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No change in school polling places

Building bond election set for May 12

By Jessica Grams Staff Writer

The GSL School Board has finalized much of its proposal for the possible construction project it would like the public to approve on May 12. First, a motion was carried for a 30-year repayment plan, with a final payment to be made Feb. 1, 2045.

Next, Superintendent Chris Sonju recommended approval of the ballot

language, highlighting the plans for the improvements, which was approved by the board.

The Review and Comment proposal has been prepared for submission to the Commissioner of Education by Business Manager Michelle Sander, which was approved by the board and Board Member Clark Christiansen made note that the School Board appreciates all of the work she had put in to the 42-page document.

The board held a discussion regarding the potential polling places for the bond election. Sonju noted that these locations are not a recommendation, just explaining where the elections have been held before. The potential places will be at Lin-

coln School, Lakeside School, New Auburn City Hall, Plato Fire Hall and the Brownton Community Center. The Hassan Valley Township location in Biscay is no longer going to be used. Absentee ballots are available and the requirements for absentee ballots are much more open, with leaner requirements than in past elections. The application for an absentee ballot will be available online, or can be requested from the district office.

Board Member Jamie Alsleben recommended that the Glencoe location be at the Panther Field House to limit disruption at the schools. Dawn Petersen, assistant to the superintendent, said that the last general election held in the field house

went very poorly, with a lot of noise coming from the gym next door

Christianson reiterated that he still supports having the only polling place at Helen Baker School, because people who haven't seen it can see what they are voting about. Board members Jason Lindeman and Anne Twiss agreed that a single polling place would be effective, especially in light of the new ease of the absentee ballots.

Board Member Donna Vonberge said the absentee ballot is "too new, not enough people are going to use it," and it would only be fair to have five polling places for everyone to

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Push is on for Hwy. 212 improvements

By Rich Glennie Correspondent

Local legislators were asked Friday afternoon at a gathering at the Glencoe City Center's Historic Room what can be done locally to help push for progress and funding for the long-stalled Highway 212 improvements. Those improvements would extend the four lanes west from Carver to Cologne.

The historic room seemed appropriate since the Highway 212 extension has been in the works for over 60 years and still has two major gaps — the five miles from Chaska to Cologne, and another five or six miles from Cologne to Norwood Young America.

Attending the meeting were state Rep. Glenn Gruenhagen, R-Glencoe, state Rep. Dean Urdahl, R-Grove City, mayors of Glencoe and Hutchinson along with council members and staff from both communities, all the county commissioners, some township officials, county highway department personnel as well as some industry leaders and economic development experts.

But it was Carver County Highway Engineer Lyndon Robjent who put things into perspective: "We're pushing MnDOT (Minnesota Department of Transportation) as hard as we can," but he said the metro MnDOT division has no interest in putting money into four-lane highways that are outside of the Highway 494/694 beltline around the metro area.

"It is not a priority with the Met Council," Robjent added of Highway 212, "and it never will be for the metro MnDOT district." He suggested the best bet may be to push MnDOT District 8 officials based in Willmar to find funds to help complete the extension of the four-lanes.



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Caught the big fish (house)

Loren Schmeling of Hutchinson was the winner of an Ice Castle fish house given away by the Brownton Rod & Gun Club through a raffle held in conjunction with its annual ice fishing contest Saturday. Several hundred people congregated on Lake Marion

for the contest, then returned to the clubhouse for the drawing. Jeff Kraimer, owner of the Brownton Bar & Grill, won both the second- and third-place prizes — a small ATV and a generator. Schmeling is a longtime member of the Rod & Gun Club.

Montgomery Gentry to headline 2015 Heat in the Street festival

By Lori Copley Editor

The Glencoe Fire Department's relief association continues to draw big-name talent to its annual Heat in the Street music festival.

The department announced last week that Montgomery Gentry will be the headliner at this year's Heat in the Street, set for July 25 in the Glencoe City Center parking lot.

Also slated are Eric Paslay, Chris Hawkey and The Plott Hounds.

Montgomery Gentry is comprised of the vocal duo of Eddie Montgomery and Troy Gentry, both natives of Kentucky.

Montgomery Gentry has had a total of 14 Top 10 singles, including

five that reached the top of the charts — "Something to Be Proud Of," "If You Ever Stop Loving Me," "Lucky Man," "Back When I Knew It All" and "Roll With Me." They were inducted into the Grand Ole Opry in 2009.

Glencoe firefighter Jon Dahlke, one of the event's organizers, said this will be the fourth year of Heat in the Street, which raises funds for the relief association — and the second year that it has attracted national talent.

Dahlke said the event started before he joined the department.

"It just started as a new idea as a fundraiser for the department," said Dahlke. "We were looking for some-

thing different that would fit into the area."

Dahlke said Heat in the Street was loosely patterned after the Cold Spring Fire Department's Fire Fest.

Last year's Heat in the Street attracted over 2,800 people.

"This year, we're expecting about 5,000," said Dahlke.

Dahlke said ticket sales are being announced this week in The Chronicle as well as on local radio stations.

Tickets are available on the Heat in the Street website, www.heatinthestreet.com, as well as through the department's Facebook page. They also are available at Glencoe Wine & Spirits and the Glencoe City Center.



Submitted photo

Country duo Montgomery Gentry is coming to Glencoe in July for the Glencoe Fire Department's Heat in the Street music festival.

Weather

Wed., 2-11 H: 15°, L: -9°	Thur., 2-12 H: 8°, L: 5°	Fri., 2-13 H: 19°, L: -5°	Sat., 2-14 H: 4°, L: -10°	Sun., 2-15 H: 10°, L: 2°

January highlights: Bitterly cold lows gave way to warming temps and freezing rain.

Date	Hi	Lo	Snow
Feb. 3	16	.....0	.....3.10
Feb. 4	12	.....-12	.....0.00
Feb. 5	24	.....-18	.....0.00

Feb. 6	32	.....9	.....0.00
Feb. 7	38	.....18	.....0.00
Feb. 8	32	.....22	.....0.00
Feb. 9	37	.....16	.....0.00

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

Chronicle News and Advertising Deadlines

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

Happenings

Woodworking orientation set

The Glencoe Woodworking Club has set a safety and orientation class for Tuesday, Feb. 17, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., in the lower level of the Glencoe City Center. Please call 320-266-4060 for more information and to enroll. Drop-ins are welcome.

Plato Fire fish fry set Feb. 20

The Plato Fire Department will host its annual fish fry Friday, Feb. 20, at the Plato Community Hall. Serving starts at 3 p.m.

Caregiver group to meet

The Glencoe Caregiver Discussion Group will meet Tuesday, Feb. 24, at 5:45 p.m., at Grand Meadows Senior Living in Glencoe. The topic will be "family meetings." For more information, call Jan Novotny at 320-894-0479.

Legion Auxiliary sets meeting

The Glencoe American Legion Ladies Auxiliary will meet Monday, Feb. 16, at 7 p.m., at the Glencoe Fire Hall. Lunch will be served.

Valentine's Day at the library

The Glencoe Public Library is presenting a free Valentine's Day event, "I Love It," with a special storytime, a Valentine craft and a heart snack, on Saturday, Feb. 14, at 10:30 a.m. All children are welcome.

Glencoe Study Club to meet

The Glencoe Study Club will meet Monday, Feb. 16, at 7:30 p.m., at the home of Shari Johnson. Gail Koch will present "One Wig at a Time."

Stewart Legion meeting

The Stewart American Legion Post 125 and its Ladies Auxiliary will meet Monday, Feb. 16, at 7 p.m., at the Stewart Community Center. Hostesses are Norma Syverson and Joanne Wagner.

St. John's pancake dinner set

St. John's Lutheran Church, 216 McLeod Ave., Plato, is hosting a pancake dinner Sunday, Feb. 22, from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Takeout is available. Proceeds will help support Heifer International and the Parochial Education Fund.

Bar Bingo set for Saturday

The Glencoe Lions Club will sponsor Bar Bingo at the Glencoe Country Club on Saturday, Feb. 14, at 2 p.m. Everyone age 18 and over is welcome to play for cash prizes. The progressive game pay-out is \$1,199 if have Bingo within 61 called numbers. Food, beverages and pull-tabs are available.

Blood drive set in Plato

The Plato Lions Club is sponsoring a Red Cross blood drive Thursday, Feb. 26, from noon to 6 p.m., at Discover Church. To make an appointment, call Ken or Myra Franke at 320-238-2370.

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 320-864-3799 and leave a message.

Bloodmobile in Stewart Feb. 18

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at Cactus Jack's II, Highway 212, Stewart, on Wednesday, Feb. 18, from noon to 6 p.m.

County Relay For Life launches season Feb. 10

The McLeod County Relay For Life will officially launch its season Tuesday, Feb. 10, at 5:30 p.m., at Faith Lutheran Church, 335 Main St. S, Hutchinson.

Participants will ring in the new season with a rally that educates everyone on how their involvement helps the American Cancer Society's goal to save lives and create more birthdays. Rally activities include a 1980s theme, door prizes, refreshments and great information on being part of the McLeod County Relay For Life.

The American Cancer Society's Relay For Life is an overnight community celebration where individuals and teams camp out, picnic, dance, play games and take

turns circling a track relay style to raise funds and fight cancer.

The event opens as cancer survivors lead the way around the track and honored on a survivor lap. As the sun begins to set, the warm glow of hundreds of luminaries light the field in an emotional, silent ceremony. Each bag is lit in honor of a loved one who won the fight against cancer, or in remembrance of a special person who lost the battle.

Started in 1985, the Relay For Life began with one man who circled a track for 24 hours, raising \$27,000. This year, the Relay For Life has grown to more than 5,200 communities and more than 25 countries worldwide.

County GOP convention set

The McLeod County Republican Convention is set for Saturday, Feb. 14, at 9 a.m., in the Commissioners' Room at the McLeod County Courthouse in Glencoe. Registration opens at 8:15 a.m.

Among business items are reviewing and considering

changes to the McLeod County Republican constitution, election to fill executive board offices, including chair, treasurer and vice chair, and any other business.

For more information, visit www.mcleodGOP.com.



Chronicle photo by Lori Copler

Members of the Stewart American Legion Auxiliary helped Marie Dols — a 67-year member of the Auxiliary — celebrate her 100th birthday on Monday, Feb. 1. Pictured are, front row from left, Sylvia Markgraf, Marge Ehlert, Marie Dols (the birthday girl), Vera Bents and

Norma Syverson; middle row, Dolores Beich, Alecia Kottke, Viola Renner, Jane Friedrichs, Joyce Markgraf and Karen Maiers; and, back, Jamie Guitierrez, Marcella Brede, Georgia Forcier, Mardette Trettn, Shirley Kirchoff and Lori Vinkemeier.

100 years: Marie Dols reflects on her life

By Lori Copler
Editor

Marie Dols "loved her beauty shop," which she ran for many, many years in Stewart. "I got to know just about everyone," she said last week. And, apparently, people got to know Dols as well. That was evident Monday, Feb. 1, when a large group of women from the Stewart American Legion Auxiliary gathered at the Shade Tree Retirement Center in Brownton to celebrate Dols' 100th birthday.

Dols is a 67-year member of the Auxiliary, which provided dessert and beverages to help her celebrate at an open house.

Dols said she never expected to live to be 100, but thinks she reached the milestone because she never stopped moving.

And though she never expected to be a centenarian, Dols is quite proud of how agile she remains.

"I don't walk with a cane or a walker," she said. "My doctor always told me to do a lot of walking, and I've obeyed him on that. And I've never been sorry."

Marie Dols grew up on a farm six miles southeast of Stewart with her brothers, Herbert and Oscar Mayer. There was no running water nor electricity on the farm.

"We carried water in pails from the well," said Dols. "And there was no electricity, just gas lights with mantles and kerosene lamps."

Dols said her parents didn't expect her to help much with farm chores, but she did help her mother cook, which turned into a lifelong love for her.

"When we had threshers come, my mother always made a forenoon meal and an afternoon meal, and I'd always help her," said Dols.

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reach.

Christianson said "I'm not convinced that many of our voters have been in Helen Baker in the last 20 years." While the board agreed that the needs at Helen Baker are well known to those at the meetings, anyone walking in to Helen Baker to vote may not be swayed by their first look at the school.

"It is our job to make this as convenient as possible," said Alsleben. He said that holding the voting at one site is too disruptive, and "not in the best interest of our students and their education."

Board Member Kevin Kuester noted that the biggest challenge will be getting the undecided voters out to the polls. Lindeman moved to use the five listed sites and use the sites from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., which was passed by the board.

She attended country school, walking about a mile across farm fields to get there, and later went to St. Boniface Parochial School in Stewart and then graduated from Stewart High School.

After high school, her older brother helped put her through beauty school in St. Paul. After that, she opened a beauty shop in Brownton, which she later sold. She then opened another shop in Stewart, across the street to the north from where the former Red Owl building stands.

"I had one beauty operator working for me, and we were kept very, very busy," said Dols. "People came from all around."

In her mid 20s, she married Nestor Dols, the Stewart postmaster. After they set up house-keeping, Dols moved her beauty shop to the back of her house.

"That way I could prepare the meals for my family and tend to my customers, too," said Dols. She said her home was a green stucco house "kitty corner" from St. Boniface.

Along with her beauty business and keeping house for her family, Dols had "quite a garden," she said, with sweet peas climbing up the fence in the yard.

She and her husband had two children, a son and a daughter. Sadly, her son died at the age of 23 or 24 when

he slipped on some ice while starting his car and was run over.

Her daughter Patricia and her husband visit nearly every weekend, Dols said, and take her to Mass.

When she looks back on her life, Dols has two things

she truly treasures: "I loved my beauty work, and I loved having my family around me," Dols said.

And, actually she has a third treasure: her life in Stewart.

"I liked the town, I liked the people and I was just real happy there," Dols said.

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Jail expansion bids to be received in mid-April

By Lori Copley
Editor

Construction on McLeod County's jail expansion project will hopefully begin as soon as road restrictions have been lifted this spring.

John McNamara of Wold Architects reviewed some final revisions with the County Board at its Feb. 3 meeting.

The potential closing of Ives Avenue just east of the courthouse and the reopening of Judd Avenue a block further east will free up some parking space, McNamara

said. The plan is to put angle parking on the east side of the former Ives right-of-way, near where Glencoe Oil once stood.

The approximate cost of \$160,000 to reconstruct and open Judd Avenue has now been added to the project's estimated cost, McNamara said.

Up in the air for costs include an estimated \$75,000 for door access controls and audio and video security. McNamara said those items may become part of a larger proj-

ect to address access and entrance security in all of the county's buildings.

The project, when it was originally conceived in August 2014, had been estimated to cost \$6.925 million. A review of the project at a County Board workshop in November 2014 saw an estimated price of \$7.125. Although the County Board reviewed some ways to cut costs, it decided to use reserve funds to pay for the excess in hopes of having to add items later at a higher cost. The estimated cost at the Feb.

3 meeting was \$7.315 million, which included the Judd Avenue work and higher estimated cost for actual construction because of rising construction costs.

McNamara said Wold will now begin preparing construction documents and will submit bid documents for the County Board's approval at either its Feb. 17 or March 3 meeting. The bid will be awarded in mid-April, with construction to begin shortly after that date.

McNamara estimated that it will take about a year to con-

struct the addition, which includes additional cells, a new sally port for squad cars, an expanded lobby and entrance near court administration, an additional elevator and bathroom space, and a secure passageway between the jail and one of the upstairs courtrooms, among other items.

In other business, the County Board:

- Decided to combine the head building maintenance supervisor position with the central purchasing coordinator job. Wayne Rosenfeld recently retired as the building

maintenance supervisor, and the central purchasing job is expected to open up in the near future.

"This is absolutely the right way to do this," said Commissioner Sheldon Nies.

- Approved a temporary reduction in hours — to 28 hours from 40 — for a support enforcement aide in the Social Services department. The reduction will be effective Feb. 9 through Sept. 4.

- Agreed to hire a full-time social worker for child protection because of a resignation in that area.

Single-sort recycling to start in May

By Lori Copley
Editor

McLeod County is gearing up to launch its one-sort recycling program, and residents are being asked to choose the size of their curbside recycling carts.

Cards regarding cart sizes are to be returned by Feb. 13 to the solid waste department. The goal is to have the program get under way in May.

Sarah Young, solid waste coordinator, brought a few items to the County Board's attention regarding one-sort recycling at its Feb. 3 meeting.

First, the County Board amended its contract with West Central Sanitation to accommodate the new one-sort recycling program.

Don Williamson of West Central Sanitation said that curbside pickup of recycling

will be every other week, rather than every week, in communities that participate in the county's recycling program.

"It will be picked up on the same day as garbage," said Williamson; however, garbage is picked up on a weekly basis.

Young asked the County Board to invest about \$185,840 in additional carts and in specialized lids for the recycling carts, with the funds to come from the solid waste abatement fund.

Young said the lids will have specific information permanently ingrained into them as to what materials are acceptable to be placed in the cart.

The lids also will have information about McLeod County recycling.

"We want residents to become vested in this pro-

gram," said Young.

Young said having the information right on the lid will be more helpful than trying to provide information through brochures, news articles and other means.

The County Board also agreed to provide 8-cubic-yard containers at each rural recycling site, rather than the sheds or pre-sort containers.

Young said the proposed one-sort recycling program does not include curbside pickup at rural residences, although the county may, in the future, consider offering that option in rural residential areas that contain a lot of homes.

Young also said that work on the Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) in Hutchinson is moving along nicely.

She said the building is almost complete, the large baler has been resituated, the

old scale area has been filled in, the old equipment dismantled, the electrical and HVAC systems are being upgraded, and new equipment is being installed.

"Most of it is expected to be done by April 15," said Young. "We want to do a test run in March on the new equipment. That will give us a month to a month and a half to test and train. Our goal is to deliver the recycling carts by May 1."

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But it was not all gloom and doom.

Gruenhagen has authored a bill that would seek Highway 212 funding in this year's bonding bill to complete the extension to Cologne. The cost is about \$63 million. He said the environmental impact statements (EIS) have been completed on that section of the roadway. But if nothing is done, those impact statements will expire, "and we'll have to do it all over again."

The goal is to use as much of the existing two-lane highway as possible to keep the cost down, Robjent said.

Gruenhagen said while local voices need to be heard, it has to be noted that there is a lot of competition for what transportation dollars are available.

"There is a wide funding gap between wants and needs," Gruenhagen said of the \$8 billion in transportation requests this session.

He said a recent report in the Chaska Herald indicated Gov. Mark Dayton is in support of including Highway 212 into his \$1.2 billion transportation bonding proposal.

But Gruenhagen said the GOP House caucus is only committed to up to \$500 million for roads and bridges, but he said 2016 is the bigger bonding year.

While Dayton is asking for \$1.2 billion, Gruenhagen said only \$87 million of that would go to upgrade rural roads and bridges. "We need to prioritize," he added, especially about rural Minnesota's needs.

He recommended that those in attendance, as well as other area constituents, e-mail the governor about their Highway 212 concerns and e-mail the House transportation chairman, Tim Kelly, who is supportive of Gruenhagen's bill, as well as the Senate Transportation chairman, Kevin Dibble, a metro DFLer who is not.

He said e-mails should stress the importance of an improved Highway 212 for the rural economy of western and southwestern Minnesota. Also suggested were a letter-writing campaign to legislators and the governor, as well as having large groups of people attend the upcoming transportation committee meetings to stress the impor-

ance of moving forward on Highway 212. He said that is how Highway 14 got funded — with people from that area constantly attending these legislative meetings.

"The squeaky wheel gets the grease," he added.

County Commissioner Ron Shimanski, a former state House member, suggested Gruenhagen expand his bill to take in Highway 212 all the way to Highway 15 near Brownton. "Then you may get a piece (of the highway) done. Hopefully, it's not the Highway 15 piece."

"It seems like there is a little wave of support now," Gruenhagen said of the Legislature.

About the Met Council's opposition to four lanes outside the metro area, Gruenhagen said the good news is the Met Council chairman recently resigned and that numerous communities in the Met Council area have balked at some of the Council's recent decisions.

"Our (House GOP) caucus is against the Met Council," Gruenhagen said. "The Met Council does not have our (rural Minnesota) best interest at heart."

Urdahl, who represents a portion of Hutchinson as well as Meeker and a portion of Wright counties, said local industries and chambers of commerce also need to provide a strong voice by keeping the pressure on legislators and the governor over Highway 212.

He said while the governor's transportation bond proposal is high and the Republicans' is a lot lower, he (Dayton) will have to come down, and to do that, highway projects will have to be cut. "You have to keep lobbying to keep that (Highway 212) in the bonding bill as he makes reductions."

Shimanski noted that Highway 212 also was left out of the Corridors of Commerce funding cycle last year, even though Highway 212 has been named a regional corridor.

Urdahl said there is less of a chance that will happen now that the Minnesota House is controlled by Republicans. Last session, the DFLers had total control. He said, "Rural issues will be more loudly heard (this session)."

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Rotten apples spoil the whole barrel

Our view: Actions of a few has consequences for many

Rental inspection ordinances and “snowbird” ordinances seem to be dominating city council discussions in the area.

Last week in Brownton, a resident complained about the city’s amendment to its winter parking ordinance, which prohibits parking on city streets between 2 a.m. and 6 a.m. from November to April — regardless of snowfall.

Monday night in Stewart, council members once again heard a complaint about its rental inspection ordinance, with claims that it was over reaching. Silver Lake also is currently considering a rental inspection ordinance, and the issue is on its Feb. 17 agenda.

In both the Brownton and Stewart instances, complainants had valid points. Why should people not be allowed to park overnight on city streets when there is no snow event? And why should good landlords be subject to inspection fees when they are already doing their best to protect their tenants’ safety?

Sadly, it is always a few violators that lead to government creating ordinances and laws that impact everyone.

It’s the chronic violator of the

winter parking ordinance that causes city councils to subscribe to the KISS (Keep It Simple, Stupid) theory to create laws that allow little misinterpretation of their intent.

It’s the bad landlord who creates situations that causes city councils to adopt far-reaching rental ordinances that try to address every possible situation and close every loophole.

Unfortunately, government cannot target specific groups for its ordinances. A rental ordinance applies to the good landlord and the bad. The snowbird ordinance applies to the person who flaunts it as well as the person who conscientiously tries not to impede snow removal.

It is, indeed, a case of the tail wagging the dog, but there seems to be no help for it. Until people use common sense in following ordinances, those of us who actually possess it will be the ones to suffer.

Government always steps in to police those who do not police themselves. Want more relaxed ordinances? Help your neighbor police himself. When common sense finally prevails, there will be no need for the government to overly intervene.

— L.C.



Lost keys? No, I lost the whole darn car

Former Chronicle sports editor Lee Ostrom used to tell me that once a person hits 50, “it’s all maintenance.” Which I think was just a nice way of saying “it’s all downhill from here.”

There comes a time in life when a person has a hard time recalling a memory, or wonders obsessively if they left on the iron, stove, oven, lights, forgot to turn down the thermostat, or feed the dog before leaving the house. Or wastes precious minutes looking for keys or a phone that were right where they belonged all along.

Those incidents lead one to wonder if they should go to a doctor to be screened for an early onset of dementia.

I always chalked up those small incidents to simply being too busy and overwhelmed by a myriad of details, rather than being the result of aging.

Until I lost my car. This weekend was a long one of covering Cabin Fever Day events,



Lori Copler

the Brownton Rod & Gun Club ice fishing contest and then capping the weekend with volunteering to help at the sheephead tournament in Brownton Sunday.

But I lost my car long before the busyness of the weekend overwhelmed my middle-aged brain.

I was leaving my house to walk to the Brownton Area Civic Center Friday evening when I noticed my car was still in the driveway, not in the garage. I was going to pull it in before continuing on my way, when

my pager went off. I jumped in the car and headed to the fire hall. Shortly after arriving, the call was cancelled, and I headed back to the civic center. But instead of parking in my garage, less than two blocks away, I parked on the street near the civic center.

At the end of the evening, I walked home.

At about 1:30 a.m., I woke up and suddenly wondered about my car. I tiptoed outside in my pajamas and peeked in the garage door. No car.

I quickly dressed and walked to my car — parked less than a block away — furtively looking over my shoulder to make sure no one had seen my embarrassing gaffe. I retrieved my car and tucked it out of sight in my garage.

I’ve misplaced my keys, my glasses, my dog’s leash, my phone, and countless other small items, but I’ve never before misplaced my car.

Maybe it is time to make an appointment...

Letters to the Editor

Obama is giving away the store

To the Editor:

President Obama continues to try and give away the store, the latest being free college tuition. If you have money to pay for it, that is fine. We don’t.

Thomas Jefferson, a past president

of the United States, said it best, and I quote, “The democracy will cease to exist when you take away from those who are willing to work and give it to those who would not.”

Robert L. Hatlestad
Glencoe

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Question of the week

Gov. Mark Dayton recently increased salaries for members of his cabinet. What do you think?

- 1) It helps government stay competitive with the private sector.
- 2) It’s unfair to single out one group of state employees.
- 3) The governor should not have unilateral authority over salaries.
- 4) I don’t know.

Results for most recent question:

There have been some significant changes in our climate in recent years. Why do you think this is?

- 1) Global warming — 41%
- 2) Volcanic activity — 3%
- 3) Just a fluke — 41%
- 4) I don’t know — 14%

58 votes. New question runs Feb. 11-17

Letter to the Editor

Record year for local Operation Minnesota Nice

To the Editor:

Linda Krueger, Colleen Benjamin and LaDonna Stuber want to thank everyone who helped make it possible this holiday season to send out 207 soldier care packages through Operation Minnesota Nice. Last year’s total was 166, and this year more family, friends, surrounding communities, churches, organizations and businesses — all too many to mention — generously donated time, items and money. We also received donations and packing help from a few local church youth groups.

Linda, Colleen and LaDonna smiled as they quoted “Can’t thank The McLeod Chronicle/Lori enough!”

Linda mentioned how this year it was a little more stressful packaging as the ladies worked with five different units at one time. Some were in

extreme hot weather, while others had cold nights and lived in tents. They had to send the right items to the units, all having different needs. The undisclosed areas where some of the soldiers were was so secret they only got code names for the packages, or had to send them to one person in the unit, such as a chaplain or a lieutenant colonel.

They packed an extra month as they had extra items to send and they had just received new names from units in Turkey and Bahrain, which they want to send a few packages to these soldiers before retiring for the year.

Krueger and helpers are all so once again overwhelmed at how generous people can be, especially during the holidays when everyone is so busy buying gifts for their families! Operation Minnesota Nice/ Supporting our Troops “Making a

Difference, One Package at a Time!” Thank you!

Card of thanks that was received: “Many thanks for your generous gifts. They were much enjoyed by myself and my soldiers. Your kind words and gifts made the Christmas season easier to cope with being far away from family and friends. Here at FOB Fenty, we know we are not forgotten by the kind people of Glencoe and other communities in Minnesota. Again, many thanks for all of your prayers and packages. I wish you and your family a Happy New Year! Stay warm in Minnesota. I grew up in Boston and went to college in Vermont, but neither compare to a Minnesota winter! My warmest thank you,” Mark.

Operation Minnesota Nice
Linda Krueger, Colleen Benjamin and LaDonna Stuber

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Tracing Roots

By Ron Pulkrabek



California or bust, in Model T

"California or Bust" states the huge sign hanging from the spare tire attached to the trunk of Milton Totusek and brother Frank's 1925 Model T Ford coupe.

In 1947, in their early 20s, they started on a 6,744-mile, whirlwind circle tour of the Western USA. They visited friends and relatives in Washington who had previously lived in Silver Lake. Milton and his wife Alice still live on their farm north of Silver Lake. Milton still has the sign and, for over 60 years, the Model T Ford sat outside next to his granary. With Milton's permission, you can relive their Model T trip and car troubles from 67 years ago. So buckle your seat belt, folks! Let's go for a thrilling ride in a Model T Ford coupe — at 35 miles per hour! Leave the driving to Milton and Frank!

On the bright sunny morning of July 15, 1947, we left Hutchinson at 8:13 a.m. in our 1925 Model T Ford coupe. By 12 noon we were in Ortonville, crossing into South Dakota.

After leaving Webster, we had a generator problem. We spent the night in Medina, N.D. The next morning we arrived in Bismarck, where we ground the valves and fixed the generator.

We crossed over the Missouri River and later passed through the Petrified Forest region. After splicing the fan belt together with wire, we entered Montana at 5:15 p.m., arriving at Glendive at 6 p.m. After two more splicings we made it to Miles City at 8 p.m., where we purchased a new fan belt in the morning.

The next afternoon we caught a glimpse of the mighty Rockies. We arrived at Helena in the evening and slept in our hammocks slung between two billboards.

On July 18, at 6:15 a.m., we crossed the Continental Divide going through McDonald Pass, elevation 6,325 feet. At 4:40 p.m. we passed through the 4th of July Summit in Idaho, elevation 3,070 feet, and arrived in Spokane, Wash., at 6:30 p.m. We spent the night in a tourist camp.



Submitted photo

Frank and Milton Totusek with their faithful 1925 Ford Model T, which they drove to California in 1947.

On July 19, we left Spokane for Odessa, where we looked up Frank Wraspir Sr., who had lived in Silver Lake years ago, and enjoyed having dinner with him. Then we visited relatives in Odessa and Irby. The first day we saw our relative Frank Wraspir Jr. and rode his combine for a couple of rounds. Then we met F.B. Totusek in Odessa, who operates a Maytag Shop. We also met Mrs. H.J. Ulrich, (nee Anna Wraspir), and Stanley and Bill Wraspir, who operate a bakery shop in Odessa, and met Walter Ott, who works there. At Irby we met Jim and Joe Totusek, who have a wheat ranch; Miroslav Totusek, who operates an elevator; and Mrs. Victoria Ott, (nee Totusek), who is the postmistress. We spent the night and the next day in Odessa at the Frank Wraspir Jr. home.

On Sunday, July 20, we went huckleberry picking with the Wraspir and Mills families near the Canadian border and didn't get enough for a good taste. The next day we spent with the F.B. Totuseks at the shop and had dinner at their home.

On July 22, Frank Wraspir Sr., the Model T Ford and we went to see the immense heap of concrete called Grand Coulee Dam. We toured the inside. After leaving Coulee

we came to Dry Falls Park, a place where the mighty Columbia once flowed. Then to Soap Lake and back to Odessa, hitting a dog en route and bending the crank.

On July 25, we left Odessa and headed for Seattle, Wash. We crossed the Cascades by Steven's Pass, elevation 4,061 feet, and entered Tacoma, where we stopped at a small baseball park for the night.

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With 22 wedding receptions already scheduled for 2015 and several other events planned, Larson said the goal is not to compete with the other vendors, but to offer another option, "to make the City Center work." That still leaves open the option of other vendors supplying the service at the City Center, but they need a liquor license from the city of their residence, plus a \$100 fee and proof of insurance.

All people serving alcohol at City Center events must take training, mainly in under-age identification and carding of people being served at the events.

Heard that the city's municipal state aid (MSA) is going up in the future. Currently, the city receives \$286,000 a year for the streets and roads designated as municipal aid streets within the city. Much of the MSA funding has been tied up with past projects, like the 10th Street reconstruction and the Morningside Avenue bridge and street extension.

But Larson said those projects are being paid off, and the next round of MSA will likely be used for the Armstrong Avenue reconstruction scheduled for 2016.

By 2019, Larson said the city MSA funding will be about \$326,000 a year.

City cemetery board appointments discussed at personnel committee

By Rich Glennie
Correspondent

With two openings on the city's cemetery board, the Glencoe City Council late last year discussed naming the council members as the new board, rather than seek community volunteers to fill the positions. The main reason was there was little interest shown by the public.

But last Wednesday afternoon, the Council's personnel and legislative committee recommended staying with the appointment system after a number of names surfaced showing interest in the two vacancies. Mayor Randy Wilson has the authority to make the appointments with Council approval.

The two members whose two five-year terms have expired are Jim Carlson, who was first appointed to the cemetery board in 2004 and reappointed in 2009, and Gale Roth, who was appointed in 2005 and reappointed in 2010.

Other current members of the board are Council Member Gary Ziemer, who was appointed in 2011; Marlene Robeck, appointed to fill the term of Robert Hatlestad in 2010 and reappointed in 2012; and Sherri Stamps, first appointed to fill the term of Robert Hartell in 2011 and reappointed in 2013.

City Administrator Mark Larson said after no one applied for the positions late last year, he suggested the cemetery board be made up of City Council members instead.

Over the last few years, the cemetery board didn't have many activities and had not met in 18 months. It is supposed to meet at least once a year.

"It does not have much of a budget and not many action items," Larson said.

But it does control about \$80,000 in dedicated cemetery funds. Some of those funds are from individual donations and others from fees charged for burial services. But Larson said that fund is diminishing as changes occur in burials. He said fewer people are going with full burials and more are being cremated. That has resulted in less money going into the dedicated perpetual care fund.

He said the former Glencoe Cemetery Association disbanded in 1986 and turned

over the duties to the city. That also included about \$100,000 in a perpetual care fund, which is now down to about \$80,000. Larson said the cemetery commission receives about \$11,000 a year in revenues from cemetery fees, but spends about \$16,000 a year in doing burials and maintaining the cemetery.

"In the future, there will be no cemetery fund," Larson predicted. "Then the city will have to fund it."

Council Member Dan Perschau said, since city staff handles all the finances for the cemetery, what else does the cemetery commission do, and what are its responsibilities?

One issue is the record keeping. "We run into issues on records from the old days," Larson said. The city is working off a 1932 cemetery map. People were not always buried where the records indicated, or empty grave sites were not always empty, he added.

Larson said the cemetery board also handles the cemetery bylaws and sets the cemetery fees, with City Council approval. The commission also is supposed to meet annually, but Ziemer said the last meeting was July 31, 2013.

There is one big issue that the cemetery board may handle, and that is obtaining computer software for locating and making available online all the grave sites in the cemetery. The matter received

cemetery commission and City Council approval several years ago, and it was estimated it would cost about \$12,000. But it didn't proceed because of Council concerns about staff time needed to input the information into the computer system.

One idea is to get volunteers to input the information, which is now kept on cards at city hall. "It's a huge process," Ziemer said.

Paying for the software could be from the perpetual cemetery funds, or from donations from groups like the VFW, which has shown an interest in identifying all the veterans buried in Glencoe.

Wilson said the software could also include the other cemeteries in Glencoe — the Catholic Cemetery and First Lutheran Cemetery.

The Glencoe City Cemetery actually includes three old cemeteries in one location. The Glencoe Catholic Cemetery is on the south side of Buffalo Creek, and First Lutheran Cemetery is adjoining the Glencoe City Cemetery.

Ziemer said neither St. Pius nor First Lutheran "have any skin in the game" with the software project, but Wilson said they should be invited to join in the project.

Larson said the Friends of the Library also has donated \$1,500 toward setting up a genealogy research area at the Glencoe City Center once the cemetery software is installed and the information available.

Glencoe Fire Department looking for volunteers to fill out its roster

By Rich Glennie
Correspondent

The Glencoe Fire Department is having a difficult time filling its 40-person roster and is looking for new volunteers to bring it back up to strength. But that could be difficult, the City Council's personnel and legislative committee heard Feb. 4.

City Administrator Mark Larson said the department currently has 34 members, but is funded for 40.

Because people are more mobile, and often experience more career and life changes than in the past, it is becoming more difficult to find and retain volunteers for the fire department.

Larson also said "people don't stay with employers like they used to," and some employers are not willing to give volunteers the time needed for training and responding to calls.

For day fire calls, Larson said Glencoe currently calls Plato to help "because not a lot of them (Glencoe volunteers) work in the community."

Larson said the city staff and fire department personnel are trying to come up with new recruitment ideas "and get the word out were are looking for firefighters."

Although the volunteers are not paid, they receive a yearly contribution to the

Glencoe Fire Relief Association and become partially vested after 10 years and fully vested after 20 years.

"I don't think pay is the issue," Larson said. But it may be the time commitment in training and meetings, "which are now tougher" than in the past.

Mayor Randy Wilson, a retired Glencoe firefighter, agreed pay was not an issue. "Time commitment, that's the main issue."

Larson said one idea is to start an Explorer program at the high school, like the police department did, to get younger people interested in joining the Glencoe Fire Department.

In other matters, the committee:

- Discussed changes to the City Center liquor vendor rules that will give customers another option — the city. The main concern is the city's share of the liquor sale profits at the City Center are not meeting expectations.

Two vendors currently hold licenses to sell at City Center events — Dubbs Grill & Bar of Glencoe and One Eyed Willy's of Lester Prairie.

City and other city-trained staff would handle the alcohol sales if the city becomes a third option. Larson said Police Chief Jim Raiter indicated no concerns about the city option.

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Brownton City Council takes in comments on changes in its winter parking ordinance

By Lori Copley
Editor

The Brownton City Council took in comments from a resident regarding its snow removal ordinance at its Feb. 3 meeting, but indicated that it probably will not be making any more changes.

In November, the City Council decided to adopt a snow removal policy similar to the city of Glencoe's, establishing no parking on city streets between 2 a.m. and 6 a.m. during the months of November through April, regardless of whether there is snow on the ground or not.

Brownton resident Jamie Bah told the City Council at its February meeting that the new ordinance treats residents like little kids.

Bah said that while he understands the need to get vehicles off the street for snow removal, the new ordinance is too prohibitive.

"We have to get permission to park on the streets that our

tax dollars paid for," said Bah.

If it is absolutely necessary for people to park on the streets — for instance, if they have overnight visitors — they are asked to call the city and let the police department know.

Bah said that makes him feel like he needs parental permission to have guests.

"It's like, 'hey, dad, I'm having people over. Is it OK if we park on the street?'" Bah said.

Bah also said he is not the only one with concerns, but others did not feel they could make a difference by approaching the City Council.

Mayor Norm Schwarze said the City Council had tried to find a policy that made perfectly clear when citizens can and cannot park on the streets.

Other policies the city has tried, Schwarze said, determined parking based on snow events, which led to specula-

tion on what actually constitutes a snow event.

Police Chief Ken Bauer said the police department tries to use common sense in enforcing the ordinance.

Bah suggested the city use e-mail, social media and other ways to alert residents on when the city intends to plow.

But Schwarze said that the current ordinance is clear, and that he doesn't think asking someone to contact the city and let it know that there will be parking on the streets is a hardship.

"It's just a phone call," said Schwarze, who added, "I don't think we'll be changing it (the snow ordinance) any time soon."

In other business, the City Council:

- Approved buying a new riding lawn mower for the maintenance department.
- Heard that the fire department is expecting its new pumper truck to arrive in

April. The new truck will replace two older trucks in the fleet, 1986 Pierce pumper and a 1964 Chevrolet pumper. The City Council authorized the fire department to sell both of those trucks.

- Set a special meeting for Monday, Feb. 23, at 6 p.m., to go over proposed street and utility improvements with the city engineer, as well as review applications for its open maintenance department position.
- Heard that deputy clerk Cindy Lindeman intends to fully retire this spring, and considered a suggestion by City Clerk Ella Kruse that both the clerk and deputy clerk positions be made 32-hour-a-week jobs.
- Set public meetings for Saturday, March 7, at 10 a.m., and Tuesday, March 10, at 7 p.m., to present information regarding the RS Fiber project to city residents.



Weather Corner

By Jake Yurek

Winter finds its way back to the upper Midwest this week as a strong, early week storm ushers in colder air. A strong Pacific storm cruised through the upper Midwest Tuesday, dropping a little snow and more noticeably temperatures.

Behind the storm winds picked up and temperatures dropped quickly. Be careful when out and about Wednesday as there will probably be slick spots with the fast freeze (some roads to our west may be very tricky to maneuver).

Highs will stay below average the rest of this forecast period as well, improving slightly towards the end of the week, but sliding back down Saturday. Highs may have a tough time getting out of single digits Saturday.

We'll see improvement early next week, with another upper Midwest storm Tuesday into Wednesday ... too early to say where exactly, but something to keep an eye on. Have a great week, all; another week closer to spring!

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Wednesday night — Lows -8 to -2; breezy, partly cloudy.

Thursday — Highs 5-11, lows 0-6; mostly clear.

Friday — Highs 18-24, lows 2-8; clouds, flurries.

Saturday — Highs 8-15, lows -4 to 2; partly cloudy.

Sunday — Highs 10-18; partly cloudy.

Weather Quiz: How far behind average for snowfall are we this year?

Answer to last week's question (How does not having snow cover this winter affect our daily temperatures?) In a typical winter, snow reflects a good chunk of the sun's energy; with bare ground still showing we are able to soak up what little sun we get better and this keeps temperatures anywhere from 10 to 15 degrees warmer than we normally would be.

Remember: I make the forecast, not the weather!

Motion to repeal rental ordinance fails at Stewart Council meeting

By Lori Copley
Editor

A motion to repeal the city of Stewart's rental inspection ordinance failed on a 2-2 vote Monday night.

New Council Member Curt Glaeser made the motion after the City Council had a lengthy discussion with resident Keith Fredrickson over the ordinance.

Both Glaeser and Council Member Chuck Kruggel (who also took office in January) voted in favor of Glaeser's motion, while council members Kevin Klucas and Jim Eitel voted against.

Mayor Jason Peirce abstained from voting, prompting Glaeser to ask that the city contact its attorney for an opinion on whether the mayor could vote on the issue.

Peirce said he has abstained from voting on the or-

dinance because he owns rental property in Stewart.

"I'm torn on the whole subject," said Peirce. "I've abstained from voting in the past, and I struggle with voting on this topic."

Peirce said his voting on the issue could be perceived as a conflict of interest, although he doesn't feel he would directly benefit financially from voting on the issue.

"This applies to everyone, not just property Peirce owns," he said.

Peirce said that getting the city attorney's opinion would cost taxpayers money.

"Well, I think we need to do it," said Glaeser. "Otherwise we'll be deadlocked forever."

Like others before, Fredrickson claimed that the ordinance was too restrictive.

Fredrickson had lived in

his house before moving and renting it out. He said he had to rent it out because he couldn't sell it in the current housing market and recover his investment.

"My other option was to let it go back to the bank," said Fredrickson. "If we keep going down the road we're going, we're going to have a lot more foreclosures in town."

Klucas said the city adopted the ordinance to help "make property safe for renters."

But Fredrickson argued that some of the ordinance's stipulations "don't have anything to do with guarding life, limb or welfare. It's over reaching."

Fredrickson also argued — as have other landlords before him — that the ordinance targets rentals, and not all living units in the city.

"It (the house) was good enough for me and my family when I lived there, but not for someone else and their family," said Fredrickson.

Glaeser agreed with Fredrickson, saying he doesn't feel the city should come between landlords and tenants.

"It's not our job to be babysitting everything in town," said Glaeser.

Klucas said he felt the ordinance could use some tweaking, but "I'm not ready to just get rid of it."

In the end, the City Council agreed to grant Fredrickson a six-month extension to fix the items on his inspection list.

However, Glaeser also made a motion to consult with the city attorney whether Peirce can vote on the issue in the future. That vote passed 3-2, with Klucas and Eitel voting against it.

Record

Glencoe Police

TUESDAY, FEB. 3

9:25 a.m. — An officer investigated a complaint of bullying.

4:05 p.m. — A property damage vehicle accident occurred at the intersection of 10th Street E and Morningside Drive. The drivers exchanged insurance information.

7:10 p.m. — Officers arrested a person on a warrant on 16th Street E.

9:57 p.m. — A vehicle hit a parked car in the area of Ninth Street E and Pryor Avenue. The driver was cited for failing to stop at a stop sign and possession of tobacco.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 4

5:04 a.m. — A driver was cited for driving after revocation and no proof of insurance, for the second time within a year, at a traffic stop near Morningside Drive and 10th Street E.

THURSDAY, FEB. 5

1:17 a.m. — Officers arrested a person on a warrant on 11th Street E.

11:34 a.m. — A woman in Glencoe called to report a domestic that occurred in Brownton.

12:03 p.m. — McLeod County Social Services called for a welfare check on a "male party that was mad and took off." The per-

son was found at the courthouse, and later left on a bus.

1:15 p.m. — A vehicle went into a ditch at the entrance to the park on DeSoto Avenue. The driver had arranged for a tow.

5:37 p.m. — A driver was cited for speed and no current proof of insurance at a traffic stop in the area of Hennepin Avenue N and 11th Street E.

9:17 p.m. — A resident on Baxter Avenue N reported that their neighbors had moved out that day, but left open the doors to the residence. An officer secured the doors.

FRIDAY, FEB. 6

3:21 a.m. — One of the city's squad cars was damaged when the door of a car wash came down on it.

12:27 a.m. — A gas drive-off was reported on 10th Street, but the driver came back and paid for it.

7:59 p.m. — A woman was taken to the hospital by ambulance from an address on Greeley Avenue.

9:18 p.m. — An open door was discovered at the back of a business on 12th Street E. Officer searched the building and secured the door.

9:59 p.m. — Several deputies and officers assisted with restraining an inmate at the McLeod County Jail.

10:18 p.m. — A female was

taken by ambulance to the hospital from an address on Newton Avenue.

SATURDAY, FEB. 7

1:39 a.m. — Officers again assisted at the McLeod County Jail with a disruptive inmate.

2:08 p.m. — An adult female was taken by ambulance to the emergency room after spraining her ankle. The incident occurred on Newton Avenue.

11:42 p.m. — Officers responded to a noise disturbance on Newton Avenue.

SUNDAY, FEB. 8

1:14 a.m. — Officers responded to a noise complaint on Elliott Avenue.

8:15 a.m. — An officer assisted at the McLeod County Jail.

1:29 p.m. — An officer and the Glencoe Ambulance responded to a medical emergency on Judd Avenue N. A male was taken to the hospital.

1:50 p.m. — An apartment resident on Newton Avenue complained "that the upstairs neighbor is stomping on the floor to irritate her." The officer said he did not hear anything besides people walking.

6:21 p.m. — A female slipped on some ice and fell on Loudon Avenue, but declined medical attention.

6:51 p.m. — An officer responded to a complaint of loud music on 15th Street W.

Silver Lake Women's Club met on Jan. 26

The GFWC Women's Club of Silver Lake had its regular meeting Monday, Jan. 26, with 15 members present.

Margaret Evans Huntington Scholarship forms have been delivered to the high school for girls to apply. The club approved \$25 to purchase items for the Guatemala Mis-

son Banquet basket for Feb. 7.

Mayor Bruce Bebo had contacted the club to see if it would be interested in taking over the Dairy Day celebration. After much discussion, it was decided to take on the project. Details will be worked out at the next meet-

ing.

State yearly reports have been completed and total volunteer hours and dollars donated will be announced in February.

The program for the evening was book reviews. The Silver Lake Study Club, of which the women's club is

a branch, always had book reviews at their meetings. Books discussed were "The Orphan Train," "Ordinary Grace" and "The Glass Castle."

The next meeting will be Monday, Feb. 23, at 6 p.m. This will be the Operation Smile work meeting.

Arlington woman hurt in one-vehicle accident

An Arlington woman was treated for minor injuries following a one-vehicle accident in Sibley County Tuesday, Feb. 3. The crash was reported at about 1 p.m.

According to the Sibley County Sheriff's Office, Jean Jackels, 29, of Arlington, was driving a 1997 Ford Explorer southbound on Sibley County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 17, about seven miles south

of Arlington, when she lost control of the vehicle and entered the west road ditch. The vehicle overturned onto its side.

Jackels was wearing a seat belt. She was taken by the Arlington Ambulance to the Sibley Medical Center for treatment of her injuries. Also responding to the accident was the Arlington Fire Department.

Silver Lake City Council
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, Feb. 17, 2015
(Note the change in date due to the holiday)
6:30 p.m.
Agenda

Call to order:
Approve agenda
Consent Agenda:

1. Approve minutes of the Jan. 20, 2015, annual meeting.
2. Approve payroll 2, 3 and December ambulance.
3. Claims to be paid.

Old business:

1. Rental ordinance proposal.
2. Proposal to take over cable access channel.

New business:

1. Resident to discuss sewer backup on Cleveland Street SE.
2. Planning Commission recommendation on application for conditional use permit (accessory building over 800 square feet) and variance (side walls over 10 feet high) for 213 Cleveland Street E.
3. One-day gambling permit application by the Silver Lake Fire Department Relief Association for June 27, 2015 (raffle).
4. Resident request to place "No Use of Jake Brake" signs at entrances into the city.

Department business:

1. Liquor Store.
2. Public Safety.
3. Public Works.
4. Community Development.
5. Administration.

Open discussion:

Community Calendar

Thurs., Feb. 12 — AA Group mtg. next to Post Office in Stewart, 8 p.m., call 320-212-5290 for info.

Mon., Feb. 16 — **PRESIDENT'S DAY**; Tops Weigh-In mtg., 5-5:30 p.m.; Brownton Lions; Stewart American Legion Post 125 & Auxiliary mtg., Stewart Community Center, 7 p.m.

Tues., Feb. 17 — Brownton Legion.

Wed., Feb. 18 — Red Cross Bloodmobile, Cactus Jack's II, Stewart, noon-6 p.m.

Thurs., Feb. 19 — AA Group mtg. next to Post Office in Stewart, 8 p.m., call 320-212-5290 for info.; Stewart Lions.



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GSL High School Pillars of Character

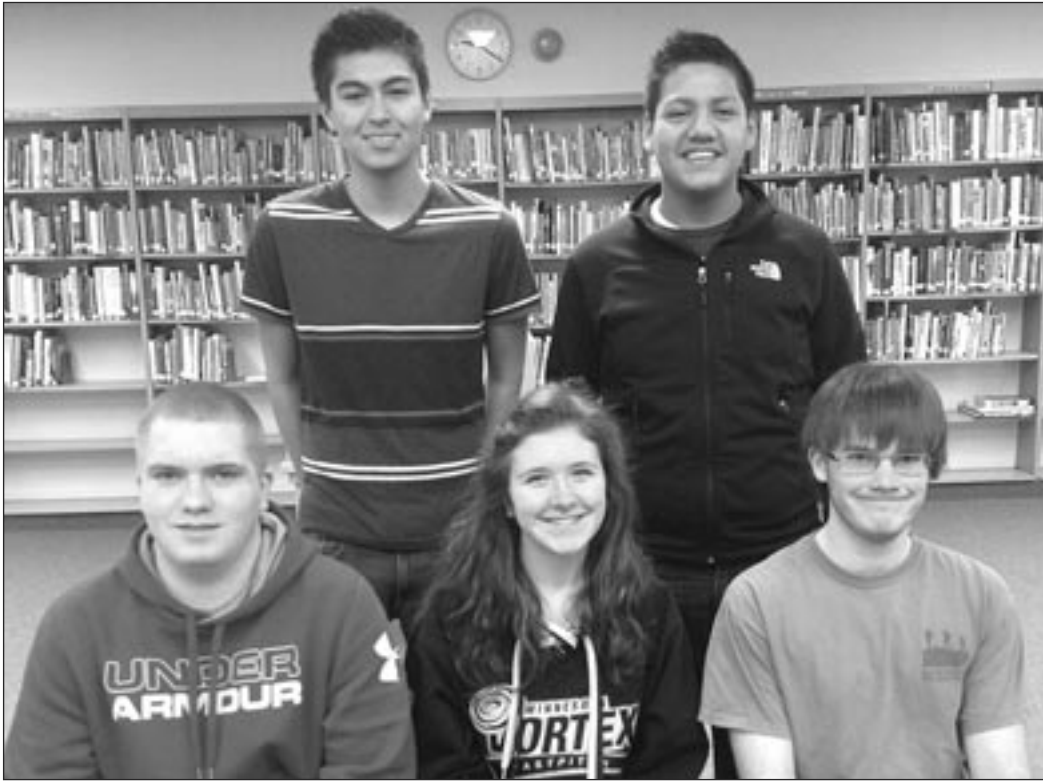
January Pillars of Character at Glencoe-Silver Lake (GSL) High School are, from left, Cora Kuras, responsibility; Jenna Jochum, responsibility; and Ben Donnay, respect. Missing are Devin Fleck, caring; and Tanner Rosckes, trustworthiness.



Chronicle photo by Jessica Grams

7th-grade students of the month

January students of the month at Glencoe-Silver Lake's Lincoln Junior High School are, front from left, Kristian Casey, Kalie Butcher and Megan Siewert; and, back, Preston Sturges, Bennett Lepel, Lily Schmitt and Courtney Richer.



Submitted photo

GSL High School students of the month

Glencoe-Silver Lake High January students of the month are, front from left, Austin Maynard, Moriah Maunu and Richard Wilson, and back, Fabian Medina and Luis Dueñas. Missing were Robin Swift and Ellie Schmidt.



Chronicle photo by Jessica Grams

8th-grade students of the month

Glencoe-Silver Lake Lincoln Junior High eighth-grade January students of the month are, front from left, Annamaria Falcon, Alysse Rhode, Grace Witte and Kaleb Elke; and back, Adam Garoutte, Olivia Streich, Rhyan Herrmann, Jaelynn Pinske and Megan Fehrenbach.

Film on decline of the church to be shown Feb. 15 in Glencoe

The documentary film, "When God Left the Building," will be shown Feb. 15, at 3 p.m., at the Glencoe City Center.

Following the film, the Rev. James Gomez of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Glencoe and Traci Kohls, director of disciple ministries at Trinity Lutheran in Waconia, will host a 20-minute live discussion.

This film reveals the decline of the American church and focuses on the current spiritual climate.

Director Thom Schultz said of the film, "The American church as we know it is dying. What was once the heart and soul of the community is going away. We won-

dered why. And we wondered what's next."

According to Schultz, the majority of churches across the country are in a state of decline. He said weekly church attendance has dropped to 20 percent of the population. This trend has resulted in the closing of 4,000 churches per year, he said.

The filmmakers spent three years documenting a church that saw its attendance plunge from 900 to 40.

"It was a heart-wrenching mash-up of societal upheaval, spiritual confusion and human conflict," Schultz said.

The film also prominently features the unconventional work of churches and organi-

zations that are actively doing things differently and outside of the traditional church building.

A preview of the film is available at WhenGodLefttheBuilding.com.

Tickets to the Feb. 15, 3 p.m., film screening are free and available at www.gslglencoe.org. Attendees also may sign up at the door on the day of the event.

The film was produced by Group Productions, a Colorado media company.

Questions about the documentary may be directed to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church at 320-864-6157 or office@gslglencoe.org.

People

Graduate from St. Cloud State

Two Glencoe students were among graduates from St. Cloud State University at the conclusion of the fall semester. Cody Becker earned a bachelor of science degree in finance and Kaitlyn Schroeffer earned a bachelor of elective studies in communication sciences and disorders.

Son born to Klitzke family

Brad and Nicole Klitzke of Chaska announce the arrival of a son, Barrett John Burton Klitzke, born Dec. 7, 2014, at the Ridgeview Medical Center in Waconia. Barrett weighed 7 pounds, 1 ounce, and was 18½ inches long. He joins siblings Myah and Hailey. Grandparents are Shirley and the late Burton Klitzke of Darwin and Kenneth and Christine Dodge of Eden Prairie. Great-grandparents are Joyce Schmidt of Glencoe and Jane Stephan of West St. Paul.



Barrett Klitzke

Daughter for Glencoe couple

Amber Earl and Nathan Skarhus of Glencoe announce the arrival of a daughter, Elizabeth Rose-Mary Skarhus, born Jan. 29, 2015, at Glencoe Regional Health Services. She weighed 8 pounds, 4 ounces, and was 21 inches long at birth. She joins a brother, Aaron Joseph-Alan Skarhus, age 2.

Named to U of St. Thomas list

Four Glencoe students were named to the fall semester dean's list at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul — Tyler Anderson, Danielle Bielke, Louis Iacona and Shannon Twiss.

Clark named to dean's list

Oakley Clark, a freshman at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, was named to the fall semester dean's list. He is the son of Jerry and LeAnn Clark of Glencoe.

Bemidji State dean's list

Area students named to the Bemidji State University fall semester dean's list include: Lindsey Becker, Jennifer Illg, Aaron Luehrs and Jeana Van Dyne, all of Glencoe; and Breanna Wagner of Stewart.

Eberhard awarded scholarship

South Central Electric Association on Feb. 6 presented Ray Eberhard of Glencoe with a \$500 scholarship at its facility in St. James. The scholarship was established in memory of former South Center Electric meter foreman Daron Hunstad, who died in 2012. The scholarship was available to students attending the powerline technology program at Minnesota West Community and Technical College in Jackson. Eberhard is in his first year at the college. He grew up on a dairy farm near Glencoe, the son of Bob and Gloria Eberhard.

Scholarships available from Nicollet/Sibley growers assn.

The Nicollet/Sibley County Corn and Soybean Growers are offering six \$750 scholarships for students enrolled in two- or four-year colleges and majoring in ag business, ag production, ag engineering, ag education or any ag-related field of study.

Scholarship applicants must be a resident of Sibley or Nicollet county and their family must be a Minnesota Corn or Soybean Grower Association member.

Two \$500 adult scholarships for adults enrolled in an ag education program also are being offered.

For a scholarship application contact the Nicollet/Sibley County Corn & Soybean Growers at 507-237-4100 or check with your local high school. The deadline for submitting applications is April 10.



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Obituaries

Lauren Knorr, 6 months, Hutchinson

Lauren Emily Knorr, 6 months, of Hutchinson, died Sunday, Feb. 1, 2015, at the Tomah Memorial Hospital in Tomah, Wis.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Saturday, Feb. 7, at St. Anastasia Catholic Church in Hutchinson with the Rev. Jerry Meidl officiating. Bev Wangerin was the pianist and Jennifer Lauinger was the flutist. Song leaders were Patti Cogley and Bobbi Ludewig. Soloist Patti Cogley sang "Child of Wonder." The St. Anastasia children's choir sang "Every Move I Make." Special music was by Shanda Landes, Joy Freitag, Roxanna Boe, Mark Lueders and Denise Lueders. Musical selections were "Enter the Journey," "Hail Mary, Gentle Woman," "Song of Farewell" and "Fly Like a Bird."

Pallbearers were Eric Inglis, Nick Heitz, Brian Knorr, Michael Knorr and John McCormick. Honorary bearers were Tom Inglis and Clint Knorr. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Lauren Emily Knorr was born July 18, 2014, in Hutchinson, the daughter of Shawn and Jessica (Inglis) Knorr. She was baptized as an infant on July 27, 2014, at Minneapolis Children's Hospital, and confirmed in faith on Aug. 10, 2014, at St. Anastasia Catholic Church in Hutchinson.

Lauren's journey began at Hutchinson Health, where our precious little girl entered

the world with a head full of dark, curly hair. She was lovingly embraced by her big sisters and parents as the perfect addition to our family.

Within a few days, Lauren began to experience many seizures and neurological concerns, resulting in her inability to suck, swallow or cry. She was transported to Children's Hospital in Minneapolis, where she would spend the first month of her life.

Despite all the love and care Lauren received from her amazing doctors and nurses, we were unable to find a cause or treatment for her condition. On Aug. 9, we brought our daughter home on Hospice care so that she could spend her last days feeling the warmth and comfort of family. She was expected to live for only a week.

Through the grace of God, Lauren exceeded all of our expectations and gave us six precious months. During that time, our family was able to share so many of our favorite places, people and life experiences with our sweet baby. Knowing life with Lauren would be cut too short, we chose to live life to the fullest — taking her on trips to the zoo, going for walks around the river and snuggling every moment we could.

Lauren's quiet presence in our lives was a source of immense joy and valuable lessons. Even though our hopes and dreams for a long, healthy life for our little girl were not realized, Lauren's life taught us so many amazing things. Through her, we learned the true value of kindness and generosity, the

importance of family and friends, and the blessing of unconditional, never-ending love. These unexpected gifts from a small, innocent baby, brought us a deeper appreciation of God's love, and our world will forever be more full and complete because of her. While her life was short, it was incredible. Her light touched the hearts of so many. We will be forever grateful for knowing and loving our precious Lauren.

She is survived by her parents, Shawn and Jessica Knorr of Hutchinson; sisters, Ava and Julia; grandparents, Tom and Mary Inglis, Bonnie Knorr and Clint and Diane Knorr, all of Hutchinson; aunts and uncles, Michael (Josie) Knorr of Waconia, Christine (Knorr) Ruppert of Hutchinson, Brian (Heather) Knorr of Hutchinson, John McCormick of Charlotte, N.C., Emily (Nick) Heitz of Minneapolis, and Eric Inglis of Rice; cousins, Cassidy Ruppert, Cade Ruppert, Hayden Knorr, Haley Knorr, Brady Knorr, Lily McCormick, Anna McCormick and Baby Heitz; many great aunts and uncles, other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her great-grandparents, Donald and Elizabeth Krasen, Walter and Cleo Knorr, Stephen and Gertrude Inglis and Edward and Theresa Sobota; and cousin, Hope McCormick.

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

Lyle M.C. Roepke, 82, of Hutchinson

Lyle Marlin Carl Roepke, 82, of Hutchinson, formerly of Stewart, died Wednesday, Feb. 4, 2015, at Harmony River Living Center in Hutchinson.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Feb. 7, at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in Fernando, rural Stewart, with the Rev. Aaron Albrecht officiating. Wanda Renner was the organist. Soloist Chuck Thiel sang "How Great Thou Art" and "Just a Closer Walk With Thee." Congregational hymns were "Beautiful Savior" and "Amazing Grace." Military honors were by the Stewart American Legion Post 125 Honor Guard.

Pallbearers were Aaron Roepke, Kyle Roepke, Matthew Roepke, Cory Ruschmeyer, Gabriel Roepke, Scott Roepke and Jeff Roepke. Interment was in the St. Matthew's Lutheran Cemetery in Fernando.

Lyle Marlin Carl Roepke was born Sept. 11, 1932, in Round Grove Township, McLeod County. He was the son of Ervin and Clara (Kuehn) Roepke. He was baptized as an infant at the family home and was later

confirmed in his faith as a youth on April 14, 1946, at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in Fernando. He was educated at country School District 37 in rural Stewart.

He entered active military service in the U.S. Army on Jan. 9, 1953, in Minneapolis, and served his country during the Korean War. He was honorably discharged on Jan. 8, 1955, at Camp Hanford, Wash.

On June 5, 1958, he was united in marriage to Norine Ruschmeyer at First Lutheran Church in Glencoe by the Rev. A.H. Fellwock. Their marriage was blessed with three sons, Randy, Brian and Rick. The family resided on the family farm in rural Fernando, and moved to Hutchinson in 2007. They shared 56 years of marriage.

Mr. Roepke farmed for 38 years. He also hauled milk for the Round Grove Creamery for some years and served on the creamery board. After retiring from farming in 1996, he worked part time for the Buffalo Lake Elevator and also graded township roads. He was a lifetime member of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in Fernando, rural Stewart, and also was a member of the Stewart American Legion Post 125.

He enjoyed playing cards and listening to old-time music. He played the drums for the Fernando Dutchmen

band for over 20 years. He especially enjoyed spending time with his family, grandchildren and friends.

When he needed assistance with his daily care, he became a resident of Burns Manor Nursing Home in Hutchinson in 2008, and later a resident of Harmony River Living Center.

He is survived by his wife, Norine Roepke of Hutchinson; sons, Randy (Deb) Roepke of Hutchinson and Rick (Kristin) Roepke of Silver Lake; grandchildren, Aaron (Alicia) Roepke, Kyle (Shawna) Roepke, Matthew Roepke, Nicole Roepke, Gabriel Roepke, Maren Roepke and Luke Roepke; great-grandchildren, Wesley and Calvin Roepke; brother, Charles (Marlene) Roepke of Winthrop; sister, Valeria Uecker of Brownnton; sister-in-law, Rita Roepke of Brownnton; many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ervin and Clara Roepke; brothers, Lloyd Roepke and Walter Roepke; and father-in-law and mother-in-law, Clarence and Loretta Ruschmeyer.

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

Thomas Richard Miller, 56, of Glencoe

Thomas "Tom" Richard Miller, 56, of Glencoe, died Thursday, Jan. 29, 2015, at his home.

Memorial services were held Saturday, Feb. 7, at Johnson McBride Funeral Chapel in Glencoe with the Rev. Ronald Mathison officiating. Congregational hymns were "Rock of Ages" and "On Eagle's Wings." Interment was in the First Evangelical Lutheran Church Cemetery in Glencoe.

Thomas "Tom" Richard Miller was born Jan. 25, 1959, in Glencoe. He was the son of Marvin and June (Luhring) Miller. He was baptized as an infant on March 8, 1959, by the Rev.

H.A. Bode, was confirmed in his faith as a youth on April 15, 1973, by the E.W. Blumenkamp/Nathan Castensboth, both at First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Glencoe. He received his education at Glencoe Public High School.

He lived his entire life in Glencoe, and worked as a cook and a bartender at various places in Glencoe. He was currently employed at Midwest Porcine as a butcher. He was a member of First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Glencoe.

Mr. Miller enjoyed fishing, watching football and socializing with his friends. He was considered a kind and hard-

working man.

He is survived by his sister, Jean "DeeDee" Blankenhagen and her husband, Daniel, of Cincinnati, Ohio; nephews, Tyler Miller and Tanner Blankenhagen; great-nieces, Hailey Miller and Cali Miller; as well as cousins and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Marvin and June Miller; and a sister, Joan Miller.

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

History

From the Brownnton Bulletin archives

100 Years Ago

Feb. 12, 1915
O.C. Conrad, Editor

The Albert Polsfuss home was thoroughly fumigated last Sunday afternoon being quarantined for several weeks for diphtheria. Miss Lilly, the only patient, was scarcely sick, but the necessary precaution was taken to avoid spreading the contagion.

Carpenter Lenz has been installing shelves and bins in Sell's Cash Store, and Mr. Sell tells us that he expects soon to have in a stock of choice fresh groceries. Just as soon as the weather permits, Mr. Sell plans an addition to accommodate a general store.

Last Sunday immediately following the close of the German Lutheran church services, the Rev. A.C. Bode performed the ceremony that united Miss Martha Ostermann in marriage to Mr. A.F. Schumacher. The couple will make their home with the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schumacher, residing just north of this village.

75 Years Ago

Feb. 8, 1940
Milton D. Hakel, Editor

Hans Ewald received the good wishes of many friends Wednesday who stopped to congratulate him on his 96th birthday. Mr. Ewald is remarkably alert mentally for a man of his advanced age.

Miss Hilda Gaulke of Brownnton and Mr. Howard Fenske of Gibbon were united in marriage at Immanuel Lutheran Church here Sunday. Miss Gaulke is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Gaulke of Brownnton and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Fenske of Gibbon. The couple will make their home on a farm near Gibbon.

Hanna Albertine Friederika Ziemman, wife of the late August Ziemman, died at the age of 74 Friday, Feb. 2, at the home of her son, Robert Ziemman, south of Brownnton. Mr. and Mrs. Ziemman had made their home on a farm south of Brownnton. She is survived by and mourned by seven sons and four daughters, 29 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren, and many other relatives.

ican Breeding Association of Wisconsin because his daughters had become extraordinarily good milk producers. Schiro's cow turned into one of his top two milk producers.

The Brownnton Lions Club drew nearly 900 people to the Lake Marion Ballroom Saturday night with its annual buffalo dinner.

10 Years Ago

Feb. 9, 2005
Lori Copler, Editor

For the second time in three years, the Stewart Fire Department has received a federal grant through the Department of Homeland Security's Assistance to Firefighters grant program. Stewart received a \$47,279 grant to purchase new turn-out gear, pagers, portable radios, fire hose, a positive pressure fan and other equipment.

The loss of its full-time patrol officer led the Brownnton City Council to discuss how to provide police protection. The Council learned at its Feb. 1 meeting that Kevin Weber was leaving the department to start training with the Minnesota State Patrol. Police Chief Mark Mathwig said that, on average, a patrol officer stays with the city about three years before moving on. Besides paying an officer his or her salary, the city also provides uniforms and training, which drives up costs, Mathwig said. He added that he has been in touch with Glencoe about sharing officers.

Stewart Police Officer Pat Geiken has resigned to accept a position with the McLeod County Sheriff's Department, and the Stewart City Council voted to begin advertising for a new officer.

50 Years Ago

Feb. 11, 1965
Charles H. Warner, Editor

Walter Gaulke, who has occasionally filled in with the village police, was hired effective Feb. 1 to the position as day policeman and city maintenance man to fill the position of the late Martin Braun.

John Hagedorn of the Brownnton Feed Mill and Hugo Lemke of Hugo's Place both underwent surgery this weekend. Friday afternoon, Hugo had an operation for a rupture at the Glencoe hospital. While chopping wood Friday, Mr. Hagedorn was struck in the eye by a splinter and he underwent surgery at Union Hospital, New Ulm, on Saturday.

For the third year in the row, Clifford Bussler of Brownnton has been elected the president of the Minnesota Duroc Breeders Association.

20 Years Ago

Feb. 8, 1995
Lori Copler, Editor

A group of Australian and Danish farmers came to Brownnton to take a look at one of Donovan Schiro's cows. The cow was bred from semen Schiro had purchased from a bull named Juror, who apparently had become a rising star with the Amer-

From the Stewart Tribune archives

100 Years Ago

Feb. 12, 1915
Koeppen Brothers, Editors

A pretty wedding occurred at St. Boniface Catholic Church in this village Wednesday, Feb. 10, when Miss Cecelia Schilling and Mr. Edward Forcier were united in holy wedlock. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Schilling of Round Grove, and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Victor E. Forcier of Grafton. After a short honeymoon, the couple will make their home on the farm of the groom's parents.

Miss Emma Cayott, postal clerk in the local post office, has taken a position at the Stewart State Bank in addition to her post office duties.

Willie Macejewski won the pie-eating contest at the movie show Monday evening.

The J. Lewin & Sons store was broken into Saturday night and the cash register stripped of all its money, amounting to just a small sum. Entrance was made by breaking out a window on the rear door and opening the latch. Sunday, a new window was put in and that same night another entrance was made into the store the same way, and again a small sum was taken from the register.

75 Years Ago

Feb. 9, 1940
Harry Koeppen, Editor

The Stewart Cooperative Creamery Association had its annual meeting Tuesday at the community center, where patrons learned that the creamery produced 436,135 pounds of butter during 1939. Otto Doerr was elected to the board of directors to replace Oluf Thompson, who is soon to leave this community. Other directors are Charles Ewert, J.A. Novotny, Charles Kuttner, L.W. Wangerin, Jack

Schilling and John Lipke.

Friends of J.W. Skinner, who was injured last week in a fall down the stairs at the hotel, will be glad to hear he is getting along nicely.

50 Years Ago

Feb. 11, 1965
Kermit T. Hubin, Editor

Christine (Thomson) Richards, 82, succumbed to a stroke Monday morning, Feb. 1, in Ker-ville, Texas. She and her husband, Lester, resided in Stewart until 1943. Since retiring, they spent their winters in Texas, and lived there permanently in recent years. Funeral services were held Feb. 4 at the Kloempken Funeral Home in Stewart.

One of the heaviest snowfalls in the state this winter dumped eight to 10 inches of snow here Wednesday, closing schools and causing the cancellation of several area meetings and events.

35 Years Ago

Feb. 7, 1980
Anthony G. Blum, Editor

The Huyhn Trung Luong family, refugees from Saigon, Vietnam, arrived at their new home in Stewart Friday. They are sponsored by a coalition of churches in the area.

The Stewart Improvement Association had its annual meeting Wednesday night and elected four new board members — Orvel Tessmer, N.E. Dols, Larry Roepke and Bennie Carlson. They join incumbent board members Gary Kosek, Bud Ahlers and Clarence Kern. Tessmer was elected president; Dols, vice president; Larry Roepke, treasurer; and Carlson, secretary.

Mr. and Mrs. David Klinkner (Diane Rennecke) announce the birth of a son, Preston Harris, born Sunday, Jan. 27. He joins a brother, Richard, and two sisters, Racquel and Jaclyn.

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BROWNTON CABIN FEVER DAYS



This year's Cabin Fever Days mystery dinner was "Murder on the Petulant Express," with a cast of characters including Franz Faschmacher (Keith Tongen), a Bavarian brewer.



Another cast member (suspect) in the mystery theater was Sen. Strom Thurmond (Dave Sanken), left, an overly patriotic politician. He

is questioned about his involvement with the murder victim by Randy Lindeman, right.



Francine Cooper (Sheila Bussler) shed a crocodile tear or two at the reported murder of railroad czar Peter Petulant during the mystery dinner theater Saturday evening.

Chronicle photos by Lori Copler



Dustin Klabunde, right, quizzes murder suspect Christine Agatha (Anita Crosby) at the mystery dinner.



Bryce Lindeman portrayed baseball player Kid Root at the mystery dinner theater. He visited with Joan Ewald.



Ron Lamprecht, a Brownton High School graduate who is now a nationally known comedian, brought his act to the Brownton Area Civic Center Friday night. The building was formerly the Brownton school.



2/3rds Minnesota, a local band featuring Josie Sanken, MaryPat Speersma, Keenan Dummer and Tyler Stehr, were among the featured entertainment Friday night at the Brownton Area Civic Center.



A bean bag tournament was held Saturday; Jason Rosenau was among the competitors.