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Glencoe-Silver Lake (GSL) sent five Knowledge Bowl teams to the regional competition Friday; three of those will advance to the state tournament, an unprecedented honor. Pictured above are all the students who competed on GSL's five teams Friday and their coaches; including, front row from left, Coach Vicky Harris, Marisa Luchsinger, Robin Swift, Dini Schweikert, Liam Armstrong, Jake Vasek, Mitch Beneke and Coach Ann Lameck-

er; middle row, Laura Popelka, Kyle Wanous, Rachel Reichow, Jack Gepson, Jacob Fehrenbach, Katie Twiss, Maddie Kuehn, Trevor Posusta, Mark Lueders and Kyle Beck; and, back row, Brett Baumgarten, Austin Pinske, Maggie Petersen, Brent Duenow, Chandler Swift, Patrick Fehrenbach, Jacob Wawrzyniak and Mark Broderius.

Tim Orth Jamboree is Saturday

The 17th-annual Tim Orth Memorial Foundation "Jam the Gym" fundraising event will be held this Saturday at the Glencoe-Silver Lake High School gymnasium. Proceeds from the event will benefit the foundation's mission to assist children in west central Minnesota who face substantial medical expenses incurred as a result of a serious accident or illness.

Doors to this year's event open at 4 p.m., with an evening's worth of events to begin at 5:30 p.m. Included in the evening's entertainment is scheduled to be a pair of "all-star" high school basketball games featuring both boys and girls senior athletes from around the area. The teams will play games, as well as participate in slam dunk and shooting contests.

GSL's Keisha Prafke is scheduled to compete in the girls' game, with Mason Goettl, Keaton Anderson and Garrett Ober of the Panthers slated to appear in the boys' game.

Other entertainment to be sprinkled throughout the evening include appearances and performances by the Hutchinson Tigers Special Olympians, Laketown Gymnasts, the GSL Daneline, Kelly's Dance Academy, and Touch of Grace Dance.

Other events include a Zumba demonstration by Jingle Therapy, as well as face painting a gathering of youngsters, a silent auction and a ceremony involving the 13 families receiving contributions from the Tim Orth Foundation this year.

The foundation is named for Tim Orth, who was diagnosed with a brain tumor in 1996 while he was a student at BOLD High School. Orth succumbed to the disease on Feb. 14, 1997. Saturday's "Jam the Gym" event is the last of three scheduled. Last weekend, events were held at GFW Middle School in Fairfax and BOLD High School in Bird Island.

Admission for adults is \$8 and \$6 for those 18 and younger.

3 GSL Knowledge Bowl teams advance to state

There were 18 teams from 10 schools at the Regional Knowledge Bowl meet in Willmar Friday, March 20. The schools included Canby, Hutchinson, Lac qui Parle Valley, Lester Prairie, Montevideo, New London-Spicer, Ortonville, Willmar, Yellow Medicine East, and of course, Glencoe-Silver Lake (GSL). Many schools brought one team, Willmar had three, Hutchinson and Montevideo had two each, but GSL was the only school which had earned the right to bring five teams to the meet.

"GSL earned the right to say that we have five of the top 12 teams in West Central Minnesota, but even more amazing, we have all of the top three teams!" said Coach Vicky Harris. That's right: GSL is sending three teams to the state meet.

The meet was tough, said Harris. The questions were difficult; some were just odd; the competition in Room 1 was at the highest level.

GSL 1 (Nirvana) started just barely in first place with 50 points in the written round. It proceeded to win the competition in Room 1 every round, but with some of the lowest scores it has had all year: 13-12-9 against Hutchinson and GSL 3; 22-9-3 against Hutchinson and Ortonville; 12-9-8 against GSL 2 and GSL 3; 12-9-8 against GSL 2 and Hutchinson.

But GSL 1 did win the competition every round, and it did better the one round when there were no other GSL teams in the room. With a total score of 115.0, it is the regional champion for this year. The team members are Mark Broderius,

Patrick Fehrenbach, Chandler Swift and Jacob Wawrzyniak.

GSL 3 (Zen) started in second with 49 points. In room 1, it earned 9, then dropped to Room 2 where it tied GSL 2 11-11-9 (beating Willmar). Now tied with GSL 2, both teams moved to Room 1 to compete with GSL 1. Then, 1 point behind GSL 2, it moved to Room 2 for the last round and earned an excellent 21 points against Willmar's 11 and Hutchinson 2's 3. That let GSL 3 jump back up into second place with 103.0, 12 points behind GSL 1. Maddie Kuehn, Jacob Fehrenbach, Katie Twiss, Jake Vasek and Austin Pinske are the team members.

GSL 2 (Tranquility) began tied for third place, but started the meet in Room 2. With a win (12-10-9), it stayed in Room 2 and tied GSL 3,

then moved to Room 1 where it stayed for the rest of the meet. Its final score was 92.0 for third place. This team includes Kyle Beck, Brent Duenow, Mitch Beneke, Mark Lueders, and Trevor Posusta.

Meanwhile, Willmar, which had never competed in Room 1, finished in fourth place with 91.0. Hutchinson, which had fought hard and competed in Room 1 for three of the four rounds, finished fifth with 90.5. Ortonville ended in sixth with 87.0.

When it counted, GSL had the best three teams in the region. This is the fourth meet in a row that these teams have finished first, second and third. All three teams have

Knowledge Bowl

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City of Glencoe moves forward with Lincoln Park street, utility improvements

By Rich Glennie Correspondent

First-year Glencoe City Council Member Allen Robeck was at least consistent Monday night. He was on the short end of eight 4-1 votes, half of them dealing with the nearly \$7 million street improvement project in the Lincoln Park area.

The street improvement project was the topic of an assessment public hearing during the City Council meeting, at which several Lincoln Park area property owners expressed their concerns about their share of the cost — 20.3 percent of the \$6.97 million project, or \$1.4 million. Some of the assessments could range as high as \$20,000. The general tax levy will pick up the other 79.7 percent, or \$5.5 million.

The City Council also officially awarded the bid for the work to Duininck Brothers of Prinsburg, the lowest of six bids received.

Justin Black, city consulting engineering from Short Elliott Hendrick-

son (SEH), said there have been neighborhood meetings, informational open houses and now a public hearing on the project, which includes total street and utility reconstruction of a 30-block area surrounding Lincoln Park, one of the oldest sections of Glencoe.

Black said the work will be done in five phases, and excavation work "will not be done all at one time."

The first phase includes Ninth Street from Greeley Avenue to Ford Avenue and Ford Avenue from Ninth Street south to the end of the street. It also includes Eighth Street from Greeley Avenue west to DeSoto Avenue, and Seventh Street from Ford Avenue west to Elliott Avenue and then south to Sixth Street.

Phase two includes DeSoto Avenue from 10th Street south to Sixth Street and Seventh Street from Elliott Avenue west to Chandler Av-

Lincoln Park

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The scope of the Lincoln Park area improvement project was outlined to residents at an

assessment hearing hosted by the Glencoe City Council Monday night.

Map courtesy of SEH, Inc.

Weather

Wed., 3-25 H: 40°, L: 23°	Thur., 3-26 H: 40°, L: 18°	Fri., 3-27 H: 38°, L: 21°	Sat., 3-28 H: 48°, L: 40°	Sun., 3-29 H: 56°, L: 32°

Looking back: Winter came back with a vengeance early this week, with dropping temps and nearly 8 inches of snow.

Date	Hi	Lo	Precip.
Mar. 17	50	23	0.00
Mar. 18	42	27	0.22

Mar. 19	52	32	0.00
Mar. 20	65	27	0.00
Mar. 21	41	23	0.00
Mar. 22	32	25	7.60
Mar. 23	34	25	0.30

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

Stewart kids' Easter party set

The Stewart Lions Club will host its annual pancake breakfast and kids' Easter party Sunday, March 29, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at the Stewart Fire Hall. A free-will donation will be accepted for the breakfast, which includes all-you-can-eat pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, fruit, milk, juice and coffee. Proceeds go to local projects. Kids can participate in a coloring contest and have their photographs taken with the Easter Bunny.

Easter egg hunt set April 4

The Brownton Women's Club will host its annual Easter egg hunt for children ages toddler through third grade on Saturday, April 4, at the Brownton Community Center. Doors open at 9:30 a.m. and the hunt starts at 10 a.m. Please bring your own basket or bag to collect eggs. Treat bags and prizes will be given, and the Easter Bunny will be present for pictures. There is no charge for admission.

Easter 'Egg'stravaganza set

Grand Meadows Senior Living in Glencoe will host its fifth-annual Easter "Egg"stravaganza Saturday, March 28, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. There will be Easter fun for all ages, including a 9:45 a.m. presentation by the Rabbit Education/Adoption Organization and rabbit agility. At 10:45 a.m., there will be pictures with the Easter Bunny, as well as live bunnies and refreshments.

GSL band concert March 30

The Glencoe-Silver Lake (GSL) bands will present their March concert Monday, March 30, at 7:30 p.m., in the high school auditorium. The event will feature all bands, grades seven through 12. The seventh- and eighth-grade bands, along with the high school symphonic and high school bands, will perform. The high school bands are coming off another successful large group contest showing, and will present their contest selections and more. The seventh- and eighth-grade bands will be led by a trio of special guest conductors: Derek Bates (Crown College student teacher from this past fall), Lauren Greeley (GSL general music teacher) and Alyson Winn (GSL High School Band senior). There is a charge for admission.

Legion Post 95 to meet April 1

Because of Holy Week, Glencoe American Legion Post 95 will have its monthly meeting Wednesday, April 1, at 7 p.m., in the basement meeting room of the Glencoe VFW Post 5102. All members are encouraged to attend.

Brownton Women's Club

The Brownton Women's Club will meet Wednesday, April 1, at 6 p.m., at the Brownton Community Center to set up for the Easter egg hunt. Pizza will be served.

Lions Club Bar Bingo set

The Glencoe Lions Club is sponsoring Bar Bingo at the Glencoe Country Club Saturday, March 28, at 2 p.m. Everyone age 18 and over is welcome to play for cash prizes. The Progressive Game 16 pay-out is \$699 if you have Bingo within 57 called numbers. Food, beverages and pull-tabs are available.

Health board meeting set

Meeker-McLeod-Sibley Community Health Services will have its quarterly Community Health Board meeting Thursday, April 9, 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., in the large meeting room at the McLeod County Household Hazardous Waste/Solid Waste Management building, 1065 Fifth Ave. SE, Hutchinson. The meeting is open to the public.

GSL band at Famous Dave's

The Glencoe-Silver Lake Jazz I band will play for patrons at the Famous Dave's BBQ and Blues Club in the Uptown district of Minneapolis on Sunday, March 29. The band will perform roughly from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Famous Dave's is located in Calhoun Square at 3001 Hennepin Ave. in Minneapolis.

Republican women to meet

The Greater Minnesota Republican Women will meet Tuesday, April 14, at Unhinged! Pizza in Glencoe. The club will watch the documentary "Divorce Corp" which emphasizes the Minnesota Protective Parent Association. The movie will be shown at 6 p.m., with discussion to follow. Please purchase a meal at 5:30 p.m. and the club will provide popcorn and beverages during the movie. The club includes McLeod and its surrounding counties.

Antique appraisal fundraiser

The McLeod County Historical Society will have its annual antique appraisal fundraiser Sunday, March 29, at 2 p.m., in the Glencoe Historical Preservation Society History Room in the Glencoe City Center, 1107 11th St. E., Glencoe. Auctioneer Kathy Krone and appraiser Lynn Buck will conduct the program. People may bring in their heirlooms and have them appraised at a cost, with proceeds benefitting the historical society.

Cedar Crest fashion show set

Cedar Crest in Silver Lake will host its annual fashion show and sale Tuesday, March 31, at 2 p.m., in the dining room. The fashion show is open to the public, and refreshments will be served afterward. Cedar Crest is located at 1401 Main Street W in Silver Lake.

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.

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enue. There also is one block of Elliott Avenue from Eighth Street to Seventh Street included in phase two.

Phase three includes Ninth Street from Ford Avenue west to Chandler Avenue and Elliott Avenue from Ninth Street to Eighth Street. Another one-block of Eighth Street from DeSoto Avenue west to Chandler Avenue is included in phase three.

Phase four includes two one-block areas on DeSoto Avenue and Elliott Avenue from 10th Street to Ninth Street.

Phase five involves three intersections on Chandler Avenue at Seventh, Eighth and Ninth streets.

The reconstruction work is expected to begin in early May and be substantially completed in November, Black said. The final layer of bituminous will be placed on the streets in 2016, he added.

Paul Donna, city financial consultant from R.W. Baird, said the city will bond for \$7 million, and the 15-year bond will be repaid through special assessments, revenues from water and wastewater enterprise funds and with the general tax levy.

City Administrator Mark Larson said several old debts are coming off the tax rolls and the new bonded indebtedness will replace them. The goal, Larson said, is for the debt levy to stay the same. What comes off the debt service is replaced by an equal amount of new debt.

Donna said the bond will be at a 2.24 percent fixed interest rate.

Property owners can pay their special assessments all at once, or can pay a part of the assessments before Oct. 31. After that, any unpaid assessments would be added to the property taxes at a 3.5 percent interest rate over 15 years.

"Interest rates are very low," Donna told City Council members. "The rates haven't been much lower than they are today. It's a good time to be investing in infrastructure."

Once the public hearing opened, several property owners had their say. Drive-way access during the construction was the opening question.

Black said that will be the topic of another public hearing closer to the start of construction, but he said residents will be notified on a weekly basis as the reconstruction progresses.

Another resident asked about an assessment for a sewer main that he will not be able to use. "Why do I get a \$1,300 assessment on something I'm not using?" He also questioned the City Council about what these assessments are doing to property values in that neighborhood. He called adding \$15,000 to \$20,000 in assessments to these properties as "ambushing."

But Mayor Randy Wilson said real estate experts think the work will make property valuations in that area "go up, not down." As to assessments, Wilson said that is not the City Council's choice, but required by state statute.

"Why not continue as is and fix things when needed?"

Abundant Table meal set April 1

Christ Lutheran Church will host its monthly Abundant Table community meal Wednesday, April 1, with the doors opening at 4:30 p.m. for fellowship, followed by the meal at 5 p.m. The meal is hosted in the church basement fellowship hall, 1820 Knight Ave., Glencoe. The meal is free and open to everyone, including families and children, the elderly and anyone seeking fellowship or who is in need of a helping hand. The meal includes turkey ala king; California-bled vegetables; apple, grape and pineapple salad, and Abundant Table bread and desserts. Please call the church at 320-864-4549 so it knows to prepare for your presence.

the man asked.

Black said the aging water and sewer lines are deteriorating "and there is significantly more expense to repair them."

But the resident added the property owners are "getting the shaft" with the high assessments.

Scott Mathews, an Eighth Street resident, asked about a proposed biking lane on Eighth Street.

Black said the trail will be on the north side of the street and that side will have no parking. But there will be parking allowed on the south side of Eighth Street.

"I'm paying \$7,000 for a street I can't park on?" Mathews said.

"You can park on the other side," Wilson replied.

Mathews said if he tries to sell his house, "I'm still stuck with a \$13,000 (assessment) bill."

An Elliott Avenue resident noted there were four foreclosed homes in his area already. "How is that (assessments) going to increase values when you can't sell a house in that area?"

James Donnay, a Ninth Street homeowner, said he understood the need to upgrade the streets and utilities, "but is there no other way other than assessments?"

Donna said the determination is costs versus benefits for street and utility projects. The other option is a general tax levy.

"Assessments are the most equitable way," Donna said. Even at that, the majority of the street costs (80 percent) are picked up by the general tax levy and much of the utility costs are funded through the special water and wastewater enterprise funds.

"This plan is carefully thought out," Donna added. He said the City Council "used all the tools in its tool chest" to fund the project.

Larson said doing it this way also does not affect the city's debt limit. If spread across the community as a general tax levy, it could jeopardize the city's ability to bond in case of an emergency.

"There isn't another option if we want to be responsible," Wilson added. He said by seeking a referendum to do the work, "it would put all our eggs in one basket," and then the city would be in trouble in the future if its wastewater treatment, for example, needs to be replaced or upgraded.

Wilson said he understands the frustration of the assessments. This is the biggest project the city has undertaken and the aim is not to do it in a piecemeal fashion.

"Everything we do helps fix our infrastructure," Wilson said of the project. "We need to make this investment."

"It's not an easy decision, but I don't see another outlet (to pay for the work)," Wilson said.

When asked how this affects the rest of Glencoe's property tax payers, Larson said the general levy will pick up about 80 percent of the

project cost. The goal is to keep the city's debt levy "flat," Larson said.

Robeck said he agreed with some of the homeowners and thought the assessments can get lower. He said the \$7,000 to \$12,000 assessments for streets in front of their homes was excessive since "everyone drives on it."

Robeck voted no to adopt the assessment rolls. He voted no to award the bid to Duinink Brothers. He voted no to issuing the general obligation bonds, and no to paying \$2,000 to David Drown & Associates for a pricing opinion on those bonds.

The other council members, John Schrupp, Kevin Dietz, Gary Ziemer and Dan Perschau, voted as the majority on all the votes.

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Glencoe Regional Health Services

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Fourteen members of the Glencoe-Silver Lake Business and Professional Association (BPA) have qualified for the national convention in May in California. In the front, from left, are Lindsay Wedin, Piper Davis, Robyn Siewert, Rachel Rusten, Maddie Kuehn and

Alyson Winn; and, back, Emily Muetzel, Michael Boesche, Tate Lilienthal, Austin Pinske, Patrick Fehrenbach, Jacob Wawrzyniak and Ellie Schmidt. Not pictured: Mitch Beneke.

Chronicle photos by Lori Copler

14 GSL BPA members qualify for national convention in May

Fourteen members of the Glencoe-Silver Lake (GSL) Business and Professional Association (BPA) qualified for national competition at the state convention March 12-14 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Minneapolis. Another 13 were recognized on-stage at the state BPA convention as alternates.

Qualifying to compete at the national contest were:

- Michael Boesche, first place, advanced word processing; and fourth place, advanced office systems;
- Jacob Wawrzyniak, first

place, computer network technology;

- Tate Lilienthal, second place, advanced office systems; and third place, advanced spreadsheet;
- Piper Davis, second place, digital publishing;

- Austin Pinske, second place, fundamental spreadsheet;
- Ellie Schmidt, second place, basic office;

- Emily Muetzel, third place, legal office procedures;
- Rachel Rusten, third place, advanced word processing;

- Alyson Winn, fourth place, database;
- Maddie Kuehn, fourth place, legal office procedure; fourth place, basic office; and fifth place, parliamentary procedures;

- Patrick Fehrenbach, fifth place administrative support concepts; alternate, medical office procedures;
- Robyn Siewert, fifth place, fundamental desktop publishing;

- Lindsay Wedin, sixth place, advanced office procedures; and
- Mitch Beneke, sixth

place, legal office procedures.

Recognized as alternates were Keaton Anderson, Bennett Bielke, Patrick Kunkel, Cora Kuras, Hannah Lemke, Jenna Lokensgard, Mark Lueders (first alternate, database), Callie Raduenz, Rachel Reichow, Mitch Rothstein, Dylan Schuth, Noah Tankersley and Claire Wraspir.

Mary Eckhoff is the adviser for GSL's BPA. The local chapter is currently raising funds for the national competition, which is slated for May 5-10 in Anaheim, Calif.



Recognized at the state BPA convention as alternates for the national competition were, from front left, Cora Kuras, Rachel Reichow, Jenna Lokensgard, Callie Raduenz, Claire Wraspir and Hannah Lemke; and,

back, Noah Tankersley, Dylan Schuth, Mitch Rothstein, Mark Lueders, Patrick Kunkel, Keaton Anderson and Bennett Bielke.

GSL musicians do well at large group contests

On Wednesday, March 18, four music ensembles from Glencoe-Silver Lake (GSL) High School participated in the state-section large group contests at GSL High School. These ensembles are under the direction of Peter Gepson (band) and Kay Wilson (choir).

Performing first for the GSL choirs was the Concert Choir. It performed "Kyrie Eleison" and a Category I piece entitled "Wake, Awake for Night is Flying." It received an excellent rating with the scores of 30, 33, and 35. Only one other vocal group did a Category I piece. It sang with excellent diction, good musicianship, and were

commended for being a balanced, blended ensemble.

The GSL SA Singers (soprano/alto choir) performed two selections, "And the Green Grass Grew" and "Psalm 100" for the contest. "Psalm 100" is a four-hand piano piece in which Chandler Swift helped out by playing piano along with Kay Wilson. The SA Singers received a superior rating with the scores of 35, 37 and a perfect 40! One of the judges even selected this choir as the "Best in Site" for the entire day's choir competition. The ensemble was praised for its confidence, clear diction and overall appearance, attention to dynamics, vocal control,

and poise. It was the only women's ensemble to perform all day.

The Symphonic Band performed "Miss Liberty March" by Karl King and "Chant Rituals" by Elliot Del Borgo. The panel of three judges awarded scores of 35, 35 and 36 and the band was presented an overall rating of superior. Judges comments included: "Strong rhythm throughout," "Great selections played very well by a young group" and "Bravo to the alto sax soloists." (Alto sax soloists were Micki Frahm and Paige Litzau).

The Concert Band performed "Akebono March" by Minoru Takayama and

"Scenes from the Louvre" by Norman Dello Joio. It was awarded for its performance scores of 38 from each of the three judges. Their comments included, "Great Band!" "Really great players — Wow!" and "You are a machine — awesome job today!"

The next performances of the GSL High School Music Department are the March 29 Jazz I performance at Famous Dave's in Minneapolis, the March 30 grades seven through 12 band concert and the April 11 solo/ensemble Contest at Minnesota State University-Mankato.

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shown that they can compete with the best and come through when it counts.

Meanwhile, GSL 4 and 5 were fighting it out in lower rooms. GSL 5 (Kyle Wanous, Liam Armstrong, Jack Gepson, Laura Popelka, and Brett Baumgarten) started in 14th and fought it out in Room 5 for a while, to finish the meet in Room 4 with 76.0 points and 10th place.

GSL 4 started next to the bottom of the meet (in 17th), jumped up to Room 3, fell back to Rooms 4 and 5, to finish in 12th place with 72.5

points. This team includes Marisa Luchsinger, Maggie Petersen, Rachel Reichow, Dini Schweikert and Robin Swift.

"Overall it was a remarkable tour de force by what is, in my opinion, the most formidable group of Knowledge Bowlers in GSL Knowledge Bowl history," said Harris. "I know that several times in the past, schools have sent two teams to state — Willmar, New London-Spicer, and GSL come to mind — but I can't think of a time when three teams from the same

school have gone.

"At the beginning of the year, we expected GSL 1 to be an excellent team because it was so similar to last year's state runner-up team. Last year, teams similar to these GSL teams had ended first, second and fourth in the region, but we expected that teams from other schools would step up and improve, so that we didn't feel we could predict how well we would do. However, the promise of last year's teams proved to be a good predictor of this year's success. We

look forward to seeing how the three teams do at state."

Harris continued: "Each of these teams work well together, but even more important, the teams work together well to build each other up. The whole group is truly a team that just happens to be made of smaller teams. These students work so well together and are so supportive of each other, that I know we will be proud of how they do at state."

The state meet is scheduled for Thursday and Friday, April 9 and 10.

VFW Post approves donations

The New Auburn VFW Post 7266 meeting was called to order by Commander Daniel Moore on March 17.

Donations were made to Breanna Keltgen, Sibley East School Patrol, \$330; Girl Scout cookies for troops, \$160; and Sibley East trap team, \$100.

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be April 8 at 7 p.m. at the New Auburn City Hall.

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7:10 9:25; Mon-Thurs 4:10 7:10 9:25

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7:00 9:35; Mon-Thurs 4:00 7:00 9:35

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A lot of construction will be happening in '15

Our view: Projects indicate the economy is improving

Glencoe-area residents will be waking this summer to the sound of truck back-up alarms, heavy equipment moving around and the general din of construction.

As annoying as that is when we are trying to capture 10 more minutes of sleep, or trying to read the newspaper while we enjoy our morning cup of coffee, it should be music to our ears. Those sounds indicate that the Great Recession of the late 2000s and early 2010s is finally fading into the past.

When you shake open this week's Chronicle, you'll find our annual Horizons special edition.

This year, you'll find lots about local construction projects: McLeod County's jail expansion and courthouse security project will break ground soon, the city of Glencoe continues its long-deferred street and utility improvements, and plans are under way to mitigate the city's flooding issue, another long-awaited project.

And popping up on the western fringe of Glencoe soon will be a solar "garden," planned by the McLeod Cooperative Power Association as a source of renewable energy from which its customers can profit.

But you'll also find stories about how other local businesses have adapted to changing the economic landscape.

While our local health-care provider, Glencoe Regional Health Services (GRHS) has not built any new additions, it has been growing

its services. It has committed itself to finding ways to not only better meet the needs of its local clients, but ways to partner with larger medical providers in the metro area to serve a greater population. Among services GRHS has added in the past year: an Urgent Care department that served 6,000 people in a year, a new transitional care unit, a hospitalist program and, just getting under way, a service to help ventilator patients.

Also featured is 4 Square Builders, which has found ways to meet the changing face of the construction business to not only have survived in the Great Recession, which was driven in great part by a crash in the housing market, but to grow and thrive with a new addition.

And, of course, Glencoe has welcomed a new Chamber of Commerce executive director, who will carry on the work of former director Dave Nelson.

The addition of Main Street Sports Bar on Greeley Avenue is another indicator of a recovering economy, as it already has seen a successful start-up in the totally renovated building that once housed Al's Sports Bar.

Yes, the economy is improving. And, this summer, as we have to navigate through street reconstruction, listen to the sounds of building at the courthouse and are generally inconvenienced by all the activity, let's also be grateful for that inconvenience. It all points to the fact that the economy is not only recovering, but is starting to thrive once again.

— L.C.



Come out and support the 'Orth Kids'

My co-conspirator here at The Chronicle, "Tom the Sports Guy," and I have spent a good portion of the past couple weeks on the phone with parents of the "Orth Kids."

Each year, The Chronicle strives to tell the stories of the children who benefit from the Tim Orth Foundation's annual Basketball Jamboree, which is set Saturday here in Glencoe in the high school gymnasium.

Many years, when we are fully staffed, we've been able to visit families in person, meeting the kids and talking to their families. This year, we're temporarily shorthanded, and we divided up the names between the two of us.

Whether it's in person or on the phone, Tom and I found doing these interviews and writing the stories both inspiring and emotionally exhausting.

On Monday, we chatted about how we both needed to take breaks between interviews to process what we've been hearing.

And, then, we both got quiet.



Lori Copler

Though we didn't say it out loud, I think we both were thinking the same thing.

If a 20- to 30-minute interview is exhausting for us, just think what it's like to live with children with serious medical conditions on a day-to-day basis?

You could hear the exhaustion in parents' voices as we chatted with them.

But overriding that exhaustion was the love they had for their children. They proudly touted their chil-

dren's achievements and milestones. They spoke a little of the exhaustion, worry and mounting medical bills, but mostly they talked of the joy their children brought to their lives, despite their medical conditions.

I'm not sure about Tom, but what surprised me was how appreciate parents were of our desire to share their stories.

Both Tom and I were hesitant to intrude into these families' lives. It seemed to us that these parents had enough with which to cope without a couple of reporters prying into their business.

But like most parents, they wanted to celebrate their children. They spoke lovingly and with pride of their families. They expressed gratitude for family and friends who have pitched in to help.

And we can help them, too. Read their stories. Come to the Basketball Jamboree Saturday night and show your care and support.

I'm sure the "Orth Kids" would love to see you there.

Guest Column:

Governing by crisis isn't governing at all

By Lee H. Hamilton

After Congress came a hair's breadth from shutting down the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) a few weeks ago, members of the leadership tried to reassure the American people.

"We're certainly not going to shut down the government or default on the national debt," Majority Leader Mitch McConnell declared on CBS's "Face the Nation." Congress, he said, would not lurch from crisis to crisis.

I wish I could be so confident. Because if you look at the year ahead, the congressional calendar is littered with opportunities to do just that, with deadlines for the Highway Trust Fund, Export-Import Bank, debt ceiling, and the Treasury's borrowing power all approaching. My bet is not on smooth sailing.

This is a huge problem. Great democracies do not veer from one doomsday moment to the next, nor do they fund government on a week-

to-week basis. Yet that is precisely the habit Congress has developed. It's embarrassing.

During the weeks Congress held Homeland Security hostage, the department had to get ready for roughly 30,000 employees to be furloughed, ask crucial employees to be willing to work without pay — we're talking the border patrol, Coast Guard, screeners at airports, cargo inspectors ... the people on the front lines — and prepare to shut down ongoing research and planning on making the country safer. Terrorism overseas was consuming the attention of our national security agencies, but the department charged with protecting the nation at home had to be consumed with shuttering its operations.

We need a Congress that can address its problems before a crisis comes up. What will it take? Members need to work at legislating every day — not just the three days in the middle of the week. Congress-

sional leaders need to move legislation through in an orderly fashion. The so-called "Hastert Rule" — that the Speaker of the House will not allow a vote on a bill unless he has a majority of his own party behind it — needs to be jettisoned for good, not just in extreme circumstances. And perhaps most important, the tactic of tying two unrelated issues together in order to force an opponent's hand needs to be rejected.

The parade of make-or-break issues that Congress faces this year presents myriad opportunities for legislative mischief. If all we see before us is one government-shutdown threat after another, the remaining faith Americans hold in our chief lawmaking body could disappear altogether. And deservedly so.

Lee Hamilton is director of the Center on Congress at Indiana University. He was a member of the U.S. House of Representatives for 34 years.

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Question of the week

The Minnesota Vikings want runningback Adrian Peterson to fulfill his contract; he wants to leave the team.

What do you think:

1) He has a contract; he needs to fulfill it.
2) Release him; he won't give his best effort.

Results for most recent question:

The Glencoe-Silver Lake School District is considering a trial run of a "Digital/Different Day" to provide learning opportunities to students on snow days.
What do you think?

1) Go for it. Kids can have fun learning at home — 44%
2) Don't do it. There are too many obstacles to overcome — 24%
3) I don't know enough to form an opinion — 31%

45 votes. New question runs March 25-31.

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City of Glencoe to develop plans, specs for parallel airport runway; vote is 4-1

By Rich Glennie
Correspondent

On a 4-1 vote, the Glencoe City Council approved plans and specifications for the construction of an airport parallel taxiway at Vernon Perschau Memorial Airport. Council Member Allen Robeck voted no.

There is a hitch to the plans, however. The city needs to acquire four small parcels of property from four different landowners, including a key half-acre of land owned by Robert Boltmann. None of the landowners, however, have responded to the city's requests.

Shawn McMahon, a consultant from Short Elliott Hendrickson (SEH) said the project at the municipal airport will cost about \$1.4 million, with 95 percent of that coming from federal and state funds.

Council Member Dan Perschau said the city's Airport Commission unanimously favored the project, especially for improved safety and better use of the airport.

"I'm glad to see this moving forward," said Perschau, also a member of the Airport Commission.

The bid opening was set for April 23.

But Robeck questioned how the city plans to get the properties in question. "Do we condemn the land for this?"

City Administrator Mark Larson said the Boltmann property in question is .49 acres of land at the very south

tip of the airport. An appraisal has been done on the land, but there has been no response from the landowner. The appraisal came in at \$7,900.

McMahon said that parcel of property is needed in order for the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to participate in the taxiway project. The FAA is supplying 90 percent of the funding.

Larson said the city is looking at a "quick take" condemnation option in which the city would pay the appraised price for the land.

"We need it in our control before we can break ground," Larson said.

The federal-state cost sharing also applies to the land acquisition.

City Attorney Jody Winters said the quick take condemnation needs to determine "it is in the best interest of the city." Essentially, the city takes the land, "and pays the landowner after the fact."

Council Member Kevin Dietz strongly suggested the city make "an exhaustive attempt to contact and work with these folks."

In other matters, the City Council:

- Approved the Glencoe Fire Department officers for 2015. Re-elected as chief was Ron Grack. Assistant chief remains Scott Dietz and training officer is Tom Brinkmann. Added as a second training officer is Steve Millard.

Engine Company 331: Captain Jamie Voigt; 1st

Lieutenant Jeremy Mattson; and 2nd Lieutenant Jeff Jensen.

Engine Company 333: Captain Scott Schrupp; 1st Lieutenant Jim Madden Jr.; and 2nd Lieutenant Tom Brinkmann.

Engine Company 335: Captain Cory Scheidt; 1st Lieutenant Ralph Posusta; and 2nd Lieutenant Dean Dahlke.

- Heard from James Peters about plans for the new veterans memorial at Welcome Park on the east entrance to Glencoe. The work will be done in late summer or early fall, and includes moving a current veterans memorial at Oak Leaf Park to the Welcome Park site.

- Heard from new Glencoe Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Barbara Woida, who replaced David Nelson, who resigned in March. Woida, of Norwood Young America, brings 17 years experience as a human resources person and said she is "familiar with the challenges of economic development. I'm excited about the position." She said the chamber also is looking for a part-time office assistant to work four hours a day for five days a week.

- Approved the purchase of two new mowers from Jungclaus Implement. A 48-inch mower will be used at the cemetery and the purchase price was \$5,600 plus trade-in. The other will be used in the city parks and is a 72-inch mower at a cost of \$7,000.

- Approved an agreement with the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) for a demolition loan for the former Mark's Econo-mart property. The work has been completed. But Larson said the agreement needs to be signed so the city can get reimbursed. The asbestos abatement cost was nearly \$12,000 and the demolition was \$71,000. The loan is for 15 years at 2 percent interest, and half of it is forgivable if the site is redeveloped.

- Accepted the former Denny's Barber Shop property on Greeley Avenue after owners Denny and Karen Wendlandt signed off on the deed. Larson said more asbestos abatement work will be done on the front of the building this week before the demolition, which is expected to begin next Monday.

- Authorized Fahey's Auctioneers to sell a city-owned lot with a garage at 506 E 15th St. The house was condemned and demolished last year. Larson said the city has invested about \$12,000 in the lot, and would like to at least recoup its investment.

- Approved two cemetery board recommendations. One raises the rate for marker staking to \$25 and increases the pay for the cemetery's season worker to \$11 an hour, a \$1 increase.

- Set its monthly personnel and legislative committee meeting for Wednesday, April 1, at 4 p.m.

People

Daughter born to Jerabeks

Joel and Hannah Jerabek of Glencoe announce the arrival of a daughter, Elsie Lea Jerabek, who was born Dec. 15, 2014, at Ridgeview Medical Center in Waconia. Elsie weighed 3 pounds, 3 ounces, and was 16½ inches long at birth. Grandparents are Gary and Joyce Jerabek of Silver Lake and Tom and Sarah Beckius of Belle Plaine. Great-grandparents are Florian Nowak of Silver Lake and Jerry and Donna Soller of Le Sueur.



Elsie Jerabek

Ahlers in SMSU soccer club

Breanna Ahlers, a sophomore biology and chemistry major from Brownton, is a member of the Soccer Club at Southwest Minnesota State University (SMSU) for the 2014-2015 academic year. Ahlers is the daughter of Glenn and Nancy Ahlers of Brownton. The purpose of the Soccer Club is to provide athletic competition for the students at SMSU. In the Soccer Club, students will learn how to be cooperative, confident and have the chance to meet new people.

Koester honored for driving

Ron Koester of Glencoe was recently inducted into UPS' Circle of Honor for 25 years of accident-free driving. He and 16 other Minnesota drivers were inducted into the company's honorary organization. There were 1,445 UPS drivers inducted into the Circle of Honor nationwide.

NA VFW Auxiliary meets

The New Auburn VFW Post 7266 Auxiliary meeting was called to order March 17 by President Phyllis Schwanke.

The following donations were approved: 13 pairs of glasses, \$50 to Darla Neubarth Benefit and \$50 to Paisley Lindeman benefit.

The pancake dinner will be April 19 at the New Auburn City Hall.

The POW-MIA candle was lit and a moment of silence was observed. The meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting will be April 8 at 7 p.m. at the New Auburn City Hall.

City, township officials to meet to discuss county trail committee

By Dave Pedersen
Correspondent

The next step to establish a McLeod County trails advisory committee will be at a meeting of people representing all the cities and townships in the county set for Tuesday, April 7, at 1 p.m., at the county courthouse in Glencoe.

The meeting was requested by County Parks Director Al Koglin at the March 17 Board of Commissioners meeting in order to determine the structure of the committee, which will work with the Mid-Minnesota Development Commission to establish a county trails plan.

The committee is expected to include voting and non-voting representatives. The final committee structure will be approved by the county board.

In other park business, Koglin received approval to purchase a new Windsor Chariot I-Vac 34 for \$14,200 from Hillyard of Hutchinson.

The vacuum previously used by the parks department does not work with the new rubber flooring in the main fairgrounds buildings. Koglin was unable to locate a used model.

This product is not on a state contract, so additional research was done by Central Services to conclude that this

was a reasonable price and purchasing locally is beneficial in case of future repairs.

Levy adjusted

Cindy Schultz, county auditor/treasurer, reported that an incorrect calculation on the debt service accounts was discovered March 6 and the board needed to approve the changes.

The county is required to produce at least 5 percent in excess of the amount needed to allow for tax collections that come in under anticipated due to delinquencies.

The capital improvement plan levy increases by \$23,440 to \$492,260 and capital equipment notes increases by \$13,692 to \$287,542. The revenue fund decreases by \$37,132 to \$9,704 million. The total revenues increases by \$3,613 to \$39,886 million and total expenditures increase by \$3,614 to \$49,534 million.

Summer help

Staffing request recommendations were presented by Human Resources Director Mary Jo Wieseler. The board voted to hire six summer workers for the highway department, working about 12 weeks.

A new engineering technician position was created because of increased state aid

inspection requirements and increased construction project workload.

Also hired is a Community Service work coordinator to work up to 40 hours per week for approximately 12 weeks at the fairgrounds.

This position will supervise youth performing court-ordered community service work. Funding is from court services supervisory funds.

Other business

Central Services received approval to purchase two 2015 Ford Escapes from Nelson Auto Center, Fergus Falls. The total state contract cost for each vehicle and delivery is not to exceed \$19,506 plus tax and license fees.

The budgeted vehicles will be placed into the employee motor pool. Current vehicles will be re-located amongst facilities after an annual usage study is completed. It was agreed to sell an old Impala and Taurus at Fahey Sales in Glencoe.

The board also signed an agreement authorizing Green Machine remote access to the county's server to trouble shoot the new single-sort equipment at the recycle center. This way the company would not have to make a special trip from New York.

Sheriff's office will conduct child print week of April 13-16

The McLeod County Sheriff's Office will conduct its annual child print program in all McLeod County schools, with the exception of those in Glencoe, the week of April 13-16. The Glencoe Police Department will take care of schools in Glencoe.

The sheriff's office will print all kindergarten and sixth-grade students and the fifth graders at Park Elementary School in Hutchinson. Only the kindergarten children at Howard Lake-Waverly-Winsted will be printed.

Parents should receive a letter explaining the program and forms will be provided.

The schedule includes: Monday, April 13: Winsted Holy Trinity, kindergarten and sixth graders, 9:45 a.m.; Howard Lake-Waverly-Winsted, kindergarten, 10:30 a.m.; and St. Anastasia, Hutchinson, 1 p.m.

Tuesday, April 14: Park Elementary, Hutchinson, fifth graders, 9 a.m.

Wednesday, April 15: West Elementary, Hutchinson, kindergarten, 9:30 a.m.; Im-

manuel Evangelical, Hutchinson, kindergarten and sixth grade, 1 p.m.; Our Savior's Lutheran, Hutchinson, kindergarten, 1:20 p.m.; and Northwoods Elementary, Hutchinson, kindergarten and sixth grade, 1:40 p.m.

Thursday, April 16: Lester Prairie Elementary, kindergarten and sixth grade, 9 a.m.; New Discoveries Montessori, Hutchinson, kindergarten and sixth grade; and Glencoe-Silver Lake Lakeside, Silver Lake, sixth grade, 1 p.m.

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Obituaries

Anna Lena Bauer, 94, of Gaylord

Anna (Mrs. Harold) Bauer, 94, of Gaylord, died Friday, March 20, 2015, at Oak Terrace Health Care Center in Gaylord.

Funeral services will be Thursday, March 26, at 11 a.m., at St. John's Lutheran Church, Mountville, Dryden Township, Sibley County, with interment in the church cemetery.



Anna Bauer

Visitation will be Wednesday, March 25, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., at the Egesdal Funeral Home in Gaylord. Visitation will continue one hour prior to the service at the church on Thursday.

The Rev. Harold Storm will officiate at the service. Debbie Forstner will be the organist. Mrs. Bauer's godson, Jerry Wetterlin, will be the soloist and will perform "The Lord's Prayer." Congregational hymns are "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross," "How Great Thou Art" and "Abide With Me."

Honorary casket bearers will be Connie Sylwester, Julie Sievert and Mandi Bauer. Casket bearers will be Chris Bauer, Tim Bauer, Andy Bauer, Brian Schuch, Deric Sievert and Adam Bauer.

Anna Lena (Polzin) Bauer, Gaylord, formerly of Brown-

ton, was born March 16, 1921, in New Auburn, to William and Minnie (Illig) Polzin. She was baptized April 10, 1921, at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in Penn Township, and was confirmed April 14, 1935, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in New Auburn, by the Rev. Hans Werner.

She attended New Auburn District 35 school through the eighth grade. She taught Sunday school and sang in the choir while she was a member at Immanuel Lutheran Church.

She was employed by Ted Trapp and Otto Mielke in the General Store in New Auburn and by Otto Zellmann in the "Big Store" in New Auburn until 1945.

She was united in marriage to Harold Bauer on May 8, 1946, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in New Auburn by the Rev. Mueller. After their marriage, the couple started farming in Penn Township, and she assisted her husband with farming and raising their three children. They were married 58 years before Mr. Bauer passed away on Nov. 17, 2004.

She enjoyed gardening, dancing, cooking, baking, playing cards and spending time with her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, relatives and friends.

She became a resident of Oak Terrace Health Care Center in Gaylord in 2010.

She is survived by her chil-

dren, Judy (Veryl) Schuch of Glencoe, Ronald (Muriel) Bauer of Brownton and Kathleen Bauer of Hutchinson; eight grandchildren, Brian (Shannon) Schuch of Glencoe, Connie (Chad) Sylwester of St. Bonifacius, Julie (Deric) Sievert of Gibbon, Chris (Kristie) Bauer of Brownton, Tim (Marlinda) Bauer of Brownton, Andy (Kristen) Bauer of Gaylord, Adam (Kristi) Bauer of Bloomington and Mandi Bauer of Mankato; 14 great-grandchildren, Ebony Schuch, Madison Schuch, Autumn Schuch, Cody Sievert, Nicole Sievert, Cole Bauer, Lauren Bauer, Claire Bauer, Toriana Bauer, Aubree Bauer, Aiden Bauer, Avery Bauer and Karter Bauer; step-great-grandson, Tristan Von Eschen; many other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, William and Minnie Polzin; husband, Harold Bauer; brothers, Otto Polzin and Robert Polzin; sister, Selma (Mrs. Alvin) Hahn; two great-grandchildren; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Alvin Hahn, Art and Agnes Wetterlin, Dennis and Selma Palmer, Leonard and Hilda Bauer, Arnold and Luella Bauer, John and Erna Trebelhorn and Henry and Ruth Trebelhorn.

Arrangements were with the Egesdal Funeral Home in Gaylord. Online obituaries and guest book are available at www.hantge.com.

Lucille Christensen, 95, of Watertown

Lucille Elizabeth (Meyer) Christensen, 95, of Watertown, formerly of Glencoe, died Monday, March 16, 2015, at Elim Nursing Home in Watertown.



Lucille Christensen

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Thursday, March 19, at the Church of St. Pius X in Glencoe. The Rev. Anthony Stubeda officiated. Sue Mielke was the organist, and song leaders were Kelly LeCrone, John Winter and Shari Templin. Musical selections were "Here I Am, Lord," "Precious Lord," "On Eagle's Wings," "Song of Farewell," "Hail Mary, Gentle Woman" and "Amazing Grace."

Casket bearers were Nikki Dammann, Kim Moore, Laura Watkins, Amy Potter, Jennie Winter and Shane Revier. Interment was in the Glencoe Catholic Cemetery.

Lucille Elizabeth (Meyer) Christensen was born at home on July 19, 1919, in Carroll County near Glidden, Iowa. She was the daughter of Anton and Margaret (Richert) Meyer. She was baptized as an infant at St. Lawrence Church in Carroll, Iowa, and received her first communion at Sacred Heart and was confirmed in her faith as a youth. She attended first and second grades at a country school in Glidden, Iowa, third through fifth grade at Sacred Heart School in Pocahontas, Iowa, and

sixth through eighth grade at a the public school in Ware, Iowa.

While working for a family near Sleepy Eye, she met Willard Christensen and they were united in marriage on Oct. 11, 1941, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in New Ulm. The couple made their home on a farm in Sleepy Eye until 1957, when they moved to Glencoe. Their marriage was blessed with nine children, Joyce, Dennis, Mark, Louis, Paul, Timothy, Victoria, Beth and Mary. They shared over 59 years of marriage before Mr. Christensen's death on March 14, 2001.

Mrs. Christensen always farmed with her husband and in addition worked at Glencoe Butter & Produce, first as an egg candler for 10 years, and then worked for the locker plant as a meat wrapper. In the later years, she and her husband ran a day care for about 10 years. She was a faithful member of the Church of St. Pius X in Glencoe, where she served on the Council of Catholic Women.

Mrs. Christensen enjoyed flowers, gardening, knitting, crocheting, baking and making fruitcake for her family and friends. She also loved watching her grandchildren at sporting events. She treasured the times spent with her family.

She is survived by her children, Dennis (Sharon) Christensen of Glencoe, Mark (Janey) Christensen of Biscay, Louis Christensen (special friend Kim Phifer) of Lakeville, Paul (Mary Ann) Christensen of Glencoe, Victoria Christensen of North

Mankato, Beth (John) Winter of Glencoe and Mary (Derald) Bielke of Biscay; grandchildren, Quinn (Jolee) Beneke, Brett (Julie) Beneke, Shannon (Peggy) Beneke, Nikki Dammann (special friend Shannon Spicer), Doug Christensen, Kim (Rick) Moore, Chad (Tonya) Christensen, Laura (Jon) Watkins, Marshall Christensen, Amy Potter, Tracy (Brenda) Christensen, Travis (Melissa) Christensen, Justin (Bethany) Christensen, Jesse Christensen, Teri Christensen, Jennie Winter and Eric Rannow, Bryan Winter (special friend Courtney), Adam Revier, Shane Revier, Cody Revier (special friend Felicia Griffin), Cord Revier (special friend Becca Sparling) and Chanceton (Sadie) Revier; 37 great-grandchildren; sisters, Eleanor Marti of New Ulm and Margaret (Leo) Lang of Springfield; brother, Herman (Mary) Meyer of Pipestone; sister-in-law, Marjorie Christensen of Princeton; nieces; nephews; other relatives; and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Anton and Margaret Meyer; husband, Willard Christensen; children, Joyce (Jerome) Beneke and Timothy Christensen; grandsons-in-law, Robert Fuglsang and Cory Potter; and siblings, Fred Meyer, Ben Meyer, Bob Meyer, Warren Meyer, William Meyer and Georgine Portner.

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

Richard Borchardt, 100, Hutchinson

Richard P. Borchardt, 100, of Hutchinson, died Saturday, March 14, 2015, at Glencoe Regional Health Services Long Term Care.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Thursday, March 19, at St. Anastasia Catholic Church in Hutchinson.



Richard Borchardt

The Rev. Jerry Meidl officiated. Bev Wangerin was the organist and Lucy Newcomb was the song leader. Special music was by Brock, Ashley and Camille Borchardt and Anna Huebner. Musical selections included "Lead Me, Lord," "Bread of Life" and "Song of Farewell."

Casket bearers were Brock Borchardt, Michael Fitzloff, Adam Benson, Scott Vacek, Nick Fehlandt and Dave Sanken. Interment was in the church cemetery and military honors were by the Hutchinson Memorial Rifle Squad.

Richard P. Borchardt was born Nov. 7, 1914, in Hassan Valley Township, McLeod County, to Richard A. and Anna (Rannow) Borchardt. He was baptized as an infant

and confirmed in his faith as a youth, both at St. John's Church in Hassan Valley Township. He received his education through the eighth grade in Hassan Valley Township.

Mr. Borchardt entered active military service in the U.S. Army on June 24, 1941, at Fort Snelling in Minneapolis and served his country during World War II. He received an honorable discharge on Sept. 8, 1945, at Camp McCoy in Wisconsin.

On Aug. 29, 1950, he was united in marriage to Bernice Pavlish at St. George Catholic Church in Glencoe. Their marriage was blessed with eight children. After their marriage, the couple resided and farmed in Hassan Valley Township. They shared 36 years of marriage before Mrs. Borchardt's death on Oct. 3, 1987.

Mr. Borchardt was a life-long farmer. He raised cows, chickens and ducks, and dehorned and butchered cows and sold Archer oil. He also was very mechanical and repaired equipment and did custom farm work for area farmers. He attended St. Anastasia Catholic Church in Hutchinson. He enjoyed hunting and fishing. He especially enjoyed spending time

with his family, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and friends.

When he needed assistance with his daily care, he became a resident of Glencoe Regional Health Services Long Term Care.

He is survived by his children, Geraldine (Michael) Fitzloff of Stewart, Joseph (Julie) Borchardt of Thief River Falls, James (Michelle) Borchardt of Hutchinson, Jerome (Patricia) Borchardt of Brownton, Jolene (John) DuBose of Belgium and Jennifer (Randy) Huebner of New Brighton; 13 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; son-in-law, Ray Benson of Brownton; sister, Elda Huepenbecker of Glencoe; and many other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Richard A. and Anna Borchardt; wife, Bernadine Borchardt; daughters, Josephine Benson and Julianne Borchardt; brother, Leo Borchardt; sister, Louise (Ora) Huepenbecker; and brother-in-law, Raymond Huepenbecker.

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

20 Brownton seniors met

Twenty Brownton senior citizens met Monday, March 23, at the Brownton Community Center.

Cards were played after the meeting with the following winners — 500, Marie Dols, first, and Eleanora Lamp, second; pinocle, Deloris Rennecke, first, and Betty Katzenmeyer, second; and sheephead, Elmer Maass, first, and Lil Lindeman, second. Gladys Rickert won the door prize.

The group will have its Easter dinner Monday, March 30, at noon, before the regular meeting at 1 p.m.

Thank You
Delphine Wood, wife of Richard Wood, would like the thank their neighbors and friends for all the cards, call and visits.
All is appreciated.
Del Wood

In loving memory of
Bernice Templin
3-23-10
Pam Templin
3-27-14
We often lay awake at night, when the world is fast asleep and take a walk down memory lane with tears upon our cheeks. Remembering you is easy, we do it every day. It's the heartache of losing you that never goes away. Your smile is gone forever and your hands we cannot touch, we have so many memories. We loved you very much. We hold you tightly within our hearts and there you will remain. Life goes on without you, but is will never be the same.
Sadly missed by
Wayne, Randy, Nicole Kaleb & Ella

In Memory of
Edwin E. Wittenberg
who passed away 5 years ago
March 31, 2010
Deep in my heart there's a picture of a loved one gone to rest; In memory's frame, I shall keep it because he was one of the best. My life cannot speak how I miss him, my heart cannot tell what to say; God only knows how I miss him as I journey along life's way.
Sadly missed by his wife
Verda Wittenberg & family

LaDonna March, 85, of Redwood Falls

LaDonna "Donna" March, 85, of Redwood Falls, formerly of Franklin, died Monday, March 16, 2015, at Parkview Home in Belview.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Friday, March 20, at St. Catherine's Catholic Church in Redwood Falls. Burial was in the church cemetery.



LaDonna March

LaDonna Revier March Lodermeier, the daughter of Robert and Camilla (Vollin) Revier, was born Sept. 8, 1929, in Morton. She spent her childhood in Morton and received her elementary education there. She graduated from Redwood Falls High School in 1947, and then at-

tended Mayville North Dakota State Teachers College. She graduated from Mankato State College with a bachelor's degree in education. She taught country school in Hope, N.D., and then in "town" schools in Wahpeton, N.D., Franklin and Glencoe. She also worked as a substitute teacher in Shakopee and Glencoe.

On Nov. 17, 1956, she married Raleigh T. March in Franklin. He preceded her in death on Jan. 17, 1981. On Oct. 26, 1991, she married James F. Lodermeier. He preceded her in death on June 6, 2002.

She was active in education organizations, Business/Professional Women (BPW), St. Mark's Church, the American Legion Auxiliary and Glencoe Study Club. In her spare time, she enjoyed reading, crossword puzzles, volunteering, gardening, eat-

ing out with friends, attending her grandchildren's events, traveling, and national and local history.

She is survived by her stepdaughters and their spouses, Ann and Neil Johnson, Mickie and Kelly Hanson, Jeanne and David Kibler, Colleen and Craig Gunderman and Mary and Gary Sima; many stepgrandchildren; nieces and nephews; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law; and special neighbors, the Steve Clay family.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two husbands; brothers, John, Bill and Bert; sisters, Leone, Grace and Mary; and two brothers and two sisters in infancy.

Arrangements were with Nelson-Hillestad Funeral Service of Redwood Falls. E-mail condolences may be sent to www.nelson-hillestad.com.

Thank You
The family of Dave Perschau wishes to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to everyone for the cards, memorials, food, calls, and visits.
A special thank you to Pastor Scott Grorud, Organist, Ronda Eckhart, Dave Dose, Julie Knutson, the Hutchinson Memorial Rifle Squad and the Minnesota State Patrol Honor Guard for the beautiful service and to the members of Faith Lutheran Church who helped with the lunch. We appreciate the care and assistance that Robert, Richard, Everett and Dan from Hantge Funeral Chapels provided to our family before, during and after the service.
Dave received wonderful care during his illness from the qualified staff and providers at the Hutchinson Cancer Center, Hutchinson Health Clinic and Hospital, Glencoe Regional Health Services and Allina Health Hospice.
Memorials will be distributed to Dave's favorite charities which include the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum (www.arboretum.umn.edu), the V Foundation for Cancer Research (www.jimmyv.org) and Faith Lutheran Church (www.faithlc.com). The comforting words and actions of our friends and family, along with our memorials of Dave, will always remain in our hearts.

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Obituaries

Dennis D. Matuska, 72, of Glencoe

Dennis D. Matuska, 72, of Glencoe, died Friday, March 20, 2015, at Harmony River Living Center in Hutchinson.

The funeral service will be Thursday, March 26, at 11 a.m., at First Lutheran Church in Glencoe.

Visitation will be Wednesday, March 25, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., at the Johnson Funeral Home, 141 E First St., Waconia, and at the church Thursday one hour prior to the service.

The Rev. Ronald Mathison will officiate at the funeral. Paul Otto will be the organist and Kenneth Quast will be the soloist.

Casket bearers will be Matt Zdrasil, Tim Matuska, Eric Matuska, Ryan Quast, Rick Quast, Randy Gores and Curtis Matuska.

Interment will be in the First Lutheran Cemetery with military honors by Glencoe American Post 95 and Glencoe VFW Post 5102.

Dennis David Matuska was born July 9, 1942, on his grandparents' farm in rural Silver Lake, the son of Benjamin F. and Virginia E. (Metkowski) Matuska. He was baptized July 12, 1942, at St. Adalbert's Catholic Church in Silver Lake by the Rev. Jalkaioski. He was a graduate of Silver Lake High School.

On Nov. 16, 1961, he enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps. His service included time aboard the USS Belle

Grove, 15 months stationed in Okinawa, maneuvers in Taiwan and the Philippines, and a final assignment at Camp Le Juene, N.C. He received his honorable discharge on March 15, 1966, at Camp Le Juene. Being discharged as a Corporal E-4, he had received the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal and the Meritorious Mast.

Mr. Matuska was united in marriage to Darlene Debner on April 7, 1962, at St. Pius X Catholic Church in Glencoe by the Rev. Skoblik. He had confirmed his faith on Dec. 26, 1965, at Calvary Lutheran Church in Jacksonville, N.C., by the Rev. Schedler. His confirmation verse was Matthew 6:33: "But seek first His kingdom and righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."

Mr. Matuska had worked in management and manufacturing throughout his life. He had begun after high school working for Hagan's Body Shop and after his military service he worked for Telex, ITT Shadow, Cascade Medical, DCCT, World Wide Dispensers, Queststar Medical and Separation Kinetics. He was always looking to further his abilities and had taken classes at the University of Minnesota and Ridgewater College.

Mr. Matuska enjoyed hunting, fishing and sausage making. He became a self-taught arborist and loved starting trees from small seedlings. He had shared many of his precious little trees with family and friends. He also loved being around a race track. For many years, he worked alongside his sons building

race cars and lending support in the pits. He always loved working with his hands, whether building a home for his family to live in, or fixing a car to make it run better, he was proud of his accomplishments.

Mr. Matuska was a lifelong member of the Glencoe VFW Post 5102 and a member of the Glencoe American Legion, where he served as adjutant and membership chair.

He is survived by his loving family: wife, Darlene Matuska of Glencoe; children, Neal (Monica) Matuska of Prior Lake, Wade (Karen) Matuska of Altus, Okla., Chad (Becky) Matuska of Watertown and Jill Matuska of Minneapolis; grandchildren, Emily (Jake) Broesch and Carly (Lee) Graves; brothers and sister, Arthur (Diane) Matuska of Apache Junction, Ariz., Donna (David) Corbett of Punta Gorda, Fla., and Kenneth (Frankie Travis) Matuska of Watkins, Colo.; sisters-in-law and brother-in-law, Donna and Al Peetsch of Hutchinson, Linda Debner of Elk River and Deanne Johnson of Milaca; as well as nieces; nephews; other relatives; and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Benjamin and Virginia Matuska; parents-in-law, Erwin and Elsie Debner; brother, Kevin Matuska; sisters, Nancy Bergstrom and Lisa Matuska; and brother-in-law, Dennis Debner.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to Ridgeview Hospice or Harmony River of Hutchinson.

Arrangements are with the Johnson Funeral home in Waconia, www.johnsonfh.com.

Raymond Dietel, 88, of Lester Prairie

Raymond "Ray" Dietel, 88, of Lester Prairie, died Thursday, March 19, 2015, at Ridgeview Medical Center in Waconia.



Ray Dietel

Funeral services were held Monday, March 23, at St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church in Lester Prairie. The Rev. Eric Nelson officiated. Jane Holasek was the organist, and congregational hymns were "Amazing Grace," "How Great Thou Art" and "Abide With Me."

Honorary casket bearers were Rachel Dietel Hoskins, Erin Herrmann and Katelin Dietel. Casket bearers were Greg Dietel, Steven Dietel, Michael Dietel, Eric Dietel, Matt Herrmann and Robert Mierau.

Interment was in the Fort Snelling National Cemetery in Minneapolis.

Raymond "Ray" August Dietel was born April 3, 1926, in Bergen Township, Lester Prairie, to John and Lucy (Hoof) Dietel. He was baptized as an infant on May 2, 1926, by the Rev. H.B. Witzke, and was confirmed in his faith as a youth on March 7, 1940, by the Rev. Martin Seybold, both at Evangelical and Reformed Church in Lester Prairie. He attended country school through the eighth grade and then graduated from Lester Prairie Public School. He furthered his education by attending Dunwoody Institute for a degree in heating and plumbing. Mr. Dietel entered active military service in the U.S. Navy on Jan. 23, 1945, and served his country overseas during World War II as an Aviation Metalsmith Third Class. He was honorably discharged on July 21, 1946.

On Aug. 16, 1947, he was

united in marriage to Delores Knacke by the Rev. R.A. Ritz at St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church in Lester Prairie. They made their home in Lester Prairie, and their marriage was blessed with three sons, Brad, Dale and Dan. They shared over 67 years of marriage.

Mr. Dietel owned and operated Dietel Plumbing and Heating for 20 years, from 1968 to 1988. He also was a farmer, school bus driver, hauled bulk gas and fuel oil for Jenneke Oil, and cut meat at Prairie Market. He was an active member of St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church in Lester Prairie. He also was a member of the Lester Prairie American Legion Post 463 and the Lester Prairie Fire Department.

Mr. Dietel was a hardworking and devoted husband. He loved to reminisce about the gold toilet they used for cards at their 50th wedding anniversary and when his entire family celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary at Rush Lake. He enjoyed the outdoors, fishing, hunting, playing cards and attending his children's and grandchildren's sporting events. He cherished the time spent with his friends and family, especially his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife, Delores Dietel of Winsted; sons, Bradley (Kathy) Dietel of Sparks, Nev., Dale (Jane) Dietel of Lester Prairie and Daniel (Patrice) Dietel, also of Lester Prairie; grandchildren, Greg (Beth) Dietel of Jordan, Rachel Dietel Hoskins of Houston, Robert (Greta) Mierau of Caledonia, Tamara Lucido of Glendale, Ariz., Steven (Melissa) Dietel of Lester Prairie, Michael (Jessica) Dietel of Victoria, Erin (Matt) Herrmann of

Lester Prairie, Andrew Dietel of Mound, Eric Dietel of Somerset, Wis., and Katelin Dietel of Lester Prairie; great-grandchildren, Amanda Dietel and her fiancé, Nate, Leah (Erik) Aamlid, Jenna Dietel, Thomas Dietel, Tyler Hoskins, Brett Hoskins, Brennan Mierau, Karsen Mierau, Heather Mierau, Sawyer Mierau, Kaelyn Lucido, Logan Lucido, Rylee Lucido, Alec Dietel, Maxwell Dietel, Carson Dietel, Caiden Herrmann, Bennett Herrmann and Teagan Herrmann; sister, Leona Schultz of Glencoe; brother-in-law, Stanley Rustad of Waconia; nieces; nephews; other relatives; and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Lucy Dietel; brothers and sisters, Henry Dietel, Irene Klaustermeier, Clarence Dietel, Linda Hoernemann, Elmer Dietel and Adela Rustad; and brother-in-law and sister-in-law, DeVan Knacke and Angeline Stender.

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

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HEATING

Bernetta L. Swift, 85, of Glencoe

Bernetta L. Swift, 85, of Glencoe, died Saturday, March 14, 2015, at the Glencoe Regional Health Services — Long Term Care.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 17, at St. John's Church, rural Bisbee, Hassan Valley Township, McLeod County. The Rev. Robert Taylor officiated, and Mary Huebert was the organist. Special music by Robin Swift included "Softly and Tenderly," by Chandler Swift was "To God Be the Glory," and by Ellen Tracy, "Blessings." The congregational hymn was "I Know Whom I Have Believed."

Honorary casket bearers were her nieces and nephews. Casket bearers were Cory Garoutte, Dave Mackenthun, Glen Sladek, Dave Sanken, Doug Block and Roger Trimbo.

Interment was in the church cemetery. Bernetta Lorraine (Jasmer) Swift was born June 28, 1929, at home in Bartlett Township, Todd County. She was the daughter of Adolph and Emma (Ellis) Jasmer. She was baptized as an infant on July 14, 1929, by the Rev.

F. Brash, and was confirmed in her faith as a youth by the Rev. Paul Brill, both at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Bartlett Township. She received her elementary education in District 113, rural Aldrich, Bartlett Township, and was a graduate of Verdale High School. She furthered her education in Staples and received off-campus teacher training through Bemidji State College. She taught in rural schools for nine years in Todd and Ottertail counties.

On June 22, 1957, she was united in marriage to Richard Swift at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Bartlett Township. After their marriage, the couple resided in rural Herman, where they farmed. She was a loving mother, homemaker and farmer, retiring in January 1990. The couple moved to Glencoe in 1998.

Mrs. Swift was a member of St. John's Church in Hassan Valley Township and was a former member of First Presbyterian Church in Elbow Lake and Immanuel Lutheran Church in Bartlett Township. She was an active member of the women's groups in all the churches she attended. In her younger years, she was a member of the Homemakers Group and the Red Hat Society.

Mrs. Swift enjoyed reading, gardening and playing Scrabble. She loved family

and the special blessing of grandchildren, spending one week at a lake cabin with her siblings and spouses each summer, and watching good movies.

When her daily care became more than could be managed at home, Mrs. Swift became a resident of Glencoe Regional Health Services Long Term Care.

She is survived by her husband, Richard Swift of Glencoe; sons, Timothy (Melanie) Swift of Bellevue, Wash., and David (Celine) Swift of Glencoe; grandchildren, Andrew and Alina Swift, and Chandler, Robin and Isaac Swift; sister, Eleanor (Everett) Ostland of Carbonado, Wash.; son-in-law, Randy (Mary) Westrum of Loveland, Colo.; sister-in-law, Irene Jasmer of New Prague; nieces; nephews; other relatives; and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Adolph and Emma Jasmer; daughter, Cynthia Kay (Swift) Westrum; grandson, Cameron Swift; sister, Ruth (Eskil) Holmquist; and brothers, Delbert Jasmer and Elsworth (Bernita) Jasmer.

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

Alfred Albert Kieser, 83, of Winsted

Alfred Albert Kieser, 83, of rural Winsted, died Monday, March 16, 2015, at his residence.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Saturday, March 21, at Holy Family Catholic Church in Winsted with the Rev. Paul Schumacher as the celebrant.

Honorary casket bearers were Karri Rohling and Shelly Kloos. Casket bearers were Steve Rohling, Tom Kieser, Duane Entinger, Lucas Kloos, Mark Gueningsman and Tony Gueningsman.

Interment with military rites followed the Mass at Holy Trinity Cemetery.

Alfred Albert Kieser was born June 24, 1931, in Winsted, the son of Martin and

Katherine (Helmbrecht) Kieser.

Mr. Kieser honorably served his country in the U.S. Army, serving in Germany in the 10th Infantry Division beginning in 1952.

On June 24, 1974, he and Margaret E. Gueningsman were joined in holy marriage.

Mr. Kieser engaged in farming on the family homestead. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, cutting wood, gardening, the outdoors, custom butchering, mushroom hunting, four-wheeling and farming. He was a lifelong member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Winsted. He also belonged to The Catholic Order of Foresters and American Legion Post 407.

He is survived by a step-

son, Mark (Nina) Boenish of Winsted; brothers and a sister, George Kieser, Martha Rohling, Leonard (Margaret) Kieser, Joe (Janice) Kieser, Donald (MaryAnne) Kieser and Jerry (Debbie) Kieser; numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Margaret E. Kieser in 2002; parents, Martin and Katherine Kieser; two sisters, Mary Entinger and Dorothy Entinger; sister-in-law, Helen Kieser; and brothers-in-law, Bill Rohling, Bud Entinger and Fred Entinger.

The Chilson Funeral Home in Winsted served the family. Online condolences may be made at www.chilsonfuneralhome.com.

Deaths

Gretchen Gullickson, 96, of Glencoe

Gretchen Gullickson, 96, of Glencoe, died Saturday, March 21, 2015, at American Lutheran Homes in Mondovi, Wis.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, March 28, at 2 p.m., at First Congregational United Church of Christ in Glencoe, with interment to follow in the Glencoe City Center in Glencoe.

A gathering of family and friends will be Saturday, March 28, noon to 2 p.m., at First Congregational United Church of Christ in Glencoe, two hours prior to the service.

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

Tyler 'Chuck' Peterson, 27, of Glencoe

Tyler "Chuck" Peterson, 27, of Glencoe, died Friday, March 20, 2015, at his home.

A memorial service will be held Wednesday, March 25 (today), at 11 a.m., at Christ Lutheran Church in Glencoe, with interment in the Glencoe City Cemetery.

Visitation was Tuesday and will continue today (Wednesday) 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. An online guest book is available at www.hantge.com.

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Thank you, Glencoe Water Department

Informational Meeting Notice

Buffalo Creek Watershed Marsh Water Project Phase 3 Implementation Timeline and Cost Allocation

Tuesday, March 31 5-7 p.m.

Glencoe City Center Senior Room

We will be going through the process of the Basic Water Management Project.

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Community Calendar

Thurs., March 26 — AA Group mtg. next to Post Office in Stewart, 8 p.m., call 320-212-5290 for info.
Sun., March 29 — Stewart Lions Club annual pancake breakfast and kids' Easter party, Stewart Fire Hall, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Mon., March 30 — Tops Weigh-In mtg., 5-5:30 p.m.; Brownton Senior Citizens Club, Brownton Community Center, 1 p.m.
Wed., April 1 — APRIL FOOLS' DAY; Brownton Women's Club, Brownton Community Center, 6 p.m.
Thurs., April 2 — AA Group mtg. next to Post Office in Stewart, 8 p.m., call 320-212-5290 for info.
Sat., April 4 — Brownton Women's Club annual Easter Egg Hunt, Brownton Community Center, door open at 9:30 a.m., hunt starts at 10 am.

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Transportation commissioner visits Glencoe

By Rich Glennie
Correspondent

It isn't often a state commissioner drops by Glencoe, but one did Tuesday, March 17, for an impromptu visit to gather local input about the state's transportation needs. The state Legislature is currently looking at increased funding for transportation, but the issue is how much and where will it be spent.

Charlie Zelle, state commissioner of Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT), along with an entourage of MnDOT staffers, met with city, county and area representatives in the west conference room at the Glencoe City Center. Prior to that, Zelle met with the McLeod County Board of Commissioners.

Also at the city meeting were representatives of the Highway 212 coalition, who are seeking funding for two four-lane stretches on Highway 212 from Carver west to Norwood Young America. Glencoe is part of that coalition.

Mayor Randy Wilson said if those two stretches could be expanded into four lanes, "economically it's huge." He said support is widespread along the Highway 212 corridor as well as with communities like Hutchinson and Marshall, which also realize the importance of the Highway 212 interregional corridor.

"The group who needs (these improvements) gets larger," Wilson added of the growing support for Highway

212 improvements.

Bob Lindall, president of the Highway 212 corridor group, said efforts were first made for Highway 212 improvements in the late 1940s.

He said the former Yellowstone Trail, which goes from the Twin Cities west to South Dakota, even has the support of Watertown, S.D., and the support of nearly every county board and most of the communities along its path.

"That's how important this is," Lindall said.

Of great importance is the truck traffic using Highway 212.

"Truck traffic is twice as high on 212 as a normal highway," Lindall said. He said of the two sections of Highway 212 that remain two lanes in Carver County, the segment from Carver to Cologne is "shovel ready."

"The quandary has always been," Lindall added, "that it lies within the metro (MnDOT) district, but those who want it built don't live in the metro district."

He asked Zelle to recognize that the metro and the Willmar MnDOT districts need to work together to improve those sections of Highway 212.

"I encourage you to get this project prioritized," Lindall told Zelle.

Zelle replied that the state, as well as other states, are in a "perfect storm" of deteriorating highways and bridges, and not enough funding.

Gov. Mark Dayton is pushing for "long-term, sustain-

able funding," Zelle said, and that may include an increase in the state's gasoline tax. He said right now, the state can't keep up with transportation maintenance needs, let alone expansion of highways.

Renville County Commissioner John Stahl pointed out that a sugar beet processing plant in that county, much like Seneca Foods' sweet corn plant in Glencoe, is the largest in the world. He said the sugar beet plant processed 2.6 million tons of raw sugar beets last year, and the previous year topped 3 million tons.

"At 25 tons per truck, that means 125,000 trucks went in and out of that plant in a five-month period," Stahl said, often using Highway 212.

Also along Highway 212 are three ethanol plants, he added.

"How did we miss out on being named a Corridor of Commerce?" Stahl asked. The Corridor of Commerce program provides additional state highway funding to projects in those corridors.

"Southwest Minnesota is the bread basket of the world in grains," Stahl added.

Stahl said Highway 212 has two shortcomings that need to be taken care of in Carver County and, over the long haul, improvements need to be made elsewhere along Highway 212 to "smooth the ride." But Stahl said, "We don't need a four-lane beyond Glencoe at this time."

"I'll carry the message," Zelle told the gathering. He

said he is encouraged by the governor "to get out of St. Paul" and get local input, and that was the reason for stopping in Glencoe.

He said Gov. Dayton's goal is to have sustainable funding to create a stable environment for the state business economy.

Zelle said he would appreciate local support for the governor's transportation funding proposals.

Stahl said he was not afraid of raising the gas tax, which would amount to about \$15 a month more for most drivers.

John Rodeberg, city consulting engineer with Short Elliott Hendrickson (SEH), also pointed out to Zelle and staffers that Glencoe is in the midst of multi-million dollar street improvement projects — the Lincoln Park area at about \$7 million and Armstrong Avenue project at about \$4.5 million. The Lincoln Park project "is the biggest the city has ever done," Rodeberg added.

The Armstrong Avenue project will be using Glencoe's state municipal state aid, which amounts to about \$225,000 a year, to help fund the work. But to use \$1.4 million of that state aid for the Armstrong Avenue uses up six years of the city's state aid.

"That's six years of state aid for one project," Rodeberg said. "State aid funding is just not adequate," he told Zelle.

Rodeberg added the city also is looking at serious



Chronicle photo by Rich Glennie
Minnesota Transportation Commissioner Charlie Zelle visited with city and county officials at the Glencoe City Center on Tuesday, March 17.

flooding issues and expensive solutions, a 40-year-old wastewater treatment plant that needs repairs or replacing in the future and what to do with a walking bridge over Highway 212 that is not handicapped accessible. The estimate cost to make the walking bridge comply with

the federal Americans With Disabilities Act is about \$1 million.

City Administrator Mark Larson added the city also has been making \$2.5 million in improvements at the Glencoe Municipal Airport thanks to MnDOT aviation funds in the past several years.



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Lester Lindeman, left, was honored by the McLeod County Board of Commissioners at its March 17 meeting for his 54 years of service as a Penn Township supervisor. Shown in the picture with Lindeman are Commissioner Joe Nagel, center, and Board Chair Paul Wright, right. Lindeman also was honored by Penn Township at its annual meeting March 10.

Lindeman honored for 54 years of township service

By Dave Pedersen
Correspondent

The McLeod County Board of Commissioners opened the March 17 meeting with recognition of Lester Lindeman, who will be retiring from the Penn Township Board of Supervisors after 54 years of service.

Paul Wright, county board chair who presented the certificate of appreciation, said Lindeman was first elected to the board in March 1961, most of the time serving as board chair.

Wright added how it is pretty unique to have half a century of public service. Lindeman said it did not seem that long.

Milestones include helping to get three new bridges and purchasing land for construction of a new township hall.

Lindeman said the township replaced one bridge three times. "One was too small and one burned down,"

noted Lindeman. "Our bridge system is all taken care of and we have a good town hall."

Financing in place for Trailblazer facility in Buffalo, Wright County

By Lori Copler
Editor

After a series of fits and starts, financing seems to be secured for the new Trailblazer Transit facility in Buffalo.

The Trailblazer Joint Powers Board heard Thursday morning that the city of Buffalo will now assume the responsibility of issuing bonds to build the facility, which it will rent to Trailblazer with a lease-to-own contract.

Trailblazer Executive Director Gary Ludwig said the original plan was to have the Buffalo Housing Authority (BHA) borrow the money for the building and then lease it to Trailblazer, using rent income to pay back the loan.

The original proposal, Ludwig added, "was well received" by everyone, "except the Trailblazer attorney."

Under that original plan, the financing would have had to have been approved by

McLeod County, Sibley County and Wright County Area Transit (WCAT), as well as the member cities of WCAT.

"That would open the doors to those entities having to come up with money of their own," to pay the bond if the rent money failed to cover payments.

The new agreement with the city of Buffalo means Trailblazer will be "a true tenant, not a borrower," said Ludwig.

If for some reason Trailblazer ever abandons the building, the city of Buffalo would retain ownership and "can lease it, re-purpose it, sell it or use it themselves," said Ludwig.

But, Ludwig added, no one

really anticipates that Trailblazer will default on its rent.

McLeod County Commissioner Doug Krueger, a member of the joint powers board, asked what would happen if the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) cuts funding for transit, since Trailblazer is relying on MnDOT funding for its rent.

Ludwig said that the agreement stipulates that Trailblazer must use MnDOT funding first for its rent payments. So if MnDOT does cut funding, Trailblazer would have to look for other ways to reduce its budget accordingly before defaulting on its rent payments.

Ludwig said the city of Buffalo is looking at a 20-year bond for the building,

which will equate to about \$19,500 rent for Trailblazer. The building will be owned by Trailblazer after 20 years.

Sibley County Commissioner Bill Pinske, chair of the Trailblazer Joint Powers Board, asked when rent payments would start, and was told they will start with Trailblazer's occupancy of the building.

The city of Buffalo is hoping to sell the bonds by April 15, after which construction can begin. It is hoped the building will be completed in November.

The board voted unanimously to rescind its previous agreement with the BHA and enter a new agreement with the city of Buffalo.

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