



# Panthers come out swinging

GSL softball starts out season at 3-1

— Sports Page 1B

# Knowledge Bowl teams place at state

— Page 2

The McLeod County

# Chronicle

\$1.00

Glencoe, Minnesota Vol. 119, No. 15

www.glencoenews.com

April 20, 2016



Chronicle photos by Rebecca Mariscal

## Wee Friends visit Midwest Machinery

Wee Friends Preschool visited Midwest Machinery Company's John Deere location east of Glencoe Thursday morning for one of the final field trips of the year. The company and its employees found time in the midst of the busy spring planting season to welcome the students and show them around the dealership. The students toured the store, garage and parts storage. Every student had the opportunity for a tractor ride as well. Above, Summer Zimbrick peers through one of the drawers in the large storage room. At right, Drake Voigt and his mom Jennifer smile as their tractor ride takes off for the trip around the building.



## City Council approves tree replacement plan for Lincoln Park area

By Rebecca Mariscal  
Staff Writer

The Glencoe City Council approved a reforestation plan for Lincoln Park at its regular meeting Monday night.

The plan was presented by John Rodeberg of Short Elliot Hendrickson (SEH). SEH worked with Arbor Life of Hutchinson to determine which trees to plant and where to plant them.

The plan will add between 145 to 170 trees to the area. The new trees will be a variety of species in case of disease or other issues.

Depending on the number of trees planted, Rodeberg said the cost of the project will be between \$25,000 and \$30,000. The plan will be paid for from the Lincoln Park contingency budget.

Rodeberg said in the future, the reforestation plan will be included in bids at the beginning of a project.

Council Member Dan Perschau said this plan will add more trees compared to what the area had before the Lincoln Park project. Rodeberg said there would be two times as many.

Perschau also asked if residents will be able to select a type of tree if they have a personal preference. Rodeberg explained they could, and they could also opt out if they didn't want a tree near their residence.

Council Member Allen Robeck asked who would maintain the trees. Rodeberg said the city would be in charge of long-term maintenance.

The plan passed 5-0.

The council also heard an update on the Armstrong Avenue Project, which started on Monday. Rodeberg told the council that the construction uncovered an issue with the culvert under Highway 212. Rodeberg said the plans from the city, county, state and Buffalo Creek Watershed showed a 72-inch pipe in the area, but construction found that pipe stops on the south side and continues into a 4-foot by

4-foot precast pipe.

Rodeberg said the city would need to replace that pipe. The total cost will be about \$30,000 and will come from the project's \$220,000 contingency fund. Permits from the county have been attained and now the city is just waiting for state permits.

- Approved a bid from Foster's Mechanical for pressure relief for the city center for a cost not to exceed \$8,795. Robeck said the project should have had more than one bid. Council Member John Schrupp agreed, but said if a different bid was accepted Foster's should be compensated for engineering a solution to the problem. The bid was accepted 3-2, with Robeck and Schrupp voting no.

- Approved a front and side yard variance for Mike Morris of 104 Interwood Drive for a garage expansion.

- Approved the designation of an exit-only road at the northwest side of Glen Tech park. The exit-only designation is a request from the Minnesota Department of Transportation because it does not want two entrances close together off Highway 212.

Robeck asked if the road was needed. City Administrator Mark Larson explained it is designed for semi trucks so they don't have to back out to exit.

- Heard the Glencoe Municipal Airport maintenance and operation grant would increase to \$20,394 for the 2016 and 2017 fiscal years. Larson said the increase in the grant reflects the increased cost of maintenance after construction at the airport.

- Heard from Larson that the city received a grant from the Department of Natural Resources for \$11,700 for an archery range. DNR said it would not fund the proposed elevated stand. The range also received \$5,000 from the park board's park improvement fund and \$2,500 from Conservation Partners of America.

# Citizens group planning peace officers appreciation

By Lori Copler  
Editor

After a career as a guardian ad litem for the Minnesota court system, Judy Peik knows just how important peace officers are to their communities.

So the Lake Marion resident became increasingly disturbed as news report after news report chronicled the shooting — and sometimes killing — of police officers across the nation.

"As a guardian ad litem, I got to know a lot of police officers," Peik said. "Then I started hearing about all these police officers and deputies getting hurt and killed, and I thought I should do something to show some appreciation for our officers."

And Peik doesn't think she is alone in her feelings.

"I believe there's a lot of people who feel the same way, who'd like to show their appreciation. And I decided to create an opportunity to do that."

What Peik envisioned was an evening in which law enforcement officers and residents could come together for a meal, a little entertainment and a couple of brief speakers. But, mostly, just a chance for citizens to intermingle on a face-to-face basis with the officers who serve and protect them.

She and her stepson, Kyle Peik, came up with the idea of forming a group called "McLeod Citizens Beside the Badge," and set out to find one person from each community in the county to be on a planning committee.

"I tried to find people who would work hard to make this work," said Peik. "We had our first meeting, and everyone seems enthused about it."

The group has set the appreciation evening for Wednesday, June 22, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., at the McLeod County Fairgrounds.

The committee, which has now met twice, is working on fundraising, finding an emcee and entertain-

ment and food donations, with a hot dog and chips meal planned for the night.

McLeod County Sheriff Scott Rehmann, with whom Peik consulted before establishing the committee, explained the evening to the McLeod County Commissioners at their Tuesday, April 19, meeting.

Commissioner Sheldon Nies noted that the county typically charges groups a fee to use the fairgrounds to cover costs. Although the commissioners can't waive that fee, Nies suggested "passing a hat" among commissioners sometime in the future to try to come up with enough money to cover the rent.

Commissioner Ron Shimanski said he has been sitting in the meetings and commended the group of citizens for their efforts.

Rehmann said the wish to offer a tribute to law enforcement officers "is very humbling."

Those who wish to contribute may do so by sending their dona-

tions to Security Bank & Trust, c/o McLeod Citizens Beside the Badge, 128 Fourth Ave. N, Brownton, MN 55312.

Peik said she hopes the "Peace Officers of McLeod County Appreciation Fun Night," will be away for people to meet the over 200 law enforcement officials who serve in some capacity in McLeod County (including deputies, city officers, corrections officers, DNR officers, the State Patrol and others).

Peik said she doesn't feel that the general mistrust of law enforcement is as prevalent in McLeod County as in other parts of the country (although she did note that there has been at least one line-of-duty death in the county).

"But I'd still like to let law enforcement officers in our little corner of the world know that we do appreciate them," said Peik.



Judy Peik

## Weather



Wed., 4-20  
H: 62°, L: 50°



Thur., 4-21  
H: 67°, L: 42°



Fri., 4-22  
H: 70°, L: 48°



Sat., 4-23  
H: 70°, L: 48°



Sun., 4-24  
H: 67°, L: 51°

**Looking back:** Mostly warm with meager rainfall as farmers got into the fields for spring planting.

Date	Hi	Lo	Precip
April 12	51	.....16	.....0.00
April 13	72	.....37	.....0.02

April 14	78	.....49	.....0.00
April 15	79	.....47	.....0.00
April 16	76	.....56	.....0.00
April 17	79	.....54	.....0.00
April 18	78	.....54	.....Trace

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

### Silver Lake garage sales

The Silver Lake citywide garage sales are set for Thursday, April 21, and Friday, April 22, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday, April 23, from 8 a.m. to noon.

### Glencoe blood drive April 27

There will be a Glencoe Community Blood Drive Wednsday, April 27, from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m., in the Glencoe City Center Ballroom. To make an appointment or for more information, call Nelda Klaustermeier at 320-864-3475.

### County seniors will meet

The McLeod County Senior Citizens will have their quarterly meeting today (Wednesday, April 20), at 1 p.m., at the Silver Lake Auditorium.

### Praise and Pizza on April 21

A Praise and Pizza event is set for Thursday, April 21, from 6:30 p.m to 7:30 p.m., at Gert & Erma's in Glencoe. The event includes a hymn sing, food, fellowship and fun. All are invited.

### Food packaging in Plato

The Plato Lions Club is sponsoring a food packaging event for Food For Kidz on Wednesday, April 27. Volunteers are needed for each of two shifts, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., and 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. The packaging will take place in the back room of the King Pin Pub. Please call 763-647-9884 or 612-501-7064. Charitable donations are tax deductible.

### Pola-Czesky Days committee

The Pola-Czesky Days committee will meet Monday, April 25, at 7 p.m., at the Silver Lake Legion. All members are asked to attend.

### Auxiliary to host council

The Glencoe American Legion Auxiliary will host the McLeod County Council meeting Tuesday, April 26, at 7:30 p.m., at the Glencoe Fire Hall. Coloring contest entries will be judged. All members are welcome. Lunch will be served.

### Concert board to bus tables

The Glencoe Concert Association Board will bus tables for tips on Monday, May 2, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., at Unhinged! Pizza. The Glencoe Concert Association brings high quality entertainment to the Glencoe area. Memberships for the 2016-17 season, which includes three concerts in Glencoe and three in Hutchinson, are still available. Contact Darlene Dammann at 320-864-3424 for more information.

### ‘Resurrection Workshop’

St. John's Lutheran Church in Plato is hosting a “Resurrection Workshop” Saturday, April 23, from 1:30 p.m to 4:30 p.m. The five workshops are discussions with experts in end-of-life issues: medical care, funeral services, gift planning, wills and trusts. People may attend all or one of the sessions. All ages are welcome. Refreshments will be served.

### Degree of Honor 182 to meet

Silver Lake Degree of Honor 182 will have its social meeting Tuesday, April 26, at 1 p.m., in the Silver Lake Auditorium. Coupons will be counted at the meeting.

### Polka worship set at Faith

Faith Presbyterian Church, Silver Lake, will host a polka worship featuring Jim's Brewers on Sunday, April 24, at 10 a.m. The preschool committee will host a fundraiser luncheon following the service. The public is invited to attend.

### Ridgewater choir concerts

The Ridgewater College Concert Choirs will present their annual free spring concerts in Willmar and Hutchinson. On Tuesday, April 26, at 7 p.m., the choirs will perform separately and together at Willmar's First Presbyterian Church, at 312 SE Sixth St. On Thursday, April 28, the choirs will perform at 7 p.m. at Hutchinson's Christ The King Lutheran Church, 1040 South Grade Road SW.

### Senior dining birthday party

The Silver Lake Senior Dining birthday party will be Friday, April 22, starting with Bingo at 11 a.m. The menu includes meat loaf, parslied potatoes, vegetables, pears and cake.

### Salad luncheon at St. Paul's

St. Paul's United Church of Christ, 308 First St. NE, Plato, will host a salad luncheon Friday, April 29, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Take-out orders are available, as are cookbooks. The luncheon is hosted by the St. Paul's UCC Women's Guild.

### St. Pius X spring luncheon

St. Pius X Council of Catholic women will host a spring salad luncheon on Thursday, May 5 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the St. Pius School gym and cafeteria. The event will feature a variety of delicious salads and desserts and a party favors for visitors to take home. Advances adult tickets are \$8 and are available at Hite Hardware and the St. Pius X church office. Adult tickets at the door are \$9. Children 12 and under are free. Express take-outs are available. For delivery call 864-5162.

### Depression support groups

The Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance of Mid Minnesota is hosting two depression support groups, one located in Hutchinson and one in Glencoe. The Hutchinson group meets Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. and Wednesdays from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Hutchinson Library. The Glencoe group meets Wednesdays from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Glencoe Regional Health Services, Conference Room F. There also is a family support group that meets on Thursdays from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Glencoe City Center West Conference Room. For more information, call 763-479-9356.

# GSL Knowledge Bowl grabs 2nd, 6th places at state meet in Brainerd

Forty-eight teams converged on Cragun's Resort in Brainerd for the Knowledge Bowl state meet on April 13 and 14. Glencoe-Silver Lake had two teams competing in the Class A meet, and earned both second and sixth place overall.

“The Knowledge Bowl state meet is always exciting,” Coach Vicky Harris said. “Some amazing competition.”

With 48 teams competing, State Coordinator Susan Ward told the students that an additional 935 students didn't make it to state, putting the state competitors in the top 5 percent of teams across Minnesota.

In the March regionals, two teams from GSL captured the top two places to earn trips to this state meet. After a long wait, they finally competed.

GSL Black kicked off the meet with a written score of 49 points, allowing it to open the competition in room one. This team included Mark Lueders, Jacob Fehrenbach, Katie Twiss and Austin Pinske. In round one, GSL Black narrowly lost to a St. John's Preparatory School team 15-13. The competition with St. John's continued with GSL falling 13-12, 17-13 and 14-9 in the second, third and fifth rounds but winning the fourth round 15-13. GSL Black ended the meet in second place with

118.5 points, behind St. John's 126.

GSL Purple earned a written score of 37, starting in room four and eventually working its way up to room two. This team included Mitch Beneke, Trevor Posusta, Jake Vasek and Jack Gepson. They won or tied the first four rounds with 14, 12, 14 and 14 points. The final round GSL earned five points. The team ended with a total of 99.5 and a sixth place win.

“This was a remarkably close meet in many ways. The two St. John's Prep teams were very evenly matched with GSL Black,” Harris said. “Every round was a battle of speed and concentration, which is just what we expect from good Knowledge Bowl competition.”

GSL and St. John's placed two teams in the top six.

“This was especially cool because only three schools, to the best of our knowledge, have ever been able to get two teams in the top six, and two of them were here,” Harris said. “The strength of these two programs must be incredibly frustrating to other schools, and we are very proud of the hard work our students have put in to achieve this.”

In the large school Class AA competition, Academy of Holy Angels took first, St. Thomas Academy earned sec-



Submitted photo

**Glencoe-Silver Lake Knowledge Bowl state competitors pose with Paul Bunyan after the state meet in Brainerd. Pictured are, from left, top row, Jacob Fehrenbach, Jake Vasek, Mark Lueders, Mitch Beneke and Trevor Posusta; middle row, Jack Gepson, Katie Twiss and Austin Pinske; and bottom, Maddie Kuehn.**

ond and Chaska was third.

Seniors Lueders, Beneke and Posusta competed in their last meet, with Maddie Kuehn accompanying to be the pocket-box operator in the

top room of Class AA.

“We will miss the seniors after graduation and we wish them well,” Harris said.

## UWMC received pledges of \$272,300 in campaign

United Way of McLeod County (UWMC) Board President Ron Johnson announced recently that the organization received pledges for \$272,300 during its 2015-16 campaign. The local United Way kicked off its fundraising efforts during the McLeod County Fair last August, and closed the books on its most recent efforts March 31.

Of the \$272,300 pledged, a percentage has been designated through donor contributions to UWMC partner agencies, other nonprofits, and the organization's Dolly Parton's Imagination Library and Community Initiatives programs. Of the monies pledged during the most recent effort, 61 percent derives from employee campaigns to be paid to the UWMC over the

course of 2016.

“The 2015-16 campaign proved once again, the tremendous generosity of people in this region,” said Johnson. “Thanks and gratitude from our board of directors and staff goes out to individuals, families, small businesses and corporations that gave of themselves.”

The \$272,300 pledged amount marks the highest total raised in a single campaign since the organization began its work in the area in 1962. In 2015, UWMC partner agencies provided 7,500 units of service to individuals in McLeod County. In the last four years (2012-15), UWMC

campaigns have provided over \$677,000 in direct and designated funding to 40-plus agencies providing services and programs in the area.

“We are so grateful to all those donors that entrusted their hard-earned dollars to the UWMC, not only pushing us to our goal, but taking us to our best campaign ever (previously \$270,000 in 2014-15),” said UWMC Executive Director Paul Thompson. “That is great news, knowing that we will be able to continue to fund our partner agencies and programs at the level we had planned.”

UWMC supports programs in the areas of education, in-

come and health. In 2016, the UWMC will fund 35 agencies and programs that support the organization's mission of impacting the needs of McLeod County by building stronger, healthier communities.

Donations to help fund partner agencies and programs supporting area residents can be sent to the United Way of McLeod County located at 218 Main St. S, Suite 124, P.O. Box 504, Hutchinson, MN 55350. To make an online donation, please visit [www.unitedwaymcleodcounty.org](http://www.unitedwaymcleodcounty.org).

## We will exceed your expectations! experienced



Dr. Gauer & Dr. Johnson have over 40 years of experience in chiropractic adjusting & therapies. Dr. Johnson is a Board Certified Chiropractic Neurologist. Dr. Gauer is certified in Acupuncture and uses it to treat pain and other conditions.

## effective



Our goal is to get you back to normal & released from scheduled care ASAP. We treat many conditions, including automobile, work & sports injuries headache, neck & back pain shoulder, hip & knee pain dizziness, seizures, colic & more

## easy, economical

**Hours**  
We're open 6 days a week, including early mornings and evenings. Same day appointments are usually available.  
**Mon, Thurs** 7:30 a.m. – 8 p.m.  
**Tues, Wed, Fri** 7:30 a.m. – 6 p.m.  
**Sat.** 7:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

We're providers for most health, auto & workers's comp insurance plans, including all MA plans and Medicare. We file your claims for you. We accept VISA, Mastercard, cash & checks.

Beyond your expectations.  
**GAUER**  
CHIROPRACTIC CLINIC

**864-3196 or 800-653-4140**  
[www.gauerchiropractic.com](http://www.gauerchiropractic.com) 1706 10<sup>th</sup> St. E., Glencoe



# Glencoe planning commission recommends solar ordinance

By Rebecca Mariscal  
Staff Writer

The city of Glencoe’s planning commission approved a final draft of a solar ordinance for the city at the regular meeting Thursday night.

Commissioners David Stark and Lynn Exsted compiled the ordinance using several samples from other cities.

“We tried to make it short, clear and concise,” Stark said. “We wanted it to be easy for people to follow.”

The ordinance outlines standards to be followed by those using solar power and requires approval of plans and compliance with building, electric and plumbing codes.

Ground-mounted collectors will be required to be less than 20 feet tall and located in the rear yard only. Council Member Gary Ziemer said he especially liked the rear yard requirement.

Light and Power Manager David Meyer added a sugges-

tion that the owner of a solar system that connects to an electrical system must enter into an interconnection agreement with the utility before a building permit can be issued.

The ordinance originally stated it applied to small-scale solar energy systems, but after discussion of what small-scale would refer to, the explanation was removed. Meyer explained most residential systems will use about 5 kilowatts, but the state does not allow any system to go

above 40 kilowatts.

The ordinance also included an abandonment requirement. If the system is not used for more than 12 months, the owner must remove the system within 90 days.

Public Works Manager Gary Schreifels asked the commission if the ordinance should include a timeline for disposing of used solar batteries. Meyer said that the city would not be able to police batteries and a timeline

wouldn’t be necessary.

The commission approved the ordinance with the discussed changes and recommended it to the City Council. It will be on the agenda for the May 2 meeting.

In other business, the commission:

- Recommended approval of a variance permit for Mike Morris of 104 Interwood Drive for a garage expansion. The issue was on the April 18 City Council agenda.
- Discussed the open posi-

tion on the commission. Knop said he had spoken to one person who might be interested. Schreifels said he will look into if the opening needs to be advertised.

• Recommended approval of constructing an exit-only road on the northwest end of GlenTech Park. The issue was on the April 18 City Council agenda.

## Record

### Glencoe Police

**TUESDAY, APRIL 12**  
2:05 p.m. — Officers and the ambulance responded to Cedar Avenue N for a possible broken hip.  
2:17 p.m. — A citation was issued for driving after suspension at a traffic stop in the area of Highway 212 and Dairy Avenue.  
3 p.m. — A citation was issued for no Minnesota driver’s license and a verbal warning given for an expired front license plate tab at a traffic stop on Chandler Avenue N near 13th Street.  
**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13**  
12:47 a.m. — An officer checked on a suspicious vehicle parked on 18th Street. An individual was trying to use the hospital’s WiFi. The officer advised the person that he needed permission to use the WiFi, and asked him to leave the area.  
2:57 p.m. — An officer observed an individual violating his limited license on First Street E. A ticket will be mailed to the driver.  
5:27 p.m. — An officer responded to an incident on 13th Street E. A male was confrontational because of a female crossing the street in the middle of the block. The officer spoke to both parties.  
7:52 p.m. — An officer assisted with a complaint regarding a motorcycle that was doing wheelies on Highway 22 near 150th Street. The State Patrol issued a citation.  
8:51 p.m. — Officers assisted with a one-vehicle rollover on Highway 212 near Falcon Avenue, east of Glencoe.  
**THURSDAY, APRIL 14**  
10:24 a.m. — An officer pulled over a vehicle pulling an old food stand in the area of 13th Street E and Judd Avenue N, and advised the driver he could not tow the trailer. A flatbed truck was called to haul it.  
2:19 p.m. — An officer responded to a theft on 11th Street E.  
9:08 p.m. — A driver was cited for driving after revocation and given a verbal warning for a malfunctioning brake light at a traffic stop on Highway 212 near Dairy Avenue.  
11:11 p.m. — Officers and the

ambulance responded to a medical on Union Avenue N.  
11:36 p.m. — A citation for the possession of drug paraphernalia was issued at a suspicious incident on 16th Street E.  
**FRIDAY, APRIL 15**  
1:32 a.m. — A citation was issued for not having a child restraint system in place, and a verbal warning was given for speeding at a traffic stop on Highway 212 near Ideal Avenue.  
2:39 a.m. — A turkey was reported in the roadway in the area of Highway 212 and Morningside Drive. It was removed.  
3:40 a.m. — Officers responded to 14th Street E for an overdose. The person was put on a 72-hour hold.  
7:20 a.m. — An officer assisted with a disabled semi-tractor on Hennepin Avenue near 13th Street. A farm tractor was used to tow it off the road.  
1:51 p.m. — A car backed into a parked sport utility vehicle on 13th Street E. There were no injuries.  
5:08 p.m. — A male flagged down an officer in the area of 15th Street E and Newton Avenue N “to apologize for his behavior awhile back.”  
8:28 p.m. — A person on 10th Street E asked officers to document the fact that his child’s mother did not show up for visitation.  
**SATURDAY, APRIL 16**  
12:40 a.m. — An officer mediated a verbal domestic on Hennepin Avenue N.  
3:31 a.m. — A report was received of someone possibly breaking into a vehicle in a parking lot on Newton Avenue N. Officers found three people in the parking lot; two of those were cited for minor consumption.  
7:01 a.m. — A driver was cited for no proof of insurance and given a warning for driving conduct at a traffic stop on Highway 212 near Diamond Avenue.  
7:56 a.m. — An officer assisted the sheriff’s office with a report of a child walking along the road in the area of Highway 22 and 120th Street.  
10:17 a.m. — An officer responded to a custody issue on 11th Street E.  
3:42 p.m. — A gas drive-off

was reported on 13th Street E. A person had paid for items in the store, but had not been charged for gas.  
**SUNDAY, APRIL 17**  
8:26 a.m. — An officer responded to a report of a person who had fallen on Judd Avenue N. The person was taken by ambulance to the hospital.  
10:42 a.m. — An officer and the ambulance responded to a medical on Knight Avenue.  
2:27 p.m. — An officer assisted a county deputy with an issue regarding firearms near Plato.  
10:57 p.m. — A vehicle was egged on Fir Avenue N. Extra patrol will be provided in the area.  
**MONDAY, APRIL 18**  
6:27 a.m. — Tires on two vehicles at a residence on 14th Street E were reportedly slashed overnight.  
5:47 p.m. — A Redline black and red bike was found on Union Avenue N.

### Building Permits

The following building permits were approved by the Glencoe City Council Monday, April 18:

- Rice Developers, 3301 11th St. E, new construction.
- Light and Power Commission, 305 11th Street E, remodel.
- St. John’s Day Care, 1304 Fir Ave., mechanical and fence.
- Heather DeCasas, 2006 15th St. E, re-roof.
- Sam’s Tire, 719 Chandler Ave., re-roof.
- Rose Miller, 1113 13th St. E, window replacement.
- Jessie Hardel, 1612 Birch Ave. N, window replacement.
- Diane Griffith, 1203 Pryor Ave. N, plumbing.
- Daniel Perschau, 325 Scout Hill Dr., mechanical and plumbing.
- Tim Fisk, 108 Andrew Dr., window replacement.
- Brandon Winter, 202 20th St. W, plumbing.
- Galen Peterson, 1609 Judd Ave. N, window replacement.
- Lori Adamietz, 2006 11th St. E, garage re-roof.
- Brian Blomer, 105 12th St. E, re-roof.

## Area legislators set town hall meetings for Friday, Saturday

State Sen. Scott Newman, R-Hutchinson, state Rep. Dean Urdahl, R-Grove City, and state Rep. Glenn Gruenhagen, R-Glencoe, will host town hall meetings to present information regarding the current legislative session and hear questions and concerns of constituents.

The schedule is as follows:

- Kokato town hall meeting with Urdahl and Newman, Friday, April 22, 4 p.m. to 5 p.m., The Grounds basement

room, 15256 U.S. Highway 12, Cokato.

- Litchfield town hall meeting with Urdahl and Newman, Friday, April 22, 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Meeker County Courthouse Community Room, 325 Sibley Ave. N, Litchfield.
- Gaylord town hall meeting with Gruenhagen and Newman, Saturday, April 23, 9 a.m. to 10 a.m., Prairie House restaurant, 200 Sixth St., Gaylord.

- Glencoe town hall meeting with Gruenhagen and Newman, Saturday, April 23, 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Unhinged! Pizza, 2408 Ninth St. E, Glencoe.
- Hutchinson town hall meeting with Urdahl, Gruenhagen and Newman, Saturday, April 23, noon to 1 p.m., Harmony River Living Center Community Room, 1555 Sherwood St. SE, Hutchinson.

## Buffer strip maps now on DNR website

By Lori Copley  
Editor

The maps outlining the public water ways in McLeod County is now available for review and comment on the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources website.

Ryan Freitag of the McLeod Soil Water and Conservation District said the maps will be used to determine where buffer strips are to be located under the provisions of an erosion control law passed in Minnesota in 2015.

To get to the map, go online to <http://dnr.state.mn.us/buffers/index.html>. Down on this page it has Phase III and below that is a link to the “preliminary buffer map.” By clicking on that link, one will be able to move throughout the state and zoom in to their area of interest. There is a legend on the right side to show what each type of line means.

By law, the maps must be approved by July 1, 2016, which leaves a very short period of time for public comment, Freitag said. Once the maps are finalized, they become the permanent basis for determining the buffer strip

areas.

In essence, the new law calls for a buffer strip of grass or other plants along public water systems — such as rivers and lakes — and on public drainage systems.

Public waters must have established strips of an average of 50 feet by Nov. 1, 2017, and drainage systems must have strips of an average 16½ feet, by Nov. 1, 2018.

For comments or questions about the preliminary buffer map, contact: [buffermap.ping.dnr@state.mn.us](mailto:buffermap.ping.dnr@state.mn.us).

areas.

In essence, the new law calls for a buffer strip of grass or other plants along public water systems — such as rivers and lakes — and on public drainage systems.

Public waters must have established strips of an average of 50 feet by Nov. 1, 2017, and drainage systems must have strips of an average 16½ feet, by Nov. 1, 2018.

For comments or questions about the preliminary buffer map, contact: [buffermap.ping.dnr@state.mn.us](mailto:buffermap.ping.dnr@state.mn.us).

## Seminars offered for Gulf War vets, spouses

McLeod County Veterans Services is hosting seminars for Gulf War veterans and their spouses who had active military service after Aug. 2, 1990, to include Operation Desert Shield, Operation Desert Storm, post-9/11 and current conflicts.

The seminar will be hosted at three different times: Friday, April 22, from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.; Friday, April 22, from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., and Saturday, April 23, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m., all at the McLeod

County North Complex, 2381 Hennepin Ave. N, Glencoe.

Topics include: access to health care, service-related and non-service-related disability, financial assistance, educational benefits, small business assistance, home loans, long-term care, death and burial benefits and survivor benefits.

Registration is not required. Anyone with questions is welcome to call McLeod County Veterans Services at 320-864-1268.

CITY OF GLENCOE  
NOTICE OF BOARD & COMMISSION OPENINGS

The City of Glencoe currently has position openings on the Park Board, and Planning and Industrial Commission. If you are interested in serving on any of the above mentioned commissions or boards, please contact the city offices at 864-5586. Interested candidates must be registered voters and reside in the City of Glencoe. Applications will be accepted until positions are filled.

K15-16Ca

**OPENING FRI., APRIL 22**

Our annual plants are grown in our own greenhouses — see the difference that makes in our deep-rooted, “home-grown” plants. *Come check us out!*

**HOURS BEGINNING APRIL 22:**  
Mon.-Fri. 9 am-7 pm; Sat. 9 am-5 pm; Sun. Noon-5 pm

**Babe’s Blossoms** 7 mi. No. of Hector or 7 mi. So. of Cosmos on St. Hwy. 4  
320-848-6566 • [www.babesblossoms.com](http://www.babesblossoms.com)

Gift Certificates Available Year-Round.

F16Ca

*Come help us celebrate*  
**Merv & Gina’s**  
**= 40<sup>th</sup> Year in Business =**  
**FREE DANCE**  
**Sunday, April 24**  
**1:30-5:30 p.m.**  
**by Rhythm Playboys**

*Pla Ma* 9<sup>th</sup> and Stevens, Glencoe • 320-864-4119  
BALLROOM

F16ACa

[www.glencoenews.com](http://www.glencoenews.com)



**Lowell (Oscar) Anderson is 80!**

Come celebrate with us  
**Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup>**  
at Gert & Erma’s with an  
**open house 2:00-4:00pm**

\*16C

**Spring Salad Luncheon**

SPONSORED BY ST. PIUS X COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

Please join us for a variety of delicious salads and desserts and take home a party favor.

“Angels Among Us”

**THURS., MAY 5**  
11 A.M. – 1 P.M.  
**ST. PIUS X SCHOOL GYM & CAFETERIA**

\$8.00 Adult Advance (available at Hite Hardware and St. Pius X Church Office)  
\$9.00 Adult at Door  
Children 12 & Under FREE  
EXPRESS TAKEOUTS AVAILABLE!  
FOR DELIVERY: 864-5162

F16C17Ba

**Open House**

**Precious Little BLESSINGS**

A Christian-based daycare center and preschool, operated by:

**ST JOHN’S LUTHERAN CHURCH GLENCOE**

**Daycare & Preschool**

**Saturday, April 30th, 1:00-5:00**

**All are invited to join us in the celebration!**

**Infants / Toddlers / Preschoolers**

Located at 1304 Fir Avenue North, Glencoe, MN 55336

Now Enrolling! Contact Katie Rickert for more information  
(320)864-3006 [info@preciouslittleblessings.com](mailto:info@preciouslittleblessings.com)  
[www.preciouslittleblessings.com](http://www.preciouslittleblessings.com)  
[www.facebook.com/PreciousLittleBlessingsDaycare](https://www.facebook.com/PreciousLittleBlessingsDaycare)

F15C,16Aa

**NOTICE**

The Glencoe Water Department will be flushing hydrants beginning April 4<sup>th</sup> and ending approximately June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016. This maintenance program is designed to check operations and flows of hydrants, provide maintenance on the hydrants, and flush out any high iron content in the distribution system.

If you experience any rusty water problems during this time, please call 864-5586 so the problem can be corrected as soon as possible. It is possible at the time of flushing to experience a temporary loss of pressure. This is a normal occurrence and the pressure will be restored in a short period of time.

Sorry for any inconvenience you may encounter during this maintenance period.

*Thank you, Glencoe Water Department*

K13,16,19Ca

**Glencoe Country Club**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Year Trial Memberships**

Individual	\$437. <sup>00</sup> +tax
Family (more than 2)	\$658. <sup>00</sup> +tax
K-12 Juniors	\$150. <sup>00</sup> +tax

**Gift Certificates Available by calling 320-864-3023**

**Colin Kerslake – Golf Pro**

**www.GlencoeCountryClub.com**

K16-18C17-18Aa



## Rallying around a cause

Our view: Everyday people bring issues to forefront

It may start with a tragic event: a woman is killed by an automobile while bicycling, and her family arranges a 5K run to bring awareness to the ever-increasing problem of distracted driving.

Or it may start with a rash of news stories, stories about about peace officers being hurt or killed while in the service of protecting the citizen. And, in response, a Lake Marion woman rallies people from across the county to plan a fun night for residents and the peace officers who serve and protect them.

In the past couple of weeks, our staff interviewed and featured people who were impacted by the above-mentioned issues, and rallied to the cause.

Penny Verdeck's family is planning a 5K Sunday to both honor the memory of this fine woman, community member and athlete, and to bring awareness to the issue of distracted driving.

As of Monday, over 400 people had signed up for the event.

And Judy Peik has tapped into a vast network of friends

to bring to fruition her dream of honoring the peace officers in "our little corner of the world." That event is planned for June 22 at the McLeod County Fairgrounds.

It always amazes us that in these days of general unrest, mistrust of officials, economic ease and other maladies, that private citizens still rise to the challenge to take on a cause and make it a reality.

Both the Verdeck/Meyer and Peik families have tapped into a wide network of friends, allies and colleagues to bring off their events, meeting the daunting challenge of bringing together communities to rally around a cause.

Kudos to them.

And those are just two examples of ordinary people who rise above the trials and tribulations of everyday life to contribute to the greater good.

They are all role models that we can, and should, emulate.

Thank goodness for these citizens. They are the foundation of all that is good in an unsettled world. Let's support them to the best of our abilities.

— L.C.



## Phifer was a great community leader

I was deeply saddened by the passing of Noel Phifer, 90, last week. It was a loss of another great community leader, who helped shape generations of people through his work as a school teacher and administrator as well as a mentor and community volunteer. His involvement in the community and throughout the area indicates a lengthy list of accomplishments.

But I remember him as a one-term mayor of Glencoe. He was a gentleman as well as a leader. His straightforward approach to solving problems was refreshing in the days of contentious and, at times, hostile times within the city in the early 1990s. Drainage and flooding issues dominated then as they do now.

Phifer never sought the job of mayor. He was 67 at the time, retired and content with all his community volunteering.

His plunge into local politics was sudden and amazing.

It began with the election of 1992 in which he was not a candidate. The Glencoe Business and Professional Women's (BPW) group hosted its regular forum for city and



Rich Glennie

state candidates about a week before that election.

It was at this forum that the BPW members felt slighted by the candidates for mayor, who inferred they did not understand the complexities of the city's finances. To put it mildly, that condescending view was not taken well by BPW members, and the women decided there needed to be an alternative candidate for mayor. They selected Phifer because of his solid reputation.

That he accepted the call was amazing. What was even more amazing was, with only a week to

get a campaign organized, the BPW got people to vote for Phifer as a last-minute write-in candidate. And he won .... handily!

BPW's blitzkrieg campaign, using its telephone network and word of mouth, produced 937 votes for Phifer, stunning incumbent Mayor Ray Wilkins (603) and challengers Omer Templin and Kathy Graupmann.

Phifer said he was equally stunned by the results, but was sworn in two months later. He served admirably during his only term in office and exited quietly in January 1995. Phifer helped settle down an often fractured City Council, and provided a moment of tranquility before more tumultuous times came to the city.

The city election of 1992 proved the old adage: "Hell hath no fury than a woman scorned." Do it to a group of women, and they can change the course of an election.

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

You can  
**vote**

online at [www.glencoenews.com](http://www.glencoenews.com)

### Question of the week

Spring has finally sprung. What is your favorite thing about the season?

- 1) Seeing everything green up.
- 2) The return of robins and other birds.
- 3) Major league baseball starts.
- 4) Getting the garden and fields planted.
- 5) Nothing. My allergies are killing me.

Results for most recent question:

How should the construction and maintenance of state recreational trails be funded?

- 1) With state taxes — 10%
- 2) With fees and permit revenues — 49%
- 3) With a combination of the two — 41%

39 votes. New question runs April 20-26.

## Letter to the Editor

## Time for a moratorium on new trails in the county

### To the Editor:

Continuing a trend that started at the March 8 annual township meetings, 10 of the 14 McLeod County townships have now approved a resolution asking the county board of commissioners to suspend further bike trail efforts and spending for three years, until the costs and benefits of the recently paved Luce Line Trail are better understood. A two-thirds super-majority of the townships are asking the county commissioners not to rush to approve the newly released "McLeod County Draft Trails Plan," but to take more time to consider. The (stacked) trail committee itself spent over one year working on this plan.

How about giving the public a chance to read and debate the proposed trail plan before rushing a vote by the commissioners on May 3? Spring is always a hectic time of year. Farmers, for example, are busy

with planting and can't just drop everything to read through this 84-page trail plan. This is not a life-threatening issue that requires action now — unless someone is trying to pull a fast one on us (as many suspect) to lock us into more spending by the county. Honestly, unless you're a Hutchinson bike trail enthusiast or a government watchdog, you might not even realize there's an effort to spend taxpayer funds on this.

Last year the McLeod County Commissioners, by a split 3 to 2 vote, kicked off this new effort to create another paved bike trail to Hutchinson. It was the three Hutchinson commissioners who voted yes. The 3rd District, including Stewart where I live, is represented on the Trail Committee by the former mayor of Hutchinson and a current Hutchinson City Council member (both well connected

Hutchinson bike trail enthusiasts). Instead of ramrodding this through and forcing another paved bike trail on the county, the commissioners are being asked to listen to the majority of township boards and to give the county more time to understand the benefits and costs of the current Luce Line Trail.

It's time to take a timeout on new paved trails for the good of the overall county, and especially for the over 99 percent who are not well-connected Hutchinson bike trail enthusiasts. These trail plans affect our backyards, farms and land that in many cases have been in families for generations. We ask that you not trivialize or ignore our concerns. Aren't our commissioners expected to represent the entire county of McLeod?

Kevin Masrud  
Stewart



### Feel strongly about an issue?

Share your opinion with  
The McLeod County Chronicle readers  
through a letter to the editor.

Please include your name, address and telephone number (for verification purposes).  
email to: [loric@glencoenews.com](mailto:loric@glencoenews.com)

The McLeod County

# Chronicle

Founded in 1898 as The Lester Prairie News.  
Postmaster send address changes to:

McLeod Publishing, Inc.  
716 E. 10<sup>th</sup> St., P.O. Box 188, Glencoe, MN 55336.  
Phone 320-864-5518 FAX 320-864-5510.

Hours: Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
Entered as Periodicals postal matter at Glencoe, MN post office. Postage paid at Glencoe, USPS No. 310-560.

Subscription Rates: McLeod County (and New Auburn) — \$39.00 per year. Elsewhere in the state of Minnesota — \$45.00 per year. Outside of state — \$51.00. Nine-month student subscription mailed anywhere in the U.S. — \$39.00.

Staff  
Karin Ramige, Publisher; Lori Copler, Editor; June Bussler, Business Manager; Sue Keenan, Sales Representative; Brenda Fogarty, Sales Representative; Rebecca Mariscal, Staff Writer; Tom Carothers, Sports Editor; Jessica Bolland and Alissa Hanson, Creative Department; and Trisha Karels, Office Assistant.

### Letters

The McLeod County Chronicle welcomes letters from readers expressing their opinions. All letters, however, must be signed. Private thanks, solicitations and potentially libelous letters will not be published. We reserve the right to edit any letter.

A guest column is also available to any writer who would like to present an opinion in a more expanded format. If interested, contact the editor. [loric@glencoenews.com](mailto:loric@glencoenews.com).

### Ethics

The editorial staff of the McLeod County Chronicle strives to present the news in a fair and accurate manner. We appreciate errors being brought to our attention. Please bring any grievances against the Chronicle to the attention of the editor, Lori Copler, at 320-864-5518, or [loric@glencoenews.com](mailto:loric@glencoenews.com).

### Press Freedom

Freedom of the press is guaranteed under the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution:

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or the press..."

Ben Franklin wrote in the Pennsylvania Gazette in 1731: "If printers were determined not to print anything till they were sure it would offend nobody there would be very little printed."



Deadline for The McLeod County Chronicle news is 5 p.m., and advertising is noon, Monday. Deadline for Glencoe Advertiser advertising is noon, Wednesday. Deadline for The Galaxy advertising is noon Wednesday.



## Letters to the Editor

### Transgenderism is taught in classrooms

**To the Editor:**

This is a warning to all Minnesota school districts. Transgender ideology is being taught by LGBT activists under the banner of “safe schools” and “bullying prevention” and your school could be next. The real bullies are the gender radical trainers who are forcing this transgender training on K-12 teachers all around the country.

On Feb. 16, teachers in Anoka-Hennepin School District 11 took the training and were introduced to the Genderbread Person model for sexuality. (Yes, just like the cookie.) The Genderbread Person is a fabricated construct that teaches children that gender is not based on biology, but is all in their head — who they “think” they are.

To normalize transgenderism and be inclusive of

multiple genders, the teachers were instructed not to call the children in their class “boys and girls.” Instead they were told to say, “Good morning, friends!” The false Genderbread Person model was presented as fact and teachers were not allowed to question the message.

This pervasive and radical ideological agenda is harmful to children. Transgenderism is a psychological disorder that should not be normalized in the minds of vulnerable children who might then seek to take carcinogenic and toxic cross-sex hormones. Down the road they will likely consider surgical mutilation of healthy body parts. The children’s DNA will remain the same, however. They will never be the opposite sex.

This intrusion on childhood, just to satisfy an adult political agenda, is reprehensible. The American College

of Pediatricians states: “Conditioning children into believing a lifetime of chemical and surgical impersonation of the opposite sex is normal and healthful is child abuse.”

The gender-radical teachers must be stopped. Attorneys need to look into possible charges of sexual harassment and impairing the morals of a minor.

Teachers, do not be afraid to speak up about this dangerous training. Parents, expose the gender-radical teachers by notifying your school board and other parents immediately.

We must protect our kids by keeping the harmful Genderbread transgender conditioning out of the classroom. This kind of teaching is making schools unsafe for all school-age children and we must take action.

**Barb Anderson  
Champlin**

### Some have difficulty paying assessments

**To the Editor:**

Residents of Armstrong Avenue are assessed or charged 20 percent for the improvements on the avenue.

Some of the households are having a difficult time paying the assessments. Is that not what state aid is for? Is that not what our representatives

are elected for?

**Jerry Belcher  
Glencoe**

### GSL improving facilities and programs

**To the Editor:**

If you have been by the Glencoe-Silver Lake (GSL) High School and Lincoln Junior High campus recently, you have seen the construction fence around the work site. Things are starting to happen at GSL with the new building addition. In the next few weeks, you will start to see the ground work and eventually the precast walls going up. There will be a lot going on around school.

With the extra activity, it is a great opportunity to remind everybody to take it slow and be aware of your surroundings when traveling by the school. It might be easy to become distracted when driving by the site, so it is important to take your time and drive safely. It is inevitable that there will be some inconveniences along the way, but it will be well worth it when the project is completed.

Our new addition is going to improve the learning environment and flexibility for our teachers, thus increasing the learning opportunities for our students. It is an exciting time at GSL and I look forward to the day-to-day progress of our new school addition.

As we continue to improve our facilities, we are also improving our programs. One program that we are expanding is STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math). We are moving forward in implementing STEM into our school through the accredited STEM program, Project Lead the Way (PLTW). While all schools have science, technology, engineering and math, at GSL these are already strong curricular areas. With the addition of PLTW into all of our grades, GSL will become an accredited STEM school that

will take the learning and emphasis on STEM to a new level.

We are still working on what this implementation will look like, but we are moving forward in this area. We need to do this for our students as the skills from this program will be helpful in all fields of study. This program is going to be great!

Finally, with all that’s going on, it’s important to stop and reflect on the many accomplishments our students have achieved once again this year, both in and out of the classroom. We have great students at GSL, and with the support of our district residents, we look forward to many more success stories in the weeks ahead. Go Panthers!

**Christopher D. Sonju  
Superintendent of Schools**

### Important information for next blood drive

**To the Editor:**

I forward two important items of information from the American Red Cross (ARC) for the upcoming Glencoe Community Blood Drive next Wednesday, April 27, from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m., at the Glencoe City Center.

The ARC is closely monitoring the Zika virus, a mosquito-transmitted infection recently spreading to Mexico, the Caribbean and Central and South America. The ARC is committed to taking actions to continue to help ensure the safety of the blood supply. As a precaution, the ARC is asking blood donors who have recently traveled to any of these impacted areas to postpone their donation for more than 28 days after returning to the United States. So if you have traveled in any of these impacted areas and returned to the United States after March 29, you are asked to reschedule your appointment to a later blood drive. If you need to cancel or reschedule your appointment,

please contact our Scheduling Coordinator Nelda Klaustermeier at 320-864-3475.

Last fall, the ARC introduced RapidPass, a way for blood donors to complete their pre-reading and donation questions online from the comfort and privacy of their home or office. RapidPass is only used to complete the pre-reading and pre-donation questionnaire in advance of your appointment; it does not take the place of scheduling an appointment. American Red Cross expects to reduce the time donors with a RapidPass spend at blood drives by up to 15 minutes. A fair number of donors at our November 2015 blood drive had used the RapidPass online tool, speeding up their check-in process.

If you do decide not to use the online tool, you will be following the usual procedure of completing the required paperwork and questionnaire at the blood drive.

There are some important things to know!

- RapidPass *cannot* be completed prior to the date of the drive.

- Donors *must* complete the steps to redeem their pass on the day they donate April 27.

- Donors who do not bring the printed pass with them to their donation or cannot show it on their mobile device, will be asked to complete the questions again.

To use RapidPass, participating donors should follow these steps:

- Visit [redcrossblood.org/rapidpass](http://redcrossblood.org/rapidpass).
- Read the information.
- Answer the questions.
- Print the RapidPass or email the PDF to themselves

so that it shows on their mobile device when they come to donate.

We hope this information is helpful to you. Thank you for taking your time to donate your gift of life.

**Charleen Engelmann,  
Coordinator  
Glencoe Community  
Blood Drive**

### Historical society to spotlight firefighters

The McLeod County Historical Society and Museum will hold a McLeod County firefighters panel discussion on Sunday, April 24, at 2 p.m., in the educational media center of the museum.

The museum is currently searching for all things related to the history of McLeod County firefighting to create

displays and the 2016 Fighting Fire History booklet.

During this search, the society wanted to take time to learn from the men and women who are currently volunteers as firefighters.

Representatives from each McLeod County fire department will participate in a public question-and-answer panel

about how the departments function now. Museum staff will provide information from historical departments to contrast how things are done now.

Displays of firefighting artifacts and famous fires will be on hand at the panel.

#### Guest Column:

## Who is responsible for decisions?

By **Lee H. Hamilton**

Over more than three decades in Congress, I had the chance to question a lot of federal officials. Most of the time I wasn’t after anything dramatic — I just wanted to understand who was responsible for certain decisions. Want to know how often I got a straight answer? Almost never.

It was easily one of the most frustrating aspects of trying to ensure robust oversight of the government. Our representatives’ job, after all, is to help make government work better. And you can’t do that if you don’t know whom to hold accountable for important decisions. I don’t want to be unfair to officials in the executive branch, many of whom are dedicated public servants who work long hours to serve the rest of us. But they have raised to an art form the ability to dodge responsibility.

This is a problem. Accountability is essential to good governance. I’m not just talking about “transparency” — that is, citizens’ ability to know what’s being done in our name. That’s important, but equally important is holding accountable those who made the decision to do it: ensuring that they are accountable to policy makers, adhere to their obligations, follow the law, and that their actions are appropriate and responsive to the needs of the country.

This may be part and parcel of good governing, but it’s elusive. Accountability requires that officials step up and take responsibility for their decisions, and not try to shift that responsibility to

others or to some ill-defined group. It requires unambiguous performance standards, clear codes of ethics, timely reporting, and acceptance of responsibility, especially with regard to budget or spending decisions.

It’s sustained by procedures that encourage responsible stewardship of public funds and a focus on correcting inefficiencies and poor performance. And above all, it rests on robust oversight and review of officials’ performance, not only within the executive branch, but also by Congress and the media.

So how do we get there?

The first step is to make information available to the public, especially when it comes to budgeting. Government performance rests on how it spends the public’s money.

Yet making sure that people see and hear what government is doing only promotes transparency. It’s taking the next step, and ensuring that there’s a clear command and control structure, that promotes accountability. Without clarity on who’s in charge of what and who’s responsible for which decisions, it becomes too easy for officials to remain unanswerable for their actions.

Clear lines of authority mean nothing unless the deciding officials are identified and measured against what actually takes place. No official, in other words, should be without accountability for his or her decisions, which means that executive agencies and Congress alike need to perform regular and robust oversight. Regular audits focused on inefficiencies,

waste, and poor performance are critical. Officials need to give a full account of what they do and the decisions they make.

As a nation, we face a growing issue on this front when it comes to federal contractors — that is, the private workforce doing jobs for federal agencies. The government itself doesn’t know how many contract employees it has, but the Washington Post reported last year that federal spending on contracts grew 87 percent — or about 5 percent a year — between 2000 and 2012. This is a problem because it creates an accountability vacuum. There are very few mechanisms for holding contractors responsible for their errors, abuses and missteps.

Which is why I noted above that the media is as important as Congress and internal government overseers. We as citizens depend on the media to tell us what’s going on in the entire system: within the bureaucracy, in the behavior of contractors, and among legislators who ought to be overseeing both but often don’t. This is a key public responsibility, and the press needs to be staffed and have access to the resources to do a good job — which, these days, is increasingly rare.

Accountability, in other words, is key to good government. All I wanted to know in those congressional hearings was who made the decision about the public’s business. Is that too much to ask?

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

### Glencoe’s Professional Insurance Providers to participate in Walk to End Alzheimer’s

Terry Jones announces that Professional Insurance Providers and staff will once again participate in the Alzheimer’s Association Walk to End Alzheimer’s in Minneapolis. It takes place Sept. 17 at Target Field in Minneapolis.

Professional Insurance Providers is expected to join 12,000 residents in the three-mile Walk to End Alzheimer’s to support the Alzheimer’s Association. The

team’s goal is to raise \$5,000. Visit <http://act.alz.org/goto/ProfessionalInsuranceProviders> to make a donation to their team or a walker.

The Alzheimer’s Association Walk to End Alzheimer’s is the world’s largest event to raise awareness and funds for Alzheimer’s care, support and research. Since 1989, millions of walkers have participated in more than 600 walks nationwide, with 15 walks taking place across

Minnesota and North Dakota.

The Alzheimer’s Association is the world’s leading voluntary health organization in Alzheimer’s care, support and research. Its mission is to eliminate Alzheimer’s disease through the advancement of research; to provide and enhance care and support for all affected, and to reduce the risk of dementia through the promotion of brain health.

## Professional Directory



**Minnesota GUTTER**

- 5" Seamless Gutters
- 6" Seamless Gutters
- K-Guard Leaf-Free Gutter System

(lifetime clog free guarantee)  
**PHIL GOETTL**  
**612-655-1379**  
**888-864-5979**  
[www.mngutter.com](http://www.mngutter.com)

*Putting the care back into healthcare...*

*One patient at a time.*

*Safe, gentle care for children and adults.*

We use a healing combination of therapeutic massage and chiropractic care to help you find relief from many different conditions and to help you feel your best.

- Chiropractic Care • Massage Therapy
- Ear Candling • Firstline Therapy
- Acupuncture

**Schmidt Chiropractic Center**  
Norwood Young America  
**952-467-2505**

Experience the Difference



**Dr. Julie Schmidt D.C.**

**Dale's**  
**Plumbing & Heating, Inc.**  
**2110 9th St. E.**  
**Glencoe, MN 55336**

HEATING – COOLING  
PLUMBING – REMODELING  
RESIDENTIAL – COMMERCIAL

**320-864-6353**  
CALL DALE FOR A  
FREE ESTIMATE  
Licensed – Bonded – Insured  
Lic #PC670283



**Individual, Couple  
& Family Counseling**

The Jonas Center provides the highest quality mental health care where a person's well-being comes first.

*Most Insurance Plans Accepted*  
Glencoe | Litchfield | Cologne

**320-864-6139**  
[www.thejonascenter.com](http://www.thejonascenter.com)

**JERRY SCHARPE, LTD**  
712 E. 13th St., Glencoe

Income Tax Preparation  
Business, Farm, Personal, Estate & Gift Returns

Monthly Accounting, Payroll & Financial Statements

**Jerry Scharpe, CPA**  
**Jeffrey Scharpe, RAP**  
Tel: 320-864-5380  
Fax: 320-864-6434  
*Serving clients since 1971*

**COKATO EYE CENTER**  
115 Olsen Blvd., Cokato  
320-286-5695 or 888-286-5695

**OPTOMETRISTS**  
\*Paul G. Eklof, O.D.  
\*Katie N. Tancabel, O.D.

**Kid's Glasses \$98.00**  
*Evening and Saturday appts. available*

**Chiropractor**

**Dr. Scott Gauer**  
**Dr. Randy Johnson**

*Effective*, caring doctors  
*Friendly*, helpful staff  
*Convenient* scheduling

**320-864-3196**  
800-653-4140  
1706 10th St. E, Glencoe  
[www.gauerchiropractic.com](http://www.gauerchiropractic.com)

Beyond your expectations.  
**GAUER**  
CHIROPRACTIC CLINIC

The Professional Directory is provided each week for quick reference to professionals in the Glencoe area — their locations, phone numbers and office hours. Call the McLeod County Chronicle office for details on how you can be included in this directory, **320-864-5518**.



# SL City Council hires new full-time police officer

**By Karin Ramige  
Publisher**

The Silver Lake City Council has spent the better part of the past year searching for either a police chief or officer.

The process came closer to an end on Monday, April 18, when the council interviewed and offered the full-time officer position to Kyle Jorgensen.

Jorgensen, a Maple Grove native, accepted the position at \$17.04 per hour, pending positive results of all background checks.

After graduating and receiving his law enforcement degree from Alexandria Technical and Community College in 2013, Jorgenson has held security positions with Can-

terbury Park, Allina Hospital in Buffalo and the Department of Homeland Security.

He has also served as a reserve officer, community service officer and deputy with the Anoka County Sheriff's Department.

Police Chief RJ Cripps will work with either the Glencoe Police Department or the McLeod County Sheriff's Office for the background check.

In other business, the council:

- Approved the 2016 property and casualty insurance premiums for \$26,942 with the League of Minnesota Cities Insurance Trust. This is an \$8,958 decrease from 2015.
- Approved submitting let-

ters of support for both the newly formed McLeod County Historic Partnership Community Outreach program and the McLeod County trail plan.

- Heard the final report on the 2015 audit from Paul Harvego from Conway, Deuth and Schmesing, the city's audit firm.

Harvego reported that the city is in good shape with increased fund balances and no major issues.

- Approved a contract with Short Elliot and Hendrickson (SEH) for the design, bidding and construction services for the 2016 Cleveland Street sanitary sewer replacement project discussed at the April 11 meeting. The contract is not to exceed \$15,100 with

an additional estimated \$1,000 for any soil testing needed.

Public Works Director Dale Kosek and City Clerk Kerry Venier reported that a portion of the contract, around \$4,000, is for construction supervision. The city has handled supervision in the past and will do the same on this project, consulting with SEH when needed.

The project itself is estimated to be under \$100,000.

- Set a public hearing for May 16 at 7 p.m. regarding the assessments for sidewalk replacement. Affected homeowners will be notified in the coming weeks.



Submitted photos

## Eagle Scouts

In the past year, the Troop 352 of the Boys Scouts has had three members designated as Eagle Scouts. In the left photo are Scout Master Kevin Dietz and Mitchell Beneke, who earned his Eagle Scout status on April 11. In the photo on the right are Kevin Dietz

and Michael Dietz; Michael Dietz was awarded his Eagle Scout on July 22, 2015. Chandler Swift, not pictured, also was named an Eagle Scout on July 22, 2015.

## Menus

**April 25-29  
Glencoe-Silver Lake  
Helen Baker Breakfast**

Monday — Breakfast sausage pizza, mandarin oranges, apple juice.

Tuesday — Cinnamon Toast Crunch cereal, apple cinnamon muffin, applesauce, orange juice.

Wednesday — Skewered turkey sausage pancake, blueberry muffin, orange wedges, apple juice.

Thursday — Cocoa Puffs cereal, blueberry muffin, fruit cocktail, orange juice.

Friday — Whole-grain French toast sticks, strawberry banana yogurt, pears, grape juice.

**Glencoe-Silver Lake  
Helen Baker Lunch**

Monday — Hot ham and cheese sandwich, potato wedges, baby carrots, Red Delicious apple half, pineapple tidbits.

Tuesday — Popcorn chicken, mashed potatoes, chicken gravy, jicama sticks, banana, applesauce.

Wednesday — Pancakes, scrambled eggs, tater tots, broccoli florets, orange wedges, peaches.

Thursday — Taco beef, tortilla chips, cheddar cheese sauce, refried beans, cucumbers, Red Delicious apple half, pears.

Friday — Cheese-stuffed bread sticks, marinara sauce, corn, baby carrots, Red Delicious apple half, mandarin oranges.

**Glencoe-Silver Lake  
Lakeside Breakfast**

Monday — Breakfast sausage pizza, Cinnamon Toast Crunch, apple cinnamon muffin, applesauce, orange juice.

Tuesday — Skewered turkey sausage pancake, Cocoa Puffs cereal, low-fat mozzarella string cheese, mandarin oranges, apple juice.

Wednesday — Egg and cheese sandwich, blueberry muffin, strawberry organic yogurt, orange wedges, grape juice.

Thursday — Breakfast sausage pizza, Golden Grahams cereal, blueberry muffin, raisins, apple juice.

Friday — Whole-grain French toast sticks, low-fat mozzarella string cheese, Trix cereal bar, pears, orange juice.

**Glencoe-Silver Lake  
Lakeside Lunch**

Monday — Chicken patty sandwich, turkey and cheese sandwich, potato wedges, baby carrots, Red Delicious apple half, pineapple tidbits.

Tuesday — Popcorn chicken, ham and turkey chef salad, croutons, mashed potatoes, chicken gravy, jicama sticks, banana, applesauce.

Wednesday — Pancakes, scrambled eggs, sun butter and grape jelly sandwich, tater tots, broccoli florets, orange wedges, peaches.

Thursday — Taco beef, tortilla chips, cheddar cheese sauce, double-cheese chef salad, croutons, whole-grain dinner roll, refried beans, cucumbers, Red Delicious apple half, pears.

Friday — Cheese-stuffed bread sticks, marinara sauce, mini bagel fun lunch, corn, baby carrots, Red Delicious apple half, mandarin oranges

**Glencoe-Silver Lake  
Junior, Senior High Breakfast**

Monday — Breakfast sausage pizza, peanut butter and grape jelly Uncrustable, pears, apple juice.

Tuesday — Bacon, egg and cheese bagel, breakfast round, strawberry banana yogurt, applesauce, grape juice.

Wednesday — Skewered turkey sausage pancake, organic strawberry yogurt, granola, strawberries, sliced banana, vanilla yogurt, peaches, apple juice.

Thursday — Ham, egg and cheese on an English muffin, peanut butter and grape jelly Uncrustable, fruit cocktail, grape juice.

Friday — Pancakes, pork sausage patty, Cinnamon Toast Crunch, apple cinnamon muffin, mandarin oranges, apple juice.

**Glencoe-Silver Lake  
Junior, Senior High Lunch**

Monday — Fajita-style chicken, penne, broccoli florets, whole-grain bread stick, alfredo sauce, pepperoni pizza, cheese pizza, deli selections, carrot sticks, sweet corn and pepper salad, Red Delicious apple, pears.

Tuesday — Popcorn chicken, mashed potatoes, corn, chicken gravy, whole-grain dinner roll, Italian

sian sausage pizza, cheese pizza, deli selections, jicama sticks, pinto bean and cilantro salad, banana, applesauce.

Wednesday — Taco beef, tortilla chips, cheddar cheese sauce, refried beans, romaine lettuce, chicken alfredo and broccoli pizza, cheese pizza, deli selections, red bell pepper strips, cowboy caviar with a citrus twist, green grapes, peaches.

Thursday — Barbecued rib sandwich, tater tots, green beans, beef taco pizza, cheese pizza, deli selections, jicama sticks, broccoli slaw, Red Delicious apple, mandarin oranges.

Friday — Macaroni and cheese, whole-grain bread stick, peas, pepperoni pizza, cheese pizza, deli selections, carrot sticks, caesar salad, orange wedges, pineapple tidbits.

**St. Pius X School**

Monday — Fajita-style chicken, penne, broccoli florets, whole-grain bread stick, alfredo sauce, carrot sticks, sweet corn and pepper salad, Red Delicious apple, pears.

Tuesday — Popcorn chicken, mashed potatoes, corn, chicken gravy, whole-grain dinner roll, jicama sticks, pinto bean and cilantro salad, banana, applesauce.

Wednesday — Taco beef, tortilla chips, cheddar cheese sauce, refried beans, romaine lettuce, red bell pepper strips, cowboy caviar with a citrus twist, green grapes, peaches.

Thursday — Barbecued rib sandwich, tater tots, green beans, jicama sticks, broccoli slaw, Red Delicious apple, mandarin oranges.

Friday — Macaroni and cheese, whole-grain bread stick, peas, carrot sticks, caesar salad, orange wedges, pineapple tidbits.

**First Lutheran School**

Monday — Mexican beef bowl, beans, peaches.

Tuesday — Meatloaf, macaroni and cheese, green beans.

Wednesday — Chicken nuggets, mixed fruit, french fries, carrots.

Thursday — Sloppy Joe, whole-grain bun, tater tots, pears.

Friday — Tater tot hot dish with cook's choice.

## Girl Scouts to hold paper drive April 23 and April 24

McLeod South Girl Scouts will have a paper drive Saturday and Sunday, April 23 and 24, from 9 a.m. to noon, in Stewart.

The trailer will be parked in the Cactus Jack's II parking lot off Highway 212. If no one is around, just place paper inside the trailer; the

doors can be opened. The trailer will be checked throughout the day.

All types of paper are accepted, but please separate cardboard from paper. Acceptable items include phone books, magazines, hard-cover books (remove the covers), junk mail, corrugated card-

board, egg carts and clean food boxes.

For pickup or questions, please call Mike or Gerri Fitzloff at 320-562-2369.

Proceeds from the paper drive will benefit the field trips the girls are planning for 2016.



## Weather Corner

By Jake Yurek

The weather machine doesn't quite know what to do lately as strange patterns have set up.

The main culprit for our extended batch of very pleasant weather was a large high-pressure ridge to our east that I was talking about last week. The ridge will finally give way this week and allow for weather systems to finally move our way. As I write this it hasn't happened yet, but hopefully we saw a decent amount of rain Monday into early Tuesday.

The weather to end the week will again be quiet with our only chance of rain coming in Friday night into early Saturday. Highs will stay in the 60s with lows in the 40s for the most part. The weekend is looking pleasant with only a couple passing sprinkles and highs again in the 60s.

An area of low pressure will actually move from the Atlantic Ocean east over land, which is backwards to our normal flow, so that will kink things up a bit again. I won't even take a look at the extended this week as forecast models are having a tough time with the five- to seven-day forecast ... my best guess is that highs next week will be between 0 and 100 degrees with a chance of sun or rain or snow.

Have a great week, everyone! Happy Earth Day on Friday!

Ma dobry weekendem

Mit dobry vikend

Wednesday night — Lows 44-50; clouds with scattered showers.

Thursday — Highs 60-66, lows 38-44; mostly clear.

Friday — Highs 59-66, lows 42-48; partly cloudy.

Saturday — Highs 58-64, lows 42-49; partly cloudy, morning sprinkle.

Sunday — Highs 61-67; partly to mostly cloudy.

Weather Quiz: Why did it seem hazy a few days last week?

Answer to last week's question (What type of severe weather kills the most people every year?): The three main weather killers are: flash flooding, which kills around 140 people every year; and a tie between lightning and tornadoes, which each kill around 60 people every year. If we include severe heat or cold outbreaks, heat would be right up there with flash floods and cold would be slightly below lightning and tornadoes.

Remember: I make the forecast, not the weather!

# 32 Silver Lake seniors met Monday, April 11

The Silver Lake Senior Citizens Club met Monday, April 11, with 32 members present.

The secretary-treasurer's report was read and approved.

April birthdays were Ed Goede, Glen Wraspir and Margaret Schermann.

The next meeting will be May 9.

Anne Junczewski thanked the club for the get-well card.

The county meeting will be April 20 in Silver Lake.

Cards were set for April 13

at Cedar Crest.

Lunch committee for the May meeting is Ron and Luanne Mickolichcek and Carol Navratil.

Cards were played after the meeting. Winners at 31 were Mercedes Nowak and Doris Wraspir. 500 winners were Tony Victorian, Leory Penas, Delores Goede, Joanne Victorian, Glenn Wraspir, Carol Navratil, Dallas Ehrke, Sam Shimanski, Genny Lhotka, Richard Kosek, Mary Jaskowiak and Ron Mickolichcek.



**34<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Stewart Firemen's  
Chicken Dinner**

**Sunday, May 1**  
*At The Fire Station*  
**10:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.**  
**\$9.<sup>00</sup> for ½ Chicken**  
**\$8.<sup>00</sup> for ¼ Chicken**

Menu: Chicken, Potato, Corn,  
Dinner Roll, Coffee/Milk, Dessert

*Take-out orders available*

## Community Calendar

**Wed., April 20** — McLeod County Senior Citizens quarterly meeting, Silver Lake Auditorium, 1 p.m.

**Thurs., April 21** — AA Group mtg. next to Post Office in Stewart, 8 p.m., call 320-212-5290 for info.; Stewart Lions.

**Mon., April 25** — Tops Weigh-In mtg., 5-5:30 p.m.; Brownnton Senior Citizens Club, Brownnton Community Center, 1 p.m.; Brownnton Rod & Gun Club, 7 p.m.

**Tues., April 26** — Ridgewater College Concert Choirs present annual free spring concert, First Presbyterian Church, 312 SE Sixth St., Willmar, 7 p.m.

**Thurs., April 28** — AA Group mtg. next to Post Office in Stewart, 8 p.m., call 320-212-5290 for info.; Ridgewater College Concert Choirs present annual free spring concert, Christ the King Lutheran Church, 1040 South Grade Road SW, Hutchinson, 7 p.m.



**FIRST  
MINNESOTA  
BANK**

www.firstmnbank.com

737 Hall St.,  
Stewart  
320-562-2553

Member  
**FDIC**

 LENDER





Submitted photo

### High School students of the month

Glencoe-Silver Lake High School recently announced the March students of the month. Front row, from left, are Madison Kalenberg, Samantha Rogney,

Abigail Maunu and Kirsten Barott; and, in the back, Erika Mielke, Faith Havlik, Ashley Bandemer and Jacob Jochum.



Submitted photo

### Pillars of character

Glencoe-Silver Lake High School recently announced the March Pillars of Character. Front row, from left, are Rachel Bonderman, responsibility; Payton Lilienthal, caring; Catie Holtz,

citizenship; and Emmi Jerabek, respect; and, back, Kirsten Barott, caring; Moriah Maunu, responsibility; and Dylan Richter, responsibility.

## People

### Area students earn honors

Several area students were recently inducted into the Ridgewater College Phi Theta Kappa honor society for the 2015-2016 academic year. Austin Maynard and Thomas Hedin of Glencoe, Carl Nolan and Cassandra Nosbush of Stewart, Kaitlyn Bohning of Silver Lake and Mackenzie Schmidt of Brownton all earned the honor. Induction ceremonies were held at the Hutchinson Campus on March 16 and the Willmar Campus on March 21.



Chronicle photo by Rebecca Mariscal

### Career day speaker

Glencoe-Silver Lake Lincoln Junior High hosted the fifth career day speaker for the year on April 15 in the high school auditorium. Midwest Industrial Tool Grinding, Inc., (MITGI) Human Resources Director Sheila Murphy spoke to the students about her responsibilities in human resources and the MITGI company as a whole.

## NA VFW Auxiliary meets

The April 13 meeting of New Auburn VFW Auxiliary 7266 was called to order by President Phyllis Schwanke at the New Auburn City Hall. Alice Deno read the opening prayer.

The secretary and treasurer reports were read and accepted.

Bernice Polzin read reports on Family and Support and scholarships. Madeleine Kuehn won the scholarship at GSL from the New Auburn VFW Post 7266 for the amount of \$300.

Betty Goettl read reports on sewing, the charter, 100 percent membership, audits and Buddy Poppy will be held May 20.

The Auxiliary donated \$25 to Loyalty Days.

Election of officers was held and positions stayed the same.

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

The next meeting will be May 11 at 7 p.m. at the New Auburn City Hall.

### NA VFW post met April 13

The April 13 meeting of the VFW Post 7266 was called to order by Commander Willard Grack.

Donations were made to: Weeping Willows 4-H project, \$150.

The pancake breakfast was held Sunday, April 17, at the New Auburn City Hall.

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be May 11 at 7 p.m. at the New Auburn City Hall.

## Obituaries

### Vernon W. Dressel, 91, Hutchinson

Vernon Walter Dressel, 91, of Hutchinson, died Monday, April 11, 2016, at Woodstone Senior Living in Hutchinson.

Funeral services were held Friday, April 15, at Vineyard United Methodist Church in Hutchinson with the Rev. Deb Walkes officiating. Kay Hayden was the organist. Soloist Bonnie Baumetz sang “On Eagle’s Wings.” Congregational hymns were “The Garden” and “Amazing Grace.” Rick Reiner offered the eulogy, and Roger Klinghagen was the reader.

Casket bearers were Mike Dressel, Dan Dressel, Eric Dressel, Nate Dressel, Jake Selstad and Zach Dressel.

Interment was in Oakland Cemetery in Hutchinson.

Vernon Walter Dressel was born Nov. 10, 1924, in Hassan Valley Township, McLeod County, the son of Aaron and Fredella (Peters) Dressel. He was baptized as an infant, and later confirmed in his faith as a youth, both at Vineyard United Methodist



Vernon Dressel

Church in Hutchinson. He received his education in country school District 40 in Hassan Valley Township.

On March 5, 1949, he was united in marriage to Lugene Peters at the Congregational Church in Brownton. Their marriage was blessed with six children, Thomas, Pat, David, Mark, Jane and Brian. The Dressels resided and farmed in Hassan Valley Township, rural Hutchinson, and shared 63 years of marriage before Mrs. Dressel’s death on Jan. 13, 2013.

Mr. Dressel was a lifelong farmer. He retired in 2000, but continued to help local farmers. He was a member of Vineyard United Methodist Church in Hutchinson. He also was a member of the Kiwanis and the Farm Bureau.

Mr. Dressel enjoyed dancing, listening to old-time music and fishing. He also enjoyed spending time with friends drinking coffee. He was proud of his International Harvester tractors and Holstein cattle. He was a member of and served as a past president of the McLeod County Historical Society. He also served as an election judge and as a member of the creamery board. He was loved by everyone and was affectionately known as

“Soapie.” Besides his wife Lugene, his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren were the most important part of his life.

He is survived by his children, Patricia (Delgene) Boll of Hutchinson, David (Annette) Dressel of Hutchinson, Mark (Jane) Dressel of Hutchinson, Jane (Lee) Selstad of St. Louis Park and Brian (Mona) Dressel of Brownton; daughter-in-law, Betty Sturges of Brownton; 15 grandchildren, 18-plus great-grandchildren; sisters-in-law, Diane (Warren) Breckenridges of Chicago, Illinois, and Edith Peters of Milwaukee, Wisconsin; brother-in-law, Carlton “Buzz” Peters of Florida; many other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Aaron and Fredella Dressel; wife, Lugene Peters; son, Thomas Dressel; sister, Amy Dressel; brothers-in-law, Jay Peters and Paul Guzie; sisters-in-law, Fran Guzie and Margaret Peters; and great-granddaughter, Talon Dressel.

Arrangements were with the Dobratz-Hantge Funeral Chapel in Hutchinson. Online obituaries and guest book are available at [www.hantge.com](http://www.hantge.com).

### Mike Kokesch, 63, of Brownton

Mike Kokesch, 63, of Brownton, died Tuesday, April 12, 2016, at his home.

Memorial services will be held Saturday, April 23, at 2 p.m., at Dobratz-Hantge Funeral Chapel in Hutchinson. The Rev. Jerry Meidl will officiate. Soloists will be Bobbi Ludewig and Patti Cogley. Musical selections will be “Go Rest High on That Mountain,” “Angels Among Us” and “Fly Like a Bird.”

Military honors will be by the Hutchinson Memorial Rifle Squad.

Michael John Kokesch was born Oct. 29, 1952, in New Ulm, the son of Vernus and Eileen (Doering) Kokesch. He was baptized as an infant on Nov. 9, 1952, at St. George Catholic Church in St. George, Minnesota, and was confirmed in his faith as a youth at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Stewart. He was educated at St. Boniface Parochial School in Stewart until the seventh grade, then continued his education in Stewart and was a graduate of the Stewart High School class of 1970.

Mr. Kokesch was in the

Army National Guard. He received his training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, and served six years as a heavy equipment operator with the Winthrop-based Army Reserve Support Battalion. He was honorably discharged on July 27, 1978.

On Jan. 2, 1971, he was united in marriage to Cathy Jacobson. Their marriage was blessed with three boys, Christopher, Chad and Jess.

Mr. Kokesch was a lifelong farmer and loved it. He owned and operated Kokesch Farm and Trucking, which is located near Stewart. Through the years, he tried many aspects of farming and was very proud of being chosen as a Prime Choice Beef Producer.

On Oct. 25, 2015, he was united in marriage to Barb Smiley after being companions for over 28 years. In 2007, the couple moved into their “retirement home” on Lake Marion, and he continued to do what he loved — working on the farm.

When he wasn’t farming, he enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping and traveling. He took pride in helping his granddaughters find the best beef stock to show at the fair in 4-H. He always had a smile on his face and cherished the time spent with his family and friends.

He passed away peacefully on Tuesday, April 12, in his

home, surrounded by his family and friends.

He is survived by his wife, Barb Smiley of Brownton; children, Chris Kokesch of Winthrop, Chad Kokesch of Stewart and Jess Kokesch and his fiancée, Karin Elhard, of Stewart; father, Vernus Kokesch of Hutchinson; mother, Eileen Kokesch of New Ulm; mother-in-law, Janice Smiley of Hastings; grandchildren, Mikaela Kokesch, Dakota Kokesch and Milayna Kokesch; step-grandson, Trevor Elhard; great-grandchild, Aubrey Kokesch; twin sister, Marg (Wendell) Brugman of Hutchinson; sister, Nancy Kokesch of New Ulm; brother, Randy (Sandy) Kokesch of Winthrop; brothers-in-law, Tom Smiley (Deb), Tim Smiley (Kathy), Mike Smiley (Karen) and John Smiley (Keri); extra special friend, Valentin (Rosie) Garcia and family of Carrizo Springs, Texas, and Stewart; Kokesch Family Farm Trucking gang; many other nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents; father-in-law, Jerry Smiley; brother, Greg Kokesch; and brother-in-law, Al Garding.

Arrangements were with the Dobratz-Hantge Chapel in Hutchinson. Online obituaries and guest book are available at [www.hantge.com](http://www.hantge.com).



Mike Kokesch

## Benefit for

## Brenda Fogarty Sunday, May 1 Silver Lake Auditorium

Pancake Breakfast, Silent Auction & Bake Sale Starts at 8 am

Silent Auction ends at Noon

Pancakes, eggs, sausage, fruit, coffee & OJ

~ FREE WILL DONATION for Pancake Breakfast ~



Pat, Jessica, Brenda, Colin, Felicia, Cadence & Jr.



### Brenda’s story

Brenda was diagnosed with Uterine Cancer in June of 2014. Since then she has undergone surgery, chemo and radiation treatments, more surgeries, and lots of checkups. She developed complications from the chemo that required extra treatments and surgeries, which also requires her to go in for checkups every 3 months for additional scans. With the additional scans that are needed, the cost of medical expenses keep rising.

This benefit will help cover medical expenses that keep adding up, and Brenda would be very thankful for all of your support.

For updates on Brenda’s status, you can check out her Caring Bridge site at [caringbridge.org/visit/brendafogarty](http://caringbridge.org/visit/brendafogarty).

Visit us online at

WWW.GLENCOENEWS.COM



Obituaries

Catherine Hower, 54, of New Auburn

Catherine Hower, 54, of New Auburn, died suddenly on Tuesday, April 12, 2016, at her home.

A private memorial service will be held with the Rev. Tom Rakow officiating and Mike Loch as the pianist. Congregational hymns will be “They’ll Know We Were Christian” and “It Is Well With My Soul.”

Catherine Anne (Schroeder) (Lorenz) Hower was born Oct. 11, 1961, in Shakopee, the daughter of Allan and Eve (Mercuré) Schroeder. She was a graduate of Cologne High School. She enlisted in the U.S. Navy and was later honorably discharged.

She was united in marriage to Duane Lorenz on May 14, 1986, in Shakopee. The couple shared 23 years of marriage before Mr. Lorenz’s death on July 22, 2009. She was a loving mother and

homemaker.

In June 2014, she was united in marriage to Tim Hower at the city park in New Auburn.

Mrs. Hower was employed as a team lead assist at H.S.I. (group home) in Gaylord for the past 3½ years. She also worked with several people with autistic disability.

She was a member of Grace Bible Church in Silver Lake, and a past member of the New Auburn City Council. She served on the economic development committee and the trail committee. She also was a member of the New Auburn Lions Club.

She enjoyed fishing, hiking, camping and cooking. She liked being around people. She loved spending time with her family, especially her children and grandchildren.

She is survived by her hus-

band, Tim Hower of New Auburn; children, Daniel Lorenz of Hutchinson, Chris (Kylie) Lorenz of New Auburn, Free Lorenz of Hutchinson, Thaddeus Lorenz of Hutchinson and Moriah (Justin) Foesch of Olivia; grandchildren, Chloe Lorenz and Steel Foesch; father, Allan Schroeder of Brainerd; siblings, Mike (Heidi) Schroeder of Virginia, D’vorah (Kevin) Edwards of Brainerd and Karen (Kelly) Moriss of Big Lake; many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Eve Mercuré; first husband, Duane Lorenz; and grandparents.

Arrangements were with the Egesdal Funeral Home in Gaylord. Online obituaries and guest book are available at [www.hantge.com](http://www.hantge.com).

Noel Lawrence Phifer, 90, of Glencoe

Noel Lawrence Phifer, 90, of Glencoe, died Monday, April 11, 2016, at his home.

Funeral services were held Friday, April 15, at Christ Lutheran Church in Glencoe with the Rev. Katherine Rood officiating. Twyla Kirkeby was the organist.

Soloist Randy Wilson sang “The Lord’s Prayer.” Congregational hymns were “How Great Thou Art,” “Amazing Grace” and “Battle Hymn of the Republic.” Special music by Cara, Cayla and Kendra Kluger was “Into the West.”

Military honors were by Glencoe VFW Post 5102. Casket bearers were middle school staff. Interment was in the Glencoe City Cemetery.

Noel Lawrence Phifer was born June 29, 1925, to Joseph and Ora (Kloos) Phifer in Donnelly, Minnesota, the youngest of six children. He was baptized on July 19, 1925, at St. John’s American Lutheran Church in Donnelly by the Rev. Gustav A. Pilgrim, and confirmed at the same church on June 12, 1938, by the Rev. C.J. Kumpf. He received his elementary education in Donnelly and secondary education in Alberta, Minnesota, graduating in 1943.



Noel Phifer

Following graduation, he joined the U.S. Marine Corps and served 33 months. He went through boot camp in San Diego, California, and took his combat training in communications at Camp Pendleton. He was shipped overseas to Pearl Harbor, the Midway Islands for 15 months, back to Pearl Harbor, then on to Okinawa and Guam, serving a total of 27 months in the Pacific Theatre, and his last six months in China. He was honorably discharged in April 1946. After being discharged, he worked at various jobs until he at-

tended the College of Commerce in Minneapolis and received an accounting degree. He then attended St. Cloud State Teachers College, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in 1951 with majors in physical education and business. He received his master’s degree in school administration at South Dakota State University in 1965.

Mr. Phifer’s first teaching and coaching position was in Stewart in 1951. He also taught in Alberta, coached and taught in Butterfield and returned to Stewart as the high school principal in 1964. In 1968, he came to Glencoe, where he started one of the first middle schools in the state of Minnesota and served as the principal until his retirement in 1984. In the years between Stewart and Butterfield, he also worked as a cashier at the First State Bank of Stewart, and sold Lutheran Brotherhood insurance, living in Olivia and Bird Island, before returning to his true love of teaching and coaching.

On May 29, 1955, he married Beverly Miller at St. Paul’s American Lutheran Church in Stewart. This union was blessed with three children, Noel Jr. “Ace,” Kimberly and Scott. The couple enjoyed 60 years of married life and did everything together.

Mr. Phifer was a member of the Lutheran church in Butterfield; St. Paul’s Lutheran in Stewart, where he taught Sunday school for the high school classes; Christ Lutheran in Glencoe, where he taught confirmation classes, served as a lay minister and was on the church council. He served on the hospital board, library board and Pioneerland Library Board, and was a member of “Befrienders,” Hospice, the Hutchinson American Legion Post 96 and a life member of the Glencoe Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5102. He was a past member of the Butterfield Fire Department, Stewart American Legion, Stewart and Glencoe Lions clubs and

the Hutchinson and Glencoe country clubs, as well as president of the McLeod Avenue Townhome Association. Following retirement, he also served as an instructor for the “55 Alive” course, delivered Meals on Wheels and worked at Ford Mercury. He served one term as the mayor of Glencoe and received the 1999 Glencoe Chamber of Commerce Senior Citizen of the Year award.

He loved his vacations, especially traveling to the west coast, visiting Thailand and the Hawaiian Islands, and taking a Caribbean cruise, seeing the World War II memorial in Washington, D.C., and the Statue of Liberty in New York City, and many other points of interest in the U.S. He also enjoyed golfing, bowling, dancing, playing cards, family reunions with siblings, visiting with friends and relatives, and attending his children’s and grandchildren’s athletic and theater events.

He is survived by his wife, Beverly Phifer of Glencoe; children, Noel (Bridget) Phifer Jr. of New Ulm, Kimberly Phifer of Winthrop, formerly of Eau Claire, Wisconsin, and Scott (Paradee) Phifer of Hutchinson; grandchildren, Luke and Matthew Phifer, Cara, Cayla and Kendra Kluger, and Wipawhi Phifer; sister, Cora Caldart; sisters-in-law, Ordell Klucas and Ronna Miller; nieces, nephews and many friends and relatives.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph and Ora Phifer; sisters, Helen Phifer and Jean Sherstad; brothers, Joseph Phifer and Lee Phifer; brothers-in-law, Cars Sherstad, Clyde Caldart, Roger Miller and Quentin Klucas; sisters-in-law, Katherine Phifer and Lois Phifer; and nephew, Ricky Sherstad.

Arrangements were with the Johnson-McBride Funeral Chapel in Glencoe. Online obituaries and guest book are available at [www.hantge.com](http://www.hantge.com).

Frieda L.M. Spiering, 100, Brownton

Frieda Louise Marie Spiering, 100, of Brownton, died Friday, April 15, 2016, at Harmony River Living Center in Hutchinson.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, April 19, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Brownton with the Rev. R. Allan Reed officiating. Dawn Wolter was the organist. Soloist Lori Berg sang “Lass Mich Gehen” and “How Great Thou Art.” Congregational hymns were “Beautiful Savior,” “Nearer, My God, to Thee” and “What a Friend We Have in Jesus.”

Casket bearers were Randy Bussler, Donald Wolff, Donald Frauendienst, Larry Podratz, David Latu and Clarence Frauendienst. Honorary bearers were Adam Lindeman, Nathan Lindeman and Heather Bislew.

Interment was in the church cemetery.

Frieda Louise Marie Frauendienst was born Jan. 23, 1916, at the family home in New Auburn Township, to William and Minnie (Proehl) Frauendienst. She was baptized at the family home Feb. 6, 1916, by the Rev. George Diemer. She was confirmed March 24, 1929, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in New Auburn by the Rev. Hans Werner. She was a member of Immanuel Lutheran in New Auburn until her marriage in August 1943.

She attended Metcalf School District 35 in New Auburn, Sibley County, and graduated from the eighth grade. She was always very proud to have been the champion oral speller of the eighth



Frieda Spiering

grade in Sibley County in 1931. She also attended two years of parochial school at Immanuel in New Auburn before her confirmation in 1929.

She grew up on the family farm with seven siblings. She was very active in helping with the day-to-day chores and helping her siblings when she was needed.

On Aug. 29, 1943, she was united in marriage to Lloyd Spiering in a double wedding ceremony with Lloyd’s sister, Myrna, and her husband, Gerhard Podratz, of Gaylord. The wedding ceremony was performed by the Rev. Gerhard Schmidt at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Brownton.

The couple were blessed with two children, Sherwyn and Rhonda. They farmed the family farm until retirement in 1979. The farm was a century farm in Penn Township, McLeod County. Mr. Spiering died on Sept. 10, 1992. The couple shared 49 years of marriage. Mrs. Spiering continued to live on the farm until September 2012, when she entered assisted living at the Shade Tree Retirement Center in Brownton. In February 2015, she became a resident of Harmony River Living Center in Hutchinson.

Mrs. Spiering enjoyed the country life. She was very happy to earn her driver’s license privilege at age 75. In her younger years, she raised a lot of poultry and had a large garden. She was an excellent baker and made the best apple pies, always having one ready for family and friends who would stop by to visit. She also was the family barber and hairdresser, giving many haircuts and perms. She was a very loving and caring grandmother to her three grandchildren, babysitting and doing whatever she could for them. She also spent a lot of time helping her mother

and sister when they needed extra help due to aging. She greatly treasured any time spent with her family. She was a wonderful mother, and especially enjoyed her 14 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Spiering’s other interests were reading, photo scrapbooks, family history and genealogy, Minnesota history, going to church, and playing hymns on her electric organ.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Sherwyn and JoAnn Spiering of Hutchinson; daughter and son-in-law, Rhonda and Lonnie Lindeman of Brownton; grandchildren, Heather (Lindeman) Bislew (husband Johnathan) of Mankato, Nathan Lindeman (wife Emily) of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and Adam Lindeman (wife Angie) of Glencoe; great-grandchildren, Evangeline, Isabel, Faith, Isaiah, Phinehas, Esther and Shekinah Bislew, and Gabriel, Brianna, Alex, Eric, Sawyer, Maguire and Dylan Ann Lindeman; sister-in-law, Marian Frauendienst of Glencoe; and many other nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, William and Minnie Frauendienst; husband, Lloyd; sisters and brothers-in-law, Esther and Albert Grack, Vera and Fred Grack and Martha and Harold Klitzke; brothers and sisters-in-law, Walter and Joyce Frauendienst and Clarence and Alma Frauendienst; brother, Virgil Frauendienst; sister, Lorraine Frauendienst; and sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Myrna and Gerhard Podratz.

Arrangements were with the Dobratz-Hantge Chapel in Hutchinson.

Online obituaries and guest book are available at [www.hantge.com](http://www.hantge.com).

14 Brownton seniors meet on Monday

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

Winning at cards were Lowell Brelje, first, and Audrey Tongen, second, 500; and Verona Katzenmeyer, first, and Ruby Streich, second, pinocle.

Pearl Streu won the door prize.

The next meeting will be Monday, April 25, at 1 p.m. All area seniors are welcome.

In Memory of  
**Luella Kaczmarek**  
April 28, 2013

It's been 3 years since we said our last goodbyes. We miss your fresh baked kolaches and carmel rolls, visiting with you and our little talks. Also your millions of prayers you said for all of us. Keep praying for us.

*We love and miss you Mom, Your Family*

In Memory of Mom & Dad  
*Angela Rozeske*  
Oct. 1, 1913 – April 21, 1994  
*Joseph Rozeske*  
June 29, 1913 – July 16, 1988

Remembrance is a golden chain  
Death tries to break, but all in vain.

To have, to love, and then to part  
Is the greatest sorrow of one's heart.

The years may wipe out many things  
But some they wipe out never.

Like memories of those happy times  
When we were all together.

*From your family,  
JoAnn & Larry Ardolf  
Al & Betty Rozeske  
RoseMary & Harry Stibal & family*

Charles J. Vacek, 97, of Brownton

Charles J. Vacek, 97, a lifelong resident of Brownton, died Tuesday, April 12, 2016, at Harmony River Living Center in Hutchinson.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Monday, April 18, at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Stewart with the Rev. Gerald S. Meidl officiating. Marjorie Navara was the organist and Tony Grack was the lector.

Casket bearers were Joe Vacek, Charlie Vacek, Patrick Morelli, David Vacek, John Rosenau, Jeremiah Kurtz and LeRoy Lofgren.

Interment was in the church cemetery.

Charles Joseph Vacek was born Feb. 9, 1919, at his parents’ home in Collins Township, McLeod County, the son of Charles and Anna (Popelka) Vacek. He was



Charles Vacek

baptized and confirmed at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Stewart. He received his kindergarten through seventh-grade education at the little round schoolhouse on Highway 212, eighth grade at St. Boniface Catholic School, and graduated from Glencoe High School.

On Sept. 14, 1946, he was united in marriage to Dorothy M. Liska at St. Stanislaus Church in St. Paul. They made their home in Collins Township, rural Brownton, where they raised their children, Charles and Margaret. They shared 65 years of marriage before Mrs. Vacek’s death on May 24, 2012.

Mr. Vacek was a kind and gentle man who devoted his life to the farm, his family and, most importantly, to his faith. He spent all of his working years as a farmer, retiring in 1981. He enjoyed spending time outdoors tending to the animals and the fields. After retiring, he continued to enjoy helping with the farm work and spending time in his workshop. He

cherished the time spent with his family, especially his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Mr. Vacek was strongly rooted in his Catholic faith and was a lifelong member of St. Boniface Catholic Church in Stewart.

He is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Charles M. and Barb Vacek of Stewart; daughter, Margaret Morelli of Bayfield, Colorado; grandchildren, Joseph (Nikki) Vacek, Jennifer (John) Rosenau, Charles D. (Erin) Vacek, Patrick (Kristina) Morelli, Jessica (Jeremiah) Kurtz, Mary (Tony) Grack, Christine (LeRoy) Lofgren, David (Rachel) Vacek and Melissa Vacek; 20 great-grandchildren; many other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Dorothy; and his siblings and their spouses, Monsignor Joseph Vacek, Helen and Bernard Kuttner and Mary and John Popelka.

**PLUMBING**

For all your Plumbing & Heating needs and repairs call today!

• Tempstar Gas, LP Furnace & A.C.  
• License #067203-PM

**Dobrava Bros.**  
Plumbing & Heating • Glencoe  
**320-864-6335**  
[www.dobravabrothers.com](http://www.dobravabrothers.com)

**HEATING**

*Thank You*

The family of Beverly Svanda would like to express our gratitude for the prayers, cards, memorials, floral tributes and love shown at Mom's passing.

Thank you to doctors Kambal and Murphy and their nursing staffs for the wonderful care given throughout the years. Also a heartfelt thanks to the Allina Healthcare Hospice team for their kindness and gentle care Mom received.

Thank you to Pastor Carol Chmielewski of Faith Presbyterian Church for her visits and beautiful, meaningful service. We would also like to thank those who provided food and the ladies of the church for serving at the luncheon.

A very special thanks to the Maresh Funeral Home, staff and pallbearers who supported our family during this difficult time.

We are blessed by so many friends and family who visited, brought food and comforted us with their expressions of love and sympathy.

*The family of Beverly Svanda*

**PERSONALIZED & CUSTOMIZED**

**TROCKE MONUMENTS**  
— MEMORIES IN STONE —

**952.467.2081**  
**JOHN & LORI TROCKE**

**Professional Insurance Providers**

**Professional Staff**  
Insurance Products & Carriers for all your Needs!  
Providing Competitive Pricing.

*Representing 30 Carriers.*

613 E. 10<sup>th</sup> St. • Glencoe, MN 55336 • 320-864-5581

**Mikolichek Plumbing & Heating**

Brian Mikolichek: Owner • Bonded-Insured

**Residential Service**      **Remodel Light Commercial**

Complete Plumbing and Heating Systems  
Air Conditioning Installation

Winsted, MN **320-395-2002**





Submitted photos

Pictured above is the McLeod County 4-H senior general livestock team. In the front, holding the sign, are Kyle Wanous and Grace Jeurissen. In the back are Matthew Dahlke, Ethan Kaufmann, Emily Ward and Coach Patty Dahlke.



Members of the junior general livestock team are, front, Zoe Ruschmeier and Aaron Ward; and, back, Montana Sanchez, Zach Wanous, Justin Frick and Coach Paula Frick.

## McLeod 4-H livestock project bowl teams play in regional competition

When selecting a meat animal on structural soundness, special emphasis should be placed on what body parts? Answer: Feet and legs. What are four of the major diseases affecting sheep? Answer: parasites, pneumonia, pregnancy disease, vibrio, enterotoxemia, sore mouth, scours, mastitis, foot rot, and urinary culculi.

These are just two examples of the questions an-

swered by McLeod County 4-H'ers as they participated in the regional General Livestock Bowl Contest Saturday, March 19, in Redwood Falls. McLeod County 4-H had two teams that competed at this contest against other teams from across the state.

Senior general livestock team members are Matthew Dahlke, Emily Ward, Kyle Wanous, Ethan Kaufman and Grace Jeurissen. This team

placed fifth overall at regions and was coached by Patty Dahlke.

Junior general livestock team members are Justin Frick, Zack Wanous, Zoe Ruschmeier, Montana Sanchez and Aaron Ward. This team placed third overall at regions and was coached by Paula Frick. This team qualified to advance to the state bowl competition.

General livestock project

Bowl is an educational project in which 4-H'ers learn many aspects of the beef, meat goat, sheep, and swine species and how to work as a team member. Participants enhance their study skills by using selected reference materials. Some of the topics include: feed and nutrition, animal care, breed characteristics, and reproduction.

This accumulated knowledge is tested in the form of a

contest, similar to a "College Quiz Bowl" competition. At the contest, 4-H'ers must work together with other team members to answer questions to the best of their ability. The knowledge and skills gained in the participation of this project are carried on to all other aspects and projects of the Minnesota 4-H beef, meat goat, sheep, and swine projects, and possibly into a future career or work

field.

For more information on how to become involved in general livestock project bowl or 4-H, please call the McLeod County Extension Office at 320-484-4305 (toll-free 1-800-587-0770), email [dacole@umn.edu](mailto:dacole@umn.edu) or visit <http://www3.extension.umn.edu/county/mcleod>.



Submitted photos

Members of the 4-H senior horse bowl team are, from left, Kianna Dolezal, Abby Gruber, Alyssa Gruber and Hayley Bolland.

## 4-H horse bowl teams participated in regional competition March 19

What can you put on a bit to prevent it from rusting while not being used? Answer: Vaseline or petroleum jelly.

This is just one example of the questions answered by McLeod County 4-H'ers as they participated in the regional Horse Bowl Contest held Saturday, March 19, in Redwood Falls.

McLeod County 4-H had two teams that competed at this contest against other teams from across the state.

Senior horse team members are Hayley Bolland, Kianna Dolezal, Abby Gruber and Alyssa Gruber. This team placed seventh overall at regions and was coached by Jessica Bolland.

Junior horse team members are Aliya Emme, Jada Emme,

Taylor Jutz, Austin Lang and Shelby Lang. This team placed second overall at regions and was coached by Becky Scheel Lang and Jan Jutz. This team qualified to advance to the state bowl competition.

Horse Bowl is an educational project, in which 4-H'ers learn many aspects of the horse and how to work as a team member. Participants enhance their study skills by using selected reference materials. Topics include equine anatomy, conformation, feed and nutrition, evolution, breed characteristics, reproduction, horse management, tack and equipment, styles of riding and the exhibition of horses.

This accumulated knowledge is tested in the form of a

contest, similar to a "college quiz bowl" competition. At the contest, 4-H'ers must work together with other team members to answer questions to the best of their ability. The knowledge and skills gained in the participation of this project are carried on to all other aspects and projects of the Minnesota 4-H Horse Program, such as horse judging and hippology, and possibly into the career or work field.

For more information on how to become involved in Horse Bowl or 4-H, please call the McLeod County Extension Office at 320-484-4305 (toll-free 1-800-587-0770), email [dacole@umn.edu](mailto:dacole@umn.edu), or visit <http://www3.extension.umn.edu/county/mcleod>.

## Grace church shows new organ

Grace Lutheran Church, Brownnton, has invited Jim Hockin to showcase its new organ Sunday, April 24, at 2 p.m. The public is invited to the concert, which will include some hymn singing, too.

Grace Lutheran Church recently purchased a Rodgers 559, two-manual organ for use in its sanctuary. The organ replaced the organ the church had purchased in

1973.

Hockin is pleased to be invited to showcase the organ as he has performed on Rodgers organs since 1972. He is a product and education specialist for the Rodgers Organ Studio of Minneapolis. Beginning his study of piano and organ as a youth, Hockin continued to pursue keyboard performance at the University of Minnesota. He has served as an organist at churches in

the Minneapolis area for more than 40 years. Now retired from his dental practice, he continues to delight in displaying how the organ is an inspirational instrument for both singing and listening.

The concert is free and after the concert coffee and treats will be served. A freewill offering will be received.



## Our orthopedics team is here for you

If pain is getting in the way of activities you enjoy, our orthopedics and sports medicine team can help. They provide surgical and non-surgical treatment of bone, joint and soft-tissue conditions including:

- Fractures
- Joint pain
- Muscle imbalance
- Overuse injuries
- Sprains, strains and tears

Learn more  
[grhsonline.org/orthopedics](http://grhsonline.org/orthopedics)

Appointments  
320-864-7750 or toll-free  
1-888-526-4242, ext. 7750

We have what you need.



Glencoe Regional Health Services

GRHS0713 (3/16)







Re-elected directors to the McLeod Cooperative Power board at its annual meeting Tuesday, April 12, were, from left, Keith Peterson of Hector, Gerald

Roepke of New Germany and Randy Hlavka of Silver Lake. Each will serve another three-year term.

Submitted photo

# 400 attend MCPA annual meeting

The members of McLeod Cooperative Power Association (MCPA) gathered for the 81st annual meeting of the Cooperative on Tuesday, April 12, at the Hutchinson Event Center. About 400 members and guests attended the meeting and were served a roast pork dinner.

Three directors were re-elected for a three-year term each: Randy Hlavka of Silver Lake, Keith Peterson of Hector and Gerald Roepke of

New Germany were elected to serve Districts, 7, 8, and 9, respectively.

Reports were given by Financial Service Manager Jan Sanderson, General Manager Carrie L. Buckley. Jon Brekke of Great River Energy was guest speaker. Cheryl Beilke, Operation Round Up Board member, announced the Operation Round Up award winners. 2015 Washington, D.C., youth winner Ruby Redekopp thanked the

members for sending her to the youth gathering and shared her favorite experiences.

Attendance prizes were also awarded. The grand prize was a \$300 electric bill credit. It was won by Jonathan Bulau of Gibbon.

Following the annual meeting, the board of directors elected their officers for the coming year. Keith Peterson was selected as board president, Roger Karstens as vice

president, Doug Kirtz as secretary-treasurer, and Gerald Roepke as assistant secretary-treasurer. Randy Hlavka will be the cooperative's representative to Great River Energy.

McLeod Cooperative Power is a rural electric cooperative providing electric service to approximately 6,700 accounts in McLeod, Carver, Sibley, Renville, Wright, Kandiyohi, and Meeker counties.

## 8 steps to being a safe operator

Spring is a reminder of a new start and, for me, farm safety. Farm safety is so important to those working in agriculture, their families and those using rural roadways. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website has numerous resources related to workplace safety and health topics. Every day, there are 167 agricultural workers who suffer a lost-work-time injury. Five percent of these injuries result in permanent impairment.

Although agriculture is safer than it once was, it still ranks among the most dangerous industries. Those working on farms risk fatal and nonfatal injuries, work-related lung diseases, noise-induced hearing loss, skin diseases and certain cancers from prolonged sun and chemical use. Many of the mechanical, chemical and environmental hazards increase the risk of accidents. There were 374 farmers and farm workers who died from work-related injuries in 2012. The leading cause of death for farmers and farmworkers was tractor overturns.

Unfortunately, we continue seeing injuries and fatalities in the agricultural industry and often they can be prevented. Most everyone working in the agricultural area knows of someone who has been injured or has died as a direct result of a farming accident. Farm equipment is safer than it used to be, but there are still injuries and fatalities that can occur.

Kansas State University Research and Extension highlights eight simple steps to be a safe machinery operator in its publication "Machinery Safety on the Farm."

1. Be aware. Recognize where and what the hazards are.
2. Be prepared. Replace worn parts promptly and do daily pre-operational checks. Include preseason checks. Take advantage of the off-season to do additional maintenance work. This gives you time to order any shields and other parts you may need. Anticipate problems.
3. Read the operator's manual. The simple tips and precautions in this publication are no substitute for the operator's manual for each piece of machinery. If the manual is missing, contact your dealer or check online to get another one.
4. Shield all moving parts.



### Farm Notes

By Nathan Winter

Make the machine as safe as possible.

5. Respect power take-off (PTO) and hydraulics. Remember that any machine that is powered by a PTO driveline or has hydraulic systems is inherently dangerous.
6. Shut it off. Before servicing any machine, disengage the PTO, turn off the engine, remove the key, and wait for all parts to stop moving.
7. Watch yourself. Try to avoid particularly hazardous jobs if you're physically ill or mentally distracted. Fatigue and stress cause many accidents.
8. Use a machine only for its intended purpose.

Often youth are utilized to help out with the farm work. Be sure to look out for their interests by keeping them safe.

In 2012, an estimated 14,000 youths were injured on farms, 2,700 of these in-

juries were due to farm work. On average, there are 113 youths less than 20 years of age who die annually from farm-related injuries, with the most prevalent age group being those from 16 to 19 years of age.

Of the leading sources of fatal injuries to youth, 23 percent involved machinery (including tractors), 19 percent involved motor vehicles (including ATVs), and 16 percent were due to drowning. Be safe in your work and look out for the safety of others as well.

Sources:

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, <http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/topics/aginjury/>.

Kansas State University Research and Extension "Machinery Safety on the Farm," <http://www.bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/pubs/MF2941.pdf>.

## Mileka's Run set for May 8

The fifth annual Mileka's Run is set for Sunday, May 8 (Mother's Day), in the Silver Lake City Park.

A kids' 1K run will start at 10:30 a.m., followed by a 5K fun run/walk at 11 a.m.

The run is hosted by the family of Mileka Hall, who died on Mother's Day weekend in 2011 from injuries sustained in an all-terrain vehicle (ATV) accident.

In her honor, her family — mother JoAnna Hall, father Kyle Wawrzyniak and sisters Brianna and Ashley Hall — have organized this 5K run/walk to celebrate Mileka's life and her positive impact on others.

Mileka was a huge supporter of her mother's races, and was considered JoAnna's "cheering section."

Registration includes a T-shirt and a light lunch provided after the race.

Pre-event registration is available at [www.milekasrun.com](http://www.milekasrun.com). Registrations also are accepted the day of the race, but there is no guarantee of a T-shirt for race-day registrants.

## VFW Auxiliary meets, elects officers for year

The regular monthly meeting of the Glencoe VFW Post 5102 Auxiliary was called to order on April 11 by President Angela Johnson with 21 members present. Opening ceremony and roll call was taken. Secretary's minutes were read and approved and the treasurer's report was approved and filed subject to audit. Bills were approved.

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

A moment of silence was held for the POW/MIAs.

The State Convention is in Rochester June 8-12. Loyalty Days will be held in Chaska on April 30.

Unfinished Business — Pillow cleaning will be held at the VFW on Friday, May 6. Poppy Luncheon is May 19. Callers will be Nancy Rannow and Virginia Adams.

The poppy cards were as-

sembled after the meeting.

New Business — Election of officers was held: president, Angela Johnson; senior vice president, Judy Schuch; junior vice president, Jean Schmidt; treasurer, Barb Buska; chaplain, Nancy Rannow; conductress, Darlene Godel; guard, Joan Wandrei; three-year trustee, Kathy Schuetz. Installation of officers will be held May 16 at 7 p.m. The audit was given and accepted. It was decided to hire Julie Winkler to clean the club. A date the last week in April will be set for delivering Poppy Cards to businesses. A \$100 donation to the Relay for Life was approved.

Lunch committee for May 9 will be Connie Jutz, Marlene Engelke, Verda Wittenburg and Stacy Harpel.

The meeting was adjourned until May 9.

## Common Cup 5K run/walk set

There will be a 5K walk or run to raise funds for Common Cup Ministry on Saturday, May 7, at Masonic West River Park in Hutchinson.

Each entrant who pre-registers before April 25 will receive a T-shirt and a backpack. Pre-registration fees are discounted from same-day registration fees. Same-day registration starts at 8:30 a.m. at the park shelter, and T-shirts and backpacks are not guaranteed for same-day registrants. All registered participants will receive lunch at the

park shelter.

The 5K walk will start at 10 a.m. The run will start at 10:30 a.m.

Registration forms are available at the Common Cup offices, 105 Second Ave. SW in Hutchinson and First Lutheran Church, 925 13th St. E, Glencoe. They also are available at Faith Lutheran Church, 335 Main St. S in Hutchinson, or online at [www.common-cup.org](http://www.common-cup.org).

For more information, contact Ralph Johnson at 320-587-6733.

### Local Banking, Powerful Results

#### Construction Financing Options

- Custom Construction - Pre-Sold or Models
- Lot Acquisition Loans
- Land Development Financing

Contact one of our experienced local lenders today to start the simple approval process!

**FIRST MINNESOTA BANK**  
FirstMNBank.com

**Ben Beckman**  
NMLS #779872

**Nicole Angelo**  
NMLS #402516

**606 11th St E, Glencoe**  
**320-864-3161**

# McLeod County Solid Waste Management OPEN HOUSE

- Tours of the Recycling & Hazardous Waste Facilities  
12:30, 1:30, 2:30, 3:30, 4:30 & 5:30 only
- Learn about the Single-Sort Recycling process and where your recyclables go!
- Enter to WIN PRIZES
- Refreshments Provided.

Bring the whole family and learn how your recycling efforts help our local communities!



## DONATE ALUMINUM Cans!!

All aluminum can donations on Earth Day will be given a \$.05/pound increase! GIVE to an organization from the directory of registered non-profits.

The OPEN HOUSE will take place on

EARTH DAY

Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016  
12pm - 6pm

At the McLeod County Solid Waste Management Building located at 1065 5th Avenue SE in Hutchinson. Bring the whole family and learn how your recycling efforts help our local communities!

For more information call McLeod County Solid Waste Management at 1(800)-335-0575