Roger and Linda Landon was "In the Garden." Congregational hymns were "How Great Thou Art" and "Amazing Grace."

Military honors were by Glencoe VFW Post 5102 and Glencoe American Legion Post 95.

Casket bearers were Jason Hatlestad, Aaron Hatlestad, Rory Sanders, Ozzie Chapman, Carl Iliff, Al Robeck, Earl Dammann and John Rivers.

Interment was in the Glencoe City Cemetery.

Robert Lewis Hatlestad was born May 9, 1928, in Olivia, the son of Lewis and Gladys (Bogges) Hatlestad. He was baptized and confirmed in his faith in Olivia. He was educated in Olivia and graduated with the Olivia High School class of 1946. Upon graduating, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy on June 24, 1946, and served his country on the USS Midway, the biggest aircraft carrier of the time, as an aviation airman aerographer's mate. He received an honorable discharge on May 3, 1948, in

Norfolk, Virginia. He furthered his education by attending Macalester College in St. Paul, then transferred to Mankato State University, received a Bachelor of Science degree. Later he attained a master's degree, also at Mankato State.

On June 7, 1953, Mr. Hatlestad was united in marriage to Marion Sanders at the English Lutheran Church in Faribault. They made their home in Westbrook and, in 1956, moved to Glencoe. Their marriage was blessed with four children, Robert, Jay, Stephanie and David. The couple shared over 53 years of marriage before Marion Hatlestad died on Oct. 1, 2006. On July 26, 2009, he was united in marriage to Delores (Birkholz) Gustafson in Minnetonka. The couple shared over seven years of marriage, and enjoyed living in both Glencoe and Colorado Springs.

Mr. Hatlestad was a teacher at Glencoe High School and taught industrial arts from 1956 to 1986. He also worked part time and summers at Glencoe Manufacturing, and toward the end of his teaching career, he saw a need for a locksmith in the community and started his own locksmith business, which he continued after retiring from teaching. He was a member of First Congregational United Church of Christ. He also was a member of the Masons, the Shriners, many teaching organizations, Glencoe VFW Post 5101 and Glencoe American Legion Post 95.

Mr. Hatlestad was hard-working and supportive. He enjoyed genealogy, flower gardening, watching the

birds, taking family vacations up north, reading (his favorite subject being World War II) and crossword puzzles. He had every gadget under the sun, whether it worked or not, and would often be caught humming. He was a night owl who was always smiling, unless a despised squirrel caught his attention. He cherished the time spent with family and friends.

He is survived by his wife, Delores Gustafson of Glencoe; children, Robert Hatlestad Jr. of Alexandria, Jay (Cindy) Hatlestad of Plymouth, Stephanie Hatlestad (husband Mark Molzen) of Minnetonka and David (Aimee) Hatlestad of St. Louis Park; grandchildren, Julie Hatlestad, Jason (Becca) Hatlestad, Macy Hatlestad, Jaya Hatlestad, Ava Molzen, Elise Hatlestad and Aaron Hatlestad; great-granddaughter, Blakely Hatlestad; stepdaughters, Carol (Jim) Hertrick of Coventry, Connecticut, and Gail Gustafson (husband Jeff Bickford) of Colorado Springs, Colorado; stepson, Keith (Deb) Gustafson of Lake Arrowhead, Georgia; brother-in-law, Ray (Mary-Ann) Sanders of Faribault; nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Lewis and Gladys Hatlestad; first wife, Marion Hatlestad; and brother-in-law and his wife, Paul and Pearl Sanders.

Arrangements were with the Johnson-McBride Funeral Chapel in Glencoe. Online obituaries and guest book are available at [www.hantge.com](http://www.hantge.com).

### Joseph Harold Radoush, 89, Brainerd

Joseph Harold Radoush, 89, of Brainerd, formerly of Silver Lake and St. Michael, died Thursday, Jan. 26, 2017, at Bethany Good Samaritan Village in Brainerd.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Jan. 31, at Faith Presbyterian Church in Silver Lake with the Rev. Carol Chmielewski officiating. Interment was in the Faith Presbyterian Cemetery.

Joseph Harold Radoush was born Nov. 29, 1927, in Hale Township, McLeod County, the son of Joseph and Anna (Schiller) Radoush. He attended School District 69 and graduated from Hutchin-

son High School in 1946. He worked farming, and went to Minneapolis and stayed with his Aunt Helen, and got a job as a shear operator for CECO Steel, where he worked over 20 years.

In 1975, Joseph H. Radoush and Thelma Odren were joined in marriage. They resided in St. Michael.

Later in life, Mr. Radoush enjoyed bingo and playing 500 with family.

He is survived by his daughters, Kim (Jack) Graf, Lori Radoush and Jodi Radoush; stepdaughter, Elaine (Gary) Forbord; grandchildren, Krystal Graf

and Todd Meyer; brothers, Roger Radoush, Donald Radoush and Wallace Radoush; sisters, Marlyce (Elroy) Lenzen and Rosemary Radoush; other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph and Anna Radoush; and sisters and brothers, Alice Radoush, Joan Grant, Robert Radoush Sr. and Harold Radoush.

The Maresh Funeral Home in Silver Lake served the family. Online condolences may be made at [www.mareshfuneralhome.com](http://www.mareshfuneralhome.com).

### Leo Joseph Osmek, 86, rural Glencoe

Leo Joseph Osmek, 86, of rural Glencoe, died Friday, Jan. 27, 2017, at Abbott Northwestern Hospital in Minneapolis.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Friday, Feb. 3, at 11 a.m., at Holy Catholic Church in Silver Lake with the Rev. Paul Schumacher as the celebrant. Interment will follow in the Holy Family Cemetery.

Casket bearers will be Gary Rathmanner, Mike Rathmanner, Ricky Rose, Travis Rose, Brian Wendlandt and Justin Wendlandt.

Visitation will be Thursday, Feb. 2, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., at the Maresh Funeral Home in Silver Lake, with the rosary at 7 p.m. and a prayer service at 7:30 p.m. Visitation will continue Friday, Feb. 3, from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.,

at the funeral home.

Leo Osmek was born May 17, 1930, in Glencoe, the son of Joseph and Anna (Boushka) Osmek.

On Dec. 28, 1963, Leo J. Osmek and Claire A. Stoffel were joined in holy marriage at St. Andrew Catholic Church in St. Paul. God blessed their marriage with two sons.

Mr. Osmek engaged in farming for many years and lived his entire life within 1½ miles of the family homestead. He also was formerly employed as an iron worker for Glencoe Manufacturing and later for Hutchinson Manufacturing.

He enjoyed fishing, gardening, watching NASCAR and listening to polka music on the radio. He loved going to the cabin, repainting his

tractors and older car, traveling, and taking care of his farm cats.

He is survived by his wife, Claire; sons, state Sen. David (Kari) Osmek of Mound and John Osmek of St. Cloud; three grandchildren, Christine and Samantha and Joseph; other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph and Anna Osmek; sisters, Mary Lamp and Dorothy Rathmanner; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Joseph F. and Genevieve Stoffel; brother-in-law, Dr. R.C. Stoffel; and aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

The Maresh Funeral Home in Silver Lake served the family. Online condolences may be made at [www.mareshfuneralhome.com](http://www.mareshfuneralhome.com).

### Erven David Lorence, 89, of Glencoe

Erven David Lorence, 89, of Glencoe, died Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2017, at his home.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Friday, Jan. 27, at Church of St. Pius X in Glencoe with the Rev. Anthony Stubeda officiating. Jim Lorence was the reader. Sue Mielke the organist. Kevin and Teresa Kuester were the song leaders and performed "Amazing Grace." Musical selections were "Here I Am, Lord," "Servant Song," "One Bread, One Body," "Song of Farewell" and "How Great Thou Art."

Honorary casket bearers were Krystal Lorence, Jenna Lorence, Kelti Lorence and Anna Lorence. Casket bearers were Kirk Nelson, Mike Lorence, Justin Lorence, Joshua Lorence, Kyle Konin and Chris Konin.

Interment was in the Glencoe Catholic Cemetery.

Erven David Lorence was born Aug. 23, 1927, in Glencoe, the son of John and Josephine (Dvorak) Lorence. He was baptized as an infant on Sept. 4, 1927, by the Rev. W.J. Skluzacek, and was confirmed in his Catholic faith as a youth on Oct. 22, 1939, by the Rev. John Murray, both at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Silver Lake. He received his first communion on May 21, 1939, by the Rev. Joseph Bouska at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Silver Lake. He received his education at St. Joseph Catholic School in Silver Lake, and graduated from Silver Lake High School in 1945. He entered active military service in the U.S. Army on Nov. 27, 1945, and served his country during World War II. He received an honorable discharge on Dec.

13, 1946, at Westover Field in Massachusetts with the rank of corporal.

On April 21, 1949, he was united in marriage to Lucille "Lucy" Huhn by the Rev. Byrne at St. Anastasia Catholic Church in Hutchinson. They made their home on a farm near Glencoe, moving there in 1954. He often stated that he never wanted to leave his farm, and he never did. Their marriage was blessed with five children, Karen, Dave, Brian, Jim and Gina. The couple shared over 67 years of marriage.

Mr. Lorence was a farmer who loved his land and was happiest when he was on his tractor. He also worked hauling milk in his earliest years, and then he worked at Green Giant and Glencoe Manufacturing. He was always fixing something — sometimes for himself, but often for others. He prided himself in that if he took anything apart, he could always get it back together again. He was quick to help anyone who needed a hand.

Mr. Lorence enjoyed playing cards, polka dancing and visiting with family, neighbors and friends. He loved spending time with his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, traveling across the country to visit them and watch their activities.

He was an active member of the Church of St. Pius X in Glencoe, serving as a reader, usher and even singing in the choir for a short time. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus since 1948.

He is survived by his wife, Lucille "Lucy" Lorence of Glencoe; children and their spouses, Karen and Mark Nelson of Hettinger, North Dakota, Dave and Sue Lorence of Lowry, Brian and Patti Lorence of Hudson, Wisconsin, Jim and Debbie Lorence of Glennallen, Arkansas, and Gina and Jeff

Konin of West Kingston, Rhode Island; grandchildren, Kirk (Charity) Nelson, Mike (Cassie) Lorence, Krystal Lorence (Kyle Jepson), Jenna Lorence, Kelti Lorence, Joshua (Whitney Burcham) Lorence, Kyle Konin, Chris Konin and Anna Lorence; great-grandchildren, Selah Nelson, Will Lorence, Gwen Lorence, Bronson Lorence and Blakely Lorence; sister, Lillian Taylor; as well as many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Josephine Lorence; grandson, Bob Lorence; sisters and their husbands, Alice and Everett Stein, Angie and Harry Olson, Marge and Bob Whalton and Grace and Harry Burich; and brother-in-law, Duane Taylor.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be given to Church of St. Pius X in Glencoe, St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, or Disabled American Veterans.

Arrangements were with the Johnson-McBride Funeral Chapel in Glencoe. Online obituaries and guest book are available at [www.hantge.com](http://www.hantge.com).



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When tomorrow starts without me and I'm not there to see, if the sun should rise and find your eyes all filled with tears for me, I wish so much you wouldn't cry the way you did today. While thinking of the many things, we didn't get to say. I know how much you love me, as much as I love you, and each time that you think of me, I know you'll miss me too; but when tomorrow starts without me, please try to understand, That an angel came and called my name, and took me by the hand, and said my place was ready in heaven far above, and that I'd have to leave behind, all those I dearly love. But as I turned to walk away, a tear fell from my eye, for all my life, I'd always thought I didn't want to die. I had so much to live for, so much left yet to do, it seemed almost impossible, that I was leaving you. I thought of you all the yesterdays, the good ones and the bad. I thought of all the love we shared, and all the fun we had. If I could re-live yesterday, just even for a while, I'd say good-bye and kiss you and maybe see you smile. But then I fully realized, that this could never be, for emptiness and memories, would take the place of me. And when I thought of worldly things, I might miss come tomorrow, I thought of you and when I did, my heart was filled with sorrow. But when I walked through heaven's gates, I felt so much at home. When God looked down and smiled at me, from His great golden throne, He said, "This is eternity, and all I've promised you." Today your life on earth is past, but here life starts anew. I promise no tomorrow, but today will always last, and since each day's the same way there's no longing for the past. You have been so faithful, so trusting and so true. Though there were times you did some things you knew you shouldn't do. But you have been forgiven and now at last you're free. So won't you come and take my hand and share my life with me. So when tomorrow starts without me, don't think we're far apart, for every time you think of me, I'm right here, in your heart.

Sadly missed by, **David Stark,** many relatives & friends



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### First Lutheran School geographic bee

First Lutheran School in Glencoe hosted its annual National Geographic Bee Tuesday, Jan. 24. The three finalists were, from left to right, Grace Lietzau, third; Elise Betcher, second; and sixth-grader Alaina Voss, first. Ten classroom winners from grades four through

eight participated in the bee. Alaina Voss will now take a test to see if she qualifies for the state bee. Winners from the state bee go on to compete at the national level for a \$50,000 scholarship.



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### 3rd-grade Panther Pride honorees

Glencoe-Silver Lake's Lakeside Elementary presented January Panther Pride awards at a recent all-school meeting. Third-grade recipients include, front from left, Destiny Zavala, Ayla Sauter, Matthew Martin, Ella

Dahlke and Sam Brown; and, back row, Hunter Arredondo, Keegan Holcomb, Ezra Roskamp, Harmony Pekarna, Saul Torres, Kailee Ittel and Dominic Schir.



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### 4th-grade Panther Pride awards

Glencoe-Silver Lake's Lakeside Elementary presented its January Panther Pride awards at a recent all-school meeting. Fourth-grade recipients include, front row from left, Neveah Kohout and Avril Kosek; middle row, Mariah Gutknecht, Brenden Miguel-

Holzheu, Hailey Hanson, Savannah Bonderman, Analisa Clouse and Hailey Neme; and, back row, Andre Saldana, Jaileen Alvarado, Leo Reyes, Anthony Witte, Dustin Miller, Eduardo Hernandez and Bailey Brelje.



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### 5th-grade Panther Pride awards

Glencoe-Silver Lake's Lakeside Elementary presented its January Panther Pride awards at a recent all-school meeting. Fifth-grade recipients include, front row from left, River Hansch, Andrew Bonde, Claire Verdeck, Trace

Otto, Travis Lueck, Faith Pautsch and Nubia Medina; and, back row, Michael Schrupp, Marissa Brinkmann, Allison Willcox, Caleb Lindeman, Abril Rodriguez, Jaeleigh Fern, Hannah Grimm and Bailey Wennberg.



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### 6th-grade Panther Pride awards

Glencoe-Silver Lake's Lakeside Elementary presented its January Panther Pride awards at a recent all-school meeting. Sixth-grade recipients include, front row from left, Damien Silivent, Wyatt Baumgarten, McKenzie Patnaude, Crystal Richards, Cadance Knick and Finley Sturges; middle row,

Will Urban, Kayden Nagan, Jordyn Smith, Calla Becker, Dawson Varpness, Alicia Hernandez, Ellie Sonju and Madison Witte; and, back row, Sabas Rangel, Megan Becker, Kimberly Ruiz, Will Wanous, Xander Czech, Lucas Brelje, Marisol Ignacio and Alex Martin.



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Glencoe-Silver Lake Knowledge Bowl competitors at Elk River included, front row from left, Nathan Fehrenbach, Carlee Oberlin, Abby Gronlund, Lexi Fronk, Jacob Reichow and Laura Popelka; second row, Coach Vicky Harris, Haley Lukes, Kalie Butcher, Jake

Fehrenbach, Katie Twiss, Charles Urban, Jared Lokensgard and Megan Fehrenbach; and, back row, Jake Vasek, Brett Baumgarten, Austin Pinske, Maggie Petersen, Jack Gepson and Cole Janke.

## GSL Knowledge Bowl teams compete in Elk River meet

Sometimes, Glencoe-Silver Lake (GSL) Knowledge Bowl teams enjoy competing outside their normal region. On Saturday, Jan. 28, the Knowledge Bowl varsity and junior varsity teams traveled to Elk River to compete against many of the Central Region Knowledge Bowl teams. The schools who were there included Albany, Big Lake, Buffalo, Eden Valley-Watkins, Hinckley, Melrose, Monticello, North Branch, Rogers, ROCORI, St. Cloud Cathedral, Saint John's Prep, Sartell, Sauk Rapids-Rice, Watertown-Mayer and Zimmerman, as well as GSL and St. Thomas Academy.

GSL had three teams in the 47-team varsity division. Supernova started the meet with a written score of 49, tying for second place and letting it start in Room One against St. John's Prep and St. Thomas Academy. Supernova won the first round stayed in Room One with St. John's Prep. In rounds two and three, the two teams met Rogers and Big Lake. GSL won round two, while St. John's Prep won round three. The tension was high in round four, but GSL dominated to win the meet with a score of 121.0. St. John's Prep finished in second with 111.0, and St. Thomas Academy earned third with 111.0. Supernova included Jake Fehrenbach, Katie Twiss, Jack Gepson and Austin Pinske.

"We were especially pleased to win against our traditional rival, St. John's Prep. Whether it is at invitationals or at the state meet, they always provide excellent competition, as was clear during the oral rounds," said Coach Vicky Harris.

GSL's Antimatter team started in 21st with 39 on the written, then earned oral scores of 12, 9, 11, and 14. It finished in 17th place with 85.0 points. This team included Maggie Petersen, Jake Vasek, Laura Popelka and Jacob Reichow.

GSL's Educated Guesses began in Room 15 with a written score of 25, then earned 8, 7, 13, and 7 points and finished in 44th place with a score of 60.0. The team members were Megan Fehrenbach, Carlee Oberlin, Lexi Fronk and Cole Janke.

The junior varsity division had 28 teams, with two from GSL.

GSL's Quasar began in 17th place with a written score of 32, and moved up steadily with oral scores of 10, 12, 17, and 17. It finished

in a surprising third place with 88.5 points. Two teams from Sartell took first and second in junior varsity with scores of 107.0 and 98.0. Quasar included Brett Baumgarten, Haley Lukes and Nathan Fehrenbach.

Black Hole moved in the other direction, starting in fifth place, but earned fewer

oral points, with 8, 5, 12, and 9 to finish in 14th place with 70.5 points. The team members were Jared Lokensgard, Charles Urban, Kalie Butcher and Abby Gronlund.

GSL will host its home meet Saturday, Feb. 4, starting at 9 a.m. The public is welcome.

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## Ice fishing on Silver Lake

There has been an unusually large number of fish houses on Silver Lake this winter, primarily because the lake has yet to freeze out. At one point, over 150 houses were counted on the lake, the most that have been seen in several years.

## County Board workshop addresses fees, parks committees, space needs

By Lori Copley  
Editor

The McLeod County Board of Commissioners indicated at a workshop Friday morning that it will continue to pursue lowering its per parcel rate for property tax assessments to about \$8 per parcel from the current \$10.50 per parcel.

Commissioner Paul Wright said the new rate will be bring the county more in line with what is being charged with private assessors. Don Albrecht, clerk for Penn Township, said that townships and cities which hire private assessors are being doubly taxed, because they pay not only for the county assessor, but for the private assessor.

Commissioner Ron Shimanowski argued that, conversely, it could be seen that when cities and townships were paying the \$10.50 per parcel rate charged by the county, they were subsidizing lower rates in townships and cities with private assessors.

Albrecht also said that when the rate reduction was first brought up, it was as a step toward moving toward "true county" assessing, in which the county does all of the assessing for the county.

"We see this as an incremental way of coming at it," Albrecht said of the reduced fee. He said that if the county does not charge at all for assessing, townships and cities which wish to use private assessors will be pressured by taxpayers to go with the county.

Wright still contended that the county board had been

unaware that the county's rate was so much higher than private assessors. He said dropping the rate will bring it to the "market price" charged by other assessors.

The board will take up the fee at its Feb. 7 meeting.

In other business, the board discussed whether it should combine its parks and trails committees.

Commissioner Doug Krueger said he was concerned about the recent Legacy grant received for improvements to the Dakota Trail in the Lester Prairie area.

Krueger said he was trying to figure out how the grant application got to be for a specific portion of the trail rather than the whole trail.

Al Koglin of the parks department said the application was made under the pressure of a deadline, and that it was known when it was made that the full request probably would not be funded. The decision to partly fund the project and, more specifically where the improvements should be made, came from the Legacy grant committee, not from the trails committee.

At the end of the discussion, the board agreed that more work needed to be done to facilitate information between the committee and the board.

Koglin said he would like to keep the two committees separate, but said he was open to changing the makeup of the committee membership. That item will be on the board's Feb. 7 agenda.

Also discussed was the expenditure of about \$46,000 to

create a sergeants' workroom in the sheriff's office and other work that is outside the scope of the current jail project.

Krueger said it will cost \$5,000 to \$6,000 regardless to fix issues that have been found in the area during the current construction, and that it will probably cost about 15 percent less to do the work now rather than after the jail expansion is complete.

He also noted that there is money in the contingency fund to do the work.

Wright said the goal of the jail project is to meet needs for the next 20 to 30 years, and that this side project will help accomplish that.

The issue will be voted upon formally at a future county board meeting.

The board also discussed whether it should keep meeting at the Glencoe City Center even after the jail project is completed. Because of that project, sheriff's office staff is currently utilizing the board's meeting room. The board discussed working with the city of Glencoe to cost share in technological upgrades in video and sound systems at the City Center, as well as perhaps working with the watershed district or local township board to use their rooms at the city center.

The board also briefly discussed staffing needs at the materials recovery facility, but decided to address the issue further after it receives requests for proposals for a private company to take over operation of the county-owned facility.

## Herald Journal's Schultz elected president of newspaper association

### McLeod Publishing's Ramige named 2nd vice president

Christopher "Chris" Schultz, the publisher and majority independent owner of Herald Journal Publishing, Inc., and Greater Minnesota Communications, Inc., was elected president of the Minnesota Newspaper Association (MNA), Friday, Jan. 27, during the association's annual meeting at the 150th annual MNA Convention. Schultz is the 137th president of MNA, representing more than 325 newspapers across the state.

"As MNA's president, I'll strive to do my best for MNA, its staff and all its member newspapers," Schultz said. "I've been blessed and feel so privileged to be a part of MNA and the newspaper family and humbled to be serving as its president," Schultz said.

Schultz's companies Herald Journal Publishing, Inc., and Greater Minnesota Communications, Inc., serve the Minnesota communities of Howard Lake, Lester Prairie, Mayer, Montrose, New Germany, Winsted and Waverly. He also owns the Herald Journal's sister newspapers, the Dassel-Cokato Enterprise Dispatch and the Delano Herald Journal.

Schultz lives in his hometown of Lester Prairie with his wife, Amy, and their three children, Abbi, 18 (currently a freshman at the University of Minnesota); Emily, 17; and Ethan, 12.

Schultz never envisioned being a newspaper publisher until shortly after his current and longtime business partner, Dale Kovar, hired him as an editorial staffer in 1992. Kovar was the general manager of the Winsted-Lester Prairie Journal, then owned



by former MNA President Bill Ramige.

**Chris Schultz**

In 1993, Schultz took on the role of advertising manager. He and Kovar purchased the publishing company in 2001. Through the purchases of the Dassel-Cokato Enterprise Dispatch in 2005 (from former MNA president Robert Bradford) and the start-up of the Delano Herald Journal, Herald Journal Publishing, Inc., has experienced significant growth since its inception. Today, the company offers publishing, digital agency, design, signs and graphics, digital printing, and full media planning services to its clients.

Schultz has served on MNA's Advertising Committee for several years, and has won awards for news and advertising in MNA's Better Newspaper Contest. He also received MNA's Friend of Minnesota Newspapers award in 2005.

He is proud to serve as president during MNA's 150th year.

Schultz grew up on a Min-

nesota dairy farm and is a graduate of St. Cloud State University. He has a master's degree in public affairs, is a former minor league baseball player, and after family, church, work, and community service, he enjoys sports, the great outdoors, and Minnesota politics.

Others elected at the MNA annual meeting include:

First Vice President: Mike Dalton, Cannon Falls Beacon;

Second Vice President: Karin Ramige, The McLeod County Chronicle, Glencoe;

Third Vice President: Chris Knight, APG Media, Mesabi Daily News, Virginia;

Director for Two-Year Term: Chad Koenen, Henning Publications;

Director for Three-Year Term: Crystal Miller, Albert Lea Tribune; and

Treasurer: Diann Drew, Alexandria Echo Press.

Justin Lessman, Jackson County Pilot, will continue to serve his term as a director, and Michael Jacobson, Paynesville Press, will serve as immediate past president.

The Minnesota Newspaper Association, a voluntary association of all general-interest newspapers in the state of Minnesota, acts on behalf of the newspaper press of the state. It represents its newspapers in the legislature and in court, sells advertising for newspapers, operates a mailing service (press releases), sponsors a large annual convention in the Twin Cities, and engages in a vigorous program of training persons for newspaper work. Find out more by visiting [www.mna.org](http://www.mna.org).

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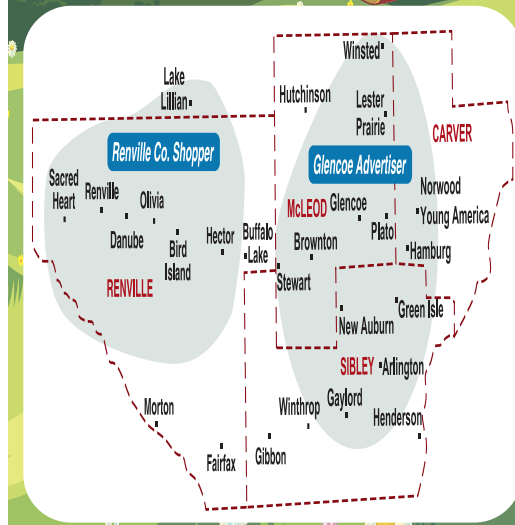
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## Crow River Habitat for Humanity seeking 2017 homebuyer partner

Crow River Habitat for Humanity is seeking a homebuyer partner for its 25th home in McLeod County. Habitat for Humanity believes that every person deserves a decent place to live and it is currently seeking to qualify a family for the 2017 build.

Requirements that applicants must meet to be considered for a Habitat for Humanity Housing Program, include:

- Must have lived or worked in McLeod County for at least one year.
- Must be a U.S. citizen or legal resident.
- Must earn less than 60 percent of McLeod County median income.
- Must prove the ability to pay the monthly mortgage payments.
- Must make an earnest money deposit of \$3,000, which goes toward the closing cost.
- Must be willing to partner

with Habitat.

- Must demonstrate a need for housing.

If you or someone you know has a need for housing, an ability to pay and a willingness to partner with Habitat, you may qualify. The time to apply is now.

Many people have misconceptions about Habitat for Humanity's homeownership program, keeping them from applying for the program.

"Many people who would qualify to be a Habitat homeowner mistakenly think that this opportunity is not for them or there must be a long waiting list," said Executive Director Michele Meis. "Others might think that they couldn't possibly accept a free home, not realizing that a Habitat home is not free; the program provides an opportunity for deserving and responsible people to build and buy an affordable home."

To dispel these misconcep-

tions and encourage more people to check out the Habitat program, Crow River Habitat will hold an informational meeting soon. Please call for details.

"Habitat for Humanity has found that many who successfully enter into the homeownership program are people who have been encouraged by a family member, church member, employer or friend," said Meis, urging people to consider whom they might encourage to apply.

"Feel free to invite them to come with you to get your questions about Habitat for Humanity answered," she added.

For more information on the selection process or to complete a pre-application, visit [www.crhfh.org](http://www.crhfh.org) or contact the Habitat office at 320-587-8868. Habitat for Humanity is an equal housing opportunity.



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### Committee:

Tami Alsleben, Committee Chair; Mandy Verdon, Treasurer; Committee Members: Leah Cathey, Kari Gildea, Kelly Miguel, Chad Christensen, Nina Hedin

### Contact Info:

Email: packrat5.cc@gmail.com

Cub Master Chad Christensen, 320-510-1621

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

#### FEBRUARY

19 – Blue & Gold Ceremony, Magician, Potluck, 3:00 p.m., Christ Lutheran Church

#### MARCH

19 – Pack Meeting, Cub Carnival Pack Meeting, 3:00 p.m., Christ Lutheran Church

#### APRIL

16 – Pack Meeting, 3:00 p.m., Christ Lutheran Church

## Boy Scout Troop 352

Scout Master .....Kevin Dietz  
Assistant Scout Masters .....Dave Swift,  
Mark Janke  
Sr. Patrol Leader .....Mason Husted  
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### Committee:

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#### MEETING DATES

Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26; March 5, 12, 19, 26;  
April 2, 9, 16, 23; May 7, 14, 21

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month: Sunday Fun Meeting  
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May 28 – Sea Base - Florida Keys  
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Boundary Waters Trip

Pictured, lying in front, is Cole Janke; sitting are Earl Janke and Adam Garoutte; and standing in back are Michael Dietz, Mason Husted, Ben Pevestorf, Paul Sievert and Logan Clouse.



Mason Husted, Michael Dietz, Earl Janke, Ben Pevestorf, Adam Garoutte, Isaac Swift, and Owen Peterson. Not pictured are Cole Janke and Logan Clouse.



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The Boy Scout Program is for boys in 6<sup>th</sup> grade up through age 17. The program achieves the BSA's objectives of developing character, citizenship, and personal fitness. Boys are trained to lead their own meetings and to plan and execute outings and activities. They also actively participate with leading many activities in the Cub Scouts program. Camping is a focus and highlight for Boy Scouts.

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