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## Lakeside science fair

Glencoe-Silver Lake's Lakeside Elementary hosted its annual science fair Friday. In the top photo, students explain their projects to judges. At bot-



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tom left is Jordan Grack with his "E-Lemon-Tricity" project, at bottom right is Jessica Headlee, whose project was on dissolution.

## GSL's building bond info campaign includes school tours, forums

By Lori Copler  
Editor

Glencoe-Silver Lake School officially kicked off its informational campaign for its proposed \$24.19 million building project at the Glencoe Business Expo Feb. 22, and is continuing its efforts with weekly tours of Helen Baker Elementary and public forums.

At Monday night's School Board meeting, Superintendent Chris Sonju said he had a steady stream of visitors at the school's booth at the Expo.

"I don't think I had three or four minutes, ever, between people stopping at our booth," said Sonju. "There is a lot of interest out there."

The project, if approved by district voters on May 12, proposes to eliminate the Helen Baker Elementary School and build an addition at the junior high and high school site to accommodate the district's kindergarten through second-grade students. The project also includes upgrades to the Lincoln Junior High and high school facilities.

On Tuesday of this week, the school district began hosting tours during the school day at Helen Baker and the high school and junior high school complex so that people can see firsthand what the district is dealing with, said Sonju.

He said it is especially appropriate to have those tours during classroom hours so residents can see the conditions under which students are learning.

Tours will be held each Tuesday until the election with a 10 a.m. start at Helen Baker and an 11 a.m. start at the high school.

In addition, Sonju said that first public forum has been tentatively set for Monday, March 30, at 6:30 p.m., at Helen Baker School.

"We'll be scheduling one or two more as the election gets closer," said Sonju.

In related business, Business Manager Michelle Sander said she has been working with Ehlers, the school's financial consultant, on getting together tax impact information.

Like past referendums, the school plans to put a link on its website so that residents and other property owners can find out the tax impact on their property if the referendum passes.

Sander said Ehlers is finishing up the hyperlinks, after which Sander will review it, and it "should be up and going within a week."

Sander said the tax impact links will be on the school district's home page on its website, which is [www.gsl.k12.mn.us](http://www.gsl.k12.mn.us).

## Spring load restrictions go into effect today

Spring load restrictions will go into effect on all McLeod County highways today (Wednesday, March 11), and will remain in effect until further notice.

All roads will be posted with signs indicating maximum allowable axle loads. Maps showing specific restrictions are available at the McLeod County

Highway Department office or on the McLeod County website at [www.co.mcleod.mn.us/highway/slr](http://www.co.mcleod.mn.us/highway/slr).

Any questions regarding specific route postings should be directed to the McLeod County Highway Department at 320-484-4321.

## 4-year-old injured in rollover on March 4

A 4-year-old child was taken to the Hutchinson Health Hospital for treatment of nonlife-threatening injuries following a vehicle rollover east of Stewart on Highway 212 on Wednesday, March 4.

According to the Minnesota State Patrol, Juana E. Lara, 30, of Hutchinson, was eastbound on Highway 212 at about 7:40 a.m. in a Jeep Liberty when she attempted to pass a Kia Sorento, lost control, and rolled the vehicle, which came to rest on its roof.

There also were two 7-year-old children in the vehicle; they were not injured, nor was Lara.

Assisting the State Patrol at the accident were the Stewart Fire Department, Buffalo Lake and Hutchinson ambulances, and the McLeod County Sheriff's Office.

## County Board applauds GIS division

By Dave Pedersen  
Correspondent

McLeod County Commissioner Paul Wright recognized the "exceptional work" of the county's Geographic Information System (GIS) Division at the March 3 board meeting.

The online mapping tools are being extensively utilized throughout the community, maintaining accurate, current and complete geospatial data. The great need for the service is seen in the 100,000 some views in the past year on the county website.

The purpose of GIS is to provide information to the county employees as well as the general public in a digital mapping environment. For example, almost 20,000 parcels of land have been mapped in McLeod County. Christensen said reading through all the legal descriptions was a fun chal-

lenge.

Christy Christensen has been the director for 24 years. He reported how ditch mapping addresses many rural issues. All ditch maintenance, cleanouts and repairs have been added to the mapping system.

GIS systems have been added to the emergency dispatch center and law enforcement department for timely reference and response.

The highway department oversees the GIS Division. It helps with snow plow routing, precise salt and sand mapping, road sign management, construction mapping, culvert inspection and road weed spraying.

Christensen said the county took the lead in developing the 2007 LiDAR (high resolution aerial photography) Project partnership effort with the state, Buffalo Creek Watershed

and cities of Glencoe and Hutchinson.

McLeod County received an award from the governor in recognition of working with multiple agencies. LiDAR flights happened again in 2011 and 2014.

"LiDAR allowed us to provide a terrain model for McLeod County with an accuracy of one-foot for contour models," said Christensen. "When people see our data they are really jealous of what we have because most have two-foot contours. We use it for road construction, to see how our drainage flows and others in the agriculture areas use it quite often."

Wright said a lot of county departments depend on the mapping software to have accurate data to be at their fingertips in order to do their jobs. He added, "We have some of the best of the best and they deserve

the recognition. We have far and above what other counties have."

### Jail bids

In other business, the authorization to advertise for construction bids for the county jail renovation and courthouse security project was given to John McNamara with Wold Architects.

Total project cost is estimated at \$7.315 million with around \$6.3 million for construction. Bid opening is targeted for March 31 and for award at the April 7 board meeting.

Construction work could take 12 to 14 months starting in May and concluding next spring. The large entry addition will be done first, followed by new inmate housing units.

Kelly Schultz was introduced as a new employee who started in November as the sentence to serve crew

leader.

He works with jail inmates who want to work off some of their sentence by working on community projects and fill obligations by the court.

Schultz says he had crews recently helping nonprofits, including with solid waste, at the county fairgrounds and ice rink and doing a lot of tree trimming.

The program is a joint partnership with the state providing 75 percent of the funding and McLeod County 25 percent.

The board approved the Community Support Services Program Grant Plan of \$111,680.

Approved was a memorandum of understanding agreement with Chippewa Enterprises in Montevideo for the sale of recycling commodities.

### Weather



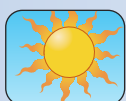
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Fri., 3-13  
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Sat., 3-14  
H: 57°, L: 38°



Sun., 3-15  
H: 66°, L: 47°

Looking back: Winter finally released its subarctic hold as temperatures rebounded late last week into the weekend.

Date	Hi	Lo	Snow
March 3	28	.....2	.....2.70
March 4	12	.....-10	.....0.00

March 5	19	.....-16	.....0.00
March 6	39	.....7	.....0.00
March 7	44	.....25	.....0.00
March 8	51	.....26	.....0.00
March 9	57	.....27	.....0.00

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

### Chronicle News and Advertising Deadlines

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



# Happenings

## SL Legion Auxiliary meeting

The Silver Lake American Legion Auxiliary Unit 141 will meet Monday, March 16, at 6:30 p.m., at the Silver Lake Legion. Lunch will be served, and the Legion's birthday will be observed. Please bring an item for the food shelf.

## Glencoe Study Club to meet

The Glencoe Study Club will meet Monday, March 16, at 7:30 p.m., at Ramona Nagel's home. Linda Van Haften will present a program on adoption and foster care.

## Legion Auxiliary will meet

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

## GHPS to meet on March 17

The Glencoe Historic Preservation Society (GHPS) will meet Tuesday, March 17, at 6:30 p.m., in the Glencoe Historic Room at the Glencoe City Center. Refreshments will be served, and guests are welcome. For more information, call Gloria Hilgers at 320-864-4174.

## Bar Bingo set for Saturday

The Glencoe Lions will be sponsoring Bar Bingo at the Glencoe Country Club on Saturday, March 14, at 2 p.m. Everyone age 18 and over is welcome to play for cash prizes. The Progressive Game 16 pay-out amount is \$599 if you have Bingo within 56 called numbers. Food, beverages and pull-tabs are available.

## SL Lions sausage supper

The Silver Lake Lions Club will host its annual sausage supper Thursday, March 12, from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m., at the Silver Lake Auditorium. Proceeds will go to the Silver Lake Fire Department and Silver Lake Ambulance.

## St. Patrick's Day parade set

The 28th-annual Silver Lake St. Patrick's Day parade will be held Saturday, March 14, starting at 1 p.m. sharp from the GSL Lakeside School. All Irish and "Irish in heart" are welcome to be in the parade. There are no forms to fill out and no one to call — just get out the green and be at the parade around 12:30 p.m. The parade will begin at Lakeside School and will end at the intersection of Main Street and Park Avenue. Respect for the American flag will be observed by all as the flag passes by in the parade. (The Irish Afterglow will return next year.)

## Plato Lions' spring brunch

The Plato Lions Club will host its 32nd-annual spring brunch Sunday, March 15, from 9 a.m. to noon, at the Plato Hall. The brunch includes all-you-can-eat pancakes, sausage, eggs, toast and a beverage. Free-will donations will be accepted. All proceeds go to community projects.

## Stewart Legion, Auxiliary

The Stewart American Legion and its Auxiliary will have a potluck supper Monday, March 16, at 6 p.m., at the Stewart Community Center. The groups will be celebrating the Legion's 96th birthday. Guests will be Minnesota Department Commander Peggy Moon and Minnesota Department President Chris Ronning, as well as the 3rd District commander and vice commander. Please bring an item for the food shelf. Anyone who has been involved with the military is welcome to help celebrate the Legion's birthday.

## Emanuel silent auction, dinner

Emanuel Lutheran School in Hamburg will host a silent auction and dinner Saturday, March 14, starting at 5 p.m. The dinner includes a choice of a smoked pork chop or turkey dinner, plus sides and dessert. Hundreds of items will be up for bidding, including automotive, dining, entertainment, sporting goods, home and garden and much more. The live auction starts at 8 p.m. Tickets will be available at the door.

## Birdwatchers invited to club

Birdwatchers from around the area are invited to attend the monthly meeting of the Hutchinson Area Bird Club, which meets every second Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. in the basement of the Hutchinson Library. This month's meeting is on March 12. Bird club members enjoy learning more about wild birds in a fun, friendly environment. All experience levels are welcome, from beginners to experts.

## Glencoe seniors meetings

The Glencoe Senior Citizens meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 12:30 p.m. in the seniors room at the Glencoe City Center. Sheephead is played on Tuesdays, and both sheephead and 500 are played on Thursdays. All seniors over 55 are invited. For more information, call 320-864-3799 and leave a message.

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.

# School Board OKs trial run of 'digital/different day' option

By Lori Copler  
Editor

Unless the weather regresses dramatically, the Glencoe-Silver Lake School District will not be able to try out its "digital/different day" this year.

The topic has been under discussion at recent Glencoe-Silver Lake School Board meetings, and the board gave its approval Monday night to trying it out on a test run.

The goal of "digital/different" day is to provide learning to students through online "Google Classroom" resources on snow days. The motion passed by the School Board Monday would allow the district to try out the concept if there is another snow day before the end of the current school year.

Although the School Board unanimously endorsed the proposal on a trial basis Monday night, Board Member Jamie Alsleben cautioned administration and fellow board members about its possible impact.

Alsleben noted that GSL has a rather high rate of students who take free or reduced meals, which indicates a certain level of poverty. Alsleben said those students may not have the resources to connect to the Internet and take advantage of the Google Classroom activities.

"I wonder if, in some cases, that is punitive to those who do not have the technology, and it's an additional burden for them to overcome," said Alsleben.

Superintendent Chris Sonju said the district is aware that not all students will have access to the Internet on snow days, but teachers are trying to find alternative ways to serve those students on snow days.

Students who are not able to complete online assignments on snow days will be

given alternative assignments, and given extra time to complete them, Sonju said. Some teachers have prepared "blizzard bags" to provide alternative materials to students.

"That's why we also called it 'different day' as well as 'digital day,'" said Sonju.

Board Member Clark Christianson said the school district already provides some "web-based curriculum and e-books" as supplemental material.

But Alsleben said "supplemental" material is "additional to initial presentation of standard curriculum."

Sonju said he is aware that the concept of digital/different day may not work as the district hopes, which is why it is having a one-day trial basis.

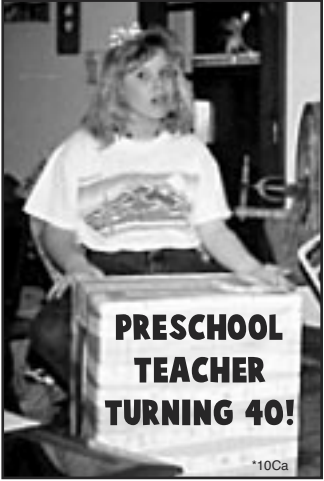
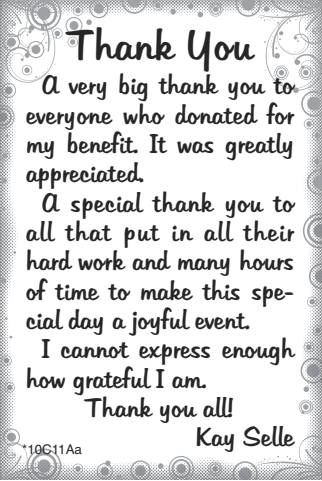
If the district does end up adopting it as a program, Sonju added, it may not be used for every snow day. Right now, he said, digital/different days do not constitute teacher-student contact days in the eyes of the state department of education.

"But it has been talked about at the state about making it a student contact day," said Sonju.

Sonju said that if a pilot day is used, the school district can then evaluate its effectiveness and decide if it wants to continue it on a permanent basis.

The important thing about the proposal, Sonju said, is that it pushes educational staff to "look at different ways to deliver instruction to students."

Sonju said that if the district cannot make use of the trial day this year, he will propose it again next year.



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# Snow, ice contribute to crashes

The Sibley County Sheriff's Office responded to two single-vehicle accidents last week.

The first was reported Tuesday, March 3, at 1:40 p.m., and occurred on Highway 19 about one mile east of Gaylord.

A 2001 Ford F-150 driven by Edward Joseph Kauffmann of Arlington was traveling eastbound when he lost control of the vehicle, which ran off the road and struck a tree. Kauffmann had minor injuries, and the vehicle had severe damage to the front.

Snow-covered roads and blowing snow were factors in the crash, according to the Sibley County Sheriff's Office.

Kauffmann was not wearing his seat belt.

On Wednesday, March 4, at about 8 p.m., a rollover accident was reported on 441st Avenue, about one-half mile north of Highway 5 (three miles northeast of Gaylord).

A 2000 Pontiac Grand Prix driven by Jennifer Cherrie Rose, 19, of Glencoe, was northbound on 441st Avenue when she lost control on the snow-packed and icy road. Her vehicle went into a ditch and rolled onto its roof. Rose was wearing her seat belt and was not injured. The car sustained moderate damage.

Krueger voted against it.

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

## Corrections & Clarifications

Last week's front-page headline and Glencoe City Council article incorrectly reported that the City Council had awarded the bid for its Lincoln Park street and utility projects. The City Council only reviewed the submitted bids; the bid will not be awarded until after the assessment hearing.

The Chronicle incorrectly reported the County Board vote on its creation of a new classification of public health deputy director. According to Commissioner Ron Shimanski, voting in favor were Shimanski, Joe Nagel and Paul Wright, while Commissioners Sheldon Nies and Doug

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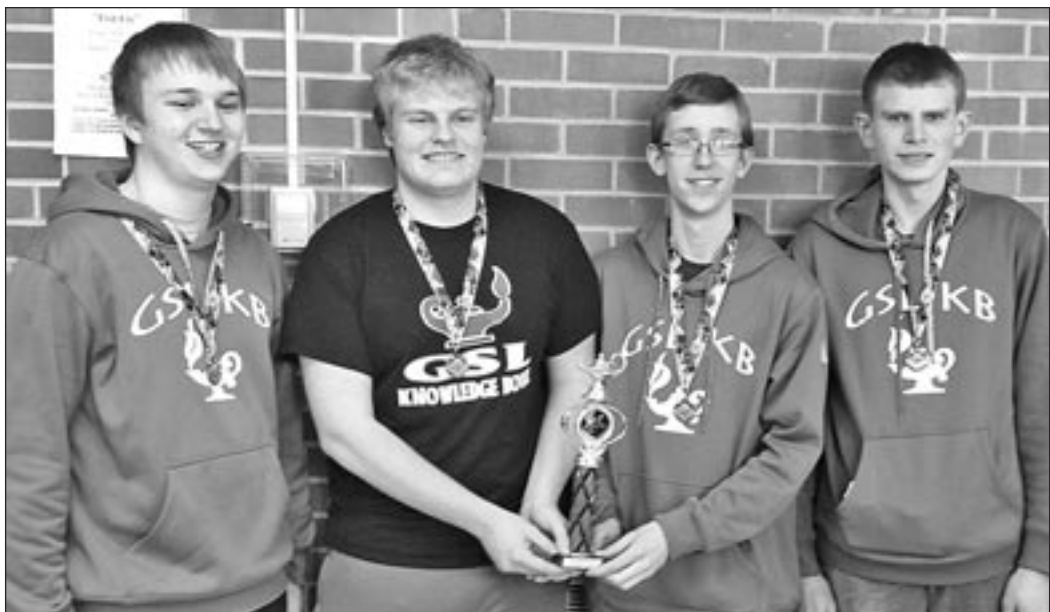
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Submitted photos

Glencoe-Silver Lake Knowledge Bowl teams captured the top three places at the subregion competition March 1. Pictured above is the championship team,

Nirvana. From left to right are Jacob Wawrzyniak, Patrick Fehrenbach, Chandler Swift and Mark Broderius.

## GSL Knowledge Bowl teams take top 3 spots at subregion

Glencoe-Silver Lake's (GSL) Knowledge Bowl teams entered their post season at MACCRAY High School on Monday, March 2.

While their friends were enjoying a day off from school for teacher workshops, the Knowledge Bowlers got on a bus before 8 a.m. and headed off for their subregion meet.

GSL took five teams to compete against 15 others from Benson, Hutchinson, KMS, Lester Prairie, Montevideo, New London-Spicer, Renville County West and Winsted Holy Trinity. The top half of the teams will go on to regional competition later in March.

For the third meet in a row, GSL's top three teams finished first, second and third.

"This is an amazing show of power by this group of students," said Coach Vicky Harris. For every oral round, there were at least two GSL teams in Room 1. All three GSL teams were in Room 1 for round two. Again, no other team could really hold up to this combination of GSL teams.

GSL's top team, Nirvana, stayed out front for the whole meet. It began with a first-

place written round of 51, and added oral round scores of 17, 23, 19 and 14, for a total score of 130 and the subregion championship. This team includes seniors Mark Broderius, Patrick Fehrenbach, Chandler Swift and Jacob Wawrzyniak.

GSL's Zen began in second place with a written score of 48, then added oral round scores (mostly in Room 1) of 9, 7, 20 and 15 for a total of 104.0 and second place. (Its score of 20 was earned in Room 3.) The team members are junior Maddie Kuehn, sophomores Jacob Fehrenbach, Katie Twiss and Jake Vasek, and freshmen Austin Pinske.

Trainquility started in sixth with a written score of 43, and earned oral scores of 19, 7, 9 and 13. It finished with 96.0 points and third place. Kyle Beck and Brent Duenow are senior members, while Mitch Beneke, Mark Lueders and Trevor Lueders are juniors.

Hutchinson's top team alternated between Rooms 1 and 2 and placed fourth with 93.0 points, while New London-Spicer finished fifth (87.5) and Montevideo ended in sixth with 87.0.

Meanwhile, GSL's fourth and fifth teams were competing mostly in Rooms 3, 4 and 5.

In a remarkably close finish, GSL 5 finished in seventh place with 81.5 while GSL 4 earned eighth place with a score of 81.0 points. Both will advance to the regional competition, as will the other teams mentioned above, Lester Prairie and additional teams from Hutchinson and Montevideo.

The team members of GSL 4, all sophomores, are Marisa Luchsinger, Maggie Petersen, Rachel Reichow, Dini Schweikert and Robin Swift. GSL 5 includes sophomore Kyle Wanous, freshmen Leam Armstrong, Jack Gepson and Laura Popelka, and eighth grader Brett Baumgarten.

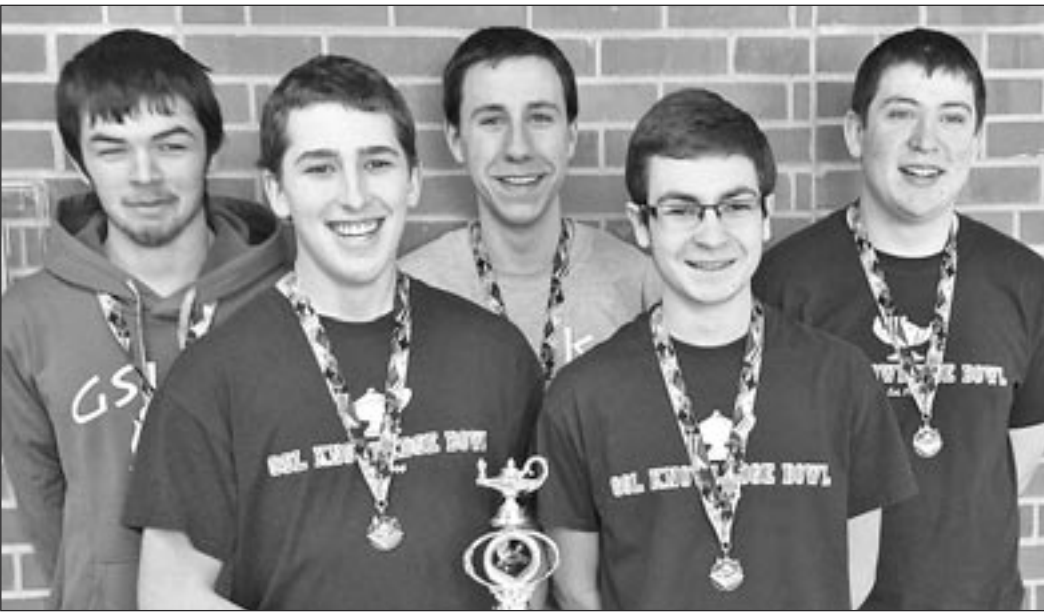
GSL's next competition comes next week, on Friday, March 20. Three teams from that regional meet will go to state, and the season will be done for all other teams.

"Much as we would love to have GSL earn all those slots, we can't assume that it will happen," said Harris. "We have to work hard in practice between now and then and do our best on that Friday."



Members of the second-place team at the subregion Knowledge Bowl competition are, from left, Jacob Fehrenbach,

Maddie Kuehn, Austin Pinske, Katie Twiss and Jake Vasek.



The subregion third-place Knowledge Bowl team consists of, from left, Kyle

Beck, Brent Duenow, Mark Lueders, Trevor Posusta and Mitch Beneke.

## County Board continues to discuss trail committee

By Dave Pedersen  
Correspondent

McLeod County is still looking to organize a trails plan steering committee.

The Board of Commissioners voted to sign a contract for professional services with the Mid-Minnesota Development Commission (MMDC) at the March 3 meeting at a cost of \$7,200.

However, the board tabled the forming of a committee to help with the organization of a McLeod County trail plan until the March 17 board meeting.

County Parks Director Al Koglin said the committee would bring goals and ideas to MMDC, which will help format a plan. Currently, each entity is working on a plan of its own. Koglin added how forming a committee with members from each community will help with collaboration and long-term plans for trails in McLeod County.

"There is no plan on paper," said Koglin. "Mid-Minnesota would help bring all this information together and write a plan based on what the committee gives it."

"In my opinion we will tell them, they don't tell us," added Commissioner Paul Wright. "Since trail issues bring up a sense of tension, let us let Mid-Minnesota help us to develop a product. Without that we are not going anywhere."

Commissioner Sheldon Nies agreed, adding, "If we do nothing we will be stumbling along as we are now. This will help in the process."

There was debate about what the committee should look like, so the subject was tabled for two weeks. It was suggested that having one representative from each community with a couple of at-large positions representing townships would create too large of a group.

Commissioner Joe Nagel suggested having a member from each district picked by commissioners. Nies wondered if committee meetings could be called public so any of the commissioners can attend.

The trails plan is expected to include inventory of current trails facilities and evaluate their conditions, as well as identifying gaps and connectivity needs in the network.

It will identify key destinations to plan to connect with an off-road and on-road trail network. It will look for best practices for bicycle and other forms of non-motor vehicle transportation and their possible use in the county.

The committee will work to assure public policies are

in place that promotes effective planning, funding, development and management of the county's trails system.

The plan will help find potential new trails and bicycle routes through a public participation process that will set priorities for identified needs. This will be done by providing guiding principles and evaluation criteria to assist with priority decision making.

The goal is to establish a planning and implementation framework (trail classification system, trail design, development and management guidelines, etc.) that facilitates trail development, management and use consistent with county priorities and community-supported goals.

Policies, programs and projects for achieving the plan's goals will be proposed. And then an implementation plan will be developed, including identifying potential funding sources and partnerships.

The plan can help establish specific trail maintenance criteria such as surface treatments, timing, funding and responsibilities.

The plan will also focus on a couple of the county's top priority trails needs to further advance the planning and implementation. This agreement with MMDC does not include any preliminary engineering assistance.

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## Digital/Different Day met with caution

Our view: Despite concerns, it's worth a trial effort

The Glencoe-Silver Lake School District's proposed "Digital/Different Day" to provide students with a learning opportunity on snow days has drawn both enthusiasm and caution from school board members.

The proposal would encourage the use of "Google Classroom" and other online resources for learning on snow days so that students can continue their education even while at home.

School Board Member Jamie Alsleben rightfully pointed out that the measure could have the potential of increasing the learning gap between students with adequate financial means and students who do not have those resources. Economically challenged families typically do not have access to computers, iPads, other devices and Internet service.

But Superintendent Chris Sonju and other administrators are stressing that those students without technology access will still have alternative ways to complete "Digital/Different Day" assignments.

We feel the approval of a trial run for "Digital/Different Day" is a step in the right direction. Some day, technological access will be as common as running water and electricity. Many cities are already providing free Internet service to residents, while many school districts are trying to provide each and every child

with a device, such as an iPad, so that they can access educational resources from home, libraries or wherever Internet service is available. GSL has already started a program to put such devices in students' hands, although it has a ways to go before every student is equipped.

There will be, no doubt, some drawbacks to "Digital/Different day." Some students may simply not have the internal initiative to complete assignments without a parent or teacher to encourage them. Others may not have access to the Internet because they are at a grandparent's home or a day care or, as Alsleben pointed out, simply don't have the financial resources to purchase Internet service.

It may, in fact, turn out to be an idea that is simply ahead of its time. But it is best to be in front of the cutting edge, rather than behind it. It's an experiment worth doing, and we applaud the School Board for moving ahead, with appropriate caution and concern.

And best of all, as Sonju pointed out, the "Digital/Different Day" encourages administrators and teachers to look at education with fresh eyes and consider other options for delivering education that can be tailored to each student's unique needs. And we applaud that, also.

— L.C.



## Dear government: leave my clock alone

I've never really embraced the idea of Daylight Saving Time, but I never used to mind it, either.

I could never understand how changing the clock ahead one hour "saved" daylight. God gave us a certain number of hours of daylight a day, and the government can't change that by monkeying with our clocks.

Daylight Saving Time was first proposed in about 1895, and some countries adopted the concept in the early 1910s. The United States started using the concept in the 1970s at the height of the energy crisis, arguing that longer daylight in the evening would reduce the use of incandescent lights in residences.

Maybe it helped, maybe it didn't. The energy crisis passed and we moved on, but we kept daylight saving time.

While the government can tell me how to set my clock, it has no power over my internal clock. Each spring and fall, my body has a harder time adjusting to the change in time, even



Lori Copler

though it's just an hour.

I spent a good portion of Saturday afternoon snow tubing with my brother and his kids and his neighbor and their kids.

At my advanced age, I was thoroughly bushed at the end of the day, and ready to crawl into bed by 8:30 p.m. However, I felt that was an absurdly early time to go to bed, until I remembered that I was supposed to "spring forward" one hour. Within a second, it was now 9:30 p.m. and a more acceptable bedtime. I read

until 9 or 10 p.m., depending on your point of view, then turned out the light and sank blissfully into sleep.

But I still have a hard time adjusting. As an early bird, I resent the fact that it is still dark when I get up in the morning, although I do enjoy the longer evenings.

I have an even harder time in the fall, when we turn back the clocks and I want to go to bed at 9:30 p.m. rather than 10:30 p.m.

And each year, it takes longer to adjust. At one time, changing the clock had no effect on me. Then it took a day or two to adjust. This year, I still haven't adjusted.

I've never really had any goals for retirement, except not working, but now I have one: to not be ruled by clocks. I'm going to go to bed when I want, get up when I want, eat when I'm hungry and record all my TV shows so I can watch them whenever I want.

And I'm going to enjoy every undocumented minute of it.

## Letter to the Editor

### Enjoyed meeting GSL FFA'ers

To the Editor:

It was a pleasure to meet students and instructors at Glencoe-Silver Lake's 75th anniversary of their FFA chapter on Friday, Feb. 27. Having taught in the school district before taking over the family farm in western Minnesota, I was impressed with the history and passion Glencoe-Silver Lake's school district showed in its commitment to its FFA chapter through agricultural education. Minnesota Farmers Union remains

dedicated to furthering the education of students involved in agriculture programs across rural and urban Minnesota. No matter what background these students come from, we need them to be educated and prepared to enter into the agriculture industry in order to feed the growing global population.

In a state where agriculture is such

Peterson  
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## Letters to the Editor

### Questions City Council's awarding of demolition bid

To the Editor:

I would like to comment on the Glencoe City Council's award of the bid to demolish Denny's Barber Shop building to MJ Neisen of Brownston.

I feel I'm too biased to offer my personal opinion because Ken Polifka of Ken's Excavating is my father, and I'm also an employee. However, from the perspective of a Glencoe business owner, I feel I can because I own and operate CJP AutoSales in Glencoe.

I find it disturbing that city staff asked Ken's Excavating (local contractor) for a general estimate to demolish the building so they could

get the ball rolling on the project and then publish that figure in the paper.

I understand that the city has to accept the lowest bid and I'm not saying the bidding process should have been circumvented, but in this case there was not a bidding process. City Administrator Mark Larson stated that MJ Neisen "approached" the city with a bid; well, unless one is not real bright, I don't think it's too hard to beat a price that is posted in the paper. The city should have had the common courtesy to allow Ken Polifka to submit a formal bid, especially after asking for his help originally. He might not have been the lowest, but at least the process

would have been fair.

As a community, we are encouraged to shop locally, which supports our taxpaying businesses. The prices may be a little higher because a short 15-mile drive gives us access to retail chain stores, which I'm sure makes it difficult for local retailers to compete, but shopping there doesn't benefit our city. It's too bad the City Council can't operate on that same principle. On behalf of fellow Glencoe business owners, I would like to thank Council Member Allen Robeck for recognizing this flawed process and voting "no."

Cory Polifka  
Glencoe

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### Question of the week

The state of Minnesota was anticipating a \$1.9 billion surplus as of February 2015.

What should the state do with the money?

- 1) Give it back to taxpayers in rebates.
- 2) Spend it on roads and bridges.
- 3) Spend it on education.
- 4) Build up its reserve fund.

Results for most recent question:

The issue of the city of Glencoe buying goods and services from local businesses has been frequently raised. What do you think?

- 1) The city should buy locally; businesses pay local taxes — 68%
- 2) The city should pay the lowest cost it can to save taxpayers money — 32%
- 3) I don't know — 0%

68 votes. New question runs March 11 - 17.

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# County Board approves purchases of equipment for highway department

By Dave Pedersen  
Correspondent

McLeod County Highway Engineer John Brunkhorst has been doing some spring cleaning of older equipment and asked the Board of Commissioners for new gear at the meeting on March 3.

When it was all said and done, the board dished out nearly \$236,954, with funding coming from the 2015 highway budget.

The big-buck item was the purchase of a 2015 Mack tandem truck chassis from Nuss

Truck and Equipment in Roseville on the state contract for \$99,703. This price includes a \$12,000 trade-in allowance for a 1997 Ford LT 9000 plow truck with 210,000 miles.

The Mack truck will help with a lot of work after the county voted to purchase a truck equipment package completely installed (box, plow, scraper, wing, sander and more) from Towmaster, Inc., of Litchfield on the state contract for \$105,462.

Next came board approval

for Brunkhorst to purchase a Kuhn GMD 600 disc mower from Arnolds in Glencoe for \$5,900, which includes a trade allowance.

McLeod County also will purchase a 2015 GMC Sierra 4WD pickup from Nelson Auto Center in Fergus Falls on the state contract for \$25,889.44. This will replace a 1999 GMC with 150,000 miles.

The county will get some funds back for selling the old shouldering machine for \$3,051.

In other highway department business, the board agreed to the final payment of \$88,767.05 to Duininc, Inc., of Prinsburg for bridge construction on CSAH 15 over the South Fork of the Crow River. A delay in the project resulted in some \$100,000 in penalties.

Commissioners voted to hire Widseth Smith Nolting of Alexandria for engineering services related to the replacement of bridge 43504 on CSAH 11 for an estimated fee of \$107,855.

“This bridge is structurally deficient and replacement is recommended,” said Brunkhorst. “We have identified the early spring of 2016 as a construction window provided there are bridge bonding funds available.”

Widseth Smith Nolting recently performed a load rating analysis on the bridge that was built in the mid-1960s as part of a statewide contract and identified areas of concern.

McLeod County is in line with Glencoe and Hutchinson

after passing a resolution approving support for House Bill 80, a bill to appropriate money for right-of-way acquisition and construction of marked Trunk Highway 212.

No funding has been identified, but the environmental work has been done and the project is “shovel ready.” The project would create a four-lane highway between Norwood Young America and Cologne.



Ashle Lukes



Cheyenne Schmidt



Genevieve Jeurissen

## Dairy Princess coronation is March 28

The 62nd-annual McLeod County Dairy Association and Dairy Princess Coronation is set for Saturday, March 28, at Peace Lutheran Church in Hutchinson.

Princess candidates include:

- Ashle Lukes, daughter of Michael and Reada Lukes of Lester Prairie.
- Rachel Stender, daughter of Allen and Lisa Stender of Lester Prairie.
- Sarah Eggert, daughter of Jerry and Connie Eggert of Hutchinson.
- Genevieve Jeurissen, daughter of Rick and Mindy Jeurissen of Hutchinson.
- Cheyenne Schmidt, daughter of Ron and Denise Schmidt of Hutchinson.

Appetizers will be served at 7 p.m. with a buffet dinner set to start at 7:30 p.m. The dinner will be followed by a “make-your-own-sundae” bar.

Also presented at the banquet are The Butter Knife, Friend of Dairy and Dairy



Rachel Stender

Farm Woman of the Year awards.

The emcee for the evening is Sarah (Olson) Schmidt of New Ulm, a former Princess Kay of the Milky Way. Dinner music will be by Alice Nowak. Door prizes will be given.

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Sarah Eggert

Janice Konerza, 320-327-2821. Tickets also will be available at the regular price at the door the evening of the banquet and the coronation.

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## 4 GSL staff members to retire

By Lori Copler  
Editor

The approaching end of the school year seems to bring announcements of retirements, and that was no exception at Monday night’s meeting of the Glencoe-Silver Lake School Board meeting.

The School Board’s consent agenda listed four impending retirements: Vicky Harris, science teacher at Lincoln Junior High; Duane Stensvad, special education teacher at Lincoln; Sandra Steile, math teacher at Lincoln; and Ken Hults, principal’s secretary at Lakeside Elementary.

In its approval of the consent agenda, the School Board also approved the hiring of Lynn Tupper as a long-term family and consumer science (FACS) teacher at the high school, replacing Tamra Smertneck, who resigned; and Dulce Hernandez as a

parent leader - elementary parent and staff advisory, who replaces Kim Ruschmeier, who resigned.

Chris Bick resigned as the eighth-grade baseball coach. Hired as coaches were Joel Voelz for seventh-grade baseball and Jessica Schmitz for seventh-grade softball.

Also approved was a contract reduction for Sarah Beckman, Spanish teacher, who will not be required to teach an “overload” for the third trimester because of changes in the English as a Second Language (ESL) population.

The School Board also approved a maternity leave for Stephanie Zajicek, speech language pathologist at Lakeside Elementary, from Aug. 31 to Oct. 16.

In other business Monday, the School Board accepted with appreciation donations from the Plato Lions Club, \$100 for robotics; Shopko Foundation, \$1,750 for school readiness snacks and “Books for Babies;” Glencoe Lions Club, \$50 for CPR and automatic external defibrillator (AED) training; Silver Lake Lions, \$250, trip abroad; New Auburn Fire Department, \$350, robotics; Ken Mathews Digging, \$100, trap shooting; Powell Performance Fab, \$100, trap; Shady Lane Sportsmen’s Club, \$250, trap; Glencoe Area United Fund, \$10,000, tennis courts; Hutchinson Technology, \$500, robotics; and Silver Lake Lions Club, \$250, Business and Professional Association (BPA).

## Peterson

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a vital part of our rigorous economy, I encourage local communities to continue their support for agricultural education programs. Whether that is sponsoring a scholarship or volunteering time to coach a Career Development Event team, we need your help to encourage these students to pursue agriculture careers.

It was an honor to be present for such an important milestone in Glencoe-Silver Lake FFA history, and I look forward to seeing how its program continues to thrive with community support.

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# 3 musicians chosen for MBDA honors bands

On April 24-25, three Glencoe-Silver Lake (GSL) band students representing the GSL eighth-grade grade, symphonic and concert bands will be members of the 2015 Minnesota Band Directors Association (MBDA) State Level Honor Band, held at Alexandria High School in Alexandria. Students are selected to the band through a competitive recorded audition that was submitted this past December.

GSL Lincoln Junior High eighth-grade band member Leah Bettcher (bassoon) was selected to the sixth- through eighth-grade level state honor band. There were 227 students from 68 schools who auditioned for the band. She will be one of three bassoon players in the ensemble.

Ninth graders Laura Popelka (clarinet, GSL Symphonic Band) and Jack Gepson (trumpet, GSL Concert Band) were selected to the ninth- and 10th-grade state honor band. Both played in the state sixth-through eighth-grade level band last year. Two hundred twenty-two students from 60 schools auditioned. There are



Leah Bettcher has been selected for the MBDA sixth- through eighth-grade honor band.

13 clarinets and 10 trumpets in the ensemble.

The students participating will have the opportunity to work with some of the finest music educators in the state as their section coaches. The ninth-10th-grade band will be conducted by Dr. Doug Orzolek of St. Thomas University and the sixth- through eighth-grade and will be conducted by DeAnn Klun of Orono Middle School.



Submitted photos  
Ninth graders Laura Popelka and Jack Gepson have been selected to participate in the Minnesota Band Directors Association (MBDA) ninth- and 10th-grade honor band.

The honor band program is an ongoing project of MBDA, a professional organization of band directors representing band programs of all grade levels from throughout the

state of Minnesota. The mission of MBDA is to assist in the development of band directors and band programs in schools, colleges, and communities throughout Minnesota.

# Brownton City Council approves change in garbage collection service provider

By Lori Copler  
Editor

City of Brownton residents will have a change in its waste collection service in May.

At its Tuesday, March 3 meeting, the Brownton City Council accepted a proposal from West Central Sanitation for garbage collection, despite the fact that its quote was more than that of the current provider, Waste Management.

For 32-gallon carts, Waste Management proposed a \$10.05 monthly charge as compared to \$10.20 from West Central; for 64-gallon carts, Waste Management proposed \$10.90 a month to West

Central's \$11.30; and for 96-gallon carts, Waste Management proposed \$12.75 monthly as compared to West Central's \$13.15 per month.

City Council Member Curt Carrigan said he had no problem with Waste Management, but felt that since West Central has the county's recycling service, it would be a better fit for the city. He noted that the city did not have to accept the lowest quote or bid it received, but it had to provide justification for not doing so.

Carrigan made the motion to change the service based on the fact that West Central has the county recycling contract,

which serves the city of Brownton, and because West Central was proposing no increases for two years.

The motion passed unanimously.

In other business, the City Council:

- Heard that the summer recreation program had about 80 participants in 2014, and expects about the same in 2015. Fees for the program will remain the same in 2015, the City Council decided by consensus.

- Accepted the formal retirement of Deputy Clerk Cindy Lindeman as of April 30. Lindeman served as the

city clerk for many years, and accepted a part-time deputy clerk position after semi-retiring a couple of years ago. She has been employed by the city for 33 years.

- Accepted the resignation of Deb Zellmann, who cleaned the community center and civic center. Council Member Tim Olson suggested looking into contracting with a company for cleaning services. He also asked approval to have the floor at the community center stripped and resealed. The Council granted the request.

- Set the Board of Appeal meeting for April 1 at 11 a.m.



# Music Festival participants

A number of local students recently participated in the 2015 Music Festival sponsored by the Minnesota and National Federation of Music Clubs and the Club 88 Music Teachers. The festival gives students the opportunity to perform and receive evaluations in a noncompetitive setting. Those earning Superior rat-



Submitted photos

ings performed in one of the Festival Honors Concerts on Sunday, March 1. Students from the area who participated were, above left photo, in front, Caroline Schmidt; and, in back, Leah Bettcher, Kendra Klobe and Allison Wright; and, in the photo at right, Frank Jilek and Evelyn Jilek.

# Record

## Glencoe Police

### MONDAY, MARCH 2

2:32 a.m. — An officer checked on a suspicious vehicle in a parking lot on 10th Street E. A male was sleeping in the vehicle. He said he was on his way to Wisconsin, and went on his way.

6:19 a.m. — Officers responded to a locked car with a child inside it on 15th Street E. They were able to unlock the car and the child was fine.

9:11 a.m. — Officers responded to a report of a person loitering in the City Center. The individual was escorted from the property.

11:12 a.m. — An officer assisted with a child custody issue on Sunrise Drive.

12:12 p.m. — A person drove off without paying for \$20.01 in gas at a business on 13th Street E. No license plate number was obtained, and officers were unable to find the vehicle.

1:14 p.m. — An officer gave an animal owner a copy of the city ordinance and advised him of a complaint on 12th Street E.

5:15 p.m. — A driver was cited for not wearing a seat belt and was given a verbal warning for no current proof of insurance at a traffic stop in the area of Seventh Street E and Chandler Avenue N.

6:30 p.m. — A person on Dogwood Avenue N reported a possible tax fraud.

### TUESDAY, MARCH 3

12:36 a.m. — A male was sleeping in a car parked at the pumps at a station on Ninth Street E. An officer

asked him to move his vehicle away from the pumps.

9:57 p.m. — Officers and sheriff's deputies responded to a verbal argument on Ninth Street E. A male person left for the night.

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

7:46 a.m. — A woman fell at an address on Ford Avenue N and was taken by ambulance to the hospital.

10:07 a.m. — Officers arranged for the transportation of an intoxicated person to a detox facility after a suspicious incident in the area of Seventh Street E and Elliott Avenue N.

3:11 p.m. — Drug paraphernalia was found in a vehicle on 13th Street W. Officers arranged to have it destroyed.

4:26 p.m. — A driver was cited for driving after suspension at a traffic stop on 16th Street.

### THURSDAY, MARCH 5

2:46 p.m. — A minor two-vehicle accident occurred at 12th Street E and Hennepin Avenue. There were no injuries and only minor damage to the vehicles.

5:48 p.m. — An officer and the Glencoe Ambulance responded to a medical emergency on Ford Avenue N.

### FRIDAY, MARCH 6

1:24 a.m. — A female on Dogwood Avenue N who was not feeling well was taken by ambulance to the hospital.

7:07 a.m. — A gas drive-off was reported at Casey's on 13th Street. A sheriff's deputy found and stopped the vehicle, and the driver went back to the station and paid for the gas.

3:15 p.m. — A report was received of a male who fell off a riding lawn mower in a backyard on

Stevens Avenue N and was unresponsive. He was taken by ambulance to the hospital.

3:40 p.m. — Officers and a sheriff's deputy responded to a verbal domestic between occupants at an apartment on Hennepin Avenue.

7:59 p.m. — Officers stopped a vehicle for a driving complaint and cited the driver for violation of a learner's permit because no licensed driver was in the vehicle.

9:40 p.m. — Officers and a sheriff's deputy responded to a physical domestic on Park Street W. One person was arrested.

9:43 p.m. — Officers and an ambulance were sent to Prairie Avenue for a male who had reportedly passed out. He was taken by ambulance to the emergency room.

### SATURDAY, MARCH 7

4:42 a.m. — A driver was arrested for driving after revocation at a traffic stop in the area of Highway 212 and Chandler Avenue.

5:15 p.m. — An officer and the Glencoe Ambulance responded to a mental health issue on Newton Avenue. The person was taken by ambulance to the emergency room.

8:22 p.m. — A woman fell and possibly sprained her wrist at an address on Prairie Avenue. Officers and the Glencoe Ambulance responded.

8:56 p.m. — The police department assisted with a structure fire on 120th Street.

10:25 p.m. — A driver was given a verbal warning for a cracked windshield and a passenger was cited for drug paraphernalia at a traffic stop in the area of Union Avenue N and 11th Street E.

10:29 p.m. — An officer assisted

a motorist whose tailgate fell of their vehicle on 11th Street E. They were able to put the tailgate back on.

11:21 p.m. — A driver was cited for driving without a valid license and given a verbal warning for failing to yield the right of way at a traffic stop in the area of Armstrong Avenue and 11th Street E.

### SUNDAY, MARCH 8

3:36 a.m. — A driver was arrested for driving after revocation and on a Hennepin County warrant at a traffic stop in the area of Highway 212 and Dove Avenue.

6:28 p.m. — An officer responded to a report of loud music on 15th Street W.

### MONDAY, MARCH 9

12:40 p.m. — Officers and the Glencoe Ambulance responded to a medical emergency on Basswood Street W.

2:23 p.m. — A vehicle was hit by another vehicle, probably white, in the parking lot of the hospital and clinic. There were no witnesses and no video footage of the hit and run.

3:47 p.m. — A gas drive-off was reported at Super America on Ninth Street E in the amount of \$24. The driver was contacted and thought she had paid with her credit card at the pump. She said she would return to pay for the gas.

4:06 p.m. — Officers responded to a report of a violation of a court order on 16th Street, and arrested a person for trespassing and a small amount of marijuana.

6:30 p.m. — An officer responded to a report of trespassing by an unwanted person at a residence on Ninth Street E.



# Weather Corner

By Jake Yurek

I always end my weekly forecasts with "Remember: I make the forecast, not the weather!" Well, this week I will definitely stake claim to making the weather.

We've flipped the switch from well below average to well above average this week as highs make a run at records Thursday and Friday. The overall flow (jet stream) has shifted to allow air to move in from the west/southwest, creating a ridge of high pressure which will leave the upper Midwest basking in the sun, literally. Highs will be in the 50s to even lower 60s as we push toward the end of the work week.

A slight cool-down is in store for Saturday as highs drop back to the 40s. We'll ramp back up Sunday into early next week, though, as Monday and Tuesday could make a run at the 60s again.

Precipitation chances stay away this week and, to be honest, I had a tough time even finding days with a chance of clouds. The next chance of precipitation looks to be next Tuesday and, if we get anything, it looks like it'll fall as rain. We are about an inch-plus down in melted precipitation since the start of the year, so we'll have to keep an eye on the skies as drought conditions will start to be a problem. In addition, with the snow gone and dry grass only getting drier, fire conditions will start to worsen quickly.

Have a fantastic, toasty March week everyone!

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Wednesday night — Lows 33 to 39; clear.

Thursday — Highs 57 to 63, lows 34 to 40; clear.

Friday — Highs 55 to 62, lows 30 to 36; partly cloudy.

Saturday — Highs 43 to 50, lows 27 to 34; clear.

Sunday — Highs 50 to 56; clear.

Weather Quiz: February seemed brutally cold, but how are we doing vs. average temperatures this winter?

Answer to last week's question (When do we have to start worrying about thunderstorms?): All thunderstorms need is energy and moisture. We can start to see those conditions come together as early as this month. Fun fact, Minnesota's earliest recorded tornado was March 18, 1968. It's uncommon for storms this time of year, but they can happen. We typically start to see the rain machine turn on in April with thunderstorms being more common from late April into September.

Remember: I make the forecast, not the weather!

# Women's club sets garage sale dates

The GFWC Silver Lake Women's Club met Feb. 23.

GSL High School students were present to request money for a summer trip to Europe. The club donated \$165 toward a play they will be seeing.

The Southeast District Board Meeting will be Saturday, March 14, at 9 a.m., at Molly's Café.

Citywide garage sale dates were set for April 23, 24 and 25. The club will be sponsoring the event this year.

The club will be taking over the Dairy Day Celebration which will be Friday,

June 19.

Members will be going to Hutchinson to work at "Feed the Hungry" at Christ The King Church on March 19. The club donated \$50 toward the project.

The rest of the evening consisted of sewing items for the club project Operation Smile. Smile dolls were made, and quilts, which had been made by members, were tied.

The March 23 meeting will be held at Cedar Crest when its residents will be entertained by the club women.

# Silver Lake City Council Regular Meeting Monday, March 16, 2015, 6:30 p.m. Agenda

## Call to order:

Approve agenda

## Consent Agenda:

1. Approve minutes of the Feb. 17, 2015, meeting.
2. Approve payroll 4, 5 and January ambulance.
3. Claims to be paid.

## Old business:

1. Rental ordinance proposal.
2. Auditorium flag pole replacement.

## New business:

1. Resolution approving property/liability insurance.

## Department business:

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

## Open discussion:

# Community Calendar

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

**Mon., March 16** — Tops Weigh-In mtg., 5-5:30 p.m.; Brownton Senior Citizens Club, Brownton Community Center, 1 p.m.; Brownton Lions; Stewart American Legion & Auxiliary potluck supper, Stewart Community Center, 6 p.m.; Stewart American Legion Post 125 & Auxiliary mtg., Stewart Community Center, 7 p.m.

**Tues., March 17** — **ST. PATRICK'S DAY;** Brownton Legion.

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



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### January 3rd-grade Panther Paws

On Tuesday, Jan. 20, during the all-school meeting at Glencoe-Silver Lake Lakeside Elementary, January Panther Paw awards were announced for each grade. Third-grade recipients include, in the front, from left to right, Morgan Gjerdingen, Jordy Diaz-Escamilla, Ben

Southerland, Kyle Grogan, Jaxon Schultz and Stevieona Pigue; and back row, Nubia Medina, Erica Goette, Brenda Sanchez, Levi Silfverston, Jake Sullivan, Michael Schrupp and Tiara Grafton.



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### 4th-grade January Panther Paws

January Panther Paw awards were announced Jan. 20 at Glencoe-Silver Lake Lakeside Elementary. Fourth-grade recipients include, in the front, from left, Damien Sillivent, Evan Battcher, Hannah Hanson, Cadance

Knick, Grace Nemec and Crystal Richards; and back row, Logan Christensen, Emily Jasken, Tage Rosenlund, Charles Zimbrick, Emma Dostal, Emily Zerwas and Dylan Collins. Not pictured is Kim Ruiz.



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### January 5th-grade Panther Paws

Fifth-grade January Panther Paw honorees, announced Jan. 20 at Glencoe-Silver Lake Lakeside Elementary, are, front from left, Ella Littlejohn, Alyssa Zellmann, Kaeden Amberg, Zachary

Reichow and Brooke Becker; and, back row, Morgan Neu, Jorge Guerrero, Drew Storms, Zoe Ruschmeier, and Alexandria Menning. Not pictured are Arely Pena and Tobey Noeldner.



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### January 6th-grade Panther Paws

January Panther Paw awards were announced Tuesday, Jan. 20, at Glencoe-Silver Lake Lakeside Elementary Sixth-grade recipients include, in the front, from left, Majkya Metcalf, Cloe Kuehl, Sandra Maganda, Jackson Everhart,

Abby Feltmann and Morgan Chmielewski; and, back, Kristina Roush, Katelyn Fiecke, Hope Kosek, Elias Kuehn, Kayla Reichow, Hannah Braun, Katrina Urban and Adreanna Johnson. Not Pictured is Riley Schulth.

## Tracing Roots

By Ron Pulkrabek



## St. George has disappeared

The town of St. George, founded in about 1858, was located on the shores of the Crow River, five miles north of Glencoe or six miles southeast of Silver Lake. The road between the former St. George Church in Glencoe (established in 1890) and small St. George Church in the village of St. George is still known to many people as the St. George Road.

The town was laid out with 25 lots on four blocks. A dam furnished water power for a grist mill and a saw mill. It grew to having a hotel, general store, blacksmith shop, shoe shop, three saloons, a church, a cemetery and some homes.

The Rich Valley Creamery, sometimes known as the St. George Creamery, was built in the late 1880s one mile north of St. George. Farmers delivered milk to the creamery in buggies, wagons, sleds, and even wheelbarrows. Patrons of the creamery were expected to help deliver ice sawed on Silver Lake for the ice house, which was used for summer milk cooling. Sawdust was used as an insulator. They also had to supply wood for heating the steam boiler. Dairy products and butter were hauled to the nearest railroad and shipped East for sale. In 1920, a new brick building was built.

In the early 1930s, trucks started picking milk up at the farm and use of the creamery diminished, being used only as a skimming station, and it closed down in the late 1930s.

Some of the patrons of the creamery were: Tony Krcil, Oscar Emme, Frank Tlustosh, Frank Starry, Henry Henkelmann, William Tucholke, Henry Matousek, A.P. Ardolf, Deets Bruckshen, Joe Buska, George Buska, Albert Ardolf, Charley Ardolf, Carl Jilek, Frank Jilek, John Jilek, Ed

Hlavka, Joe Hlavka, Vincent Schultz, Frank Posusta and Tom Posusta.

One summer day in 1863, Julius Emme was at the Wiedewitch farm on the outskirts of St. George. His feet were busy pedaling the slowly revolving heavy 18-inch diameter grinding wheel. His head was down close to his work, sharpening an edge on his ax. All of a sudden — “ZING”! An Indian arrow had gone right through Julius’s arm above the elbow. A shot rang out and a bullet went through Mr. Wiedewitch’s arm and through the chin of his wife. The Indians took off running and were never caught.

Although the war was over in 1862 and most of the Indians were rounded up, there were still groups of escaped renegade Indians lurking around. Neighbors helped the wounded walk the five miles to Glencoe to look for a doctor. Mr. Emme’s arm had to be amputated, probably due to some kind of poison rubbed on the feathers. Mr. Wiedewitch’s arm also was amputated and his wife died two years later.

Walking five miles to town was not a big deal back in those days when they probably only owned one plow horse. Julius’ great-grandson, Allen Emme, said that in his early days Julius would walk to Chaska carrying sacks of wheat on a yoke hung over his shoulder to be ground into flour. Julius continued farming for many years after the shooting incident. Julius came from Prussia in 1854.

Little by little, over time, businesses closed, buildings disappeared, cement foundations were removed, and the land was plowed and planted. Now occasionally a bottle or some other small remnant may turn up at this once lively, disappearing town of St.

George. Henkelmann relation now own the town site land. Allen Emme lives on adjoining land and owns a few lots on the outskirts of St. George.

The bridge is still there, although the road has been removed. Years ago I liked to speed down the hill in my 1953 Ford, just to hear the loose bridge planks rumble. It would scare the “daylights” out of an unsuspecting stranger.

Note: After about two months of fighting, the Dakota War (Sioux Uprising) ended in early December 1862. After a speedy 30-day trial, 303 Indians were found guilty. President Lincoln pardoned 265. On the day after Christmas, Dec. 26, 1862, all 38 Indians were hung at the same time on a gigantic hanging gallows with a single pull of a lever while the public looked on. About 400 to 800 settlers were killed in the two-month war.

The 2,000 surviving Indians, mostly women and children, were rounded up. They walked in the winter cold and the summer heat, sometimes riding in wagons, trains and boats, and eventually ended up on a reservation in Nebraska. With government help the trip took about two years. About 1,000 died en route.

Chief Little Crow had escaped but was shot by a farmer on July 3, 1863, north of Hutchinson. The farmer received a \$500 reward.

The Sioux Uprising was mainly caused by the government not making its yearly payment and withholding promised food, which was held in a nearby warehouse.

## Prizes sought for Music in the Park

Silver Lake Music in the Park chairpersons DeNeil and Lisa Thompson and Ray and Sharon Bandas, are looking for donations of prizes to be given away at Music in the Park in Silver Lake which is held on Thursday nights starting June 25 through July 30 in the Legion Park on Main Street.

If someone would rather donate cash for the musicians who receive a small monetary amount to cover their driving expense, it would be greatly appreciated. Call 320-327-3115 for more information.

## 23 Brownton seniors met Monday

Twenty-three Brownton senior citizens met Monday, March 9, at the Brownton Community Center.

Cards were played after the meeting with the following winners — 500, Eunice Schuette, first, and Bernetta Alsleben, second; pinochle, Ruby Streich, first, and Phyl-

lis Mahnke, second; and sheephead, Lowell Brelje, first, and Elmer Maass, second.

Carol Brelje won the door prize. Leone Kujas served refreshments.

The next meeting will be Monday, March 16, at 1 p.m. All seniors are welcome.



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Obituaries

Darline M. Hoecke, 75, of Hutchinson

Darline M. Hoecke, 75, of Hutchinson, died Sunday, March 1, 2015, at Woodstone Senior Living in Hutchinson.

Funeral services were held Friday, March 6, at Peace Lutheran Church in Hutchinson with the Rev. Gerhard Bode officiating. Dr. Joan DeVee Dixon was the organist, and congregational hymns were “How Great Thou Art,” “Amazing Grace” and “Precious Lord, Take My Hand.”

Casket bearers were Michelle Malchow, Rodney Tuttle, Julie Schuette, Gary Raduenz, Kyle Hoecke and Dlaina Pieschke. Honorary casket bearers were her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Interment was in Trinity Lutheran Cemetery, Sibley Township, Sibley County.

Darline Marlis Alvina Hoecke was born March 20, 1939, at her parents’ home in Arlington. She was the daughter of Arthur and Augusta (Kuhnau) Raduenz. She was baptized as an infant on April 9, 1939, by the Rev. William Striepe, and was confirmed in her faith as a youth on May 24, 1953, by the Rev. E.W. Mueller, both

at Zion Lutheran Church in Arlington. She was educated in Arlington and was a graduate of the Arlington High School class of 1957.

On July 23, 1957, she was united in marriage to Glenn Hoecke at Zion Lutheran Church in Arlington. Their marriage was blessed with four children, Deborah, RaNaye, Rhonda and Rodney. The family resided in Arlington. The couple shared 31 years of marriage before Mr. Hoecke’s death on Nov. 18, 1988. Mrs. Hoecke moved to Hutchinson in September 2001.

She was employed at Miller Produce, Young America Corporation and Starkey Laboratories, Inc., in Glencoe. She retired in 2005. She was a member of Peace Lutheran Church in Hutchinson.

Mrs. Hoecke enjoyed traveling, flying, camping, snowmobiling, genealogy and listening to country music. She especially enjoyed the time spent with her family, grandchildren and friends.

She is survived by her children, Rhonda (Daniel) Croteau and Rodney Hoecke, all of Hutchinson; son-in-law, Dale (Rita) Weber of Glencoe; grandchildren, Amanda (Korey) Peik, Jessica (Patrick) Ecklund, Danielle Croteau, Patrick Hoecke (significant other Casey), Kayla (Nicholas) Hamersma, Joshua Weber and Justin

Weber; great-grandchildren, Courtney Peik, Alyssa Fredrickson, Blake Hoecke, Jayden Hoecke, Maddex Ecklund, Korrah Ecklund, Ethan Hamersma, Jase Hoecke and Braxton Hamersma; step-great-grandchildren, Laura Hamersma, Dylan Hamersma and Christopher Tschudi; sisters, Erma Pagel of Glencoe and Karen Cheever of Minneapolis; brothers, Elmer (Marlys) Raduenz of Plato and Dennis (Sandra) Raduenz of Hutchinson; brother-in-law, Howard (Marlys) Hoecke of Glencoe; sister-in-law, Darlene Raduenz of Glencoe; special friends, Carl Fredrickson of Hutchinson, Kathy Gould of Minneapolis and Sue Steinhaus of Litchfield; nieces; nephews; many other relatives; and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Arthur and Augusta Raduenz; husband, Glenn Hoecke; daughters, Deborah Hoecke and RaNaye Weber; sister, Gladys Berge; brother, Darwin Raduenz; brothers-in-law, Lawrence Pieschke, Raymond Berge and Wilfred Pagel; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Harvey and Erma Hoecke; nephew, Ricky Raduenz; and special friend, Patricia Hogan.

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

Edna Loncorich, 94, of Hutchinson

Edna Loncorich, 94, of Hutchinson, died peacefully Saturday, Feb. 28, 2015, at the Harmony River Living Center in Hutchinson, after a brief battle with congestive heart failure and kidney failure.

Memorial services were held Monday, March 9, at First Congregational United Church of Christ in Hutchinson with the Rev. Cindy Mueller officiating. Special memories were shared by Frank Loncorich and Orlin Loncorich. Sharon Barton was the organist. Soloist Lucy Newcomb sang “In the Garden,” and soloist Brian Brosz sang “The Lord’s Prayer.” Special music by Wally Pikal and Brian Brosz was “Amazing Grace.” Congregational hymns were “Softly and Tenderly,” “Blessed Assurance” and “Precious Lord, Take My Hand.”

Casket bearers were Todd Loncorich, Ryan Loncorich, Linus Thell, Andrew Schrupp, Peter Laird and Nick Frank. A private family interment service was held at the columbarium in the Oakland Cemetery in Hutchinson.

Edna Loncorich was born July 13, 1920, in Jamestown, N.D., to Karl and Bertha (Jerke) Trautmann. She was baptized as an infant in her home church, Zion Congregational Church of Medina, N.D. She attended a rural public school through eighth grade in Cleveland, N.D. Her father, Karl Trautmann, was employed by Great Northern Railroad in Jamestown, N.D., for a number of years. The family then moved to Coeur d’Alene, Idaho, where he became an apple orchard farmer. After a disappointing experience with orchard farming, the family moved back to Cleveland, N.D., and engaged in raising cattle and

crop farming. As a young girl, Edna worked alongside her father on a daily basis, performing many farming tasks as well as caring for the work horses. Because of the extensive drought and the Great Depression years of the 1930s, the family moved to Minnesota in 1938 in search of a more prosperous livelihood.

On Sept. 15, 1940, she was married to Peter Loncorich by the Rev. Homer Dolrympale of the Glencoe Congregational Church. As a farmer’s wife, Mrs. Loncorich worked very hard to help develop a successful farming operation in rural Brownton. Mr. Loncorich died in May 1977 at the age of 62. After her retirement, Mrs. Loncorich built a home and moved to Hutchinson in 1987.

As a longtime dedicated member of the First Congregational United Church of Christ, Mrs. Loncorich served on many church committees and boards. She co-chaired the funeral committee for many years and especially enjoyed her work on the banner committee. She also worked at the annual church rummage sales and soup suppers. She developed many lifelong friendships within the U.C.C. family. She also was an active volunteer for the Hutchinson Hospital Auxiliary and did volunteer work for Burns Manor, which included making lap robes and other sewing projects. Mrs. Loncorich had a real passion for doing needle work, crocheting, quilting and sewing, and took great pride in the care of her yard and large flower gardens. Family time was a special priority for her, including hosting Christmas dinners for her family until she reached age 90. Her grandchildren were very dear to her and she rarely missed their birthday parties. As they became older, she shared her cooking, canning and freezing skills with them. She also liked to travel and took many bus tours throughout the United States.

She is survived by her sons, Frank (Bonnie) Loncorich of Arvada, Colo., and Steven (Linell) Loncorich of Brownton; daughters, Joyce (David) Schrupp of Hutchinson and Joan (Wade) Padrnos of Hutchinson; 14 grandchildren, Todd (Kristin) Loncorich, Melanie (Linus) Thell, Ryan Loncorich, Nicole (Peter) Laird, Stefanie (Nick) Frank, Alissa (Josh) Weckman, Kelly (Jake) Perron, Andrew Schrupp and Tiffany Kalahar, Elizabeth (Nick) Neiert, Sarah (Jon) Forcier, Rebecca (Zach) Ljungren, Sara Padrnos, Eric (Cassie) Padrnos and Adam (Abbey) Padrnos; stepgrandchildren, Emilie and Sierra Thell; 12 great-grandchildren, Ann and Rachel Loncorich, Lucy and Natalie Thell, Corey Laird, Julianne and William Frank, Henry Weckman, and Monica, Gina, Zac and Nolan Padrnos; sisters, Esther Hansen of Camarillo, Calif., and Anna (Alfred) Schneck of Sedona, Ariz.; brothers, Wilbert (Francis) Trautmann of Thousand Oaks, Calif., and Alvin (Esther) Trautmann of Littleton, Colo.; sisters-in-law, Rose Westerholm of Riverton, Wyo., Donna Loncorich of Brownton and Francis Loncorich of Stewart; as well as many nieces and nephews, relatives and close friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Peter Loncorich; parents, Karl and Bertha Trautmann; sister, Martha (Don) Asplund; daughter-in-law, Beatrice Loncorich; and brother-in-law, Les Hansen.

Memorials are preferred to First Congregational United Church of Christ, Hutchinson Hospital Auxiliary or Allina Health and Hospice Care Services.

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

Dolores B. Shimanski, 90, Silver Lake

Dolores B. Shimanski, 90, of Silver Lake, died Sunday, March 1, 2015, at Harmony River in Hutchinson.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Thursday, March 5, at Holy Family Catholic Church in Silver Lake. The Revs. Tony Stubeda and Paul Schumacher were the celebrants. Alice Nowak was the organist. Readers were Ronald Shimanski and Genevieve Lhotka. Gift bearers were Kim Ziermann, Alyssa Schauer and Ella Mickolichuk.

Casket bearers were Ryan Anderson, Jeff Lhotka, Jason Shimanski, Steven Shimanski, Vince Shimanski and Justin Hlavka. Interment was in the St. Adalbert’s Cemetery in Silver Lake.

Dolores Shimanski was born Aug. 21, 1924, in Hale

Township, McLeod County, the daughter of Steven and Clara (Mallak) Pokornowski. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Adalbert’s Catholic Church. She attended District 80 country school until the eighth grade. She worked as a clerk at the Al Danek Our Own Hardware Store and later at Tonka Toys.

On Sept. 10, 1945, she was united in marriage to Simon “Sam” Shimanski at the St. Adalbert’s Catholic Church in Silver Lake. The wedding ceremony was performed by the Rev. Stanley Julkowski. God bless their marriage with seven children. They made their home on the Shimanski family farm.

She enjoyed baking, cooking, quilting, embroidery, dancing to old-time music, traveling and playing cards.

Mrs. Shimanski was a faithful member of Holy Family Catholic Church in Silver Lake and belonged to the Council of Catholic Women (C.C.W.) and the Rosary Society.

She is survived by her lov-

ing husband of 69 years, Simon “Sam” Shimanski; children, Genevieve (Roger) Lhotka of Silver Lake, Gladys (Mike) Carter of Farmington, Robert (Sue) Shimanski of Hutchinson, Ronald (Mitzi) Shimanski of Silver Lake, Doris (Dale) Jerabek of Silver Lake, Therese Hlavka of Sherburn and John (Rosie) Shimanski of Silver Lake; 21 grandchildren; 38 great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren; a sister, Rita Beehler of Sandpoint, Idaho; brothers, Francis (Bernie) Pokornowski of Kokato and LeRoy (Judy) Pokornowski of Hutchinson; a sister-in-law, Marcella Pokornowski of Silver Lake; many other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by a son-in-law, Frank Hlavka; her parents; and a brother, Sylvester Pokornowski.

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

Delores R. (Schatz) Knop, 92, of NYA

Delores Ruth (Schatz) Knop, 92, of Norwood Young America (NYA), formerly of Glencoe, died Wednesday, March 4, 2015, at Auburn Home in Waconia.

Funeral services were held Monday, March 9, at St. John’s Lutheran Church in NYA with the Rev. David Winter officiating. Rita Luecke was the organist. Soloist Angela Braunwarth Hartwell sang “How Great Thou Art.” Congregational hymns were “Nearer, My God, to Thee,” “Beautiful Savior” and “Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me.”

Casket bearers were Shelly Knaeble, Brian Knaeble, Jennifer Ketcham, Tom Ketcham, Jason Braunwarth, Angela Braunwarth Hartwell and Aaron Hartwell. Interment was in the First Evangelical Lutheran Cemetery in Glencoe.

Delores Ruth (Schatz) Knop was born Feb. 23, 1923, in Penn Township, rural Brownton. She was the daughter of Elrick and Elsie (Genz) Schatz. She was baptized as an infant on March 4, 1923, by the Rev. Henry

Weerts at her home, and was confirmed in her faith as a youth on June 20, 1937, by the Rev. Weerts at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Brownton. She attended country school through the eighth grade.

On Aug. 9, 1942, she was united in marriage to John Knop by the Rev. G. Schmidt at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Brownton. Their marriage was blessed with two children, Judith and James. The couple made their home in Brownton until 1958, when they moved to Glencoe. In 1990, they moved to Peace Villa in NYA until November 2014, when Mrs. Knop moved to Auburn Home in Waconia. The couple shared over 50 years of marriage before Mr. Knop’s death on Jan. 1, 1993.

In addition to being a loving wife and mother, Mrs. Knop was a housewife. She was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Brownton, First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Glencoe and St. John’s Lutheran Church in NYA.

Mrs. Knop enjoyed flow-

ers, fishing, making desserts, going to dances, listening to old-time music, having a beer and playing cards. She cherished the time spent with her family and friends.

She is survived by her children, Judith (Richard “Rich”) Braunwarth of NYA and James “Jim” (Betty) Knop of Chanhassen; grandchildren, Shelley (Brian) Knaeble, Jennifer (Tom) Ketcham, Angela (Aaron) Braunwarth Hartwell and Jason Braunwarth; great-grandchild, Evelyn Hartwell; stepgreat-grandchild, Brittany Knaeble; brother, Lloyd (Denise) Schatz; sisters-in-law, Betty Schatz and Beverly Schatz; nieces; nephews; other relatives; and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Elrick and Elsie Schatz; husband, John Knop; sister, Myra Peters; brothers, Dwayne, Lowell and Gail Schatz; niece, Barbara Peters.

Arrangements were by the Paul-McBride Funeral Chapel of NYA. Online obituaries and guest book are available at www.hantge.com.

People

Girl born to Marvan family

Crystal and John Marvan of Silver Lake announce the arrival of a baby girl, Jozelyn Jo Marvan, born Thursday, Feb. 12, 2015, at Ridgeview Medical Center in Waconia. Jozelyn weighed 8 pounds and was 18½ inches long at birth. She is welcomed home by her siblings, Cameron and Clayton. Grandparents are Randy and Pat Schilling of Glencoe, John and Sheila Marvan of Hutchinson and Dan and Garnette Nelson of Monticello.

Deaths

Merliene Maschke, 85, of Arizona

Merliene Maschke, 85, of Apache Junction, Ariz., formerly of Young America, died Monday, March 2, 2015, in Mesa, Ariz.

A gathering of family and friends will be held Friday, March 13, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., at the Paul-McBride Funeral Chapel in Norwood Young America, with a prayer service at 7 p.m. There will be a private interment at Mau Cemetery in Norwood Young America.

Arrangements are with the Paul-McBride Chapel in Norwood Young America.

Roland ‘Bud’ Schwarzrock, 87, of Glencoe


Roland “Bud” Schwarzrock, 87, of Glencoe, died Friday, March 6, 2015, at 212 Medical Center in Chaska.

The funeral service will be held Thursday, March 12, at 11 a.m., at First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Glencoe, with interment at Emanuel Lutheran Cemetery in New Auburn.

Visitation will be Thursday from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., one hour prior to the service, at the church.

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

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who passed away 50 years ago, December 24<sup>th</sup>  
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## Obituaries

### Werner Schmidt, 83, of New Auburn

Werner Schmidt, 83, of New Auburn, died Saturday, March 7, 2015, at the Ridgeview Medical Center in Waconia.

The funeral service will be Friday, March 13, at noon, at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Helen Township, McLeod County.

Visitation will be Thursday, March 12, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., at the Egesdal Funeral Home in Gaylord, and will continue Friday for one hour prior to the service at the church.

The Rev. Dennis Reichow will officiate at the funeral and Christy Ittel will be the organist. Special music will be "Fly With Me" on CD. Congregational hymns will be "Amazing Grace," "Abide With Me" and "Stille Nacht."

Casket bearers will be Derrek Schmidt, Amber Schmidt, Bethany Christenson, Kathryn Christenson, the Rev. Dr. David Christenson and Keith Schmidt.

Interment will be in the High Island Cemetery in New Auburn, with military honors. Werner John Schmidt was

born June 16, 1931, in Penn Township, McLeod County. He was the son of Reinhart and Marie (Bielke) Schmidt. He was baptized as an infant on July 5, 1931, and was confirmed in his faith as a youth on March 25, 1945, both at Immanuel Lutheran Church in New Auburn. He received his education in New Auburn.

Mr. Schmidt entered active military service on Feb. 6, 1952, and served his country during the Korean War. He received the Korean Service Ribbon with Bronze Campaign Stars, the United Nations Service Medal and the National Defense Service Medal. He was honorably discharged on Jan. 20, 1954.

On Aug. 5, 1956, he was united in marriage to Arleen Wilking at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in North Mankato. After their marriage, the couple resided in New Auburn. In March 1968, they moved to their farm in New Auburn Township, Sibley County, where he resided until his death. Mr. Schmidt was employed at Farm Hand Manufacturing in Green Isle for 21 years until it closed. He continued to farm until his death.

Mr. Schmidt was a member of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Helen Township, and a former member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in New Auburn, where he served on the

church council. Mr. Schmidt's grandfather and other relatives were the founding fathers of Immanuel Lutheran Church in New Auburn. He also was a member of the New Auburn Fire Department from 1954 to 1968.

Mr. Schmidt enjoyed going to threshing days, historic agriculture and farming, horses, draft horses, his tractors and farm auctions. He especially loved spending time with his family, especially his children and grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife, Arleen Schmidt of Glencoe; children, Janell (the Rev. Dr. David) Christenson of Sioux Falls, Keith (Pauline) Schmidt of Glencoe and Melanie Schmidt and her significant other, Joseph Cox, and son, Ethan, of North Mankato; grandchildren, Bethany Christenson of Minneapolis, Kathryn Christenson of Mankato, Derrek Schmidt of Glencoe and Amber Schmidt of Glencoe; other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Reinhart and Marie Schmidt; sister, Bernice Wendlandt; nieces, Patricia Eddy and Barbara Brouwer; several aunts and uncles.

Arrangements are with the Egesdal Funeral Home in Gaylord. Online obituaries and guest book can be found at www.hantge.com.

### David Alan Perschau, 64, of Glencoe

David Alan Perschau, 64, of Glencoe, died peacefully on Tuesday, March 3, 2015, following a one-year battle with pancreatic cancer.

Memorial services were held Saturday, March 7, at Faith Lutheran Church in Hutchinson with the Rev. Scott Grorud officiating. Ronda Eckhart was the organist. Congregational hymns were "Holy, Holy, Holy," "Beautiful Savior" and "America the Beautiful."

Military honors were by the Hutchinson Memorial Rifle Squad and the Minnesota State Patrol Honor Guard provided an honor guard. A private family interment will take place at a later date at the Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery in Little Falls.

Dave Perschau was born March 2, 1951, in Glencoe, the son of Vernon and Marguerite (Lewin) Perschau. He was baptized at Church of Peace in Glencoe on May 6, 1951, and confirmed at Christ Lutheran Church in Glencoe on Oct. 30, 1966. He was a 1969 graduate of Glencoe High School and a 1976 graduate of the Minnesota State Patrol Training School.

He was united in marriage

to Lou Ann (Klitzke) Kottke on March 4, 2006, at Faith Lutheran Church and they filled their lives with love and lots of fun and happy memories in their nine years of marriage. He was a member of Faith Lutheran Church, and he lived in Glencoe his entire life.

Mr. Perschau began his work career at the age of 13 when he drove his bicycle to a local farmer's home and asked if he needed some help with field work, and this began his love of farming. After high school, he worked seven years as a heavy equipment operator. He held employment with the Minnesota State Patrol as a trooper and a lieutenant for 30 years, and retired in 2006. He also worked part time for many years with Hueser Farms in Glencoe and McKimm Milk Transit in Hutchinson. He served in the Minnesota Army National Guard in Hutchinson and Little Falls (Camp Ripley) and retired after 24 years.

He was very proud of his years of service with the State Patrol and National Guard, and had many happy and fun memories from those years. He loved his "toys," whether it was a vehicle, motorcycle or plane. He had enjoyed restoring a Stearman airplane and flying it on nice, calm days. He looked forward to taking out one of his Harleys for a nice, long ride

on a beautiful day, and he and Lou Ann made many enjoyable road trips in the Camaro or the Jeep. Above all, he was really at home, at peace, when he was sitting in the cab of a tractor in the spring and fall, or when he was driving a semi on his favorite run to Milbank or Aberdeen, S.D.

More than anything, spending time with his family and friends meant everything to him. The visits with his brother and his stepson and daughter-in-law were very special to him and something he always looked forward to. He and Lou Ann enjoyed the Black Hills and spending time at the beach in Cocoa Beach, Fla. The laughter, conversations and advice he shared with all of us will always remain in our hearts and memories.

He is survived by his wife, Lou Ann, of Glencoe; brother, Daniel Perschau (special friend Vicki Pautz) of Glencoe; stepson, Brian (Jasmine) Kottke of Mankato; sisters-in-law, Hollie Vogt (fiancé Steve Brown) of Glencoe and Naomi (Donald) Mears of woodbury; many nieces, nephews and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Vernon and Marguerite Perschau.

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

### Gene Edward Boesche, 84, of Plato

Gene Edward Boesche, 84, of Plato, died Monday, March 2, 2015, at Lakeview Ranch in Dassel.

Memorial services were held Saturday, March 7, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Plato with the Rev. Tyson Mastin officiating. Cheryl Andrix was the organist, and soloist RaNaye Odegaard sang "The Lord's Prayer" and "On Eagle's Wings." Congregational hymns were "I Know That My Redeemer Lives" and "What a Friend We Have in Jesus."

Military honors were by Plato American Legion Post 641.

Honorary urn bearers were Josh Boesche, Christopher Boesche, Breana Boesche, Michaela Boesche, Mitchell Boesche and Hannah Boesche. Interment was in St. John's Lutheran Cemetery in rural Plato.

Gene Edward Boesche was born Feb. 20, 1931, in Glencoe, the son of Edward and Cora (Heimkes) Boesche. He was baptized as an infant on March 15, 1931, by the Rev. E. Kolbe at First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Glencoe, and was confirmed in his

faith on April 18, 1943, by the Rev. Reuben Ehlen at St. John's Lutheran Church in Plato. He received his education in Glencoe, graduating with the Stevens Seminary class of 1949.

He entered active military service in the U.S. Army on March 14, 1952, and served his country in Korea. He was awarded a United Nations Service Medal and Korean Service Medal with a Bronze Campaign Star. He received an honorable discharge on Dec. 12, 1953.

On Nov. 28, 1953, he was united in marriage to Glorian Schrupp by the Rev. W.P. Kramer at St. John's Lutheran Church in Norwood Young America. They made their home in Plato, and their marriage was blessed with four sons, Bruce, Brian, Barry and Brad. The couple shared over 61 years of marriage.

Mr. Boesche was a truck driver, hauling livestock with his dad and brother for Boesche Transfer for 42 years, retiring in 1994. He was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Plato. He also was a member of the Plato Fire Department for 22½ years, Plato American Legion Post 641, and a manager and player for the Plato Blue Jays baseball team.

Mr. Boesche enjoyed baseball, boxing, hunting, fishing and playing cards, especially

skat and sheephead. He loved his grandchildren and watching them participating in sporting events. He cherished the time spent with family and friends.

He is survived by his wife, Glorian Boesche of Glencoe; sons, Bruce (Ceil) Boesche of Rogers, Brian (Cheryl) Boesche of St. Cloud, Barry (Sandy) Boesche of Glencoe and Brad (Kris) Boesche of Plato; grandchildren, Josh Boesche of Rochester, Christopher Boesche of Maple Grove, Breana Boesche of Glencoe, Michaela Boesche of Plato and Hannah Boesche of Plato; sister, Joyce Boesche of Glencoe; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Mavis Huepenbecker of Wayzata, Orville (Doris) Schrupp of Plato, Andy Gambucci of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Eileen (Norm) Anderson of Glencoe; nephews; nieces; other relatives; and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Edward and Cora Boesche; siblings, Doris Boesche, Gloria Gambucci and Edward Boesche; and brother-in-law, Dusty Huepenbecker.

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



Gene Boesche



Chronicle photo by Karin Ramige Cornwell

### Band-O-Rama

All of the bands in the Glencoe-Silver Lake School District performed Sunday afternoon in the district-wide band concert. Among those was the Jazz Band 1, with some of the members shown

above, including, in the front, Leam Armstrong and Rachel Wilson; and, back, Jack Gepson, Chandler Swift, Mark Broderius, Adam Garoutte and Emily Oberlin.

### Crow River Habitat gets Thrivent grant

Crow River Habitat for Humanity has been awarded \$59,491 from Thrivent Financial to support the Thrivent Builds with Habitat for Humanity program, an ongoing multi-year, multi-million dollar partnership between Habitat for Humanity International and Thrivent Financial, which helps create safe, decent, affordable housing across the globe.

Locally, the program will fund half of the construction costs for Crow River Habitat's first rehabilitation project. By the end of April, Habitat will move an existing home from Glencoe to Morningside Drive in Hutchinson. By August 2015, the basement and portions of the home will be rebuilt and it should be ready for the partner family to move in.

"It is inspiring to work alongside Habitat families, Thrivent members and others to build and repair homes," said Diane Knorr, a financial representative with Thrivent Financial. "Sharing our time and talents helps us live generously and strengthen our community."

Since the national partnership's inception in 2005, Thrivent Financial and its members have now committed \$213 million and 4.4 million volunteer hours around the world.

"We are extremely grateful to Thrivent Financial and its members for their continued support of Habitat for Humanity," said Michele Meis, executive director of Crow River Habitat. "Because of this generosity, more families will have a safe, affordable place to call home."

Thrivent Financial remains the largest nongovernmental supporter of Habitat for Humanity International.

For more information about Thrivent Builds programs, visit Thriventbuilds.com. To learn about local volunteer opportunities, visit crhf.org.

Crow River Habitat for Humanity has built 22 homes in McLeod County since 1994. It costs approximately \$95,000 to \$120,000 to build a quality three-bedroom, one-bath home. Project funds come in the form of gifts and no-interest loans. Homes are sold, at cost, on 20- to 30-year interest-free mortgages held by Crow River Habitat for Humanity. Loan payments (approximately \$550 to \$650 per month) include principal, taxes, insurance, and maintenance and are recycled to the building fund.



David Perschau

### VonBerge on fall dean's list

Joshua VonBerge of Norwood Young America, a 2014 graduate of Glencoe-Silver Lake High School and the son of Robert and Donna VonBerge, was named to the fall-

semester dean's list at Minnesota State University, Mankato, for achieving a grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale.



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### Lakeside Winterfest

Glencoe-Silver Lake’s Lakeside Elementary School had its annual Winterfest celebration Feb. 20, which included activities out on Silver Lake. Pictured above near a portable fish house are, from left, Malayna Graf, Mariah

Wendolek, Angel DelosSantos, Leo Pena (partially hidden) and Angel Balboa. In the background is Ron Postusta from the Silver Lake Fire Department.

Submitted photo

## Lincoln Junior High lists honor roll

Glencoe-Silver Lake’s Lincoln Junior High School released its second-trimester honor rolls on Monday.

**“A” Honor Roll**  
Seventh grade — Alexa Alberts, Hannah Boesche, Kalie Butcher, Daniel Cross, Dylan Dahlke, Madelynn Emery, Nathan Fehrenbach, Alexis Fronk, Sergio Garcia Cruz, Grace Garoutte, Abby Gronlund, Taylor Hatlestad, William Higgins, Ashley Jasken, Taylor Kaczmarek, Mackenzie Kantack, Anthony LaPlante, Mia LaPlante, Bennett Lepel, Sydney Lepel, Zachary Mohr, Kathryn Nowak, Britney Olson, Kaitlyn Popp, Jennifer Ramos, Courtney Richer, Brittney Richter, Makayla Ronngren, Rylan Rosenlund, Reece Schwirtz, Derek Trippel, Gia

Venier, Morgan Verdeck, Lexis Werner and Claire Witte.

Eighth grade — Gage Alsleben, Savannah Ardolf, Chelsea Bandas, Brett Baumgarten, Leah Bettcher, Hayley Bolland, Madelynn Brown, Bethany Cross, Hattie Dreier-Schultz, Destiney Exsted, Megan Fehrenbach, Madison Franck, Justine Helmbrecht, Rhyann Herrmann, Haley Kirchhoff, Grace Kosek, Joshua Kuehn, Olivia Lemke, Nathan Litzau, Jared Lokensgard, Haley Lukes, Kristine Major, Carlee Oberlin, Jaelynn Pinske, Cody Rae, Jacob Reichow, Kaleigh Rumrill, Olivia Streich, Emily Thalmann, Adrian Trevino, Charles Urban, Jordan Wildey, Sacha Willhite, Andrew Wraspier and Breanna

Wraspier.  
**“B” Honor Roll**  
Seventh grade — McKenna Amberg, Holly Bandemer, Jack Becker, Jonathan Bolland, Tess Chap, Alexander Cohrs, Nikki Cole, Jadon Dreier-Schultz, Isabella Elias, Keaton Goettl, Ashanthi Guardado, Mason Husted, Race Hutchins, Cole Janke, Earl Janke, Lily Kirchoff, Kaylee Lemke, Brandon Medina, Natalia Orocio, Katelyn Pagel, Julia Ramige, Rylan Rosenlund, Riley Ruzicka, Kayla Salmela, Montana Sanchez, Lydia Schmieg, Lily Schmitt, Alec Schrupp, Benjamin Siers, Megan Siewert, Preston Sturges, Kaleb Templin, Sawyer Varpness and McKenzie Wuetherich.  
Eighth grade — Madilynn Anderson, Austin Barrett,

Kasidy Cacka, Alexis Christianson-Tranby, Caleb Correll, Kayla DeYonge, Keshawn Donaldson, Kaitlyn Doolittle, Malcolm Everhart, Annamaria Falcon, Jordan Forar, Adam Garoutte, Chandler Glaeser, Brayden Goebel, Molly Green, Erin Jaskowiak, Wyatt Konen, Kimberley Kuenzel, Jackson Lemke, Madalyn Lemke, Katita Lopez, Kira Mattson, Luke Ness, Bryanna Paul, Oscar Pena, Peyton Proehl, Alysse Rhode, Gabe Roepke, Kenady Rosckes, Samantha Sanchez, Dane Schwirtz, Jakob Siewert, Yekaterina Tkachenko, Madison Tschimperle, Kaitlyn Uecker, Maren Warner, Eric Wheeler, Allison Wick and Grace Witte.

## American Workshop sets job fair for March 14 at Glencoe City Center

American Workshop announces its Career Education division is working with local contractors to produce Job Fairs and offer paid training into immediate jobs in the construction and building trades that can open the door to a new career path.

One of these job fairs will be held Saturday, March 14, from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., at the Glencoe City Center’s Henry Hill room. The registration link is [www.AmericanWorkshop.com/gctc](http://www.AmericanWorkshop.com/gctc).

RAM Buildings, Inc., of Winsted has taken the lead in kicking off a scholarship fund to offer paid training for qualified candidates. To learn more about participating in the scholarship fund, contact Christy Morrell-Stinson at 612-321-8390.

Additional job fairs will be held in Buffalo, Delano and Hutchinson this spring, and are open for all ages, including high school students.

American Workshop is in contact with local workforce development agencies to connect prospective students with relevant funding programs they may qualify for.

The job fairs will include an open house for the American Workshop Career Education program, green construction trades summer course, to be held at Lester Prairie High School. The class will run eight hours a day, four days a week, for 18 days starting June 8.

The green construction trades summer course, also known as “Introduction to Construction and Building Trades,” has a core curriculum of 128 hours, and an additional three days of construction vehicle training. The program coming to Lester Prairie High School will include 15 hours of specific hands-on training in post-frame construction techniques in partnership with

RAM Buildings, Inc.  
Founded in 2011, American Workshop offers an open-to-the-public recreational wood-working shop where everyone from hobbyists to professional woodworkers can work with their favorite tools. The shop also offers classes led by local and world-renowned instructors. Split between open workshop and classrooms and a lab, it’s a wood-working do-it-yourself enthusiast’s or maker’s paradise.  
Professional training for the Construction and Building Trades was a natural progression of making the tools, equipment and classrooms accessible and useful to more people. Relationships with professional contractors (i.e. employers) in the construction and building trades highlighted the need for American Workshop’s Career Education division.

## Cokato Museum sets open house for Sunday

The Cokato Museum & Historical Society invites the public to the museum for an open house on Sunday, March 15, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., to celebrate the 137th birthday of the village of Cokato.

The earliest white settlers came to this area in spring 1856, staking a claim along Sucker Creek. It would be another 13 years before the First Division of the St. Paul & Pacific Railway stretched westward from near Howard Lake to Willmar, in 1869. With that, settlers began pouring

into the region.  
As a planned stop along the rail line, the still unincorporated settlement called Cokato — after the Dakota word roughly meaning “in the middle of” — saw the construction of homes and businesses to serve the area residents. By late 1877, the drive to incorporate was coalescing. In early 1878, a petition circulated calling for a vote. That vote was held March 9, 1878, and the village of Cokato was officially born.  
This event will be held at

the Cokato Museum, 175 Fourth Street SW, and is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served.  
For more information, please contact the museum at 320-286-2427, on the web at [www.cokatomuseum.org](http://www.cokatomuseum.org), or check out its Facebook page: Cokato Museum & Akerlund Photography Studio.  
The Cokato Museum is a cooperative effort of the city of Cokato and the Cokato Historical Society.

## Delano man killed when ATV flips over

A Delano man was killed when the all-terrain vehicle (ATV) he was driving in Mayer overturned and fell on him late Sunday afternoon.

According to Carver County Sheriff Jim Olson, Neil Francis Zimmerman, 53, of Delano, was eastbound on Second Street NW in Mayer when he lost control and flipped the ATV at about 5:30 p.m.

Witnesses lifted the ATV off of Zimmerman, summoned emergency personnel and tried to provide first aid.

Mayer Fire and Rescue, Ridgeview paramedics, the

Minnesota State Patrol and sheriff’s deputies responded to the scene and provided life-saving efforts. Zimmerman, who was not wearing a helmet, had serious injuries and was pronounced dead at the scene.

Personnel from the Midwest Medical Examiner’s Office arrived and gathered relevant information for its investigation. Zimmerman’s body was released to a funeral home.

The incident remains under investigation by the Carver County Sheriff’s Office and the Minnesota State Patrol.

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