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Happy hearts

Glencoe-Silver Lake Schools' Early Childhood Family Education program hosted "Happy Hearts" Monday morning and evening, giving preschool children and their parents an opportunity to work on Valentine's Day crafts and

have other sensory experiences. Above, father-son team Justin and Caiden Lindahl work on a craft. Caiden is gluing a paper heart to a popsicle stick.

Planning commission hears possible new uses for Helen Baker

By Karin Ramige
Publisher

The Glencoe-Silver Lake School District building project is moving along and the targeted date to move out of Helen Baker Elementary in Glencoe is coming closer.

Assistant Glencoe City Administrator Dan Ehrke told the planning commission of some very preliminary possibilities for the Helen Baker site at the commission's Thursday, Feb. 9, meeting.

In his presentation, Ehrke informed the commission that the school district has received some preliminary interest from a developer to possibly renovate the building into apartments.

The rough initial plan shows 17 apartment units, six three-bedroom, seven two-bedroom and four one-bedroom apartments, with common space. The plan also would add 18 garage stalls.

The developer is currently doing an initial cost analysis to determine if renovating the old school would even be a possibility.

Ehrke also shared a rough plan that the Economic Development Committee has been discussing to develop the 9.5 acre property into up to 34 lots for houses.

The lots would be 60 feet by 120 feet.

Ehrke stressed that all plans are very preliminary.

The Glencoe City Council, at its Feb. 6 meeting, approved a housing study to be conducted by AdMark for the cost of \$7,000. The study will help the city and any potential developers for this site, or others, and potential businesses, determine the housing needs in the city of Glencoe.

Ehrke also talked about the Economic Development Committee's discussion on the potential redevelopment of the property at 1311 Hennepin Ave. N.

A local business had expressed interest in the site and the city is looking into the possibility of purchasing the property, which currently has a house, and marketing it as a shovel-ready site. The business opted for another location.

The Council approved an appraisal of the property to determine a fair market value.

At the meeting, the planning commission also held its organizational meeting. With a blanket motion, the commission voted to retain the officers from the previous year.

Ron Knop will continue as chair of the commission. Wes Olson will continue to serve as vice chair and Lynn Exsted as secretary.

Dave Stark and Kevin Dietz also serve on the commission. City Council Member Gary Ziemer continues to serve as the council liaison.

Parents, students want to save boys' soccer program

By Karin Ramige
Publisher

Over 35 concerned parents and students attended the Glencoe-Silver Lake (GSL) School Board meeting Monday, Feb. 13, to show support for the boys' soccer program.

GSL Activity Director Dean Schwartz met with parents and students Feb. 6 to express safety concerns about the future of the boys' program.

The program has struggled in recent years. Numbers have declined

drastically from 38 participants in 2011 to 19 in 2016.

The program had been paired with Sibley East, until the Sibley East district discontinued transportation funding around 2014, which made it difficult for players to arrange their own transportation to attend practice and games.

The program has had five coaches in the last seven years, with practices sometimes being canceled due to coach inavailability.

In 2013, GSL moved to have only

a junior varsity team, which creates difficulty in scheduling games because other schools want to play both their varsity and JV teams. While the Wright County Conference has continued to be good about scheduling, it has become increasingly difficult to schedule games, sometimes having to play ninth-grade teams.

With academic eligibility requirements, the team has been very close to forfeiting games trying to put a team on the field.

GSL had a cooperative agreement with Hutchinson set to start in 2016, but concerns from parents in the Hutchinson district about decreased playing time for their kids put an end to the potential co-op.

Schwartz also has talked with Wattertown-Mayer, which is currently cooperating with Mayer Lutheran, about a potential co-op agreement.

At the School Board meeting and at the meeting with the parents and students, Schwartz expressed his concern first and foremost about the

safety of all the students when playing juniors and seniors with and against younger kids.

He said the concern is shared by other Wright County Conference activity directors.

It is Schwartz' recommendation to eliminate the program until numbers increase.

Andrea Janke, representing the parents and students, asked the

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GSL Mock Trial continues to draw new participants

By Lori Copley
Editor

Glencoe-Silver Lake's Mock Trial program has grown to include a junior varsity team for the first time this year.

The eight new Mock Trial participants have a variety of reasons for joining the program.

"I've had people tell me how much fun it is," said Dusty Wendinger, a sophomore. Natalie Orocio, a freshman, said she is looking to be an attorney as a career, and finds the experience helpful.

Mock Trial is a combination of acting, planning and research. Members take on roles as attorneys and witnesses, and compete against other teams in actual courtrooms with actual judges.

Katie Twiss is a four-year participant in Mock Trial, and she likes the fact that it combines acting skills

with thinking skills. In particular, she said, she enjoys moments in which testimony can turn the momentum of the trial.

"For example, coming up with an answer that really stumps an attorney," she said.

This year's case is different than previous years, in that it's a civil case rather than a criminal one. Each team in Mock Trial competes on the same case.

In this year's case, a high school student is suing over alleged infringement of his right to free speech after a school board threatened to suspend him after he organized a protest over the school board's decision to close the lunch period.

The difference between civil and criminal cases, said Twiss, is that in

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Members of the GSL varsity Mock Trial team are, front row from left, Aubrey Giesen, Katie Twiss and Mariah Koester; and, standing, Morgan Stoeckman, Erica Hecksel, Gaudalupe

Acevedo, Erica Hecksel, Maddy Brown, Daria Fegley, Ethan Knudten, Dusty Wendinger and Taryn Reichow.

Weather

				
Wed., 2-15 H: 37°, L: 27°	Thur., 2-16 H: 47°, L: 33°	Fri., 2-17 H: 60°, L: 35°	Sat., 2-18 H: 55° L: 33°	Sun., 2-19 H: 59°, L: 42°

Looking back: A dramatic change late last week, as a low of -1 on Thursday gave way to a high of 52 on Friday.

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Feb. 8	15-30.00

Feb. 9	23-10.00
Feb. 10	52180.00
Feb. 11	4333Tr/rain
Feb. 12	41250.00
Feb. 13	49230.00

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

Plato fire department fish fry

The Plato Fire Department Relief Association will host its 65th annual fish fry Friday, Feb. 17, at the Plato Community Hall. Serving starts at 3 p.m. The menu includes fish, potato salad, potato chips, baked beans, bread, pickles, bars, coffee and milk. Take-out orders are available.

Glencoe Legion Auxiliary

The Glencoe American Legion Ladies Auxiliary will meet Monday, Feb. 20, at 7 p.m., at the Glencoe Fire Hall. Lunch will be served.

Glencoe Study Club to meet

The Glencoe Study Club will meet Monday, Feb. 20, at 5 p.m., at the Health Nut Pantry on Greeley Avenue and 13th Street. At 6 p.m., members will go to the home of Louise Carlson for a business meeting and refreshments. Please note the change of times.

'Imagination Station' March 3

Homeward Bound Theatre Company will offer "Imagination Station" Friday, March 3, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., at the Panther Field House in Glencoe. Kindergarten through third graders will pretend to be someone else by changing their voice, facial expressions or the way they walk. For more information and/or cost of registration, call Glencoe Silver Lake Community Education at 320-864-2690, or register online at www.gsl.k12.mn.us Click on Community Education under the COMM ED/ECFE link.

Glencoe Lions tip night set

On Monday, Feb. 20, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., members of the Glencoe Lions Club will be the buffet hosts at the Unhinged! Pizza. The Glencoe Lions will receive tips during that time, and also will receive a portion of all sales, including pick-ups and delivery.

Stewart Legion, Auxiliary

Stewart American Legion Post 125 and its Auxiliary will meet Monday, Feb. 20, at 7 p.m., at the Stewart Community Center. Marge Ehlert will present a report on Americanism. Hostesses are Lori Vinkemeier and Karen Maiers.

SL dining site birthday party

The Silver Lake dining site birthday party is set for Thursday, Feb. 23, starting with Bingo at 11 a.m. and dinner at 11:30 a.m. The menu includes roast turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans and cranberry dessert.

Blood drive set in Plato

There will be an American Red Cross Blood drive at Lighthouse Church, 10478 Bell Ave., Plato, Thursday, Feb. 23, from noon to 6 p.m.

Class for new internet users

The Senior LinkAge Line® through the Minnesota River Area on Aging®, Inc., will offer a class for beginning internet users at the Hutchinson Library Thursday, Feb. 23, from 10 a.m. to noon. This free class is for adults who would like to learn the basics of operating a computer, learn how to use the internet to find answers to questions, and how to use email to stay connected with friends and family. Information is also provided on how to use www.medicare.gov to compare health plans and check your Medicare Summary Notice for accuracy; all which helps to prevent health care fraud.

Girl Scouts selling cookies

Girl Scout cookie sales began Feb. 11. The girls will continue selling door to door as well as at booths until March 25. Girl Scouts began selling cookies 100 years ago. The first cookies were baked by the girls and sold door to door by the dozen. Today, girls sell cookies from licensed bakers and cookies are sold nationally. Girls selling cookies are learning the basic skills and knowledge they need to be leaders in business and sales, manage their personal and family finances, and gain self-sufficiency and confidence handling money. Those who need to arrange to buy cookies should contact Gerri Fitzloff at 320-583-5185, and she will connect you with a Girl Scout.

Glencoe seniors meetings

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

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

County looks at grant options for solid waste

By Lori Cople Editor

McLeod County is looking at buying a refurbished grinder to process ag plastic, contingent on grant funding from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA).

The County Board approved purchasing the grinder at a cost of \$215,500 from Rotochopper of St. Martin.

Sarah Young, acting solid waste director, said the county qualifies for an MPCA grant that has a 75 percent state/25 percent local cost share. In order to maximize receiving 75 percent from the MPCA, the county will have to have a total project cost of about \$240,000, Young said. She said the difference could be made up through outreach programs, or in-kind labor for the equipment.

Commissioner Paul Wright

said the county could consider buying a new baler, but a new one isn't necessary.

"Pursuing a new machine is not necessary," said Wright. "A refurbished one will do the job for us."

The county's 25 percent match for the grant will come from the solid waste abatement fund.

In other solid waste business, the County Board agreed to a not-to-exceed cost of \$20,000 to have Mid Minnesota Development Commission finalize a grant application for an auxiliary storage facility at the solid waste department in Hutchinson.

Normally, Young writes grant applications for the department, but because of a shortage of staff, she has not had time to finish up this application.

"Sarah has basically been

wearing the hats of three different employees right now, and just doesn't have the hours to do this," said Wright.

Young said the county is applying for a 50-50 Capital Assistance Fund (CAP) grant from the MPCA to build the auxiliary building, which would be used both for storage and an additional baler and other equipment. The county is seeking \$1.2 million to \$1.5 million, of which it will be responsible for the 50 percent match.

Young said the solid waste department has been working on the grant for a couple of years, and is looking to finalize the process.

"We're up there; we're very close (to getting a grant)," said Wright.

In other business, the County Board:

- Approved a conditional

use permit to establish a community solar garden on property owned by Patricia Karels in Winsted Township, with the conditions previously recommended by the county's planning advisory commission.

- Approved a conditional use permit for Quick Supply Company, Inc., of Des Moines, Iowa, to store explosive materials used for mining on property owned by Ron Hansen in Lynn Township. Again, the permit was approved with the conditions outlined by the planning commission.

- Agreed to allow the sheriff's department to spend up to \$46,000 from its budget to create a sergeants' workroom during the jail expansion project, as well as other minor changes.

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board to take a serious look at the program before considering elimination.

The boys who play on the team are not football players and there aren't other athletic options for boys in the fall.

The parents are concerned that the lack of an organized activity could lead to more high-risk behaviors.

The board shared both Schwirtz' and the parents' concerns.

Board Member Donna VonBerge asked the group for help. She said that it is not only the responsibility of the district to grow the program, it needs strong parent involvement to help coach and recruit, as well as students encouraging their friends to participate.

The board directed Schwirtz to continue to look at the possibility of an agreement with Watertown-Mayer and/or Mayer Lutheran or other districts for the 2017-18 school year, or having a ninth-grade team on which 10th graders would play and

the juniors and seniors would practice, but only play when it was a true JV game.

In other business, the board:

- Heard that work continues on moving plans, furniture and playground purchases, transportation and traffic management plans in anticipation of the new addition opening in fall 2017.

- Approved a change to the 2017-2018 school calendar, moving elementary conferences from March 20 and 22, 2018, to March 6 and 8, 2018.

- Approved the 2018-2019 school calendar. The first day of school will be Tuesday, Sept. 4, 2018. Winter break will be Monday, Dec. 24, 2018, to Monday, Jan. 1, 2019, with classes resuming on Tuesday, Jan. 2. There will be a long weekend over Easter break with no spring break. The last day of school will be Wednesday, May 29, 2019, with graduation to be held on Friday, May 31.

- Voted to approve a "bring your own device" plan for

freshmen to bring their own laptops starting with the 2017-2018 school year.

Technology Director Jeff Jensen presented the plan at the January school board meeting.

Under the plan, freshman students will be asked to have a Chromebook or similar electronic device for use in the classroom. A letter will go out to parents with the minimum requirements for the devices. The recommended devices range from \$187 to around \$400.

The district will continue to provide devices for use at school for students who are not able to have their own.

- Approved adding a full-time Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE) teacher based on student need.

- Added a 20-hour per week paraprofessional to assist the licensed speech pathologist in Early Childhood Special Education. Samantha Iverson was hired for the position.

- Accepted the resignation

of ag teacher and FFA advisor Becky Haddad and hired Paige Lemke for the position beginning in the 2017-2018 school year.

The board also hired Nicole Degner as a full-time special education teacher at Lakeside Elementary and Michelle Marti as the Early Childhood Family Education secretary.

- Accepted the following donations with great appreciation: \$400 from Yusef and Becky Haddad for the ag department; \$400 for Close-Up and \$990 for a Surface Pro for the Activities Department from the Panther Booster Club; \$500 from the Silver Lake Civic Association for Close-Up and \$500 from Walmart.

- The next regular board meeting will be held Wednesday, March 8, at 7 p.m. This is a change from the regular Monday meeting time.

County GOP convention set Feb. 25

The McLeod County Republican Convention will be held Saturday, Feb. 25, at 9 a.m., at the Silver Lake Auditorium, 320 Main St., Silver Lake.

Janet Beihoffer, the Minnesota Republican National Committee chairwoman, will be the guest speaker. As an

adjunct professor, she teaches management information systems at Metropolitan State University. Her research and work with college students indicates that youth aren't being taught the full story of our country's founding. She will speak about the uniqueness of America's culture.

Elections will be held for executive board positions and state central delegates and alternates. The county constitution will be reviewed.

Registration begins at 8:15 a.m. There is a registration fee. Coffee and treats are included. Any questions: visit McLeodGOP.com.

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SPECIAL EVENTS

**Thursday,
Feb. 16th**

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Dog walker finds 32 cases of beer in weeds

Thirty-two cases of beer were found by a dog walker near the Schilling Lake boat access, according to the Sibley County Sheriff's Office.

The walker called in the find Sunday, Feb. 12, at 9:02

a.m. The walker discovered the beer lying in the weeds.

Anyone with any information is asked to call the sheriff's office at 1-888-880-4567. The investigation continues.



Submitted photo

Glencoe-Silver Lake's Supernova Knowledge Bowl team won the championship trophy at the Wright County Conference championship competition Saturday at Hutchinson High School. Participants include, front row from left, Jared Lokensgard, Charles Urban,

Jacob Reichow and Haley Lukes; middle row, Katie Twiss and Jake Fehrenbach (with the plaque); and, back row, Laura Popelka, Jack Gepson, Austin Pinske, Maggie Petersen, Jake Vasek and Brett Baumgarten.

GSL's Supernova team wins Wright County Conference title

The Wright County Conference Championship competition for "Academic Challenge" teams was held at Hutchinson High School Saturday, Feb. 11. The competition is very similar to Knowledge Bowl, but Quiz Bowl teams also may compete if they wish. This year, teams from Holy Family, Hutchinson, New Prague, Waconia, Watertown-Mayer and GSL participated. (New London-Spicer, Mound Westonka and Litchfield also have teams, but had conflicts, so chose not to participate.)

Under the WCC bylaws, each school can bring up to three teams, but only the top team from a school earns awards. There were 15 teams at the meet from the six schools; GSL brought three teams.

GSL's Supernova started in first place with a written round score of 43. In the first oral round, it defeated Holy Family and New Prague teams 18-8-6. This set a pattern for the next two rounds, which the team won 22-8-7 and 21-11-5 against teams from GSL, Holy Family and New Prague. In round four,

however, the team from Holy Family stepped up its game and tied GSL 15-15-5. Supernova's final score was an excellent 125 and it earned the Wright County Conference championship for 2017. The team members were Jake Fehrenbach, Jack Gepson, Austin Pinske and Katie Twiss.

Holy Family won the second-place medals with 89.0, and New Prague finished in third with 72.5 points.

GSL's second team, Antimatter, had competed in Room Two during the first round, but then moved up to Room One for rounds two, three and four. Its final score of 80.5 would normally have put it in third place, but according to the rules of this particular meet, its place didn't count, since GSL had already won the meet. This team included Brett Baumgarten, Maggie Petersen, Jacob Reichow and Jake Vasek.

GSL's third team, Nebula, competed in Rooms Three and Four during the entire meet, and earned 64.5 points to finish in eighth place, exactly in the middle of the

field. Nebula was the highest placing third team of any school. The team members were Jared Lokensgard, Haley Lukes, Laura Popelka and Charles Urban.

Although this meet was small, it was interesting to meet teams from other Knowledge Bowl regions in a collegial atmosphere. Waconia and Holy Family participate in the metro region, while Watertown competes with the St. Cloud area, and New Prague is part of the Mankato region. GSL and Hutchinson compete in the region with headquarters in Marshall. This means that most of these schools don't meet much during the regular season. GSL's coach Vicky Harris was pleased that GSL's teams did such a good job under these circumstances.

The last Saturday meet, and the last meet of the regular season, will be next weekend at Chaska's Jan Baker Invitational, where GSL hopes to meet many high-quality schools from throughout the state. After that, the sub-regional meet will be Friday, Feb. 24, in Granite Falls.

Tim Orth Jamboree set April 1

The 19th annual Tim Orth Memorial Foundation Basketball Jamboree will be held at the Glencoe-Silver Lake High School Gymnasium Saturday, April 1. The doors open at 4 p.m. with the games beginning at 5:30 p.m. There is a charge for admission.

Male and female area high school senior athletes will play two basketball games. The following entertainment will be taking place at the event: Hutch Tiger Special Olympics, Laketown Gymnasts, GSL Danceline, Kelly's Dance Academy, Zumba by Jingle Therapy, Touch of Grace Dance, Encore School of Dance, Therapy Dogs, 3-point shooting contests, slam dunk contest, face painting, gathering with youngsters, plus more. There will be a special recipient ceremony between the girls' and boys' games.

The proceeds (raffles, concessions, admission, donations and silent auction) from this event will be given to Isaac Becker, son of Kayla and Robert Becker, Hutchinson; Nathaniel Braith, son of Derek and Dena Braith of Hamburg; Kristopher Davis, Hutchinson; Henry Dolan, son of Sam and Mollie Dolan, South Haven; Jase Dressel, son of Jessica and Zach Dressel, Silver Lake; Hope Dummer, daughter of Darren and Eileen Dummer, Hutchinson; Adele Franco, daughter of Vanessa Figueroa, Glencoe; Roland Jaehnert, son of Ryan and Kara Jaehnert, Carver; Beau Larson, son of Eric and Christa Larson, Silver Lake; Boden Larson, son of Aaron and Alexandra Larson, Hutchinson; Julian Lopez, son of Luis Lopez and Maria Arredondo, Litchfield; Emma

Mason-Young, daughter of Don Young, Hutchinson; Maddison Mertz, daughter of Zach and Lindsay Mertz, Victoria; Brody Moses, son of Shana Prafke, New Auburn; Matthew Rustad, son of Christopher and Holly Rustad, Hutchinson; and Behr Vogelpohl, son of Ben and Kelly Vogelpohl, Cokato. For more information call Ralph Johnson, 320-587-6733.

If you would like to donate to the silent auction, please contact Michelle Becker at 952-212-1511 or email her at michellebecker@hotmail.com. Donations to the Tim Orth Memorial Foundation may be mailed to Ralph Johnson, 558 Juergens Rd., Hutchinson MN 55350.

For more information go to www.timorthfoundation.org or grjohn@mchsi.com.

First Congregational to host educational session Feb. 22

First Congregational United Church of Christ (UCC) in Glencoe will host the Rev. Leslie Neugent Wednesday, Feb. 22, at 7 p.m., for an educational event on how churches can be inviting to special needs families.



Rev. Neugent

Rev. Neugent of Wayzata Community Church leads its "Parables" worship service, a ministry that is intentional about offering those with special needs and their families,

a place where they can be God's church together and for everyone. She is perhaps Minnesota's most qualified speaker on how to make church inviting to special needs families. She also will share her ideas and knowledge for helping churches better understand ministry in special needs context. She has material on YouTube for those who would like learn more about her work in advance.

This event is made possible by a generous grant from the Minnesota Conference UCC's Ashley Endowment Fund. Refreshments will be provided.

Prize winners are announced

Recent raffle and door prize winners were announced by St. Pius X Church in Glencoe.

Door prize winners at the St. Pius X matching grant dinner were: Lillian Lentsch, kitchen utensil set, and Mary Ann Ardolf, blanket, both of Glencoe, and Joann Nowak, Silver Lake, flashlights.

The winners of the quilt and fleece blanket raffle were Mary Adelman, blanket, and Connie Mikolich, quilt. The drawing was held after the Knights of Columbus fish fry Friday at the Pla Mor Ballroom.

Record

Glencoe Police

MONDAY, FEB. 6

1:12 a.m. — A citation was issued for a violation of the winter parking ordinance on DeSoto Avenue N near 13th Street E.

2:50 a.m. — A driver and passenger were both arrested at a traffic stop in the area of Highway 212 and Leaf Avenue, west of Glencoe. The driver was arrested for a cancelled license inimical to public safety, and a passenger was arrested on a Scott County warrant, and also was cited for open bottle. A passenger was cited for possession of hypodermic needles.

6:08 a.m. — Officers responded to 10th Street E for a person who turned themselves in on a warrant.

9:55 a.m. — Officers responded to a minor accident on 11th Street E.

10:06 a.m. — A theft was reported on Perschau Drive.

10:36 a.m. — A person on 20th Street E reported that someone else had opened a credit card in their name.

11 a.m. — Officers checked on an open door on Hennepin Avenue. The officers made contact with the owner, walked through the building, and found nothing wrong.

5:20 p.m. — Officers responded to a juvenile issue in the area of Hennepin Avenue N and Fifth Street.

6:33 p.m. — A male hurt his foot after exercising, and was taken from Newton Avenue to the emergency room by ambulance.

10:31 p.m. — An officer checked on a disabled vehicle in the area of Highway 212 and Morningside Drive. The driver had friends on the way to help.

TUESDAY, FEB. 7
Three citations were issued for violations of the winter parking ordinance.

7:43 a.m. — A strong odor of gas was reported on Chandler Avenue N. Officers and the fire department responded, but did not notice any smell of gas.

9:05 a.m. — Several officers responded to 15th Street on a report of a burglary in progress.

10:41 a.m. — An officer responded to a juvenile issue on 16th Street E.

1:34 p.m. — An officer responded to juvenile issues on 12th Street and 16th Street.

8:06 p.m. — An officer responded to the west parking lot of the jail on 10th Street E to collect

9:34 p.m. — An officer responded to suspicious activity on 11th Street E. An employee was picking up some items, and everything was fine.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 8

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

6:24 a.m. — Officers responded to a verbal domestic on Stevens Avenue.

12:01 p.m. — Officers assisted the Minnesota Department of Corrections with a warrant arrest on 11th Street E.

12:31 p.m. — A vehicle was reportedly parked in the State Farm parking lot on 10th Street for two days. Officers contacted the owner and advised the owner to make contact with State Farm about "why the car was there."

3:11 p.m. — An officer responded to a disturbance on 16th Street E.

4:22 p.m. — An officer and Allina Ambulance responded to a medical alarm on Ford Avenue. A person was taken to Glencoe Regional Health Services by ambulance.

THURSDAY, FEB. 9

7:03 a.m. — Officers provided assistance on Greeley Avenue for a child who was refusing to go to school.

12:13 p.m. — An officer responded to the high school on 16th Street E and issued administrative citations to two students for school disorderly conduct.

3:18 p.m. — A citation for speeding was issued at a traffic stop in the area of 12th Street E and Stevens Avenue N.

3:56 p.m. — Officers assisted the ambulance with a medical on Prairie Avenue. A person was taken by ambulance to Glencoe Regional Health Services.

7:26 p.m. — Officers assisted Allina Ambulance with a medical on 12th Street E.

FRIDAY, FEB. 10

12:59 a.m. — Officers assisted with a medical on 11th Street E.

1:23 a.m. — A winter parking citation was issued on Greeley Avenue N near 13th Street E.

4:33 a.m. — The city water department was notified about a leak in the area of 18th Street E and Hennepin Avenue N, and also was asked to put salt down.

1:20 p.m. — Officers served a warrant on 15th Street W.

6:20 p.m. — Officers responded to a vehicle-pedestrian accident in the area of 10th Street E and Pryor Avenue N. No other details were provided.

9:02 p.m. — Officers respond-

ed to a loud music complaint on Ford Avenue N.

SATURDAY, FEB. 11

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

3:33 a.m. — An officer responded to a noise complaint on 16th Street.

9:15 a.m. — An officer responded to a minor accident at 11th Street E and Pryor Avenue N. There were no injuries; no other information was provided.

1:58 p.m. — The fire department and officers responded to a fire alarm at ADM on Elliott Avenue N. It was a false alarm.

4:40 p.m. — An officer provided a welfare check on Abby Lane.

9 p.m. — Officers assisted Allina Ambulance with a medical on Hennepin Avenue N. An adult was taken by ambulance to the hospital.

SUNDAY, FEB. 12

12:05 a.m. — A citation for driving after revocation was issued at a traffic stop in the area of 10th Street E and Knight Avenue N.

2:50 a.m. — Officers responded to a physical domestic on Greeley Avenue N. Both parties were arrested.

6:38 p.m. — Officers assisted the ambulance with a medical on Queen Avenue N. An adult was taken by ambulance to the hospital.

MONDAY, FEB. 13

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

9:58 a.m. — Citations for driving after revocation, child seat and no proof of insurance were issued at a traffic stop in the area of DeSoto Avenue N and 10th Street E.

10:43 a.m. — Officers assisted the ambulance with a medical on 11th Street E.

11 a.m. — Officers assisted with a medical on Greeley Avenue.

2:39 p.m. — Officers responded to a mental health issue on Ninth Street E.

6:38 p.m. — Officers responded to a disturbance on Chestnut Street W.

9:50 p.m. — An officer responded to a suspicious incident on 11th Street E.

11:12 p.m. — Officers assisted with a medical on Ford Avenue.

Churches to package soup for food shelf

Christ Lutheran and Good Shepherd Lutheran churches in Glencoe are working together to organize a Thrivent Action Team Event packaging dry soup mixes for the McLeod Emergency Food Shelf.

The soup-packaging event will be held Friday, March 3, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. There will be two packing shifts,

one from 9 a.m. to 9:45 a.m., and then the second shift will be from 10 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. Soup, bread and dessert will be available for all volunteers after each shift has ended. Each packaging participant is asked to donate \$5 to help cover the cost of the soup supplies. If you are unable to participate in the packaging, but are willing to donate

funds to help support this community event, please contact Susie Christianson at 320-292-1032 or Ted Stroming at 320-864-6157.

To sign up for or to find out more information about the event, please visit www.christluth.com and click on the Soup Packaging Event link.

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Recent events show cooperation

Our view: When in need, our cities are willing to step up

Those of us have been privileged enough to participate in McLeod For Tomorrow's leadership program have learned a lot, not just about leadership, but about all the assets in our county.

At each "graduation ceremony" for the program, participants are asked to talk about what the benefits they have received from the program. Invariably, each person will talk about how they had "no idea" that there was so much going on in our county.

Sometimes, it seems as if our individual communities are somewhat in an isolationist mode, rarely interacting with each other.

But that is just a surface perception, as we have seen at recent meetings.

This week, representatives from Glencoe Regional Health Services approached Plato and Stewart about possibly providing "conduit" bonds to help it finance its proposed long-term care project here in Glencoe. Both of those cities, as well as Lester Prairie, have satellite clinics from GRHS.

Both Plato and Stewart readily volunteered to step up to the plate and allow GRHS to use their bonding authority to help finance the project. They were so willing, in fact, that GRHS might not have to approach its third option, the city of Lester Prairie.

(The city of Glencoe was not an option this time around because of the debt it is currently incurring with its own improvement projects).

But the GRHS financing wasn't the only example of intra-community cooperation in this county.

The city of Brownton willingly agreed to allow the Glencoe-Silver Lake trap shooting team to use its former school facility for laser simulation practice. Both Brownton and Plato also have willingly volunteered outdoor fields for GSL practices and games.

Stewart also agreed to allow the Buffalo Lake-Hector-Stewart School District to have its varsity softball games at its municipal field, even though the district does not have a facility in the community.

There are other examples that may not come to the forefront of a city council or school board. We know communities have shared pumps and other equipment during flooding, and people are always willing to pitch in during any type of emergency.

So, yes, each of our communities kind of does its own thing. But each community also is willing to help its neighbor in times of need.

And we need to be appreciative of that.

— L.C.



Guest Column:

An early start on a strong farm bill

By U.S. Sen. Amy Klobuchar D-Minnesota

A sugar beet grower told us about how crop insurance is working for his farm in the Red River Valley. A school board member in Canby is concerned about meeting the food needs of local families. An ethanol producer shared his plans to expand his operation and hire more workers. And a Morristown turkey grower knows all too well the risks that come in her line of work thanks to outbreaks like the 2015 avian flu.

My staff and I heard these stories and more during our Farm Bill and rural economy tours. We joined with agriculture leaders from around the state and hosted Minnesotans at forums and meetings in 16 counties to hear their priorities for the next Farm Bill, as well as ideas for our rural economy.

Despite recent challenges like the avian flu outbreak, intense flooding, and low commodity prices, Minnesota's 75,000 farms have contin-

ued to produce and help feed the world. In order for them to continue meeting those challenges head on, lawmakers need to provide the certainty and stability they need for effective long-term planning. That starts with a strong Farm Bill, which is why I'm kicking off 2017 with a focus on its 2018 reauthorization.

As a member of the Senate Agriculture Committee, I know there's plenty to be proud of in the current Farm Bill.

One provision I worked to pass helps clear the way for more young people who want a career in agriculture. By reducing the cost of insurance and eliminating administrative fees for producers in their first five years, we've reduced barriers to starting a farm and expanded access to crop insurance for young farmers. And cultivating the next generation of farmers is important to the future of our rural economy — the average Minnesota farmer is 55 years old.

But we know there's room for im-

provement, too. During our tours, farmers and trade groups underscored the importance of maintaining a strong crop insurance program. They also stressed the need to adjust our dairy and commodity support programs, ensuring they better reflect market realities and are more consistent county to county.

Looking ahead, I want to keep an emphasis on improving our rural development programs, including grants for businesses and housing and water and especially broadband infrastructure.

Expanding access to high-speed internet is one of the best investments we can make. With just a percentage point increase in new broadband distribution, employment expands by 300,000 jobs. Still, more than 50 percent of households in Minnesota townships lack broadband access.

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Question of the week

Gov. Dayton is again pushing for funding for mandatory public school preschool programs. What do you think?

- 1) Good. Education starts early.
- 2) Good, if funding also includes facilities.
- 3) Preschool should be voluntary.
- 4). I don't know enough to have an opinion.

Results for most recent question:

What did you think of the NFL championship game?

- 1) Most exciting game ever — 32%
- 2) Professional football is obviously rigged — 16%
- 3) Loved the halftime show — 15%
- 4). Hated the halftime show — 6%
- 5). Didn't watch; I had better things to do — 31%

62 votes. New question runs Feb. 15-Feb. 21

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Letters to the Editor

Reform of prevailing wage law will benefit state

To the Editor:

One of my chief authored bills, HF508, updates prevailing wage provisions and raises the cost threshold for state government-funded projects that require prevailing wage. Currently, prevailing wage laws only apply to state subsidized projects that exceed a certain dollar amount.

Since infrastructure projects in Greater Minnesota tend to cost less than those in the Metro, raising this cost threshold will allow private contractors to bid on smaller projects without being forced to use union wage scales. The result will be that state tax dollars will go further in funding smaller infrastructure projects, which are more common in Greater Minnesota.

According to the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce, Minnesota is one of four states that uses a prevailing wage formula that artificially inflates the cost of state-subsidized projects such as Minnesota State

Colleges and Universities (MNSCU), University of Minnesota, roads, bridges, city and county projects, etc. Minnesota's prevailing wage formula is among the highest in the nation.

An example in my district is the construction of a building which cost \$2.5 million using the required Minnesota prevailing wage. A county commissioner stated that without prevailing wage, the cost of construction would have been \$1.7 million, an \$800,000 tax savings just on this one building. As we look across the state, reforming prevailing wage would save millions of tax dollars per year, allowing us to complete more necessary projects without raising property or income taxes!

This bill also will require the commissioner of Labor and Industry to end these automatic project cost increases connected to inflation, so that these project costs remain static in the future instead of growing exponentially, further burdening rural

property tax owners.

This bill is long overdue, and puts forward some common sense reforms that will help infrastructure dollars go further in Greater Minnesota, and encourage small private contractors to bid for state-funded projects and create more local jobs. I will be advocating for this bill in the coming months, and I appreciate your support.

There are many critical transportation and infrastructure needs in rural Minnesota. Reforming the prevailing wage law will help complete many of these projects with fewer tax dollars and negate crushing property tax increases on our counties, city residents, farms and businesses.

Please let me know if you have any questions on this issue, or others as we move forward. I always appreciate hearing from you.

State Rep. Glenn Gruenhagen
R-Glencoe

History

From the Brownton Bulletin archives

100 Years Ago

Feb. 15, 1917
O.C. Conrad, Editor
Mrs. Carolina Wilhelm died last Friday at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Rettig at New Auburn. Mrs. Wilhelm had been very hale and hearty up to the past three weeks. Her death, at the age of nearly 82 years, was the result of a severe case of the Grippe.

Henry Luebbert has bought nearly two acres of the Schilling estate north of Nelson Street, on the east of edge of town, for \$500. He intends to erect a new residence there this spring.

Marshal Gorr put in overtime the latter part of last week taking care of persons who had imbibed a little too freely in "the cup that cheers." One arrest was made and another was kept in the "detention hospital" until he was able to meander home without assistance.

75 Years Ago

From the Chronicle archives

30 Years Ago

Feb. 18, 1987
Bill Ramige, Editor
Farmland prices plunged 24 percent, about \$200 an acre, in 1986. Land is now priced at about \$600 to \$700 per acre, according to McLeod County Assessor Tony Victorian. Current estimated values for farmland in the state are at lower levels than any time since 1956. Actual sale prices are at 1965 levels.

Sister Mary Frederick, a teacher at St. Pius X School in Glencoe, was named teacher of the year Tuesday by Today's Catholic Teacher magazine.

The McLeod County Chronicle was recognized Saturday as the state's top weekly newspaper. The Chronicle received the Mills Trophy at the Minnesota Newspaper Association's annual convention for earning the most points in the 1985-86 Better Newspaper Contest. The Chronicle staff includes, Judy Rothfusz, Dick Fylling, Bill Ramige, Dave Wentzel, Ann Merrill, Tom

Feb. 12, 1942
Milton D. Hakel, Editor
Helmuth C. Lipke and Leonard Schiro of Brownton were among nine county men drafted into the military service. They reported to Glencoe Monday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. F.H. Petersen and Barbara and Russell moved into Brownton Monday into the residence recently purchased from Herman Hardel. The Petersens were accorded a farewell party by a gathering of 50 neighbors in Collins Township Friday evening.

50 Years Ago

Feb. 16, 1967
Charles H. Warner, Editor
Jerry Schuft, partner in the Earl Schmidt orchestra and now living at Lake Marion, Jerome Kadlec of Hutchinson and Hillard Grack of Glencoe, returned last week from a 15-day tour with the orchestra through Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas.

Mrs. John (Eleanor) Wegner was injured in a fall on an icy sidewalk Saturday morning. She had left Larry's Fairway about 9 a.m. and slipped and fell on the sidewalk between Hugh's and Tongen's Place. She suffered a fracture in the tip of her spine, but likely will be released from the hospital by the end of this week.

20 Years Ago

Feb. 12, 1997
Lori Copley, Editor
Jim Schafer of Buffalo Lake, a wildlife enthusiast, brought a great horned owl to show McLeod West students at the Stewart Elementary Campus. Nathan Bipes, 189-pound wrestler for McLeod West-Buffer Lake-Hector, is on the brink of his 100th win, and Thursday's match against Howard Lake-Waverly has been moved to the McLeod West High School Campus in Brownton in honor of his impending 100th win.

Hauer, Pat Hauer, Charlotte Wolter, Rosalind Kohls, Annette Jordahl and Chris Boesche.

20 Years Ago

Feb. 12, 1997
Rich Glennie, Editor
The Glencoe-Silver Lake School Board extended the school year by one day to make up for the snow days used this winter. If the snow continues and more school days are cancelled, the school year could get even longer.

Dona and Charlie Collins of Cologne plan to open a new floral shop in Glencoe, Uncle Charlie's Flowers, in the former Brown's Floral building on Hennepin Avenue. The Collins plan to open the shop in early March.

Brenda Fogarty of Silver Lake joined the office staff at The Chronicle/Advertiser in Glencoe. She replaces Judy Rothfusz, who retired from full-time employment after 13 years in the newspaper company. Rothfusz continues to fill in part time.

10 Years Ago

Feb. 21, 2007
Rich Glennie, Editor
Negotiations and plans for turning methane gas from the Spruce Ridge Landfill into energy are continuing, and Glencoe may be getting some of its energy from there by the end of the year. If things keep going the way they are, construction could begin in May, and the generators could be up and running by September.

Eight young gymnasts from the Glencoe, Norwood Young America and Waconia area traveled to Storm Lake, Iowa, to take part in that community's South of the Border competition. The eight girls from Tumble West Gymnastics Club, based in Glencoe, who took first place are Taylor Mohr, Kelly Beneke, Ryley Oliver, Samantha Good, Sydney Rudy, Chelsea Kanduth, Chloe Reinhardt and Emma Leverich.

From the Silver Lake Leader archives

75 Years Ago

Feb. 14, 1942
Delbert Merrill, Publisher
Eddie Wawrzyniak, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wawrzyniak, took over the ice business of Perry Freiday, who this week is moving to Navarre.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Robison of Silver Lake village, on Tuesday, Feb. 10, 1942, a girl weighing 7 pounds, 8 ounces.

A pretty double-ring wedding ceremony was performed at St. Adalbert's Church Thursday morning, Feb. 5, when Miss Martha Nowak, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nowak, became the bride of Mr. Harry Stifter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Steven Stifter of Howard Lake.

50 Years Ago

Feb. 9, 1967
Wilbert Merrill, Publisher
Larry Micka, 38, son of Mr. and Mrs. Art Micka of rural Hutchinson, was seriously injured in a tractor accident at the family farm Sunday afternoon.

He was clearing the yard and driveway with a tractor and snow bucket and evidently got his jacket caught in the rear tires of the tractor, and was pulled from his seat and underneath the tractor. Despite his serious injuries, he made his way to the house, where he collapsed in the kitchen. The Maresh Ambulance was summoned and took him to the Hutchinson hospital, where he is improving.

Three people lost their lives in an automobile accident on Highway 7, east of here, last Saturday morning. Dead are Dean Eklund, 20, of rural Waverly, who was alone in the car he was driving; and Frank Lawrence Sr., 77, and his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Frank Lawrence Jr., 41, of rural Litchfield. The Lawrences were passengers in a car driven by Frank Lawrence Jr. Frank Lawrence Jr. and the couple's three daughters were injured.

25 Years Ago

Feb. 13, 1992
Ken and Dorothy Merrill, Publishers
Directors elected at the annual

stockholders meeting of Citizens State Bank of Silver Lake were Floyd Lhotka, Glenn Mallak, Doug Jilek, Bruce Maresh and Loren Jilek. Loren Jilek was elected chairman and Floyd Lhotka is the secretary.

Jeremy Hausladen, a senior at Silver Lake High School, recently returned from Washington, D.C., where he participated in the annual Presidential Classroom for juniors and seniors in high school.

Jessica Chalupsky was the winner of the Silver Lake Public School spelling bee on Jan. 24. She will move on to the regional competition March 3.

10 Years Ago

Feb. 15, 2007
Ken and Dorothy Merrill, Publishers

Monday, Feb. 12, was a name change for George's Garage with the announcement that it had been purchased by Joe and Dori Kaczmarek. Owner George Lhotka is looking forward to retirement. The business will now be known as Kaz's.

From the Stewart Tribune archives

100 Years Ago

Feb. 16, 1917
Lester Koepfen, Editor
A wedding which will be of much interest to Stewart people was performed a week ago Tuesday, Feb. 6, in the St. George's Catholic Church in Glencoe. The contracting parties were Vincent J. Klinkhammer and Mrs. Nellie Dols, both very known people of this community and village.

At the Catholic church here in this village Thursday morning, occurred the marriage of Miss Matilda Ewert to Mr. Arthur Burge.

Lester, Virgil and Nestor Dols arrived here last Friday evening from Glencoe and will make their home here.

75 Years Ago

Feb. 12, 1942
Harry Koepfen, Editor
Clair Sweeny of Redwood Falls is the new owner of the Warner Cafe, completing the deal last Thursday evening and taking immediate possession.

The Warners have no definite plans for their immediate future, but will remain in Stewart for the present.

Formations of air raid wardens throughout all towns and villages in the state was one of the topics brought up at Thursday's meeting of the Stewart Business Men's Association. An organization was formed here, with 23 businessmen signing up at the time. O.W. Bethke was unanimously elected the chief air raid warden.

Earl Howe, LeRoy Meyer, Reynold Otto and LeRoy Paulson, all young men of this community who have been attending training at an airplane school in Minneapolis, left Sunday for San Diego, California, where all have secured employment in a huge airplane factory there.

50 Years Ago

Feb. 16, 1967
Kermit T. Hubin, Editor
Tom and Ruth Sullivan took top honors in Sunday's races, winning all of the six races that

were held that day. Crowds have been affected by the snow that has fallen the past two Sundays.

Gary D. Dawson received a commission of lieutenant upon graduation from artillery and missile school at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, last week.

Carol Lipke, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Lipke, has been accepted for admission by Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter.

35 Years Ago

Feb. 18, 1982
Douglas G. Seitz, Editor
Jim Trettin won the \$500 grand prize at the Stewart Lions Club's Valentine party Saturday evening at the Legion. Arvid and Kathy (Buboltz) Redmann are proud to announce the arrival of a daughter, Jennifer Kay, born Feb. 11.

The Rev. Gary and Marge Danielson are the parents of a baby girl, Katy Kane, born Friday, Feb. 12. The Danielsons have three other daughters, Sara, Marne and Laura.



Chronicle Photo by Karin Ramige

School Board tours new addition

The Glencoe-Silver Lake School Board toured the new elementary addition prior to the school board meeting Monday. Pictured above, Business Manager Michele Sander, right, tells board members Jamie Alsleben, left, and Clark Christianson, center, that sheet rock will start being installed this week.

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In Marshall, we heard stories about Minnesotans being left to cope without a high-speed connection. Take Nathan Green, who recalled his hopes of moving with his wife Laura and daughter to their family farm. That dream ended when they realized there was no broadband access at the farm. Laura telecommutes for work, and their daughter's education will depend on a high-speed connection — without broadband, the move was a non-starter.

That's unacceptable. We can do right by our rural com-

munities by seizing the opportunity to expand broadband access through the Farm Bill's Rural Development Title.

And let's help ensure that we remain the top turkey producer in the country and that natural disasters or outbreaks like the avian flu don't spell the end for a family farm by strengthening the safety net and mandatory livestock disaster funding.

Minnesota's agriculture community makes the most of their seasonal opportunities. Nationally, we rank near the top in wheat, corn and

soybean production each year. That strong output is part of a major economic force: Minnesota's agriculture industry is the fifth largest in the country and supports nearly 350,000 jobs across the state.

As I was reminded time and time again across our state, federal agriculture policies matter not just to farmers but to everyone in rural Minnesota. I am committed to working with my colleagues from both sides of the aisle for an even stronger Farm Bill.

VFW Auxiliary members learn meaning of each fold of U.S. flag

Members of the Glencoe VFW Auxiliary Post 5102 learned the meaning of each fold of a properly folded flag at its Jan. 9 meeting. The information and a demonstration of the flag folding were given by Post Commander Gary Vogt, Jeff Scharpe and Jerry Scharpe.

The flag is meticulously folded 13 times, and the meaning for each fold is:

The first fold is the a symbol of life; the second is a symbol of our belief in eternal life; the third fold is in honor and remembrance of the veterans departing our ranks who gave a portion of their lives for the defense of our country and to attain peace throughout the world;

The fourth fold represents our weaker nature, for as American citizens trusting in God, it is to Him we turn in time of war for His divine guidance;

The fifth fold is a tribute to

our country for, in the words of Stephen Decatur, "Our Country," in dealing with other countries, may she always be right — but it is still our country, right or wrong;

The sixth fold is where our hearts lie — it is with our hearts that we pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all;

The seventh fold is a tribute to our Armed Forces, for it is through the Armed Forces that we protect our country and our flag against all her enemies, whether they be found within or without the boundaries of our republic;

The eighth fold is a tribute to the one who entered into the valley of the shadow of death, that we might see the light of day;

The ninth fold is a tribute

to womanhood and mothers — for it has been through their faith, their love, loyalty and devotion that the character of the men and women who have made this country great has been molded;

The 10th fold is a tribute to the father, for he, too, has given his sons and daughters for defense of our country since they were first born;

The 11th fold represents the lower portion of the seal of David and King Solomon and glorifies in the Hebrews' eyes the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob;

The 12th fold represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies, in the Christians' eyes, God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit; and

The 13th fold, or when the flag is completely folded, the stars are uppermost, reminding us of our nation's motto, "In God We Trust."

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Stewart may help GRHS with 'conduit' bonds

By Lori Cople Editor

The city of Stewart may be a "conduit" for issuing bonds for Glencoe Regional Health Services (GRHS) long-term care project.

At its meeting Monday night, the City Council heard a proposal to issue conduit bonds to help GRHS fund its major renovation of its long-term care facility.

According to John Doidge of GRHS, the health-care provider is talking to the city councils in Plato, Stewart and Lester Prairie about possibly helping with the conduit bonds for the project. Each of these communities has a GRHS satellite clinic.

A financial consultant for GRHS said conduit bonds are unique. Unlike issuing general obligation bonds, the city of Stewart would not be ultimately responsible for the

debt payments on the bond if, for some reason, the project failed or GRHS could not make payments.

"The city does not pay the debt service," said the financial consultant. "The non-profit takes all the liability for the bonds."

Typically, GRHS would have used the city of Glencoe for conduit bonds, but Glencoe is currently financing several projects of its own.

Mayor Jason Peirce told the GRHS' representatives that the only issue facing Stewart this year is the construction of a north access road between County Road 7 and Form-A-Feed for truck traffic.

The city is looking at a \$500,000 grant to fund about half of the estimated \$1 million project, and will look for local financing for the rest.

The City Council was agreeable to the proposal, and

approved it contingent on the recommendation of its own financial consultant.

In other business, the City Council also gave tentative approval to joining a community solar garden project.

Jane Qualey of Sunscript US/Solar said the city has a chance to invest in a solar garden near Hector.

The investment would give the city ownership in the garden. Xcel Energy gets electricity from the garden, then offers credits on electrical bills to the owners. Qualey said the city could save \$45,000 over the 25 years of the program.

In addition, she said, the program would be opened to individual investors.

The City Council was favorable to the proposal, but forwarded it to its city attorney for review.

In other business, the City

Council:

- Accepted the resignations of firefighter Travis Keith and emergency medical responder Jena Schaufler. Jason Carter has been added to the emergency medical responder roster.

- Agreed to allow the fire department to have serve alcohol at its annual retirement party, set for March 11.

- Gave permission to emergency medical responders to attend a conference, and to maintenance workers to attend pollution control agency training and the Minnesota Rural Water Association conference.

- Agreed to allow Buffalo Lake-Hector-Stewart Schools to use the city softball field as the home site for the varsity softball team.

GSL trap team to practice in Brownton

By Lori Cople Editor

The Glencoe-Silver Lake Trapshooting and Skeet team will be able to practice in the Brownton Area Civic Center — but only with a laser trainer.

The Brownton City Council, at its Tuesday, Feb. 7, meeting, approved a request from Doug Fegley to use the former wrestling room of the old school building to practice with a laser simulator.

But the City Council asked for safety assurances before it gave its nod of approval to the request. Typically, firearms are not allowed in municipal buildings.

Fegley said that while students will be using their actu-

al firearms, he and other adult volunteers check the weapons before they are brought into the building to make sure there is no ammunition or other safety concerns. He said live shooting is only done on approved gun ranges.

The Council did ask that Fegley and the students use a rear access door the old wrestling room to minimize disruption of other activities that may be going on in the building.

The city also will be charging a rental fee, based on the number of students who attend, similar to what it charges for open gym or team practices.

Fegley said the team will likely be using laser training

two evenings a week until the weather is favorable for outdoor shooting.

In other business, the City Council:

- Set a workshop session for Tuesday, March 7, at 6 p.m., to get updated on its proposed, comprehensive street and utility improvement project.

- Heard concerns from resident Larry Durbin regarding speeding in town, particularly by school buses and garbage collection trucks. He suggested more signage and lowering the speed limit to 20 miles per hour in town.

Police Chief Ken Bauer said the city has to abide by the standard of 30 miles per hour in city limits.

John Rodeberg, an engineer with Short, Elliott, Hendrickson (SEH), also said that studies have shown that additional signage typically does not help in slowing vehicles down.

Bauer said he would talk to the school about the bus issue, and suggested that residents start taking note of vehicles that they feel are speeding so that the police department can follow up on complaints.

- Agreed to have the county handle its board of appeals.

- Heard that RS Fiber should be installing fiber optic service lines in Brownton this spring.



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Worship with dogs

On Sunday, Feb. 19, during the 9:30 a.m. worship service, a special dog presentation will take place at the Grace Bible Church of Silver Lake (www.silverlakechurch.org). Performing will be English pointers Lost Arrow and Blessing, who have done a variety of presentations around the Midwest. In addition, Blessing's daughter "Treasure" (not pictured) will be making a brief appearance. Young people will especially enjoy seeing the dogs do such things as spell, count, shoot a bow and arrow, answer Bible questions, illustrate a Bible story, and more. Their owner and trainer, Dr. Tom Rakow, also will be sharing some biblical principles one can learn from these canines. Following the presentation, those who attend will be invited to meet and have their picture taken with these English pointers. There is no charge — and the event is open to the public. To learn more about the dogs participating go to www.rockdove.com. Pictured, from left to right, are Blessing, Rakow and Lost Arrow.

People

Vacek in university senate

Brandon Vacek, Glencoe, a sophomore at Bemidji State University, is participating in the student senate this year. Vacek is majoring in exercise science. The student senate is the official voice of Bemidji State University's students. It also serves as the official body that recognizes student organizations in compliance with policies and constitutions set by the senate and the university. Vacek also is a member of the newly formed student Lions Club at the university.

Graduates from St. Scholastica

Ellen Klabunde of Brownton graduated from the The College of St. Scholastica with a Master of Science in occupational therapy. The college had its fall 2016 commencement ceremony on Dec. 17. Klabunde is the daughter of Wade and Mary Klabunde of Brownton.

Named to Moorhead dean's list

Minnesota State University Moorhead recently released its fall semester 2016 dean's list, which includes the following area students: Alexis Kerslake, Glencoe, majoring in public relations; Mark Lueders, Glencoe, majoring in biology; and Rachel Rusten, Glencoe, majoring in biology.

Graduate from Moorhead

Minnesota State University Moorhead awarded to degrees to about 430 students during its fall commencement program in December, including: Samantha Iversen, Glencoe, who graduated magna cum laude Bachelor of Science in speech, language and hearing science; and Shannon Schultz, Silver Lake, who earned a Master of Science in educational leadership.

Daughter for Stewart couple

Amber Bartishofski and Ryan Anderson of Stewart announce the birth of a daughter, Finnlee Harper Anderson, born Feb. 2, 2017, at Glencoe Regional Health Services. Finnlee weighed 7 pounds, 15 ounces, and was 19 inches long at birth.

St. Thomas names dean's list

Four area students were named to the University of St. Thomas fall 2016 semester dean's list. They include Aaron Boraas, Raymond Eberhard and Shannon Twiss, all of Glencoe, and Eric Thalman, Plato. Students must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or better on a 4.0 scale to be named to the list.

Schlagel named to dean's list

Brandon Schlagel, Silver Lake, was among the students named to the fall semester 2016 president's list at St. Cloud Technical and Community College.

Lemke named to Augsburg list

Christopher Lemke, son of Jonathan and Mary Lemke of Glencoe, was named to the Augsburg College dean's list for fall semester 2016. He is studying biology and chemistry at the college, and is involved in football, is a member of the Football Leadership Board, and is on the Student Council for Athletics.



Weather Corner

By Jake Yurek

Our non-winter continues in a big way this week as April-like weather takes hold (winter lovers should tune out now).

A high pressure ridge that built out west will break down this week and move toward us, which in short means no precipitation and very warm temperatures.

The only bad news is for the west coast as a series of storms will continue to pummel California, making conditions worse out there in an almost record year of rain and snow.

Back in Minnesota, the only question will be how high can temperatures go? Highs Friday and Sunday should get well into the 50s with some areas approaching 60. Those temperatures are more indicative of mid-April than mid-February, so get out and enjoy Mother Nature's gift! The weather is basically going to be about as boring as it gets, but with the high temperatures please be careful on lakes as melting has been taking place and vehicles have been reported falling through the ice around the state.

The next chance of precipitation moves in late Monday or Tuesday, and at this stage it looks more like a rain and scattered thunder chance, so our weird winter will continue. Another storm may move through the upper Midwest late next week, but that's way too far out to venture a guess.

Have a great week, everyone; enjoy getting a jump on some spring cleaning opportunities.

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Wednesday night — Lows 20-26, partly cloudy.
Thursday — Highs 43-49, lows 28-34, clear.
Friday — Highs 54-60, lows 31-37; clear.
Saturday — Highs 48-54, lows 31-37; clear.
Sunday — Highs 53-60, clear.

Weather Quiz: Basically all of Minnesota will be getting the warm air this week; why isn't the northern portion of the state warming up as quickly as the southern portion?

Answer to last week's question (why have we seen more bouts of freezing drizzle and fog this year than we normally see?): The entire winter has been warmer than average and this slight boost has helped increase our chances of rain rather than snow. Another reason is storm track. The storms we've had this year have all been fairly consistent in putting us in less than favorable snow and more favorable mix.

Remember: I make the forecast, not the weather!

Silver Lake GFWC club meets, sets event dates

The GFWC Women's Club meeting was Feb. 6 in the Silver Lake Legion Club room. A luncheon was held and then the meeting was opened by Co-President Dorothy Merrill.

Scholarship forms are to be turned in by Feb 27.

Dairy Days — planning on it to be held June 15.

Garage Sales — April 27-29; will serve barbecue lunch and will have a bake sale.

Cookbook recipes are due March 6.

Jan Wanous is the club's Empowering Woman.

Operation Smile Club will donate \$240 to pay for one surgery. There also are individual donations.

The March meeting will be held at Cedar Crest. Card bingo will be played and residents will be given prizes. The club also will make a donation to the activities department.

Dates to remember: March 28, Southeast District Board meeting; April 22, Southeast District Convention; May 5-7, GFWC State Convention in Bloomington.

The rest of the evening was spent working on Operation Smile quilts. Twenty-five quilts were tied. Bags, gowns and other items also were brought in. The club will be sending these items to Operation Smile in April.

City of Silver Lake Public Notice

The City of Silver Lake will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, Feb. 21 at 7 p.m.** The meeting will be held in the Silver Lake Auditorium at 320 Main St. W.

The purpose of the hearing will be to discuss the implementation of a Storm Water Utility. The Storm Water Utility will be designed to implement a user fee based on the classification of properties within the City of Silver Lake. Money from user fees will be dedicated to the ongoing maintenance and Capital Improvements to the City's Storm Sewer collection system. Property owners are encouraged to attend.

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Community Calendar

Thurs., Feb. 16 — AA Group mtg. next to Post Office in Stewart, 8 p.m., call 320-212-5290 for info.; Stewart Lions

Mon., Feb. 20 — Tops Weigh-In mtg., 5-5:30 p.m.; Brownton Senior Citizens Club, Brownton Community Center, 1 p.m.; Brownton Lions; Stewart American Legion Post 125 & Auxiliary mtg., Stewart Community Center, 7 p.m.



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Obituaries

Florence Hovda, 104, of Hutchinson

Florence Hovda, 104, of Hutchinson, formerly of Brownton, went home to be with the Lord Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2017, at Harmony River Living Center in Hutchinson.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Feb. 11, at Bethlehem United Methodist Church in Hutchinson with the Rev. Paul Baker officiating. Bev Wangerin was the organist. Soloist Shyann Topel sang "The Old Rugged Cross" and "There's No Disappointment in Heaven." Congregational hymns were "How Great Thou Art" and "Amazing Grace." Cory Deming operated the sound board.

Casket bearers were Kody Klopffleisch, Frances Klopffleisch, Constance Klopffleisch, Rachel Day, Zachary Day, Joseph Magnusson, Sasha Magnusson, Andrew Magnusson, Nicholas Magnusson and Rebecca Olson.

Florence Catherine Hovda was born May 27, 1912, in Sumter Township, McLeod County, the daughter of Simon and Louisa (Schmidt) Schwarze. She was baptized June 30, 1912, by the Rev. A. Biebughuser, and was confirmed in her faith June 22, 1924, by the Rev. J. Solum, both at the Sumter Methodist Church. She first attended country school in District 26 for first through eighth grades. She was the first of her family to attend high school, Brownton High School, and was a graduate of the class of 1930. She furthered her education in Glencoe and graduated from teacher training in 1931.

On Aug. 5, 1933, she was

united in marriage to Reuben Klopffleisch at Sumter Methodist Church in Brownton. Their marriage was blessed with three children, Glen, Janet and Kay. The family resided on their farm in rural Brownton, and the couple shared 21 years of marriage before Mr. Klopffleisch's death on Dec. 29, 1954.

On Jan. 31, 1958, she was united in marriage to Glenn Hovda at a Baptist church in St. Paul. The couple resided in Hutchinson and operated Glenn's Salvage Store, from which they retired in the 1960s. They shared 16 years of marriage before Mr. Hovda's death in October 1974.

In addition to being a loving mother and homemaker, Mrs. Hovda was very active in community activities. While raising her children, she was involved in the Brownton Parent-Teacher Society, in which she was a charter member and served as the secretary. She always encouraged and helped with projects at her children's school and in 4-H. She also was active with the McLeod County Home Extension programs.

Mrs. Hovda's faith was always important to her, and she always ensured that her family was in church every Sunday. She was a member of the Sumter Methodist Church and then the Brownton Methodist Church, until it closed in 1997. She then became a member of Bethlehem United Methodist Church in Hutchinson. She was a member of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society, the Women's Society of Christian Service (WSCS), and the United Methodist Women. She held various offices and presented programs many times to all groups.

Mrs. Hovda was a very cre-

ative person. She enjoyed reading, sewing, crocheting and making crafts of many kinds. She made beautiful quilts for every family member, as well as many other special friends and relatives. She also enjoyed bead work and making dish towels, rag rugs, braided rugs, and sewing and crocheting clothing for many dolls. Many of these items she entered in the county fair, where she won countless ribbons. She especially enjoyed spending time with her family, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and friends.

She is survived by her daughters and sons-in-law, Janet and Myron "Mike" Day of Delano and Kay and Marlin "Bergie" Bergerson of Forest Lake; daughter-in-law, Bethalee Tucker of Roseau; grandchildren, Linda Day, Donavon (Cathy) Day, Kathryn (Richard) Magnusson, and Quint (Cleo) Klopffleisch; great-grandchildren, Rachel Day, Zachary Day, Kody Klopffleisch, Frances Klopffleisch, Constance Klopffleisch, Joseph Magnusson, Sasha Magnusson, Andrew Magnusson and Nicholas Magnusson; foster grandchild and his wife, Brian and Jodi Olson, and their daughter Rebecca Olson; many nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husbands, Reuben Klopffleisch and Glenn Hovda; parents, Simon and Louisa Schwarze; siblings and their spouses, Josephine and Melvin Magnusson, Louis and Lena Schwarze and Oliver and Henrietta Schwarze; and son, Glen Klopffleisch.

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



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Twiss National Merit Scholarship finalist

Glencoe-Silver Lake senior Katie Twiss was notified earlier in the month that she is a National Merit Scholarship finalist. Semifinalists are selected based on scores on a preliminary SAT qualifying test. To become a finalist, students must submit a detailed scholarship application which includes their academic record, participation in school and community activities, demonstrated

leadership abilities, employment and honors and awards received. Winners will be announced between April and July. Twiss is the daughter of Dennis and Anne Twiss of Glencoe. Pictured above, from left to right, are High School Principal Paul Sparby, Twiss, and High School Guidance Counselor Sue Magnusson.

Joan Marilyn Hatlestad, 83, Glencoe

Joan Marilyn (Thompson) Hatlestad, 83, of Glencoe, died Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2017, at Glencoe Regional Health Services Long Term Care.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Feb. 14, at Christ Lutheran Church in Glencoe with the Rev. Katherine Rood officiating. Organists were Peggy Hatlestad and Chris Starr. Randy and Kay Wilson performed "The Lord's Prayer" and "Be Still For the Presence of the Lord." Congregational hymns were "Beautiful Savior," "Jesus Loves Me" and "Lift High the Cross." Special music was "The Tale From the Vienna Woods."

Honorary casket bearers were her granddaughters, Tracy Hatlestad, Tiffany Simonson, Tara Neid, Molly Zimmerman, Ashley Mullins and Corina Oaks. Casket bearers were her grandsons, Clint Hatlestad, Andy Hatlestad, Calvin Hatlestad and Joshua Stuewe.

Interment will be at a later date in Cushing Cemetery in Cushing, Wisconsin.

Joan Marilyn (Thompson) Hatlestad was born Jan. 8, 1934, in St. Croix Falls, Wisconsin, the daughter of Adam and Bertha (Ask) Thompson. She was baptized as an infant and later confirmed in her Lutheran faith in West St. Paul, Minnesota. She received her education in St. Croix Falls, Wisconsin, graduating with the St. Croix Falls class of 1951.

On Nov. 2, 1952, she was united in marriage to Dick Hatlestad at the Little Brown Church in the Vale in Nashua, Iowa. The couple made their home in South St. Paul and Glencoe. Their marriage was blessed with four children, Steve, Tom, Mark and Shelly. On Nov. 23, 1983, she was united in marriage to Armin Rathke at Christ Lutheran Church in Glencoe. They made their home in Brown-

ton. She was a loving mother and homemaker. She was a member of Christ Lutheran Church in Glencoe. She also was a leader of the Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops, where her children were members, and the VFW Auxiliary.

She enjoyed reading, camping, listening to music and dancing to old-time music. She loved her dogs and always had a "Sammy." She cherished the time spent

with family and friends.

She is survived by her children and their spouses, Steve and Peggy Hatlestad of Litchfield, Tom and Diane Hatlestad of Arlington and Shelly and Kevin Neid of Glencoe; daughter-in-law, Linda Hatlestad of Des Moines, Iowa; grandchildren, Tracy Hatlestad, Andy (Erin) Hatlestad, Clint (Lori) Hatlestad, Ashley (Jack) Mullins, Corina (Billy Joe) Oaks, Calvin (Sundie) Hatlestad, Tiffany (Shaun) Simonson, Josh (Crystal) Stuewe, Tara Neid and Molly (Ryan) Zimmerman; 18 great-grandchildren; stepdaughters, Sheila Pawlicki Rathke, Lisa (Danny) Roberts, Carla (Michael) West and Teresa Nowak Rathke; nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Adam and Bertha Thompson; husbands, Dick Hatlestad and Armin Rathke; son, Mark Hatlestad; grandsons, Mark Anthony Hatlestad and Levi Adam Hatlestad; and infant brother, Donald Thompson.

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

Valentine's dinner

The First Evangelical Lutheran National Youth Gathering (NYG) youth group hosted its annual Valentine White Linen Dinner Feb. 11. The youth, parents, and other volunteers created and served up

delicious cuisine, a beautiful ambiance, and first-class service to their 72 guests. Proceeds raised will benefit the 2019 National Youth Gathering.

Deaths

Leona Kuhlmann, 77, of New Auburn

Leona Kuhlmann, 77, of New Auburn, died Sunday, Feb. 12, 2017, at her home.

Funeral services will be held Friday, Feb. 24, at 11 a.m., at the Johnson-McBride Funeral Chapel in Glencoe, with interment following in the Lester Prairie City Cemetery.

Visitation will be Thursday, Feb. 23, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., at the Johnson-McBride Funeral Chapel in Glencoe, and will continue Friday one hour prior to the service at the chapel.

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

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Thank you from the Erven Lorence Family
Even though Erven and I have lived in Glencoe since 1954, I was overwhelmed by everyone's thoughtfulness when he passed away. I sincerely want to thank all who came to the evening visitation and funeral. Thank you for your words of comfort and for sharing your memories. A thank you to all who served, contributed food, and sent cards, flowers and memorials. I want to especially thank my neighbors who responded when we needed assistance and who checked on us along the way. Erven and I often talked about what great friends and neighbors we had. Thank you also, Father Tony and Father Paul, for coming out to the farm. Thank you to all for being there for us.
Lucy Lorence

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Deaths

Grant Willmert, 98, of Glencoe

Grant Willmert, 98, of Glencoe, died Friday, Feb. 10, 2017, at Glencoe Regional Health Services Hospice Care Unit.

Memorial services will be Friday, Feb. 24, at 11 a.m., at First Congregational United Church of Christ in Glencoe, with interment in the Glencoe City Cemetery.

A gathering of family and friends will be Friday, Feb.

24, from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m., prior to the service at the church.

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

Verda Scheele, 83, of Marshall

Verda Scheele, 83, of Marshall, died Sunday, Feb. 12, 2017, at Avera Morningside Heights Care Center in Mar-

shall.

A celebration of life memorial is set for Saturday, Feb. 18, at 2 p.m., at First Lutheran Church in Marshall. Interment will be in the Marshall Cemetery.

Visitation will be Saturday from 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m., prior to the service at the church in Marshall.

Arrangements are with the Hamilton Funeral Home in Marshall. A guest book and tribute wall are available at www.hamiltonfh.com.

County will take online camping reservations starting Monday, Feb. 27

McLeod County Parks will officially open Friday, April 28. Park hours are 8 a.m. to one hour past sunset. All six parks will be open at that time. They are Buffalo Creek, Glencoe; Swan Lake, Silver Lake; Wm. May Park, Winsted; Stahl's Lake, Hutchinson; Lake Marion, Brownton; and Piepenburg, Hutchinson. Camping facilities are available at Lake Marion Park (caretaker's phone 320-328-4479) and at Piepenburg Park (caretaker's phone 320-587-2082).

McLeod County Parks will be activating online reservations for the two campgrounds. The online reservation system will allow the convenience of logging in from home to reserve a

campsite. The reservation system will officially go online Monday, Feb. 27, at 10 a.m. Customers will be able to reserve electric and non-electric sites. The campgrounds will not be offering monthly rates; every campsite will be on a first-come, first-served basis.

All users will be required to set up an account. Users will be required to supply your name, address, phone number and email address to create an account. At the time you confirm your reservation, you will be required to pay for the reservation in full plus a \$5 administration fee, per site, using a credit card. Credit card information will not be kept by the system. When booking holiday week-

ends, be advised that you should checkout and pay to guarantee your reservation.

Cancellation/Refunds: If you decide to cancel your reservation at least 14 days in advance, you will receive your payment for the reservation minus the \$5 administration fee. Cancellations less than 14 days will not receive a refund.

If you have a question or need assistance making a reservation, please stop in the McLeod County Parks Office, 840 Century Ave., Hutchinson, (commercial building at fairgrounds) or call 320-484-4334. Please note: caretakers at Lake Marion and Piepenburg Park will not be available to help with reservations until April 17.



Chronicle photo by Lori Copley

Members of Glencoe-Silver Lake High School's newly formed junior varsity Mock Trial team are, front row from left, Natalia Orocio, Robin Swift and Kira

Mattson; and, back, Sarah Schmiege, Anthony LaPlante, Brooke Chastek and Anna Salgado. Not pictured: Tarin Michaelis and Brandi Pikal.



Chronicle photo by Lori Copley

Windschitl retires

Nancy Windschitl is retiring today (Feb. 15) from McLeod County Social Services, where she worked for 31 years. She started in January 1986. Social Services Director Gary Sprynczynatyk called Windschitl the "go-to person" for chemical dependency issues. He also

said that Windschitl is "kind, very genuine and had a lot of care for the consumers she worked with." Windschitl said she was leaving with some regrets, and that she "thoroughly enjoyed the people I worked with, my colleagues."

Extension offering internships

Source: Karen Johnson, McLeod and Meeker counties Extension educator.

Are you a college student seeking your bachelor's degree and looking for a summer 2017 internship? The University of Minnesota Extension is offering three separate paid internships in the areas of agriculture and/or horticulture in Meeker and Douglas counties and another one serving Stearns, Benton and Morrison counties. These internships will provide exposure to Minnesota agriculture and horticulture through local operations, educational programs, on-farm applied research, communications, and program development.

Each internship is a paid three-month educational opportunity starting May 22 through Aug. 18. Upon being selected, the intern will go through orientation and will work 30 to 40 hours per week from May through August (some nights and weekends).

The University of Minnesota Extension in Meeker County is seeking an individual who has a strong interest in livestock, a working knowledge of Minnesota agriculture, has proven communication skills, and has the ability to work independently when needed. This intern will be at the office of Meeker County Extension in Litchfield.

Intern responsibilities include, but are not limited to: writing news releases and program and event promotional materials, researching and answering select technical service inquiries, assisting with program or event management including set-up, tear down and management of several field days or other events; manage registration and food service if needed, correspond with speakers, farmers and other Extension educators as needed; and assisting with local needs assessment project. The intern also will assist with managing and developing social media accounts, assist with educational program development such as writing content



Farm Notes

By Karen Johnson

information or displays, and creating videos. Finally, the intern will work as part of the local office team and assist with county fair and other ag related events during the summer.

If interested in applying, please visit <http://www.extension.umn.edu/about/employment/>, click on Job Opening ID: 315374. Applications will be reviewed on Feb. 15, and the position is open until filled. For questions about applying online, contact: Naaz Babvani, Extension Human Resources, at 612-624-3717 or babva001@umn.edu. For questions about the Meeker County position, contact: Karen Johnson 320-484-4303, or ande9495@umn.edu.

Resistant ready?

Source: Lizabeth Stahl, Extension educator in crops.

Weed management has changed dramatically in recent years. Herbicide-resistant weeds are a significant management challenge, and resistance issues are expanding in scope and geography. Once herbicide-resistance is discovered in a weed population, it doesn't just go away, and an increasing number of weed populations in Minnesota are resistant to multiple herbicide chemistries or site of action (SOA) groups.

How did we get into this situation, what can we do to combat resistant weeds, and how can we help preserve current management tools and those coming onto the market?

These questions and more will be addressed at the University of Minnesota Extension "Strategic Farming - Are You Resistance Ready" workshops. Weed manage-

ment research, weed biology, cultural tools, and the new herbicide-resistant crop technologies will be discussed to help develop effective weed management programs for today and the long-run.

Locations include:

- Feb. 22 at the American Legion, 613 Legion Drive, Montevideo.

- Feb. 23 at the 4-H Building-Exhibit Hall, 3048 S Broadway Ave., Slayton. (Note: this session will be followed by a noon lunch, a cover crop and manure presentation at 12:30 p.m., and the southern small grains tour from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.)

- Feb. 24 at the American Legion, 620 First Ave. S, St. James.

- Feb. 24 at the Event Center, 1005 Highway 15 S, Hutchinson.

At each location, check-in will start at 8:30 a.m., and the program will run from 9 a.m. to noon. For planning purposes, pre-registration is requested at <http://z.umn.edu/resready> by Feb. 20. A registration fee will be collected at the door to help cover program costs.

For further details, see the program flyer at: <http://z.umn.edu/resreadyflyer>. A special thanks goes to local Corn and Soybean Growers Associations, Monsanto, Avoca Spray Services, Chandler Coop, and Spronk Seed Farm for helping support these workshops.

Please contact Liz Stahl at 507-372-3900 Ext 3912 or stah0012@umn.edu if you have any questions.

Karen Johnson is the agriculture and horticulture Extension educator for McLeod and Meeker counties.

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criminal cases, guilt must be proved beyond a reasonable doubt.

Civil cases have more of a gray area.

"The burden of proof is on a preponderance of evidence, plus there is the awarding of damages," said Twiss of civil cases.

GSL's Mock Trial team had three regular season trials, with the varsity winning two of its three trials, while the newborn JV lost all three.

Conducting the trials in ac-

tual courtrooms before real judges as taught the students that justice is not an exact science.

At one trial, students witnessed a judge's near meltdown at what he felt was a student-lawyer's disrespectful behavior before his bench.

The judges award points for presentation, which how the trials are decided.

Along with this year's competitions, the team members will be visiting the State Capitol in March, where they

hope to meet with Attorney General Lori Swanson.

Participants this year include Mariah Koester, Morgan Stoeckman, Ethan Knudten, Twiss, Taryn Reichow, Wendinger, Aubrey Giesen, Faith Rakow, Maddy Brown, Gaudalupe Acevedo, Daria Fegley, Tarin Michaelis, Anthony LaPlante, Kayla Deyonge, Brooke Chastek, Sarah Schmiege, Robin Swift, Kira Mattson, Orocio, Erica Hecksel and Brandi Pikal.

16 Brownton seniors met Monday afternoon

Sixteen Brownton senior citizens met Monday afternoon at the Brownton Community Center.

Winning at cards were Audrey Tongen, first, and Norma

Albrecht, second, 500; and Phyllis Mahnke, first, and Delores Rennecke, second, pinochle.

Archie Diehn won the door prize. Rita Plendl served re-

freshments.

The next meeting is Monday, Feb. 20, at 1 p.m. All area seniors are welcome.

Tumbles, Stumbles and Spills



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