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## Mediation under way to work out Trailblazer differences

By Lori Copley  
Editor

Members of the Trailblazer Transit Joint Powers Board from McLeod and Sibley counties showed a willingness to sit down with their counterparts from Wright County Area Transit (WCAT) to try to save a partnership in the local transit system.

WCAT, late in 2016, served Trailblazer with a letter announcing its intent to withdraw from Trailblazer and start its own system within a year because of ongoing dissension amongst the board members.

The McLeod and Sibley representatives met with attorney Frank Madden, a labor attorney and negotiations specialist, in a mediation

workshop Wednesday, Feb. 15.

Madden had a similar session with WCAT on Feb. 8, and a joint mediation between representatives from the three entities — WCAT, McLeod and Sibley counties — is slated for March 8.

Madden opened the Feb. 15 workshop by noting that he was taking a neutral position as a mediator.

"I'm not an advocate of anyone here, except to try and keep Trailblazer together," said Madden.

Madden encouraged the board members to put the past behind them and move forward, especially in the light of the expediency needed to resolve issues before WCAT's one-year notice expires.

However, McLeod County Com-

missioner Doug Krueger said he felt it was important to consider past issues "to understand how we got here. Some of those facts were never brought out to you," Krueger told Madden. "We need to understand how we got here."

Madden, on his part, said that he wanted to help in structuring the board and its meetings in order to accomplish resolution, rather than conflict.

"Things are not the way meetings are being handled," said Madden. "What I noticed ... were some loud disputes, a couple of exchanges that didn't go well, and a couple of exchanges with staff members that didn't go well."

"If we don't get this straightened

out, WCAT will leave," Madden added.

Tom Gottfried and Bev Herfindahl, both of the Minnesota Department of Transportation's transit division, agreed with Madden that it would be best to try to salvage Trailblazer as a partnership between McLeod and Sibley counties and WCAT.

"The stance from MnDOT is that you are better as all three counties together," said Gottfried. But, he added, whether the partnership continues is entirely up to the local authorities.

Herfindahl said that WCAT was born of the "trials and tribulations" that resulted from the dissolution of River Rider, a transit system that

served Wright and Sherburne counties.

"They came with certain expectations (to the Trailblazer) system, which would have been better served if we had Frank at the table at that time," said Herfindahl. "But we didn't. And now we need to move forward."

Krueger asserted that it was hard to move forward with lingering issues.

"We haven't addressed some things," said Krueger, pointing to a workplace environment assessment. Krueger said Trailblazer didn't follow through on the assessment, and

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## Beautiful day on the course

Saturday was an unseasonably warm day for February, inspiring some local golf courses to open for the weekend. It also provided near-perfect conditions for Silver Lake's 11th annual ice golf tournament, played on the local lake and sponsored by the municipal liquor store. It was not uncommon to see some players out on the ice in short sleeves and shorts (local officials said the ice was still plenty thick, averaging about 15 inches.) Above, a welcome sign marks the start of the course, which consisted of nine holes. At left, Jake Ondracek taps a putt to hole out for his team.



## Rapid progress being made on jail addition, entrance

By Lori Copley  
Editor

Work on McLeod County's jail expansion and courthouse security project is proceeding nicely, the county board heard Tuesday morning.

Sam Lauer of Contegrity, the construction management firm, noted that the addition was nearly "sealed up," with the exterior walls and most of the roof being completed.

The atrium, located at the new entrance on the southeast side, was nearly enclosed as well.

Lauer said the masons are working on the main floor, putting in the walls for the cells.

Once the walls are completed, the focus will turn to the finishing work, such as painting, tiling and flooring, as well as the installation of the brick on the exterior of the addition.

In other business Tuesday, the Board of Commissioners:

- Heard that the Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) committee will be interviewing three firms for pos-

sibly taking over management of the MRF. Those proposals are from West Central Sanitation, Green Forest, and Waste Management.

The MRF committee will then make a recommendation to the County Board, which will make the final decision as to whether it wants to hire a management firm and, if it does, which firm will get the contract.

- Discussed the annual hiring of summer seasonal employees for the parks and highway departments, and adjusted wages to be more competitive.

- Approved a temporary loan of \$185,000 from the general fund to the ditch fund to fund ditch work. That loan will be repaid as assessments come in.

- Approved the annual food service contract for the jail with an increase of about \$6 per day, as well as a per meal cost to \$1.20 from \$1.17.

- Appointed Tom Dahl to the Hutchinson Joint Planning Committee.

## Students show support for teacher after tragedy following mission trip

**Editor's Note:** The following was submitted to The Chronicle from someone who wanted to note that there are, indeed, good students in this world who will step forward in compassion when the need arises. It was posted by Glencoe-Silver Lake Band Director Peter Gepson on the school bands' Facebook page:

"Last month, I took my second mission trip to Haiti. This trip was sponsored by the Haiti Lutheran Mission Society (HLMS) (U.S.A.) and Good Shepherd Lutheran Church of Glencoe. The current interim pastor at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church is Robert Nowak (who happens to be the president of the HLMS).

"I have not really talked about my trip much since my return. The

trip itself was a very rewarding experience (again). But on our trip return to Minnesota we found out (after landing in Miami) that our good friend, driver, translator and guide, Leonard Isidor, was murdered in a robbery about an hour after dropping us off at the airport. Leonard was the most humble and generous person I had ever met and was a leader in his community (he had a water filtration system installed at his home — which doubled as a church — so he could provide clean water to people in his neighborhood in Port Au Prince and his house was bursting at the seams with rice he had obtained and would be giving away to those

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### Weather

Wed., 2-22	Thur., 2-23	Fri., 2-24	Sat., 2-25	Sun., 2-26
H: 59°, L: 32°	H: 41°, L: 29°	H: 30°, L: 16°	H: 29°, L: 15°	H: 33°, L: 14°

**Looking back:** We'll return to reality this week after a long stretch of balmy weather, with snow expected late this week.

Date	Hi	Lo	Precip
Feb. 14	41	22	0.00
Feb. 15	39	16	0.00

Feb. 16	45	27	0.00
Feb. 17	64	28	0.00
Feb. 18	60	32	0.00
Feb. 19	58	27	0.00
Feb. 20	52	36	0.50/Rn

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

### '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](http://www.gsl.k12.mn.us) Click on Community Education under the COMM ED/ECFE link.

### Glencoe Lions Bar Bingo

The Glencoe Lions will sponsor Bar Bingo at the Glencoe Country Club Saturday, Feb. 25, at noon. Everyone age 18 and over is welcome to play for cash prizes. The Progressive Game 16 pay-out amount is \$1,199 if you have Bingo within 59 called numbers. Meat raffles also will be held. Food, beverages and pull-tabs are available. The proceeds from the February Bar Bingo and meat raffle events will support the Glencoe Lions Scholarship Fund for 2017 Glencoe-Silver Lake High School graduates.

### 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.

### GHPS tip night set Feb. 27

Glencoe Historic Preservation Society members will be busing tables for tips and also will have a bake sale Monday, Feb. 27, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., at Unhinged! Pizza in Glencoe. The society receives a portion of all sales, including pickups and deliveries, in addition to the tips. The funds raised will go toward the Henry Hill stone project.

### 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.

### Pola-Czesky Days meeting

The Pola-Czesky Days Committee will meet Monday, Feb. 27, at 7 p.m., in the Silver Lake American Legion. A member from each committee and organization is encouraged to attend, or email a committee member with a brief update.

### Glencoe Legion Post 95

The Glencoe American Legion Post 95 will meet Thursday, March 2, at 7 p.m., in the VFW basement.

### SL Sportsmens Club meeting

The Silver Lake Sportsmen's Club will meet Thursday, Feb. 23, at 7 p.m., at the sanctuary.

### Health board to meet Feb. 23

The Meeker-McLeod-Sibley Community Health Services will have its quarterly health board meeting Thursday, Feb. 23, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., in the large meeting room of the McLeod County Solid Waste Department, 1065 Fifth Ave. SE, Hutchinson. The meeting is open to the public.

### First Lutheran auction, lunch

The 10th annual silent auction and luncheon to benefit First Evangelical Lutheran School in Glencoe is set for Sunday, March 5 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the First Evangelical Lutheran Church Fellowship Center.

### 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](http://www.medicare.gov) to compare health plans and check your Medicare Summary Notice for accuracy; all which helps to prevent health care fraud.

### 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.

# GSL's Knowledge Bowlers tie in Chaska

GSL Knowledge Bowlers made a short trip to Chaska Saturday to find some stiff competition. The teams there were some of the better teams in the state, including Big Lake, Buffalo, Chanhassen, Chaska, Hastings, Holy Family, Holy Angels, Mankato West, St. Thomas Academy and GSL.

The written round was only 50 points, and in the varsity division, Chaska Purple had the high score of 44. Three teams were tied at 39, including GSL Supernova, and all were in Room Two for the first oral round. GSL and Big Lake tied with a remarkable 16 points each, leaving only 8 for Holy Family. In round two, both Big Lake and GSL continued in Room Two, but this time GSL earned 13 while Big Lake scored 11 and St. Thomas got 10 points.

The Big Lake and GSL teams continued in Room Two for the third round, but this time Big Lake outscored GSL 17-14. (Buffalo 2 earned 7.) This finally led to a change in teams for the fourth round, with Big Lake moving up to Room One. Room Two had Buffalo 1 and two GSL teams. GSL Supernova earned 18, Buffalo 12 and GSL Antimatter got 6.

At the end of the meet, Chaska was awarded gold for its score of 111.0, while Supernova and St. Thomas tied for second with 106.0. St. Thomas was awarded silver medals because it had been in Room One for more rounds, and Supernova earned bronze medals. Supernova included Jake Fehrenbach, Katie Twiss, Austin Pinsky and Jared Lokensgard. Big Lake's team earned fourth place with 102.5.



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Glencoe-Silver Lake Knowledge Bowl members who competed in Chaska Saturday were, front row from left, Beth Cross, Lexi Fronk, Nathan Fehrenbach, Abby Gronlund, Megan Fehrenbach and Carlee Oberlin; middle row, Coach Vicky Harris, Jake Fehren-

bach, Katie Twiss, Jared Lokensgard, Charles Urban and Haley Lukes; and, back row, Jacob Reichow, Maggie Petersen, Austin Pinsky, Brett Baumgarten, Jake Vasek, Cole Janke and Dan Cross.

Meanwhile, GSL's Antimatter had moved up from Room Six to Rooms Four and Three, and finally to Room Two. (In the first oral round Antimatter dominated its room 19-10-7, and in the third oral round it won 17-13-3.) It dropped to ninth with a total of 84.0 after its tough round against GSL Antimatter but they put up a very good fight! The team members were Maggie Petersen, Jake Vasek, Brett Baumgarten and Jacob Reichow.

The junior varsity teams competed with the varsity teams, but prizes were awarded separately. (It was expected that no student above 10th grade would be in junior varsity). The two GSL teams started in Rooms 11 and 12

and moved up until, in the fourth round, they were both in Room Eight. Both teams had some excellent rounds, with GSL Nebula earning 13, 9, 11 and 7 points, while GSL Andromeda scored 8, 15, 10, and 4.

A team from Big Lake earned first place in junior varsity with 73.0 points, and Chaska Blue came in second, also with 73.0. Nebula finished in fourth place in JV (25th overall) with 61.0 points. The team members were Haley Lukes, Nathan Fehrenbach, Lexi Fronk, Abby Gronlund and Cole Janke.

Meanwhile, GSL's Andromeda tied for fifth place in JV (28th overall) with 59.0 points. This team included

Beth Cross, Megan Fehrenbach, Carlee Oberlin, Charles Urban and Dan Cross.

"This meet was definitely more difficult than some we have been to, with the other teams competing well on both speed and knowledge," said Coach Vicky Harris. She was glad to see that all the teams were up to the challenge and continued to battle for points until the end of the meet.

GSL is now entering the postseason. On Friday, Feb. 24, (if the weather is good), the subregional meet will be held in Granite Falls. From that meet, the top half of teams will move on to the regional meet on March 9 in Willmar, which will determine what teams move on to the state meet.

## Sibley County Republicans set convention for March 4

The Sibley County Republican Party will have its 2017 convention Saturday, March 4, at 9 a.m., in the Sibley County Courthouse Annex Basement, 400 Court Avenue, Gaylord. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.

Delegates and alternates who were elected at the 2016 caucuses will gather to elect new officers to the Sibley County Republican Board

and hear a legislative update from state Sen. Scott Newman and state Rep. Glenn Gruenhagen.

In addition, Gruenhagen will report on repealing and replacing the Affordable Care Act and MNsure in Minnesota. Gruenhagen has almost 40 years of experience serving

the insurance needs of thousands of clients and is a leader in health care and insurance reform at the state Legislature. In his book, "Health Care in Crisis, is the Government the Solution or the Problem?" Gruenhagen defines the immense problems created by the Afford-

able Care Act and how it has threatened America's health and financial future. This presentation will begin at approximately 11 a.m.

Guests are welcomed to attend as observers. Light refreshments will be served. For more information call 612-508-9141.

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## First Lutheran welcomes new members

First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Glencoe held a reception and welcome luncheon on Sunday, Feb. 19, for new members received through adult confirmation and transfer. New members with family members pictured are, front row, from left, Claire Geib, Caylee Weidendorf and Levi Weidendorf; second row, Colton Geib, Linsey Weidendorf, Quincy Lindee Sr., Sarah Lindee, Quincy Lindee Jr., LaDonna Brinkmann, War-

ren Wilcox, Tanner Schaefer and Kaitlyn Ische; and, back row, Chris Weidendorf, Paisley Weidendorf, Patty Geib, Jeremy Geib, Robert Neid, Sue Neid, Anna Mackenthun, Tim Mackenthun and the Rev. Dan Welch. Not pictured are Jason, Janet, Bailey and Samuel Betsinger; Amy Edwards, Ryan Fox, Tianna Hueser, Christopher and Rebecca Turner and Jill Wischnack.

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he didn't know "if we were making gains or losses from that study.

"My phone has been ringing off the hook," said Krueger, saying his constituents have a lot of questions and concerns.

Sibley County Commissioner Jim Swanson echoed some of Krueger's sentiments, saying that the board "hasn't been doing what we said we were going to do."

Madden said that the process of addressing issues needs to start with resolving issues among the board. In particular, he said, the board needs to clarify what the role is of the board, and what the role is of the administrative staff. Those roles seem to overlap or blur under the current circumstances, Madden said.

"You as a board are policy makers, and administration ... they are implementing and trying to put into effect those policies. Right now, there is some overlap and it isn't working well between these factions," Madden said.

Madden also said the board needs to clarify policies; especially in regards to professional performance evaluations for its administrative staff.

Swanson said that Trailblazer has been trying to address its policies, and noted that one policy has "sat on the desk since July 1, and nothing was done as a board. I have issues with not doing what we say we're going to do."

However, Swanson said, he was "ready to move forward." He presented a list of ideas of how to do that, including getting policies in place "so that everyone is treated the same."

Krueger agreed that the board did try to address policies, "but there was always disagreement on how to get there. We got accused of micro-managing, which started another disagreement."

Along with clarifying policies, Madden suggested formulating a "code of conduct" for the board to ensure that meetings are run in a respectful manner, even when there are disagreements among board members.

Sibley County Commissioner Bill Pinske said he was frustrated because a January business meeting had been cancelled because WCAT members said they had a scheduling conflict.

Pinske said he later learned that WCAT simply chose not to come. Trailblazer still needs to conduct business, he said, noting in particular that an employee health insurance contract jointly shared by McLeod and Sibley counties and Trailblazer needed to be renewed.

Swanson said he also was troubled that there had not been a business meeting in three months.

"We need to get beyond these issues of 'If I don't get my way, I'm going home,'" said Swanson.

Krueger asked if WCAT

had expressed some concerns at its mediation workshop. Madden said that issues that came to the forefront were those that were already being discussed at the Sibley-McLeod workshop: conduct of the board, definition of the roles of the board and administration and a need for by-laws and clarified policies.

Madden said that WCAT also suggested changing the structure of the board so that it had majority membership, since it represents the greatest population and, potentially, the greatest local share of costs.

Currently, McLeod has three board members and Sibley and WCAT each have two.

Herfindahl said that the board membership did not necessarily have to be tied to the greatest population or who contributes the most to the local share of costs.

Swanson suggested enlisting MnDOT to help draft a five-year service plan. He also said he felt it would help if Trailblazer filled out its vacant executive staff positions and hire an information technology person. He also suggested establishing a marketing plan.

Swanson also suggested that the board continue to meet monthly, with the first two meetings of the year dedicated to strategic planning, while the third month would concentrate on operations.

"I think that's a pretty good outline to start with," said

McLeod County Commissioner Rich Pohlmeier, who is new to the Trailblazer board.

Pohlmeier also said it was time to let "bygones be bygones. It's been like salt on a cut — it just festers."

He urged the board to remember that it represents all riders in the system.

"We're representing more than just our little piece of the pie," said Pohlmeier. "We're representing McLeod, Sibley and Wright counties."

Madden said that it sounded as if both WCAT and both local counties were willing to try to salvage the partnership, but warned that the next workshop, which is set for March 8, "may not be as easy" since it will be bringing the two sides together to try to mediate their differences.

## Record

### Glencoe Police

#### TUESDAY, FEB. 14

4:06 a.m. — An officer discovered an open door on a building on 16th Street. Officers searched and secured the building.

7:49 p.m. — Lost keys were reported on Ford Avenue. They were later found.

#### WEDNESDAY, FEB. 15

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

7:04 a.m. — An officer dispatched a wounded deer in the area of Morningside Drive and Highway 212, and issued a possession permit for the deer.

9:56 a.m. — An officer responded to a reported theft on 11th Street E. Items were reported missing from a storage room.

4:06 p.m. — A dog bite was reported on 12th Street E.

8:37 p.m. — Items were reported missing from a home and garage on Armstrong Avenue N.

#### THURSDAY, FEB. 16

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

12:12 a.m. — Officers responded to a disturbance on Hennepin Avenue N.

1:58 a.m. — Officers responded to an animal complaint in the area of Knight Avenue and 15th Street E.

3:56 a.m. — Officers responded to an alarm at a building on Hennepin Avenue. The building was searched.

3:57 a.m. — Officers responded to a suspicious incident on 11th Street E and searched a building.

12:11 p.m. — An officer responded to a suspicious incident on 16th Street E.

5:11 p.m. — An officer assisted McLeod County with a person who wanted to turn themselves in on a warrant on 10th Street E.

#### FRIDAY, FEB. 17

10:22 a.m. — A person reported that his vehicle had been struck while parked in front of Security Bank & Trust on 11th Street E.

1:42 p.m. — Officers responded to a mental health issue on 10th Street E. A person was taken to the hospital.

4:07 p.m. — An officer responded to a child custody issue on 14th Street E.

4:48 p.m. — An officer served a warrant on 10th Street E.

#### SATURDAY, FEB. 18

No major incidents were reported.

#### SUNDAY, FEB. 19

4:17 a.m. — An officer assisted a deputy at the McLeod County Jail with some minor issues.

4:51 a.m. — An officer responded to an alarm at a residence on Cameo Circle. The officer checked the area and everything appeared to be fine.

11:26 a.m. — Officers responded to Greeley Avenue N for an out-of-control person and domestic. The individual was taken to the hospital.

2:01 p.m. — An officer discovered that a stop sign was down at the intersection of 16th Street E and Armstrong Avenue N. It was put back up.

2:24 p.m. — Officers assisted the ambulance with a medical on 12th Street E.

#### MONDAY, FEB. 20

1:38 a.m. — A person on Park Street W reported that a window had been broken on a vehicle parked in the driveway.

11:30 a.m. — Officers assisted the ambulance with a medical on Greeley Avenue.

12:17 p.m. — A person on Morningside Avenue reported receiving phone calls asking for personal information. The person was advised to block the calling phone number and not answer numbers he did not recognize.

12:19 p.m. — A gas drive-off was reported on Chandler Avenue N. The person returned and paid for the fuel.

4:37 p.m. — Officers assisted the ambulance with a medical on Lindbergh Trail.

10:45 p.m. — An umbrella was found in the area of Hennepin Avenue N and 11th Street E.



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## Can Trailblazer partnership be saved?

Our view: It's going to take a lot of effort, but the end result will be worth it.

Frank Madden, a labor attorney and mediator, has been tapped by Trailblazer Transit to try to bring the joint powers board back into unity.

At issue, of course, is Wright County Area Transit's (WCAT) well-publicized intention to pull out of the partnership with the original Trailblazer partners, McLeod and Sibley counties.

Meeting after meeting, there has been sparring about what is wrong at Trailblazer, and what needs to be done to fix it.

At the risk of sounding like a broken record, we still maintain those issues will never be resolved until board members can come to a consensus that those issues exist.

Last Wednesday, Feb. 15, Madden hosted a mediation workshop with Trailblazer's McLeod and Sibley representatives. Madden hosted a similar workshop for their WCAT counterparts the previous week.

It is to be hoped that between some new representation on the joint powers board, and some changes in policy and procedure, the two sides can come together for the good of the transit system.

At the McLeod-Sibley workshop, both Madden and Sibley County Commissioner Jim Swanson outlined some great ideas on how to get Trailblazer to move forward.

First and foremost, it is hoped that the board adopts a code of conduct for its members. Board members need to learn to have civil discourse about issues. It's been a mystery to us why these same officials, who can work so well with others in other venues, cannot seem to do so at a Trailblazer board meeting.

The board also needs to clarify

its policies and define a clear, impartial process for evaluating its administrative staff.

And Swanson's proposal to dedicate two-thirds of Trailblazer board meetings to strategic planning and develop a five-year service plan is an admirable one. We hope the joint powers board follows up on that suggestion, with vigor.

One proposal we heard that did not bode well was a request from WCAT to assume a majority membership on the board. That would give unfair weight to one segment of the transit system.

We propose, instead, that the board should be equally represented by three members from McLeod County, three from Sibley County and three from WCAT.

To paraphrase McLeod County Commissioner Rich Pohlmeier, the board is the guardian of the whole pie, not just a particular slice. A rider is a rider, whether they reside in rural Gibbon or downtown Buffalo. They deserve equal service, regardless of whether they live in sparsely populated southwestern Sibley County or a more urban area of Wright County.

Like Madden and the Minnesota Department of Transportation, we believe the partnership is worth saving, that the three entities are stronger than any one or two alone.

The partnership already is saving McLeod and Sibley counties a considerable of "local share" contributions of taxpayer dollars.

And it is to be hoped, with the adoption of an equitable five-year service plan, Trailblazer Transit can be a winning system for all three entities.

— L.C.



## Letters to the Editor

### Changes in prevailing wage law will hurt workers

#### To the Editor:

State Rep. Glenn Gruenhagen's prevailing wage ideas will cut pay and cost jobs for blue collar workers.

I am a retired construction worker who spent his career building infrastructure in this state. A recent letter in this paper caught my attention. He attacked prevailing wage laws in Minnesota. For those who don't know, prevailing wage is nothing more than local area standard wages for construction workers.

Gruenhagen called prevailing wage the "union wage." That's false. The local wage rate is established by looking at local wages paid on real jobs in our area, both union and nonunion workers benefit. He also fantasizes that we can save millions of dollars by getting rid of prevailing wages and that this will create

more jobs. The real reason Gruenhagen wants to mess with prevailing wage is simple, and it has nothing to do with taxpayers. He is working for cheap labor contractors that are using him to get rid of the laws that prevent them from paying workers low wages on public projects. The fact is that Gruenhagen and the business owners he fights for think construction workers in our region make too much money. I'm offended by that. These people are highly trained workers; they put their lives in danger and spend countless days on the road away from their families building this state. They earn their money, Glenn, every penny.

What Gruenhagen is proposing will not only cut the pay of people who get their hands dirty, it will also leave us wide open to not having jobs at all. Without area standards,

people from all over the country that are desperate enough to work for minimum pay will flock to Minnesota to take our jobs. Greedy contractors will exploit these workers, underbid all of our local good-paying contractors, pocket the savings and give the jobs to people who aren't from here.

The people of this region need to know that when politicians like Glenn Gruenhagen talk about prevailing wage, they are trying to cut construction workers' pay, and make it easier for unscrupulous contractors to exploit out-of-town cheap labor to enrich themselves. Local construction workers deserve a fair wage for a fair day's work and prevailing wage ensures they get it.

Daryl Panning  
Plato

### Updates given on transportation, PCA, RFA

#### To the Editor:

In the Minnesota Senate Transportation Finance and Policy Committee, the week was spent hearing a number of bills in advance of working on our larger transportation funding package. On Tuesday, the committee heard SF210, which is the 2017 bonding proposal. The proposal, which included over \$829 million in transportation-related projects, was laid on the table for discussion at a later date. I am hopeful that the committee will come to an agreement on this legislation as it contains a number of critical infrastructure projects across Minnesota, which would supplement additional funding that will come with our omnibus transportation budget proposal later this session.

On Wednesday, the committee heard several other important pieces of legislation. Among the most notable is legislation to establish a new license plate in memories of fallen law enforcement officers and a bill to designate a portion of Highway 23 near Paynesville in honor of Medal of Honor recipient Kenneth L. Olson.

Finally, we are continuing to examine ways to fund the transportation budget over for the next biennium. I'd like to pose a question: if a

proposed constitutional amendment, aimed at dedicating revenue from vehicle-related taxes and fees, were on the ballot, what would you think?

#### PCA legislation

This week, I presented one of my bills, SF695, in committee. This legislation is of particular importance to the small communities, many of which are exceptionally affected by a fairly new Pollution Control Agency (PCA) regulation imposing standards on phosphorus in wastewater treatment facilities. This is a problem, as there is no proof that what the PCA is requiring is rooted in scientific evidence. As a result, this regulation is costing cities statewide tens of millions of dollars as they work to come into compliance. Cities from my district, including Hutchinson, Winsted, Glencoe and Cokato, have been affected.

I believe there is a problem with the way the PCA imposes regulations on these communities, so I authored SF695, which allows cities affected by PCA regulation to appeal in front of an independent board, which then must review the action and determine whether or not it is indeed factual. I believe it is important that the Legislature take action to ensure the PCA is working with

real science, not pushing an agenda at the expense of local governments.

#### Rural Finance Authority

Agriculture is the second largest job creator in our state and is critical to Minnesota's economy, so I believe we must do what we can to ensure that remains. Legislation to fund the Rural Finance Authority (RFA) was signed into law by Gov. Dayton on Friday, one day after its final, unanimous passage by the Senate. The bill appropriates \$35 million in bond proceeds to the RFA, which is a state-run program that provides specialized, low-interest loans to eligible farmers to assist in debt restructuring, disaster recovery efforts, beginning operations, and operational expansion. The program has issued over \$200 million in loans since 1986 and is funded through state-issued bonds, with the loan principals being paid back to the state over the term of the loans, including interest. Remarkably, since the program's inception, the default rate on the loans issued is less than one thousandth of 1 percent.

State Sen. Scott Newman  
R-Hutchinson

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### Question of the week

The Minnesota Legislature is again considering a bill to allow Sunday off-sale liquor sales. What do you think?

- 1) Good. Liquor stores should be treated the same as other retailers.
- 2) It's not necessary. People can buy liquor other days.
- 3) I don't care one way or the other.
- 4) I don't know enough to have an opinion.

Results for most recent question:

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

- 1) Good. Education starts early — 37%
- 2) Good, if funding also includes facilities — 16%
- 3) Preschool should be voluntary — 39%
- 4) I don't know enough to have an opinion — 8%

62 votes. New question runs Feb. 22-Feb. 28

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Guest Column:

# Our democracy is threatened

By Lee H. Hamilton

With so much turmoil in Washington and around the country these days, it's easy to get caught up in the crises of the moment. These are, indeed, worth our attention — but so are longer-running developments that threaten the health of our representative democracy. I want to lay them out in one place, so that the most serious problems confronting our system don't slip from our attention.

First, it has become very hard to make our system work. Our country is so large, so complex — and, at the moment, so polarized and divided — that it's tough to make progress on the challenges that beset us.

In more ways than not, Congress reflects the country that elected its members; all the contrary sentiments and manifold cross-currents that characterize our communities come to rest on Capitol Hill. Ideally, that is where they should be reconciled — where discerning key facts, negotiating, and consensus-building lead to a common way forward. Congress has failed us repeatedly in this regard, but we need at least to recognize the magnitude of its challenge.

Still, this does not excuse what I consider to be Congress's chief failing: in the face of difficult problems, it has become timid. Its members don't like to make hard choices. So they don't come close to living up to their responsibility to be a co-equal branch with the presidency.

They may criticize the president, but they also defer to him to set the agenda and to make policy. From national security and foreign affairs to the nation's mounting debt

to entitlement reform to the long-term economic dislocation that has led so many Americans to feel forgotten, Congress has had little impact.

Which is why it's not surprising that we face a third long-term crisis: people have lost confidence in the institutions of government. This has been building for at least two generations, from the war in Vietnam and the turmoil it engendered back home, through Watergate, Iran-Contra, the war in Iraq, Hurricane Katrina, and the inability of Congress and presidents of both parties to enact comprehensive budgets and significant domestic reforms.

Yet no matter how understandable this lack of trust might be, it is a serious problem for our government and for the democratic system it embodies. Restoring public confidence will take hard, sustained work, starting with high standards of conduct at all levels. Once public confidence is lost, it can't be regained through rhetoric, only through exemplary performance.

But this won't happen unless we address the fourth challenge: our elections system needs thorough reform. At pretty much every level, it's throwing democracy off-kilter. House districts have been gerrymandered to create so many safe seats that many members need only be responsive to their base. Our voting system is fragile and in disrepair, with its patchwork of procedures, obsolete machinery, and legislative attempts to limit access to the franchise in the name of "ballot security."

We need to ensure the fairness, integrity and efficiency

of our voting infrastructure and procedures — or risk undermining one of the cornerstones of our democracy.

Which is also threatened by our fifth challenge: the powerful and pervasive influence of money on the political process. Our system is awash in money, which is spent to influence elections and gain favorable results. Many Americans feel money is what really runs Washington — as opposed to the ideas and principles we were taught in civics class.

Despite efforts at reform, the money problem is worse than ever — too many Americans feel they've become an afterthought in the political process.

Yet if they have, it's not just money that's to blame. My final concern is that too many of us have become disengaged from and indifferent to the political process. That may be changing at this particular moment, but as a historical trend, it's unarguable. As citizens, we have to learn how to solve problems in a representative democracy. We have to learn to work with people who hold different views, forge common ground with them, and hold our representatives to account — not alone for their political views, but for their ability to get things done.

To make representative democracy work, we, as citizens, have to up our game, too.

**Lee Hamilton is a senior adviser for the Indiana University Center on Representative Government. He was a member of the U.S. House of Representatives for 34 years.**

# Navigating winter's icy pathways

We look like something out of the "March of the Penguins." But without the tuxedos.

Despite recent mild weather, this winter has been dominated by slick, slippery conditions. Taking short, choppy steps is a must to staying upright.

Arms locked, my wife and I often waddle down the slippery sidewalks and streets in Glencoe each morning after the constant thaw, rain and refreezing cycles.

Bundled up in parkas, we look like Michelin tire people. The locked arms is a defense mechanism. If one falls, we both fall. It's the misery-loves-company approach.

My wife thinks we should have our cell phone along in case we fall. I don't own one, so it's her call. My hope is some Good Samaritan will come along to prop us back up. She's not so sure.

When things really got slippery this winter, we changed our route. Instead of testing our luck with the nasty ice on 10th Street sidewalks, we used the less traveled 11th Street at times. Walking along with traffic on 10th Street instead of the icy sidewalks is bit unnerving when a big semi passes several feet away.



**Rich Glennie**

Getting ready each morning looks like a winter ritual of our elementary school days. In my wife's case, it's heavy winter coat, ear muffs, light-weight mask to cover her lower face and gloves.

In my case, it is a heavy winter jacket, scarf inside the coat to keep my neck warm, stocking cap and heavy gloves. My beard acts as a natural chin protector. Long johns are mandatory.

Before we leave the house, my wife also grabs a bundle of Kleenex because her nose is running as soon as we hit the cold air. Blowing one's nose with a 30-below wind-chill is not for the meek ... and blowing one's nose through a face mask is out of the question.

Me. I just sniff a lot. I was never much for "farmer blowing" of the nose. That's a

special talent I never acquired, let alone mastered.

My wife often leaves her hood down as we walk for fear it will mess up her hairdo. Apparently looking good, hair-wise, is important to women, even as temperatures hover around zero or below.

But when Karen puts her hood up, her glasses fog over. Pick your poison: Nice-looking hairdo but frozen noggin versus fogged glasses and a California, wind-blown surfer hairdo.

I'd go with the surfer look. She refuses.

I came to grips with the idea that hair is a rental thing. "Hair today, gone tomorrow" as we used to say in the 1960s. How prophetic.

Karen's grandfather had a realistic outlook about hairdos. He had the hair rim look. Bald on top with his hairline around his ears.

He'd go to the barber and say he should get his haircut for half price.

But his barber always told him, "I should charge you double, because I have to hunt for them."

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

# Armed man tries to rob Victoria store

Carver County Sheriff Jim Olson reports that on Feb. 13, at 12:57 p.m., his office received a 9-1-1 call of an armed robbery at Hi-Five Liquors, located at 1512 Commercial Ave. in Victoria.

A white male, later identified as Joseph Scot Lacek, 26, of Chanhassen, entered Hi-Five Liquors, approached the store employee, produced a handgun and demanded money. Lacek proceeded to set the gun down to put on a glove when the store employee attempted to grab the gun,

and a struggle ensued. Lacek regained control of the gun, and the store employee fled as Lacek pointed the gun at him. Lacek then fled the store. The store employee chased Lacek as he fled the store and got into a motor vehicle.

A citizen outside Hi-Five Liquors observed Lacek running away from the store and took a photograph of Lacek fleeing in a motor vehicle. The vehicle description, along with the license plate, was provided to law enforce-

ment. Lacek was located at his residence on the 3600 block of Hickory Road in Chanhassen. Lacek was taken into custody without further incident and booked into the Carver County Jail for armed robbery. A handgun was recovered at the residence and no injuries were reported to law enforcement.

The Carver County Sheriff's Office will continue to investigate this incident. No other suspects are believed to be involved.

# Workshop on insect management

Source: Bruce Potter, University of Minnesota IPM specialist.

Corn and soybean growers, and those who advise them, often have insect management questions for which the correct answer is, "It depends."

Insecticide-resistant populations increase the difficulty of soybean aphid management decisions. Which insecticide group should be used? What about a pre or tank mix? Will seed treatments or earlier applications help?

The current low crop prices have encouraged some growers to reduce input costs by minimizing rotofarm and/or corn borer Bt traits. Sometimes these hybrid decisions are made with limited knowledge of risk of loss to corn yield or harvest-ability. Effective soybean aphid control and managing corn rootworms and corn borers without Bt means that the best decision can vary by geography, grower, farm and even field.

To help with these complicated decisions, Dr. Bob Koch, Dr. Ken Ostlie and Bruce Potter will hold a workshop designed to help participants work through their corn and soybean insect management decisions. This workshop will use a question-and-answer and case-study approach. They will provide management dilemma scenarios and will also include your own "real world" examples.

The workshop will be held at the University of Minnesota SWROC near Lambert on Tuesday, Feb. 28, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. They will be spending minimal time on lectures, so bring your questions. There is no charge for the meeting, but please contact Potter (bpotter@umn.edu) to register and if you have any questions.

## Time to start seeds

Source: Beth Berlin, University of Minnesota Extension — Stearns, Benton and Morrison counties.

Each year at this time, it is important to remind gardeners it is time to start some of your seeds indoors. Time can sometimes slip away from us, and there are some seeds that already needed to be started, but for many the time is now or will be coming in the next month or so.

As a reminder the key to growing good transplant plants is having the proper light, temperature and humidity. Often the most common problem is inadequate lighting. Supplemental lighting is needed if you are starting seeds indoors. An inexpensive lighting option is to use shop lights with a 40-watt fluorescent that can be adjusted to different heights above the flat or container of seeds. The light should be placed



# Farm Notes

By Karen Johnson

within two to four inches above the tallest seedlings. If the lighting is placed too high the plant may become "leggy" as it reaches for the light. Seedlings need to be placed under this direct light for 14 to 16 hours each day. Timers may be used with the lights to provide consistency and ease for the gardener.

It is critical from the very beginning to provide adequate water to the seeds or seedlings. The soil should be kept moist but not wet. The starting medium must be loose, well-aerated, well-drained and sterile. Premixed seed-starting mixtures can be used or a soil-less mixture consisting of equal parts of vermiculite and peat moss can also be blended. Most importantly, using sterile mixture is critical to the health of the seedlings; that also includes using sterile containers. Wash containers with a one-part bleach, nine-part water mixture to clean the trays, pots or even recycled containers or cans. Another option is to use boiling water to clean the containers.

Once you've cleaned the containers and have a good, sterile growing medium, fill the container to one-half inch below the rim. Read the seed packet for specific instructions on planting depth; some seeds have different requirements including chilling or scarifying (scratching the seed coat). Once you've planted the seeds, water them in carefully. Using a spray bottle will allow you to water with a fine mist without disrupting the growing medium or seeds.

Cover the containers using plastic domes or a sheet of polyethylene plastic. The containers will now need to be placed in a warm location with a constant temperature of 60-75°F. Using a growing heat mat can help maintain consistent temperatures. Heat is critical to the success of the seeds' germination; placing it in a window sill is typically not a good idea because it tends to be too inconsistent in temperature and can become too cool for germination. As soon as germination occurs and you see emerging plants, loosen the plastic cover. Continue to water the containers so that the growing medium is moist, but not wet. Begin fertilizing once the seedlings have several sets of true leaves using diluted fertilizer at one-quarter strength every week; water with plain water

as needed the rest of the week.

Here is a list of when to start common plants indoors:

Early February: geraniums, wax begonias, and violas or pansies.

Mid February: dusty miller, fountain grass, impatiens, larkspur, lobelia and celery.

Early March: ageratum, coleus, dahlia, petunias, rudbeckia, snapdragons, verbena, vinca/periwinkle, broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower and head lettuce.

Mid March: bells of Ireland, candytuft, cleome, dianthus/pinks, hollyhock, African marigold, ornamental pepper, annual phlox, salvia, sweet alyssum, peppers and eggplant.

Early April: amaranthus, aster, baby's breath, bachelor buttons, celosia, cornflower, four o'clock, French marigold, morning glory, nasturtium, ornamental basil and kale, and tomatoes.

Mid April: cosmos, sweet peas, black-eyed susan vine, and zinnia.

With some work, starting seeds indoors can be an inexpensive way to get a wide variety of plants in your gardens. Visit the University of Minnesota Extension website at <http://www.extension.umn.edu> and search "Starting Seeds Indoors" for more information.

## Upcoming Events

• Feb. 22, 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. — private pesticide applicator training, South Central College Conference Center, Mankato.

• Feb. 23, 12:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. — private pesticide applicator training, Henry's Catering and Banquet Center, Foley.

• Feb. 23, 12:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. — private pesticide applicator training, Renville County Government Services Center, Olivia.

• Feb. 24, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; Strategic Farming: Are You Resistance Ready? Hutchinson Event Center, Hutchinson. Registration cost \$10. Please pre-register at <http://z.umn.edu/resready>.

• Feb. 28, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. — private pesticide applicator training, Dakota County Extension and Conservation Center, Farmington.

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

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## Obituaries

### Virginia Chalupsky, 95, of Hutchinson

Virginia Chalupsky, 95, of Hutchinson, died Thursday, Feb. 16, 2017, at Ecumen Oaks and Pines in Hutchinson.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Monday, Feb. 20, at Holy Family Catholic Church in Silver Lake with the Rev. Paul Schumacher officiating. Bobbi Ludewig was the pianist and song leader. Congregational hymns were "Amazing Grace," "Prayer of St. Francis," "On Eagle's Wings," "How Great Thou Art," "I Am the Bread of Life," "Fly Like a Bird" and "Song of Farewell."

Her grandchildren served as casket bearers. Interment was in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Silver Lake.

Virginia "Virgie" Margaret Chalupsky was born Dec. 8, 1921, in Rollingstone, the daughter of John and Sophia (Fiel) Schuh. She was the sixth of eight children: Maurice, Laura, Robert, Elaine, Harold, Virginia, Mary and



Virginia Chalupsky

Jack. She attended school in Rollingstone and graduated from Winona State Teachers College.

She moved to Silver Lake to teach, and there she met Tom Chalupsky, who was then in the service in California. They were married in Rollingstone on Aug. 13, 1947. They had four children, Kathy, Tom, Jim and Karen. They lived in Silver Lake until shortly after Mr. Chalupsky's death in 1998. Mrs. Chalupsky moved to Hutchinson in 1999 and lived at Ecumen Oaks and Pines until her death.

She taught at Silver Lake High School from 1944 to 1984. She taught English, physical education and was the school librarian. She also was the junior class and the girls' athletic club adviser.

She was active in her church and community. She enjoyed traveling, playing cards, sewing and doing needlework. She loved spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She loved to bake and always had chocolate chip cookies any time her children and grandchildren came to visit.

She is survived by her chil-

dren, Kathy Julian (Tom) of Middleton, Wisconsin, Tom Chalupsky Jr. (Pat) of Remer and Karen Kaczmarek (Ron) of Silver Lake; grandchildren, Jessica Enneking (Jim), Christine Hoernke (Nick), Kelli Bruhn (Josh), Jill Kohlman (Joe), Melanie Chalupsky (Kyle), Andrew Julian (Mackenzie), Kari Verge (Jorge), Jeffrey Chalupsky (Laura) and Matthew Julian (Kelly); great-grandchildren, Thatcher and Reid Enneking, Noah, Grace and Emma Hoernke, Cole and Mara Bruhn, Brady Julian, Michael Chalupsky and Ruby Julian; many other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John J. and Sophia Schuh; husband, Tom Chalupsky Sr.; son, Jim Chalupsky; and several brothers and sisters and brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law.

Memorials are directed to Alzheimer's Association, ALZ.org.

Arrangements were with the Dobratz-Hantge Funeral Chapels in Hutchinson. Online obituaries and guest book are 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 Marshall.

A celebration of life memorial was held Saturday, Feb. 18, at First Lutheran Church in Marshall. Verda Scheele Interment was in the Marshall Cemetery.



Verda Scheele

Verda Scheele was born May 12, 1933, to Henry and Anna (Jahnke) Bartels on the family farm in Sibley County. She was baptized and confirmed at First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Glencoe. She attended grade school at First Evangelical Lutheran School and graduated from Glencoe High School with the class of 1950. She went on to further her education at the University of Minnesota, studying medical terminology. She then worked at Miller Hospital in St. Paul, where she dictated for physicians.

She was united in marriage to Ed Scheele on Sept. 24, 1955, at First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Glencoe. The couple then made their home in Marshall. Mrs. Scheele worked as the office manager and co-owner of the two businesses that she and her husband operated in Mar-

shall: distributors for Oak Grove Dairy products and then Diamond Clear Ice. The couple retired Feb. 1, 1990.

The couple lived in Cross Lake; Naples, Florida; and Longville before returning to Marshall in 2011. Mrs. Scheele attended First Lutheran Church in Marshall, where she was a member for over 60 years. She also was a proud member of the Marshall American Legion Auxiliary and the Marshall VFW Auxiliary. She volunteered countless hours of administrative services to the Marshall Fire Department while her husband served as the chief, and also the Missouri Valley Packaged Ice Manufacturers Association while her husband served as president, highlighted by hosting annual conventions for both organizations.

Mrs. Scheele was a wonderful wife, great mother and grandmother. Being a lover of fun, she enjoyed entertaining and always had a joke or story to tell. Socializing with friends seemed to go better with a cold beer and her beloved grouper sandwich or walleye sandwich, depending on her locale. She enjoyed playing golf, once scoring a hole in one! While living in Florida, she took many trips to the Naples Pier each week to witness the sun set. Over the years, she also enjoyed taking pictures, polka danc-

ing, playing cards, bowling, fishing, baking the best-ever chocolate chip cookies, crocheting, attending sporting events, afternoon pontoon rides, word-find puzzles, talking in German, and almost daily car rides with her husband, as well as spending time with those she loved so much.

She is survived by her husband of 61 years, Ed Scheele; children, David (Nancy) Scheele of Prior Lake, and Susan of the Twin Cities; two grandchildren, Jenny (Aaron) Freng of Shakopee and Jackie (Steve) Groth of Prior Lake; three great-grandchildren and one on the way, Sydney, Zachary and Ryan; brother, Marvin (Pat) Bartels of North Platte, Nebraska; sister-in-law, Marlain Elling of Deephaven; many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Henry and Anna Bartels; sisters, Rosa Gebhardt, Mildred Ramzel, Mabel Tanaka and Ramona Oxbridge; and brothers, Karl Bartels and Leslie Bartels.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to the American Heart Association (do natenow.heart.org).

Arrangements were with the Hamilton Funeral Home in Marshall. A guest book is available at www.hamiltonfh.com.

### Leona Kuhlmann, 77, of New Auburn

Leona Helen 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. Congregational hymns will be "Just As I Am," "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" and "Amazing Grace."

Casket bearers will be Jeff Thorson, Rollo Barrett, Abigail Bremer, Cheyenne Barrett, Tristen Barrett, Layne Barrett and John Schmidt. Interment will be in the Lester Prairie City Cemetery.

Leona Helen Kuhlmann was born Feb. 2, 1940, in Meeker County, the daughter of William and Mary (Peltz) Schmidt. She received her education at a country school.

On July 20, 1963, she mar-

ried LeRoy Rotzien in Hutchinson. They lived first in Hutchinson and later in Glencoe. Their marriage was blessed with five children, Heidi, Vonnie, Eldred, Georgia Ann and Sadie. On Feb. 11, 1994, she married Kenneth Kuhlmann in New Auburn, where they made their home.

She began working as a waitress when she was young and through the years worked for various places, including 3M, Hands Corporation in Winthrop, Young America Corporation, ADC Telecommunications in LeSueur, Sibley East School in Gaylord and the Country Convenience Store in New Auburn.

It could be said there was nothing that Mrs. Kuhlmann didn't like, though one of her greatest joys was her dear pets. She enjoyed ceramics and shopping at thrift stores looking for a good deal. She appreciated the time she had with those she loved.

She is survived by her children, Heidi (Rollo) Barrett of Minot, North Dakota, Vonnie

(Loren) Brelje of Glencoe, Eldred (Stacie) Rotzien of Star, Idaho, Georgia Ann (Robert) Pool of Watertown and Sadie Rotzien (fiancé Jeff Thorson) of New Auburn; grandchildren, Abigail Bremer (special friend Garren), Cheyenne Barrett, Tristen Barrett, Layne Barrett, Lucas Brelje, Lily Brelje, Belle Rotzien and Emmie Rotzien; great-grandchildren, Lola and Jozie Bremer; stepdaughter, Christine (Doug) Nelsen of Big Bear Lake, California; sister (Bernice (Earl) Hall of Hutchinson; brother, John (Sharon) Schmidt of Hutchinson; many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, William and Mary Schmidt; husband, Kenneth Kuhlmann; and sister and brother-in-law, Irene and Harvey Seefeldt.

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

## Deaths

### Albert Stuedemann 80, of Glencoe

Albert A. Stuedemann Jr., 80, of Glencoe, died Feb. 17,

2017, at Ridgeview Medical Center in Waconia. Funeral services will be Friday, Feb. 24, at 11 a.m., at Woodland Hills Funeral Chapel in Mankato. Visitation will be Friday from 9 a.m. until time

of services that day. Interment will be private at Woodland Hills Memorial Park.



Leona Kuhlmann



LeRoy Weber

### LeRoy Henry Weber, 84, of Glencoe

LeRoy Henry Weber, 84, of Glencoe, died Monday, Feb. 13, 2017, at his home.

Memorial services were held Saturday, Feb. 18, at First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Glencoe with the Rev. Ronald Mathison officiating. Cheryl Andrix was the organist. Soloist Justin Riererson sang "The Lord's Prayer" and "On Eagle's Wings." Congregational hymns were "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past" and "I Know That My Redeemer Lives."

Urn bearers were Josh Weber and Tristan Weber. Military honors were by Glencoe VFW Post 5102. Interment was in the church cemetery.

LeRoy Henry Weber was born April 16, 1932, in Glencoe, the son of Jacob and Anna (Ehoff) Weber. He was baptized as an infant May 1, 1932, by the Rev. E. Kolbe, and was confirmed in his faith as a youth on April 14, 1946, by the Rev. Alf Streufert, both at First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Glencoe. He attended country school through the eighth grade. He entered active military service in the U.S. Army

on Oct. 30, 1952, and served his country during the Korean War. He received an honorable discharge on Oct. 29, 1954.

On Jan. 18, 1963, he was united in marriage to Beverly Zarnke by the Rev. R.F. Meissner at First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Glencoe. The couple made their home in Glencoe, and their marriage was blessed with two sons, Dale and Duane. They shared over 54 years of marriage.

Mr. Weber farmed in Helen Township, Glencoe, most of his life. Farming was his whole life and he loved tilling, planting and harvesting. The Webers took pride in working together with field work and helping on their farm. He was a member of First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Glencoe, and also was a member of the Glencoe VFW Post 5102.

He enjoyed woodworking, fixing things, collecting tractors and wagons, and baking cookies for the grandchildren. He cherished the time spent with his wife, children and grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife, Beverly Weber of Glencoe; sons, Dale (Rita) Weber and Duane Weber, both of Glencoe; 10 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; brother, Donald (Madrienne) Weber of Glencoe; sisters, Gloria

(Gerald) Koerschen of California, Darlene Braun of Glencoe and Sharon (Marvin) Buckentin of St. Paul; many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jacob and Anna Weber; brother Eldon Weber and his wives, Susan and Wilma; sister and brother-in-law, Delores and Elmer Ziegler; and daughter-in-law, RaNaye Weber.

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



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### January Pillars of Characters

Named as January Pillars of Character at Glencoe-Silver Lake High School are, front row from left, Paige Ackerson, respect; Abby Gronlund, respect; Bryanna Paul, caring; Marissa Kirchoff, responsibility; Jaelynn Pinske, responsi-

bility; and Bennett Lepel, respect; and, back row, Morgan Verdeck, citizenship; Maren Warner, responsibility; Ashley Lawrence, responsibility; Kendra Ziebarth, responsibility; and Andrew Wraspir, responsibility.

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**HALE TOWNSHIP Notice of Annual Meeting & Election of Officers**

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of Hale Township, County of McLeod, State of Minnesota, that the Annual Election of Town Officers and Annual Town Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 14, 2017.

In case of inclement weather, the Meeting and Election will be postponed until the third Tuesday in March (March 21, 2017).

The election poll hours will be from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., at which time the voters will elect:

**One (1) Supervisor – Three (3) Year Term**  
**One (1) Clerk – Two (2) Year Term**  
**One (1) Treasurer – Two (2) Year Term**

The Annual Meeting will commence at 8:15 p.m. to discuss the usual business of the Township.

The Annual Election and Meeting will be held at the following location:

Hale Town Hall  
 9527 220<sup>th</sup> St.  
 Silver Lake, MN  
 Tammy Stifter  
 Hale Township Clerk

**Community Calendar**

**Thurs., Feb. 23** — AA Group mtg. next to Post Office in Stewart, 8 p.m., call 320-212-5290 for info.; There will be an American Red Cross Blood drive at Lighthouse Church, 10478 Bell Ave., Plato from noon to 6 p.m.; The Meeker-McLeod-Sibley Community Health Services will have its quarterly health board meeting from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., in the large meeting room of the McLeod County Solid Waste Department, 1065 Fifth Ave. SE, Hutchinson. The meeting is open to the public.

**Mon., Feb. 27** — Tops Weigh-In mtg., 5-5:30 p.m.; Brownton Senior Citizens Club, Brownton Community Center, 1 p.m.; Brownton Rod & Gun Club, 7 p.m.

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

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## Obituaries

### Eunice M. Warner, 85, of Brownton

Eunice Warner, 85, of Brownton, died Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2017, at Glencoe Regional Health Services in Glencoe.



Eunice Warner

A memorial service was held Sunday, Feb. 19, at the Congregational Church in Brownton with the Rev. Merline Duerling officiating. Deanna Meyer was the pianist. Kay Wilson performed "The Lord's Prayer." Charlie Warner, Mary Kobilka, Beth Fleahman and Kay Wilson sang "Children of the Heavenly Father." Sarah, Jill Megan and Caitlyn sang "I Love to Tell the Story." Congregational hymns were "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" and "I Need Thee Every Hour."

Honorary bearers were Chad Fleahman, Andy Kobilka, Chase Fleahman and Tim Wilson. Readers were Kristi and the Rev. Don Martin.

Eunice Margie Warner was born Feb. 23, 1931, in Detroit Lakes, the daughter of Henry and Nellie Larson of Lake Park. She was baptized as an infant and was confirmed as a youth, both at Eksjo Lutheran Church in Lake Park. She was educated at a Becker County rural school and graduated from Lake Park High School with the class of

1948.

At the age of 8, she had her own radio program, and played the piano and sang to her own accompaniment on KVOX in Moorhead. She had perfect pitch and the ability to transpose music "on the fly."

A 1951 graduate of Moorhead State Teachers College, she was a soprano soloist in the college choir, appeared in college plays, and was a homecoming attendant.

Following a year as a vocal music teacher in Wadena, she married Charles H. Warner of Aitkin. They lived in Princeton until purchasing the Brownton Bulletin in December 1953. While in Princeton, she taught private piano and voice lessons and was an organist and choir director at the Congregational Church.

Mrs. Warner taught private piano lessons for over 70 years and was a church organist for over 50 years. At Wadena, Brownton, Glencoe and Stewart, she accompanied instrumental and vocal musicians in district and state-region competitions.

Mrs. Warner was a member of the Brownton Women's Club, coordinated the Brownton blood bank, assisted at the nutrition clinic and was a member of the Women's Fellowship at the Brownton Congregational Church. She served as an organist and as a soloist for countless area funerals. In 2003, she was named a Hometown Hero by KNUJ Radio.

The past presidents of the

Minnesota Newspaper Association held an annual summer gathering for members and their significant others. One of the features of each gathering was a sing along. For many years, Mrs. Warner would play for two or three hours, members tossing out song titles and she would play — in any key they'd like — without benefit of music.

When she needed assistance with her daily care, she became a resident of Glencoe Regional Health Services Long Term Care on Feb. 5, 2017.

She is survived by her husband, Chuck; children, Charlie Warner of Canton, Mary Kobilka of Apopka, Florida, Beth Fleahman of Bemidji and Kay Wilson of Glencoe, and their spouses, 10 grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Sue Anne, in December 1962; her parents; her brother, H. Russel Larson, and sister, Doris Nelson, both of Lake Park; and special son, Glenn Klitzke, of Huron, South Dakota.

There are many pictures and musical items in her music room. "What you make of yourself is your gift to God" sums up her philosophy on life.

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

### Grant M. Willmert, 98, of Glencoe

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



Grant Willmert

Memorial services will be held Friday, Feb. 24, at 11 a.m., at First Congregational United Church of Christ in Glencoe with the Rev. Michael Fritz officiating. Lon Roach will be the organist. Congregational hymns will be "My Country, Tis of Thee," "Just As I Am" and "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus."

Military honors will be by Glencoe American Legion Post 95 and Glencoe VFW Post 5102. Honorary urn bearers will be Grant Olson, Cameron Olson, Scott Bloom, Mark Willmert, Todd Willmert, Clark Bell and James Bertoncin. Interment will follow the service in the Glencoe City Cemetery.

Grant "Bumps" Markhanna Willmert was born May 23, 1918, in Blue Earth, the son of Silas Ludwin and Gladys Eveline (Morgan) Willmert. He was baptized as an infant and later confirmed in his faith as a youth on April 29, 1929, at Evangelical Church in Blue Earth. He received his education in Blue Earth. Upon graduating, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy on March 27, 1944, and served his country during World War II. He received an honorable discharge on Dec. 26, 1945, in Seattle, Washington, as a radar man third class.

On June 11, 1939, he was united in marriage to Melva

Thrush by the Rev. H. Hiller at the Evangelical Church parsonage in Blue Earth. The couple made their home in Blue Earth until 1949, when they moved to Glencoe. Their marriage was blessed with three children, Barry, Sharie and Patti. The couple shared over 59 years of marriage before Mrs. Willmert's death on Aug. 10, 1998.

Mr. Willmert worked in the Glencoe area for 56 years. He transferred from the Blue Earth Green Giant Company to the Glencoe plant, where he was the warehouse superintendent. He then owned and operated Willmert, Inc., a trucking company and, in 1978, he and his son Barry purchased Auto Driveway and later retired in 1989. Mr. Willmert also owned about 40 acres of orange and grapefruit groves in McAllen, Texas.

He was an active member of First Congregational United Church of Christ in Glencoe, where he served as a deacon and as a trustee. He also was a member of the Masons, Shriners, Crow River Shrine Club, Royal Order of Jesters Court 53 in Minneapolis, Marco Island Shrine Club and was a council member for the city of Glencoe. He also was a lifetime member of Glencoe VFW Post 5102 and Glencoe American Legion Post 95.

He enjoyed stamp collecting, watching Minnesota sports, especially the Minnesota Gophers basketball and football teams; playing cribbage every Tuesday with his neighbor Nick, traveling, fishing, gardening and pheasant hunting back in the day.

He is survived by his daughters, Sharie Bell of Overland Park, Kansas, and

Patti (Larry) Olson of Glencoe; daughter-in-law, Joanne (Willmert) Sheedy of Chanhassen; grandchildren, Todd Willmert of Edina, Carrie (Willmert) Bloom (Scott) of Edina, Mark Willmert of Minneapolis, Heidi (Bell) Bertoncin (James) of Merriam, Kansas, Cameron Olson of Glencoe, Grant Olson of New Auburn and Angela (Olson) Bolt of Glencoe; great-grandchildren, Talia Willmert of Edina, Shelby Robertson of Merriam, Kansas, Erin Robertson of Merriam, Kansas, Dylan Robertson of Merriam, Kansas, and Ariana Bolt of Glencoe; sister-in-law, Thelma Mikkelsen of New Ulm; nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Silas and Gladys (Morgan) Willmert; wife, Melva (Thrush) Willmert; son, Barry Willmert; his dog, Buster; sister, Wanda Willmert; brother, Sylvester Willmert; son-in-law, Richard Bell; grandson, Clark Bell; great-grandson, Nicholas Bell; sisters-in-law, Clarice Greise, Joyce Prill and Joy Thrush; and brothers-in-law, Wayne Thrush, Clarence Prill, Donald Mikkelsen and Art Greise.

The family invites everyone to the luncheon at the church immediately following the service.

Memorials are preferred to the Shriners Home for Crippled Children.

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

### 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.



## Weather Corner

By Jake Yurek

Records were breaking all over Minnesota the past week with a few locations seeing the warmest temperature in February ever!

Our weather winning streak will come to an end later this week as a strong storm moves across the upper Midwest. There are still a lot of uncertainties, but what I do know is it will be windy and high temperatures will be held down to around freezing from Friday through Sunday. As I write this the storm track is pointed towards southern Minnesota, northern Iowa and into Wisconsin. Some locations could see close to a foot of snow, with lesser amounts to the north. That would put us in the zone of a coating to a few inches. The big question mark is the actual track, though. If the path would move 100 miles north we'd be in line for the bulk of the snow, so please pay attention to more up-to-date forecasts. Whoever gets the snow will have to deal with high winds as well, so blizzard conditions may form.

Behind the storm things will stay cool. The next storm system is slated for early next week, but with the computer models having trouble with this week's storm, I don't trust anything that far out.

Have a great week, everyone; be sure to watch forecasts as we get closer to Thursday and Friday.

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Wednesday night — Lows 27-33, clouds.

Thursday — Highs 37-43, lows 22-28, partly cloudy with snow late.

Friday — Highs 27-33, lows 12-18; snow early, then clouds.

Saturday — Highs 25-33, lows 14-20; partly cloudy.

Sunday — Highs 30-38, mostly clear.

Weather Quiz: What are some of March's weather extremes?

Answer to last week's question (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?): The northern portion of the state stayed a little cooler simply due to having snow on the ground. Snow keeps areas cooler than they normally would be by reflecting sunshine and not allowing it to heat the surrounding ground.

Remember: I make the forecast, not the weather!

### Glencoe VFW Auxiliary meets

The regular monthly meeting of the Glencoe VFW Post 5102 Auxiliary was called to order Feb. 13 by President Angela Johnson with 18 members present.

Opening ceremony was held and roll call was taken. Secretary's minutes were read and approved and the treasurer's report was approved and filed subject to audit.

General orders and communications were read. Chairman reports were given.

POW/MIA flag and candle was lit and a moment of silence was held.

Unfinished business — Boxes with items collected at the Christmas party were delivered to the Hastings Veteran's Home in January by Byron and Angie Johnson.

New Business — Year-end reports are due at the end of March. Discussion was held about working the Coborn's food stand and it was decided not to work it this year. Pillow cleaning will be April 21.

Lunch committee for March 13 will be Beverly Weber, Karen Vogt, Doris Heil and Monica Becker.

The meeting was adjourned until March 13.

### 14 Brownton seniors met

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

Winning at cards were Carol Brelje, first, and Audrey Tongen, second, 500; and Lowell Brelje, first, and

Ordell Klucas, second, pinochle.

Norma Albrecht won the door prize. Karen Schmeling served refreshments.

The next meeting is Monday, Feb. 27, at 1 p.m. All area seniors are welcome.

### 32 Silver Lake senior citizens met on Feb. 13

The Silver Lake Senior Citizens Club met Feb. 13 with 32 members present.

President Joanne Victorian called the meeting to order.

Celebrating February birthdays were Sam Shimanski, Roger Lhotka, Yvonne Urban and Luanne Mickolich. Cards were set to be played at Cedar Crest on Wednesday, Feb. 15. Prizes were donated by Margie Chap, Sam Shimanski, Roger Lhotka, Luanne Mickolich and Yvonne Urban.

The next meeting will be March 13.

Winning at cards were, 500: Hubert Scherman, Genny Lhotka, Sam Shimanski, Richard Kosek, Margaret Benz, Glen Wraspir, Judy Penas, Leroy Penas, Margaret Scherman and Dallas Ehrke; and 31: Doris Wraspir and Kathy Kaczmarek.

### Locals named to Mankato honors lists

Several local students were named to the Minnesota State University Mankato fall semester 2016 high honor and honor lists. Students must achieve a 4.0 grade point average to be named to the high honors list, while students with grade point averages of 3.5 to 3.99 qualify for the honor list. Named to the list from the area were Mackenzie Mrkvicka, Brownton, senior, high honor; from Glencoe: Rachel Bonderman, freshman, high honor; Derek Bratsch, senior, honor; Kristina Kunkel, senior, high honor; Dylan Melchert, sophomore, honor; Nicolas Rose, senior, honor; Ashley Schaefer, junior, honor; John Seipel, junior, high honor; and Jessica Underdahl, senior, high honor; from Norwood Young America: Chloe Christy, junior, honor; Jayme Ulrich, senior, high honor; Joshua VonBerge, senior, honor; and Makayla Dreier, sophomore, high honor; and, from Silver Lake: Jennessa Klatt, senior, honor; and Melanie Nowak, senior, high honor.

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### Wee Friends visit the library

Children from Wee Friends Preschool had field trips to the Glencoe Library Thursday and Friday. Above, members of the 4-year-old class enjoyed a story time with Miss Gabby. Pictured are, front row from left, Myles Mueller, Drake Voigt, Zach Miller and Mackenzie

Simrell; and, back, on Niki Moser's lap: Macie Stradtmann and Riley Odden, Katelyn Metag, Morgan Miller, Bria Pierson, Cooper Heeren, Emma Eiden, Caleb Dose and teacher Stacey Groe.

### Man suffers serious injury in Watertown bar fight

Carver County Sheriff Jim Olson reports that on Friday, Feb. 17, at about 11:23 p.m., sheriff's deputies responded to a report of a fight at the Riverside Bar in Watertown. A victim was reported to be laying in the street, unconscious.

Sheriff's deputies arrived to find a group of people surrounding the victim, Derrick Douglas Sommerfeld, 32, of Bloomington, attempting to provide first aid. A deputy asked for the whereabouts of

the alleged assailant and was told Sommerfeld had not been assaulted, but had simply fallen. Deputies provided emergency first aid until paramedics from Ridgeview Ambulance arrived, along with personnel from Watertown Fire and Rescue. Sommerfeld was subsequently transported to Hennepin County Medical Center to be treated for a life-threatening head injury.

Deputies began their investigation by closing the bar to secure the scene, later serving

a search warrant at the bar to review video evidence. They identified witnesses who reported that Sommerfeld had been assaulted by one of his siblings. According to witnesses, Sommerfeld and his sibling were fighting when the suspect punched Sommerfeld, knocking him to the ground and rendering him unconscious.

The suspect, a 36-year-old man from Otsego, whose shirt had been ripped and stained with blood, changed into a

clean shirt provided by a bartender and left the scene. A short while later, the suspect returned to the scene, wearing the shirt provided by the bartender. He approached a deputy and acknowledged involvement in the physical altercation. He was arrested for first-degree assault and taken to the Carver County Jail to be held for court.

Sheriff's deputies continue to investigate this incident.

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in need).

"When I first returned to school after my return from the trip, I had not slept in over 24 hours and was only a few hours removed from this shocking news. I shared it with my high school students so they would understand why I might be reluctant to talk about my latest trip to Haiti. It was very emotional, and not at all easy. A few days later I received a nice card signed by over 150 GSL high school students. I was very touched by this but had no idea what they were up to next.

"Today, they asked me to read a letter to both my Symphonic and Concert bands at GSL High School. When they first took the initiative to contact Pastor Nowak with their idea to raise funds, they did not know that the executive board of the HLMS had just met and founded the "Leonard Isidor Memorial Fund for Outreach." Their generous donation will likely be the first contribution to this memorial fund.

"This simple act by these students is probably the

nicest thing anyone had ever done for me. I will never, ever forget this."

Following is the letter written to Gepson from his band members:

"Dear Mr. Gepson,  
"Two weeks ago, you came back from your mission trip to Haiti. You spoke to us about both the good and bad things that unfortunately took place while on your mission trip. Sharing your story with the class motivated us to take some action. We spoke with Pastor Nowak and found the organization through which you have done your mission trips. After finding out the details, we planned a fundraiser and collected donations. Over the past week, we raised \$926.01 to be sent to Haiti, and we're still collecting. We have designated this money to be put into the Leonard Isidor Memorial Fund for Outreach.

"Thank you for everything that you do for us, especially for inspiring us to always be the best that we can be."

Concert & Symphonic Band Members



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Glencoe-Silver Lake band director with Leonard Isidor, a driver, translator and guide on a recent mission trip to Haiti. Isidor was murdered in a robbery shortly after dropping the Minnesota contingency off at the airport.



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