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## GSL awards first rounds of construction bids

By Rebecca Mariscal Staff Writer

The Glencoe-Silver Lake School Board accepted the bids for packages one and three for its upcoming construction project at a special meeting Thursday night, with both coming in under the expected cost.

"All in all, we are confident with the numbers we got," Donlar Construction Senior Project Manager Josh Lester said.

Bid package one came in at a total

of \$2,268,370, under the expected cost of \$3,064,374. This package includes the primary needs related to ground work and the new gymnasium.

This bid package included eight separate work scopes that were awarded to different companies, Lester said.

One of those scopes, the steel package, did not receive any bids. The board voted to rebid for that piece of the project. Another scope,

structural steel erection work, had a low bid that was much lower than the others. J&H Erectors gave a bid of \$42,300 compared to the \$71,400 bid from Maxx Steel Erectors. Lester said Donlar would make calls to double-check everything was correct before awarding this bid.

Cast-in place concrete work for the gym was awarded to Evenson Concrete Systems, Inc., for a total bid of \$48,790. Structural precast panel work was awarded to Wells

Concrete for a total of \$619,400. The earthwork scope was awarded to Veit and Company, Inc., for a total of \$1,242,520. Asphalt paving work was awarded to Minnesota Roadways Co. for \$114,790. Site concrete work was awarded to Ebert Construction for \$193,200. Fencing and gates work was awarded to Stonebrook Fence, Inc., for \$49,670.

The bid from Stonebrook Fence did have a bid irregularity. The company submitted a single copy when a

duplicate copy was specified by the bid call. Lester said this was a clerical error and recommended awarding the bid anyway.

The bids were accepted as recommended by Lester on 5-0 vote, with Board Member Donna VonBerge absent.

Bid package three came in at a total of \$318,500 from Ryan Com-

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Chronicle photo by Tom Carothers

## Orth Jamboree benefits 13 area families

Six-year old Paisley Lindemann, along with parents Mark and Rebecca Lindemann were among 13 area families that were honored as part of the Tim Orth Memorial Foundation "Jam the Gym" Jamboree at Glencoe-Silver Lake High School on Saturday, April 2. Lindemann, a Glencoe resident, is contending with a

relapse of leukemia. All proceeds from the "Jam the Gym" event are going to help defray medical bills and other associated costs for the Lindemanns, as well as the other 12 families. Saturday's event was the third and final of this year's "Jam the Gym" Jamborees.

## City Council hears from residents at assessment hearing

By Rebecca Mariscal Staff Writer

The Glencoe City Council held a public hearing Monday night on the proposed assessment for the Armstrong Avenue project and voted to adopt the assessments.

The Armstrong Avenue project is a street and utility improvement project that will cover about 10 blocks on and around Armstrong Avenue.

Short Elliot Hendrickson (SEH) Engineer Justin Black presented the proposed assessments of the project to the council. He said the assessments are required by state statute in this project.

The total cost of the project is \$4,694,268 and \$971,319 of that will come from assessments. This is about 20.7 percent of the total cost. Black said state statute requires at least 20 percent of the project to be from assessments, so the project is on the lower end of that requirement. Black said the assessments are also lower than expected because the city received favorable bids.

Payments for the assessments will be interest free until Oct. 31, 2016. After that interest will be 3.5 percent. Black said partial payments are allowed and any unpaid portion will be certified to property taxes.

After Black's presentation, the meeting was opened to comments and questions from the public.

Sandra Olson said property taxes

already went up around 21 percent and now residents in the area will have to pay for assessments as well. She asked why the cost can't be split between the whole town, since everyone will use the streets.

Mayor Randy Wilson explained the city property taxes went up only about 1.2 percent, and the rest of the increase was in other areas, like the school. He said the state requires the city to assess 20 percent of the project, but the other 80 percent will come from grants, state funding and general tax levies that include the entirety of the community.

Dean Tucker asked about the costs for street and utility work to make sure Armstrong Avenue can support Seneca Food Company's truck traffic in the area.

Black explained the cost of doing so is coming from state aid dollars and Seneca is being assessed for a total of \$473,318.

Council Member Allen Robeck expressed his continued dislike with the project, and said it could be done another way. He questioned the 3.5 percent interest on the assessments, saying the city isn't supposed to make money on the project. Black explained the city did bonding for the project, meaning it borrowed money with an interest rate, which it has to pay back. The interest rate of the assessments

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## 5K to honor Verdeck, advocate against distracted driving

By Lori Cople Editor

Mike Meyer thinks his family has found a way to both honor his sister Penny Verdeck, and to find some meaning in her death.

Verdeck died on April 26, 2015, when she was struck by a vehicle while riding her bicycle.

Distracted driving may have been a factor in Penny's death, and her family wants to get the word out about just how dangerous distracted driving can be.

Meyer came up with the idea of a 5K run to honor Penny and spread the message about the dangers of distracted driving. It is set for Sunday, April 24, at Oak Leaf Park in Glencoe. The theme is "Just Drive."

"Penny loved to run," said Meyer. "She got me into it. I just had this vision of a way to rally to the cause ... to share memories of Penny, and

get the word out on distractive driving.

"I was trying to figure out a way to make something good come out of something really bad. If we can save one person from what happened to Penny, if we can save one person from suffering what we have ... it just gives it some meaning," said Meyer.

Meyer described his sister as "full of energy. She was constantly on the go. She was a runner, a biker and a swimmer." She competed in triathlons, marathons and other athletic competitions.

Which was why he decided a 5K would be an appropriate way to honor her memory. Meyer said a 5K is a fairly short event that walkers and runners, old and young, can participate in.

Meyer said that while Penny was a dedicated athlete, she was "even far more than that. Until her funeral,

even I didn't realize just how involved she was in the community. She just didn't talk about it, because it wasn't about recognition. It was about the community."

Verdeck was a Sunday school teacher, a member of the Glencoe Library Board, a Girl Scout leader, FFA ambassador and more.

"And above all, she was dedicated to her family," Meyer said. "She wasn't one to just send her girls off to do something, she was with them every step of the way."

Penny is survived by her husband, Ryan Verdeck, and their daughters, Morgan and Claire. The family resides in Glencoe.

Her parents, Dennis and Susan Meyer, still live in Glencoe. Her siblings are still fairly close by. Meyer lives in Hutchinson, as does sister

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An April 24 5K will honor the memory of Penny Verdeck, who died in April 2015.

### Weather

Wed., 4-6 H: 47°, L: 36°	Thur., 4-7 H: 45°, L: 29°	Fri., 4-8 H: 36°, L: 23°	Sat., 4-9 H: 45°, L: 35°	Sun., 4-10 H: 60°, L: 38°

**Looking highlights:** Total rain, 1.71 inches; total snow, 3.1 inches; high temp: 71 on March 12; low temp: 10 on March 2.

Date	Hi	Lo	Precip
March 29	65	43	0.18
March 30	46	41	0.48

March 31	52	38	0.07
April 1	39	30	0.00
April 2	38	25	0.00
April 3	71	25	0.00
April 4	49	23	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

### Abundant Table meal set

The Abundant Table community meal is set for Wednesday, April 6, in Christ Lutheran Church basement fellowship hall, 1820 Knight Ave., Glencoe. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. for fellowship; the meal will be served at 5 p.m. The meal is open to anyone, including families and children, the elderly and anyone seeking fellowship or in need of a helping hand. The menu includes ham, scalloped potatoes, vegetables, coleslaw, fruit, Abundant Table bread and cupcakes. Please call the church at 320-864-4549 so that it can prepare for your presence.

### MMS health services board

Meeker-McLeod-Sibley Community Health Services will hold its quarterly community health board meeting Thursday, April 14, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Please note the time change for this meeting. It will be held in the large meeting room at the McLeod County Household Hazardous Waste/Solid Waste Management, 1065 Fifth Ave. SE, Hutchinson. The meeting is open to the public.

### Brownton Lions sandbox fill

The Brownton Lions Club will have a sandbox fill in the Brownton area Monday, April 18. The sand is provided free of charge. To arrange a delivery, call Julie Olson at 320-510-1426, or Joe Griebie at 320-779-1101.

### Western Fraternal Life Lodge

Western Fraternal Life Lodge 34 will host the District 2 meeting at the Komensky School on Sunday, April 10. A noon lunch will be served. The business meeting will be called to order by District President Jeff Micka at 1 p.m. All members and interested persons are invited. For more information, call 320-587-8728.

### 500 card party at Cedar Crest

The community is invited to play 500 at Cedar Crest in Silver Lake on Wednesday, April 13, at 1:30 p.m., in the dining room. The assisted living is located at 1401 Main St. W. Refreshments will be served.

### Republican Women to meet

The Greater Minnesota Republican Women will meet Tuesday, April 12, at 6:30 p.m., at Harmony River Living Center, 1555 Sherwood St. SE, Hutchinson, in the community room (down the elevator and across the hall). There will be a brief meeting to discuss upcoming events and speakers. Lesa Hueser will display the quilt to be used as a group fundraiser, and the group will organize the public political forum to be held at the Glencoe City Center in September. Anyone with questions is welcome to call Ginny Newman at 320-587-5965.

### Sportsman's Club shrimp fry

The Glencoe Sportsman's Club is hosting a shrimp fry Wednesday, April 13, from 5 p.m. until the shrimp is gone, at the Glencoe VFW. Call the VFW for reservations.

### Glencoe Lions Bar Bingo

The Glencoe Lions will sponsor Bar Bingo at the Glencoe Country Club on Saturday, April 9, at 2 p.m. Everyone age 18 and over is welcome to play for cash prizes. The Progressive Game 16 pay-out amount is \$1,199 if you have Bingo within 63 called numbers. Food, beverages and pull-tabs are available.

### GSL jazz concert set April 7

On Thursday, April 7, at 6:30 p.m., the Glencoe-Silver Lake High School Music Department will present an evening of contemporary jazz music featuring two ensembles, GSL Jazz I and GSL Jazz II. The concert is free, and will be presented at the Glencoe City Center. Prior to the concert, there is a pork chop dinner by the GSL Ag Promoters FFA Alumni. The dinner starts at 5:30 p.m., and there is a charge.

### Severe weather training set

McLeod County Emergency Management is hosting severe weather training Tuesday, April 12, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., in the Glencoe City Center South Ballroom. The training will be presented by personnel from the National Weather Service's Chanhassen office. No RSVP is needed. For more information, contact Kevin Mathews, McLeod County Emergency Management director, at 320-864-1339.

### Blood drives set in county

Area blood donors will have five opportunities to give blood in McLeod County in April, according to the Red Cross. The first blood drive is set for Thursday, April 7, from 12:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., at River of Life Church, 170 Main St., Winsted. There are three opportunities in Hutchinson: on Monday, April 11, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Hutchinson High School, 1200 Roberts Rd.; on Tuesday, April 12, from noon to 6 p.m., at Peace Lutheran Church, 400 Franklin St.; and Thursday, April 14, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., at Ridgewater College, 2 Century Ave. On Wednesday, April 13, from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m., the bloodmobile will be at the Brownton Community Center, 310 Second St. N.

### Plato citywide garage sales

The Plato citywide garage sales will be held Friday, April 15, and Saturday, April 16, starting at 8 a.m. Balloons will mark participating locations.

### Legion Post 95 meets April 7

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

### Degree of Honor 182 meeting

Silver Lake Degree of Honor 182 will have its business meeting Tuesday, April 12, at 1 p.m., in the Silver Lake Auditorium.

### SL seniors to meet Monday

The Silver Lake Senior Citizens will meet Monday, April 11, at 1 p.m., at the Silver Lake Auditorium.



Dennis Becker



Robert Clark



Joseph Heitzer



Douglas Schleisman

## 7 of 16 accused priests served in area Diocese of New Ulm names 'credibly accused' priests

The Diocese of New Ulm and Jeff Anderson & Associates law firm on Tuesday, March 29, released the names of 16 men who have been "credibly accused of sexual abuse of a minor while they were assigned as priests." Thirteen of the 16 are deceased, according to the news release issued by the diocese.

In a separate news release issued by Jeff Anderson & Associates, it was noted that seven of those 16 priests served parishes in McLeod County, including parishes in Glencoe, Silver Lake, Stewart, Winsted and Hutchinson.

Those who have been accused and who have served parishes in McLeod County include: Michael Skoblik, St. Joseph in Silver Lake, 1965-1988; Douglas Schleisman, St. Adalbert and St. Joseph of Silver Lake, 1984-1993; Rudolph Henrich, 1937-38, Louis Heitzer, 1942-44, Charles Stark, 1945-46, Dennis Becker, 1963-66, Douglas Schleisman, 1981-84 and Robert Clark, 1984-39, all



Michael Skoblik

serving at Holy Trinity in Winsted; Dennis Becker, serving at St. Boniface in Stewart from 1990-1991 and 1995-1998 and at St. Anastasia, Hutchinson, 1987-98; Rudolph Henrich, St. Boniface, Stewart, 1954-1957; and Michael Skoblik, St. George, Glencoe, 1952-1965.

Others who were credibly accused of child sexual abuse are Cletus Altermatt, Gordon Buckley, J. Vincent Fitzgerald, John Gleason, Harry Marjerus, Francis Markey,



Charles Stark

William Marks, John Murphy and David Roney.

Four of the 16 — Fitzgerald, Heitzer, Henrich and Marjerus — were not accused while serving in the New Ulm Diocese, which includes the McLeod County parishes. However, they have been accused in other dioceses.

"It is important that we recognize the credible accusations made against these men and acknowledge the terrible harm done by abuse in church ministry," said Bishop John



Rudolph Henrich

LeVoir of the Diocese of New Ulm in the joint news release. "On behalf of the Church, I apologize for the grave offense committed against the vulnerable by those who were ordained to serve our communities. We are grateful to the survivors who have come forward already and encourage those who have not come forward to do so."

Anyone who has suffered sexual abuse by a priest or another person in church ministry is encouraged to report such misconduct to local law enforcement.

## Crow River Habitat seeking volunteers

Crow River Habitat for Humanity of McLeod County is seeking volunteers to serve as focus team members.

An informational meeting for potential volunteers is set for Thursday, April 7, from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m., at Main Street Sports Bar in Hutchinson.

People who serve as focus teams will be directly involved in the organization's work, including building, family services, public relations and development and faith relations. Each focus team fulfills a specific need within Crow River Habitat.

Habitat for Humanity is

dedicated to increasing safe and affordable housing. As a nonprofit, ecumenical Christian organization, Habitat for Humanity is dedicated to eliminating substandard housing and welcomes people of all races, religions and nationalities to partner in its mission. Since its founding in

1994, Crow River Habitat for Humanity has built 23 safe, decent and affordable homes in McLeod County.

For more information on how to get involved, please call Crow River Habitat for Humanity at 320-587-8868 or visit www.crhfh.org.

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pany, Inc. Architects Rego and Youngquist Project Designer Luke Papillon said the bids were under the architect's projections.

This package is an equipment package for the project and included new boilers at the request of the district.

The installation of the equipment from bid package three will be a part of bid package two.

Bid package two will encompass the rest of the construction project. Papillon said a call for bids will be issued on April 15 and received a month later. He said this bid

package will include 20 to 30 individual scopes and will be the largest package.

The school board also accepted a bid for the window and door replacement project at Lakeside Elementary and GSL High School. The board accepted a bid of \$11,600 from WL Hall of Hopkins.

At the last regular board meeting, the board voted to rebid the project after several incomplete bids were received. The low bid this time around came in \$25,000 less. The completion date remains the same for the project and is set at Aug. 1.

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Christine Carrigan. Another sister, Veronica Linngren, lives in Milbank, South Dakota.

Meyer has set up a Facebook page for the Just Drive! Family 5K. As of Sunday, the event had attracted over 100 entrants in the 12 days that registration was open.

Pre-registrations can be made online at <https://www.raceeventstry.com/race-reviews/just-drive-5k>. Registration is free, but free-will donations will be accepted. Those who donate \$20 or more will receive

a T-shirt and goodie bag. Water and refreshments will be provided.

Sign-ins on the day of the race, Sunday April 24, start at 7:30 a.m., and the run/walk starts at 9 a.m.

Any excess proceeds will go toward local programs that educate young people on the dangers of distracted driving, Meyer said.

For more information, visit the event's Facebook page, call Meyer at 320-296-3703, or email him at [meyermike71@gmail.com](mailto:meyermike71@gmail.com).

## Wild game feed at Grace Bible

Members and friends of the Grace Bible Church in Silver Lake will host a special game dinner Sunday, April 10, beginning at 5 p.m. with the meal served at 5:30 p.m. The evening is for people of all ages and includes domesticated buffalo, as well as some samplings of wild game, a "Bird Dog Parade" and guest speaker Phil Driver. Driver is

a farmer who has been involved for many years as a volunteer with Special Youth Challenge Ministries of Iowa, which takes young people who are disabled or terminally ill hunting. Tickets can be reserved by calling the church at 320-327-2352 or Shawn at 320-234-9425. A very limited number of tickets will be available at the door.

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# McLeod County hosts forums on ag-related issues

By Lori Copley  
Editor

From a new buffer strip law to land values, there have been enough questions regarding agricultural issues that the McLeod County Board of Commissioners put together several forums to try and provide some answers.

The county hosted four forums over a two-day span in Hutchinson, Glencoe and Winsted to present information regarding those issues and, hopefully, answer questions.

A Tuesday, March 29, a forum in Glencoe drew about 60 people.

## Buffer strips

Ryan Freitag of the McLeod Soil and Water Conservation District presented information on the new buffer strip law, enacted in 2015.

Freitag said local officials are still trying to wade through the legislation.

"We're just getting into this," said Freitag. "It hasn't even been a year" since the legislation has passed. It was signed by the governor in June 2015.

And the new legislation has sparked enough controversy that it may well be amended in the 2016 session, which is currently under way, said Freitag.

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.

Buffer protection maps showing designated public waterways, with information provided by local authorities, need to be submitted to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Once those maps are received, the public will have an opportunity to offer comment.

"This will be your only opportunity for comment," Freitag said.

The maps must be approved by July 1, 2016. As of last week, McLeod County had submitted its information to the DNR, which will then develop the map.

Freitag said his office will be sure to let the public know when the maps have been developed. Those maps will be displayed on the DNR website, he said.

Freitag said there have been a lot of questions about buffer strips.

One of the most common is how a landowner determines how to measure for the buffer strip.

"They are to be measured from the top crown of the bank, or from the edge of the

normal water level," said Freitag.

Another common question is the responsibility for maintenance, since it is a state-mandated program.

"Maintenance is the responsibility of the property owner," said Freitag.

There also was a question about whether the property set aside for buffer strips would still be taxed.

Freitag said owners would still need to pay taxes on the property. Sue Schulz, the county assessor, said the property taxes on the buffer strips could be reduced because they will no longer be used as cropland.

Exemptions to the buffer strip law include adjoining property that is already enrolled in a conservation program; public or private water accesses, such as docks, beaches and watercraft access areas; and existing conditions, such as roads, trails, buildings or other structures.

Freitag said there may also be alternative practice options to the buffer strips, "but much of this is still being developed, and it will need to be approved by the soil and water district."

Freitag said there are some funding sources, such as Reinvest in Minnesota (RIM) buffer easements, Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), and other conservation programs.

Freitag said his office will provide more information as it becomes available.

## CPI

County Assessor Sue Schulz presented information on the switch to the Crop Production Index (CPI) from the ABC system of rating farm land.

The ABC system rated ag land with "A" being prime cropland while "C" would be the least productive land.

Schulz said the ABC system wasn't necessarily the most accurate.

"It was pretty much someone looking across a field and saying, 'yeah, there's 20 acres of A property there,'" said Schulz.

CPI is based on soil borings. Field examiners did soil borings in the late 1980s and early 1990s, Schulz said. The assessor's office was able to utilize that information by integrating it with geographic information technology to create crop production indexes on each parcel used for crop production. Schulz said CPI is not used for building sites or "wastelands," such as groves and sloughs.

The crop production is based on a 1 to 100 scale, with 100 being the most productive property.

Schulz said CPI is very useful to realtors and to landowners who are selling property. It also is helpful to

landowners who are developing best management practices.

While CPI provides a more accurate land classification, the three factors that most influence a property's assessed, or taxable, value are comparable land sales, construction of buildings or demolition of buildings, Schulz said.

She said landowners, realtors and others can access the CPI information on a variety of websites, including www.acrevalue.com/map/MN.

## Right of way

McLeod County Highway Engineer John Brunkhorst talked about highway and road right of ways, and why it so important to abide them.

A right of way, Brunkhorst said, provides government with the property needed to build roads and highways. The right of ways are typically wider than the actual road surface to provide ditch embankments, drainage and easements for utilities, such as electrical and telephone services.

Some activities, other than utilities, are allowed in right of ways, such as driveways and field entrances. Those activities require permits, however, Brunkhorst said. He added that his office is receiving many requests for widening field approaches and driveways to accommodate today's larger farm equip-

ment.

Brunkhorst said that private parties also ask about mowing the grass in the ditches for hay. That's an allowable activity, but Brunkhorst says that those mowing for hay contact the county highway department. That way, he said, the county won't accidentally mow it or spray it for weeds.

Technically, signs are not allowed in the right of way, Brunkhorst said.

"MnDOT is a big stickler on signs in the right of way," said Brunkhorst. "The county doesn't get as excited, unless it's going to be a safety problem by blocking the line of sight or some other issue."

Brunkhorst asked that farmers try not to farm into the right of way, for several reasons.

One issue is safety. Crops that are planted close to the road edge, especially corn, can block the vision of drivers, particularly near intersections.

The other is that utilities are often buried in the right of way, and can be torn up by plows or disks.

And plowing into the right of way can also create erosion and cause drainage issues, Brunkhorst said.

Brunkhorst said that anyone with questions about right of ways is welcome to call his office.

# GSL teacher Haddad surprised with WEM Outstanding Educator Award, \$15,000 prize

By Rebecca Mariscal  
Staff Writer

Glencoe-Silver Lake Agriculture teacher Rebekah Haddad was surprised the morning of March 29 with the WEM Outstanding Educator Award.

Haddad was honored as an Academic Challenge Coach by the WEM Foundation and Synergy and Leadership Exchange and awarded an unrestricted \$15,000 and a crystal apple.

"Shock," Haddad said. "Total shock. I'm still kind of overwhelmed. I wasn't really expecting it at all."

The Outstanding Educator award recognizes outstanding accomplishments and contributions to student learning while the Academic Challenge Coach honors teachers who are also exemplary coaches of student teams.

Haddad was nominated anonymously by a coworker for her work as the middle school and high school agriculture teacher and the FFA adviser.

"To have your peers recognize what you're doing is huge," Haddad said.

As adviser to FFA, Haddad has helped build the program to the 75-student membership it has today. One of her FFA teams placed in the top five in state competitions last year. She also started an FFA Alumni Chapter to bring to-



Chronicle photo by Rebecca Mariscal

Glencoe-Silver Lake agriculture teacher Rebekah Haddad, center, is a recipient of the WEM Outstanding Educator Award for Academic Challenge Coach. Synergy and Leadership Ex-

change Program Administrator Mary Hillman, left, surprised Haddad with the award on March 29, with Haddad's husband Yusef and daughter Anara there to celebrate.

gether former members.

After receiving her nomination, Haddad compiled a 10-page application for the final selection, but said she was only able to share a small piece of what happens with the program.

"There's so many more things that go into that award and so many more things that have gone into that program," she said. "It can't really be summarized on an application how much help we get from

the community and how much time these kids put in and how much work they do."

Haddad said she was humbled by the award, but said the successes of FFA are not hers alone. The community supports the work, and the students themselves put an immense amount of work into the program.

"It's no solo effort," she said. "I'm incredibly privileged to have the chance to be

here and to be working with the kids and their parents, and have the support that we have from the community and from the staff."

Moving forward, Haddad said she will continue to teach and work to be worthy of the award.

"Now I've got a lot to live up to and a lot to work towards as far as having earned it is concerned," she said.

"Keep teaching, keep doing what we do."

## Corrections & Clarifications

The Chronicle incorrectly identified a Silver Lake Polaczek junior princess as Eva Nowak in a photo caption of the Silver Lake St. Patrick's Day parade. Her correct name is Ella Nowak. The Chronicle apologizes for the error, which occurred in the March 16 edition.

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is to pay for the interest rate to the city.

Allan Schafer, who said he recently moved to the area from Minneapolis, said he read state statute 429 and it reads the city "may" assess 20 percent of costs. Wilson explained with the bonding path the city is taking, assessments are required.

Wilson said he understood the financial burden and concern to residents, but he said the project is a needed improvement.

"I know it's frustrating," he said. "There does reach a point where we have to take care of our roads."

Lori Damann said she agrees that the roads need attention, but is still concerned about the financial burden to her and her husband. City Administrator Mark Larson explained the assessments that were added onto property taxes.

Tucker asked why the as-

essment portion was 20.7 percent, when it only needs to be 20 percent. Black explained Seneca's portion, some of which is 100 percent for certain costs, raised the overall percentage.

Schafer said he heard a lot of opposition to the assessments during the public hearing, and that the council should look at another way to deal with the costs.

Wilson said the council needs to look at how the project serves the community as a whole. He explained this form of assessment is used statewide. Council Member Dan Perschau said this is how surrounding cities, like Silver Lake, Stewart, Winsted, Norwood Young America and others, are financing major reconstruction projects.

"The council needs to make a decision for the greater good of the community," Wilson said.

The resolution to adopt the

assessments passed 4-1, with Robeck voting no.

In other business, the Council:

- Accepted the retirement of Public Works Director Mike Drew, effective Sept. 29, 2016. "He's done a really wonderful job for our staff," Wilson said. "It will be big shoes to fill."

- Approved the job description for assistant city administrator - marketing and community development which will combine the responsibilities of the event city coordinator position previously held by Hannah Huttner-Hallahan and economic development responsibilities that the city previously contracted out to the Glencoe Chamber of Commerce.

The council heard from the chamber board that it would waive the 30-day required notice to leave the contract and supports the city's pursuit of this position.



## Freeman made right choice

Our view: But not pressing charges does not mean there are no problems

Headlines last week declared that two Minneapolis police officers involved in the fatal shooting of Jamar Clark had been cleared.

That's not entirely accurate. What Hennepin County Attorney Mike Freeman announced is that no criminal charges would be filed against the two officers. He ruled that they acted within statutory authority in the death of Clark, who was shot in the head during a confrontation following an alleged assault.

Freeman laid out his findings concisely, thoughtfully and logically, backed by thousands of pages of documents, and we agree with him that no other prosecuting attorney would have come to a different conclusion based on the evidence, particularly the DNA evidence.

Freeman has been vilified for some for his decision, but those who disagree with his findings need to acknowledge that he also raised serious questions about the incident.

Freeman said he has the same questions that the public has. In particular, could this incident ended with some other outcome than the death of a young man?

Freeman was startled to discover that not all Minneapolis police officers carry Tasers. So were we. We have assumed that Tasers are a standard part of an officer's equipment belt, along with flashlights, handcuffs, radios and handguns.

Freeman also questioned the technique used by one of the officers to "take down" Clark, noting that it was not a technique endorsed by the Minneapolis Police Department.

These are valid concerns. While Tasers don't always work on combative people, they are another option to try before firing a bullet at someone. Neither of the officers involved in the incident had a Taser.

The Minneapolis Police Department says that cost is a factor as to why not every officer carries a Taser. The Minneapolis City Council needs to rectify that lack of funding.

And while the officer who took down Clark did not use an endorsed technique, he did what he had been trained to do (by another department) in the heat of the moment. Remember, all of this took place in a span of just over a minute.

The Minneapolis Police Department claims that it is already training officers in new de-escalation techniques for emotionally charged incidents. (Perhaps we could all benefit from such training — it's needed by everyone from playground bullies to presidential candidates).

And we need to remember that Freeman's consideration of charges is just one of many investigations revolving around this incident. The Minneapolis police chief is still waiting an internal investigation before deciding the fates of the officers, who currently are on desk duty. The FBI is also investigating.

We have come to a fork in the road: either we can move forward with some improvements in how we relate to each other, or we can regress into anger, bitterness and even more hatred.

Let's move forward.

— L.C.



Guest Column:

## Too much secrecy in government

By Lee H. Hamilton

We have a secrecy problem. This may seem odd to say during an era in which the most intimate details of individuals' lives are on display. Yet government is moving behind closed doors, and this is definitely the wrong direction.

In fact, I'm dismayed by how often public officials fight not to do the public's business in public. And I'm not just talking about the federal government.

City and town councils regularly go into executive session to discuss "personnel issues" that might or might not truly need to be carried on outside public view. And let's not even talk about what can go on behind closed doors when it comes to contracting.

At the state level, lawmakers exempt themselves from public records laws, underfund public watchdogs, and exempt lobbying expenditures from sunshine laws. "While every state in the nation has open records and meetings laws, they're typically shot through with holes and exemptions," the Center for Public Integrity reported last year. "In most states, at least one entire branch of government or agency claims exemptions from the laws."

In case you're wondering whether this has an impact on real people's lives, it's worth remembering that thousands of emails released in the wake of the Flint, Michigan, water crisis revealed "what appears to be an active effort by state employees to avoid disclosure of public records under (freedom of information laws)," according to *Governing* magazine.

Meanwhile, there's no shortage of

efforts to keep the public from learning all sorts of details about how the federal government conducts business.

Campaign contributors increasingly manage to avoid disclosure of their political activities. Government contractors are not subject to most of the transparency rules that affect federal agencies — even as more and more business is being done through contractors.

The 72 federal inspectors general who are appointed to ensure the efficiency and accountability of the agencies they oversee face constant efforts to limit their access to records. Routine information is classified and kept secret; members of Congress joke that what they've just read in a top-secret document was taken from the front page of the *New York Times*. Yet they themselves increasingly rely on omnibus spending bills — which are put together behind closed doors by a handful of leaders and congressional staff with no public scrutiny.

Most notably, of course, secrecy extends to national security issues. There are some government secrets that are necessary to protect, and a balance has to be struck between protecting national security and openness. But the presumption should be in favor of openness. Those who favor secrecy should make their case in public and not rely on the old adage, "Trust me."

Take the question of the U.S. drone program. The overall program may be necessary, and technical means, operational details, intelligence methods are all rightfully classified. But that should not be an excuse for hiding information from

the American people about what we're doing with drones. Do we want our resources spent on targeted killing programs? Who determines who gets killed? What's the evidence on which we base who gets killed? How many innocent people have been killed? The American people have a right to know what's going on. But we're being kept in the dark.

Openness is not a panacea, but it makes good government more likely. Representative democracy depends on our ability to know what's being done in our name. We cannot exercise the discriminating judgment required of citizens about politics, policies and politicians if we do not know what they're doing. Nor is it possible to maintain the checks and balances required under our Constitution without openness and transparency. We have to shine a bright light on the actions of public officials so that it's more likely they'll act with integrity. Justice Louis Brandeis gave perhaps the most famous formulation of this requirement in his 1913 statement, "(S)unlight is said to be the best disinfectant."

But Judge Damon Keith of the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals put an exclamation point on the idea in a 2002 ruling that the government could not carry out secret deportation hearings without proving the need for secrecy. "Democracies," he wrote, "die behind closed doors."

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

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### Question of the week

Should Minneapolis police officers have faced charges in the shooting death of Jamar Clark?

- 1) No, they were acting within the law.
- 2) Yes, they need to be held accountable for Clark's death.
- 3) I don't know.

Results for most recent question:

Should smartphone companies provide law enforcement "backdoor" access to phone data?

- 1) Yes, it's an important tool for law enforcement — 34%
- 2) No, it's a violation of personal privacy — 57%
- 3) I don't know — 8%

61 votes. New question runs April 6-12.

## Letter to the Editor

### County DFL convention had lively discussions

To the Editor:

The Democratic Convention for McLeod County was held at Days Inn in Hutchinson on March 13.

There were some logistical issues that diminished attendance, but the participants were energetic and very much engaged. The issues discussed were those of farsighted significance in their content and inclusive in nature. For the business community, there was discussion of continued net neutrality and broadband coverage to allow for competitive internet commerce. There was support for

immigration reform that includes a path to citizenship, along with a recommendation to reverse Citizens United and its negative impact on our elections by declaring corporations are like people. I have a shirt that says "I'll believe corporations are like people when Texas executes one." It hasn't happened as yet.

There was much concern about the planet, the presence of greenhouse gases, pollution of our lakes and water sources and continued reliance on fossil fuels. Many new job opportunities will be added with the

promotion of green energy and renewable resources. Replenishment of our forests should be an aim as part of the global climate issues. Of course, there was the ongoing issue of repairs to the infrastructure which is grossly underfunded because tax breaks to corporations take precedent. There was concern about health care for an aging population and discussion about death with dignity for persons with illnesses where

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## History

### From the Brownton Bulletin archives

#### 100 Years Ago

**April 6, 1916**  
**O.C. Conrad, Editor**

R.J. Podratz, the furniture man, tells us he has plans and specifications completed for a large new store to be erected on his two lots just south of the Odd Fellows block. The new structure will be solid brick, 48 feet by 80 feet in size, and a full two stories high. Work will commence at once.

Art Brandt has taken the position of assistant at the local depot, where he will take up the art of telegraphy.

Louis and Paul Tadsen had an adventure Saturday morning that they would not care to repeat very soon. The kids got up bright and early and started in pursuit of muskrats along the Buffalo Creek. They were hunting from a boat, and as they passed under the railroad trestle their boat hit an obstruction, causing them to lose control, and a little further downstream the boat hit a tree, which turned it up sideways, lodging it against the trees. The boys managed to crawl out and get on top of it and then proceeded to use their lungs to holler for help. Because of the early hour, it took nearly an hour for anyone to hear their cries. Lee Arnold was the first to hear them, and rounded up help. By the use of long ropes, the men managed to land the boys safely, but it was thought for a time that the younger boy, Paul, would drown before he could be rescued. He perhaps would have met this fate had not Edward Mann waded into the stream up to his armpits, and used a long fishing pole to drag the boy to shore. Owing

to the fact that the creek is currently a raging river, it was thought to be nothing short of miraculous that the boys were saved.

#### 75 Years Ago

**April 3, 1941**  
**Milton D. Hakel, Editor**

Four men from McLeod County have been selected for the April quota of the selected service. They include Richard Kucera, Arthur S. Pokorney, Bronislaus J. Witucki and Raymond E. Howe.

Men are busy wrecking the Beatty residence in the east part of town. Art Hanke will build a new home there as soon as work can be started.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Grochow at the Hutchinson hospital, a son, on Thursday, March 27.

#### 50 Years Ago

**April 7, 1966**  
**Charles H. Warner, Editor**

A special election on proposed building additions to the Brown-ton Public School will be held Tuesday evening, April 12, from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. The school district is seeking authorization to issue \$250,000 in general obligation bonds to add onto the elementary wing, add girls and boys locker rooms, a music department room and a physical education room that could also be used for wrestling practice.

All incumbent officers of the Brown-ton Fire Department were re-elected Monday evening. They include Chief Elmer Podratz, Assistant Chief William Pinske, Secretary Lester Al-

sleben and Treasurer C.D. West. The resignations of two members, Marvin Spaude and Bruce Hakes, were accepted. One new member, Donovan Fischer, was added to the department.

Chuck Peik, former third baseman from the Brown-ton High School team, has been named the captain of the Mankato State College baseball team. He is a junior at the college.

#### 20 Years Ago

**April 3, 1996**  
**Lori Copler, Editor**

Peter Maiers of Lake Marion was one of two recipients of the 1995 state ethical deer hunter award, given by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. He was nominated by Julie Olson of Stewart, who said that Maiers took her son, Jeremy Gettel, under his wing after Gettel's father was seriously injured in a motorcycle accident. Maiers arranged for Gettel's first deer hunting experience.

#### 10 Years Ago

**April 5, 2006**  
**Lori Copler, Editor**

Form-A-Feed in Stewart will use the state of Minnesota's JOBZ program for an expansion project that will add 15 to 20 jobs at the animal feed and nutrition company. Marty Nelson Jr. of Form-A-Feed said the expansion will include a new, state-of-the-art manufacturing facility that will reduce waste.

Nathan and Stacy Zellmann of Brown-ton announce the birth of their daughter, Taryn Ann, on March 23, 2006. She joins an older sister, Alyssa Kaylynn.

#### Rich Glennie, Editor

The original inductees into the Glencoe-Silver Lake High School Hall of Fame were saluted last Saturday evening during a banquet at the Panther Field House. Inductees are Rick Witthus, Buz Rumrill, Dan Tschimperle, Jan Willand and Jerry Style. The GSL Panther Association plans to add four or five new inductees annually, choosing from names nominated by patrons of the school district.

Luke's Custom Framing, owned by Luke Grachek of Plato, opened for business this week. It is located inside through the Open Gate on Hennepin Avenue, which is owned by Grachek's sisters, Amanda Orloff and Anne Grachek, and his mother, LeAnn Grachek.

Ninth-grader Tate Haukos is the lone Glencoe-Silver Lake gymnast on this year's All-Wright County Conference team. Haukos placed 10th on floor exercise at the 2006 State Class A championships, and gained all-state honorable mention in three areas (floor exercise, uneven parallel bars and all-around).

Brian Franklin is the new head coach for softball at GSL, following nine years as junior varsity head coach and varsity assistant.

struction is expected to begin shortly on a 2,840-square-foot addition between the sanctuary and the education building. Work will be completed by October.

#### 20 Years Ago

**April 10, 1996**  
**Rich Glennie, Editor**

Glencoe Country Club's manager and golf pro are looking to change the image of the club as being an elitist organization. They will be offering programs that will cater to all types of people in an effort to boost the popularity of the sport.

The joint Glencoe-Silver Lake School Board agreed to experiment with the schedule at GSL Lakeside next school year by going to a five-period schedule for seventh and eighth graders. The new schedule will allow the school to better deal with the number of students it will have next year. It will meet the needs of the students more efficiently in the core subjects and in specialty classes like phy ed and industrial arts.

Handguns will be allowed for deer hunting in all of the state this year for the first time, under a Department of Natural Resources (DNR) rule change.

#### 10 Years Ago

**April 12, 2006**

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Clasen (Theresa Navratil) of New Germany, on Friday, March 25, 1966, at the Waconia Hospital, a boy, weight 9 pounds, 11 ounces.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Glen Smida (Lois Marie Snaza) of Winsted, on Thursday, March 10, 1966, a girl, Deborah Ann.

Saturday night, shortly before 10 p.m., the Silver Lake Fire Department made a run to the John Kucera farm in Rich Valley to quell a chimney fire. Late Wednesday afternoon, it was called to a fire in the LaSalle Cleaners truck in front of Phil Pilarski's.

Thieves again broke into Mal-lak's Elevator sometime during the night Monday. Cigarettes and candy were taken.

#### 25 Years Ago

**April 4, 1991**  
**Ken and Dorothy Merrill, Publishers**

Shari Miskosky and Matt Jaskowiak were named to girls and boys state, respectively, by the Silver Lake Legion and Silver Lake Legion Auxiliary.

### From the Chronicle archives

#### 30 Years Ago

**April 9, 1986**  
**Bill Ramige, Editor**

The Glencoe Municipal Liquor Store will close its on-sale business at midnight Wednesday, April 16. The time coincides with the expiration of the store's liability insurance. The City Council voted to close the on-sale rather than pay a 264 percent increase in the cost of the store's insurance premium. The city will continue its off-sale operation.

The intersection of Highway 212 and Morningside Avenue soon will become a four-way stop. The transportation department was asked to improve the intersection after a series of accidents last summer that included three fatalities.

State Rep. Gary Schafer, I-R, Gibbon, posed with Gov. Rudy Perpich and state Sen. Bill Diessner when Perpich signed the bill making 21 the legal drinking age. The law becomes effective on Sept. 1, 1986.

Carrie Weber, Marc Kuehl, Michelle Krcil and Tom Schmidt, all members of the Eagles 1 bowling team, placed second in the state Special Olympics April 4 and 5 in St. Cloud.

First Congregational Church of Glencoe is embarking on a \$200,000 building project. Con-

### From the Silver Lake Leader archives

#### 75 Years Ago

**April 5, 1941**  
**Delbert Merrill, Publisher**

Joseph Lopour, 48, Hale town farmer, died at Hutchinson Community Hospital on April 2. Funeral services were set for April 4 at the Nuwash Funeral Home and the Presbyterian church.

Silver Lake community furnishes three boys and Glencoe one, of the quota for the April 3 call for army service. The young men reported April 3. They are Richard Kucera, Arthur Pokorny, Bronislaus Witucki and Raymond Howe.

Funeral services Thursday morning followed the death of Joseph Wozniak on April 1 at his home in Silver Lake.

Word has been received that the seeds donated by the people in McLeod County and sent in by the home demonstration agent have been received in England.

#### 50 Years Ago

**March 31, 1966**  
**Wilbert Merrill, Publisher**

### From the Stewart Tribune archives

#### 100 Years Ago

**April 7, 1916**  
**Koeppen Brothers, Editors**

Eddie Bethke last Saturday morning "April fooled" so many people that a couple of them got busy formulating plans to get even. Wayne Dunlap happened to know Eddie was expecting an incubator by freight, and enlisted friends to find a suitable dry goods box, which they filled with scraps of lumber, etc., until it passed for an incubator crate. Eddie was then notified by the depot that his incubator had arrived. After unloading the crate from a freight car, Eddie carefully wheeled it to the house, where he started to unpack, realizing very shortly that it was April 1 and he had been the subject of a prank.

Gust Bethke, who recently bought out John Buhr's farming equipment, this week moved out to the Dols farm just north of town, which has been occupied by the Buhr family for the past few years, and will farm this summer.

Albert Bethke now wears the badge of marshal, having been appointed by the village council at Wednesday evening's meeting. He replaces Gust Bethke, who is going into farming.

#### 75 Years Ago

**April 4, 1941**  
**Harry Koeppen, Editor**

Saturday is to be an eventful day in the history of the First State Bank of Stewart, for it is to be the day of the official opening of that new and modern banking

institution. That magnificent new structure, 28 feet by 50 feet, has been completed and all fixtures installed. Coffee and donuts will be served to all who visit the building between 1 and 4 p.m. Saturday.

A crew of six men, four of whom are local, have been at work this week erecting a new bulk oil plant for the Socony-Vacuum Company of New York. The four tanks, which will hold a total of 52,000 gallons, were unloaded here Monday, along with a vast quantity of sheet metal. The entire plant will be located in the railroad right of way just diagonally across from the depot.

Fred Wagner, oldest resident of the village of Stewart, passed away at his home Tuesday night following an illness of about three weeks. Deceased was 92 years of age and had been in good health up to a few weeks ago. Funeral services will be held Saturday afternoon.

Nineteen children will be confirmed at St. Paul's Lutheran Church on Palm Sunday. Class members include Gladys Winterfeldt, Eloise Rettmann, May Podratz, Zella Woller, Alpha Gehrke, Delores Blum, Shirley Wangerin, LeAnn Penk, Elaine Witte, Lillian Lipke, Doris Scott, Delbert Podratz, Leroy Gehrke, Wesley Wagner, Melvin Blum, Wallace Quandt, Jay Warmdahl, Dale Bethke and Clarence Patzold.

#### 50 Years Ago

**April 7, 1966**  
**Kermit T. Hubin, Editor**

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imminent death is the outcome. Oregon has a law that allows people to make choices about this issue, and it is not abused.

When the conversation got especially lively was when the topic of pre-kindergarten classes for 4-year-old children. There were educators in the group and the advantages of this were discussed at length. The long-range benefits could include getting the children engaged in education at an early age to get them started on the "same page" as their peers who had advantages that parental wealth could provide. Once the child is "left behind," it is extremely difficult to catch up. Social integration at this age is much easier because children don't see differences, they see playmates and friends. Long-range benefits are an educat-

ed work force, giving children a fair shake at the "American Dream," and trying to level the playing field. Statistics from "Head Start" program were for every dollar invested, there was an \$8 payback. Where can you get that kind of ROI — business talk for return on investment.

Follow-up discussion on this issue was held at my Thursday morning group of diverse people, where one of our members is also on the School Board. He indicated there was much more to consider other than just wanting it to happen. There are physical plants, facilitator training, curriculum, etc., so this is a definite long-range plan to bring this about. Would this be worth it in the long run? Yes — the benefits to society, the work place, law enforcement, judicial issues, even in-

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Bulau (Shirley Koebnick), a son, Robert Allan, at the Renville County Hospital on Friday, April 1. He joins three sisters and one brother.

Effective April 6, Superintendent S.W. Clasen of the Stewart Public Schools accepted a position with the Minnesota Department of Education in the Adult Education Division. He tendered his resignation at the school board meeting Monday evening. He has served as the Stewart superintendent for nearly 11 years.

Confirmation services were conducted at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in Fernando Sunday. Those confirmed were Lois Proehl, Charles Rettig, LaMae Schiroo and Eileen Ziemann.

#### 35 Years Ago

**April 2, 1981**  
**Douglas G. Seitz, Editor**

A fund drive to raise \$80,000 in pledges to develop a medical clinic in Stewart will begin shortly. The fund drive is the outcome of a community meeting held Thursday, March 26.

Stewart's population dropped by 50 people between 1970 and 1980, according to preliminary census reports. The 1980 population is 616, down from the 1970 figure of 666.

Russell Korson, 12, won first place in the 76-pound weight class of the Jaycees state wrestling tournament held last Saturday in Parkers Prairie.

carcerations would decrease. These are complex issues, but I think it would be a start in the right direction.

All in all, I was encouraged by the young people who were at the convention by their concern for not only the immediate future, but their far-reaching concern for the planet, society, jobs, health care, and political implications of elections. These are the people who have to live in the world that we (of a certain age) have created. We need to be there to help them shape the world in which they want to live by helping them realize some of the ideas that were discussed at this gathering.

Not once was there mention of bathrooms for transgender persons.

**Jan Conner**  
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# Holy Trinity releases honor roll

Holy Trinity School released its 2015-16 honor roll for the third quarter for students in fifth through 12th grade.

### "A" honor roll

Fifth grade: Elizabeth Lachermeier, Sarah Mendiola, Hallie Millerbernd, Allison Pokornowski and Carly Wolter.

Sixth grade: Aaron Bebo, Rebecca Fasching, Lucy Hertel, Paul Heuer, Evelyn Lachermeier, Jennifer Lushman and Joey Swartzter.

Seventh grade: Jayden Gray and Warren Wolter.

Eighth grade: Zoe Edlund and Andrew Merz.

Ninth grade: Katlyn Pokornowski and Emily Swartzter.

10th grade: Grace Dietrich, Jenna Dolezal and Sally Yin.

11th grade: Emily Darsow, Carrie Ogram and Julia Pelzel.

12th Grade: Nicole Entinger, Shelby Fasching, Paige Hausladen, Sunny Huynh, Alicia Swartzter, Caydin Wolter and Katie Yang.

### "B" honor roll

Fifth grade: Thomas Fasching and Crystal Gunderson.

Sixth grade: Sophie Dolezal, Isaiah Essen, Isabella Geislinger, Matthew Mendiola, Andrew Mendoza, Elizabeth Mochinski, Hannah Siepker and Tiffany Vorlicek.

Seventh grade: Elizabeth Anderson, John Mendiola and Matthew Wood.

Eighth grade: Jack Lushman, Simon Mendoza, Zachary Siepker.

Ninth grade: Michael Dietz, Elijah Essen and Nathaniel Hausladen.

10th grade: Amanda Hoff.

11th grade: Stephanie Hoffman and Evelyn Penas.

12th grade: Nichole Felder, and Silvia Krzmarzick.



Submitted photos

## Dairy association honors

The McLeod County Dairy Association hosted its 63rd spring banquet and princess coronation Saturday, April 2. The 2016-17 dairy princesses, pictured above, are, from left, Cheyenne Schmidt, daughter of Ron and Denise

Schmidt of Hutchinson; Ashle Lukes, daughter of Michael and Reada Lukes of Lester Prairie; and Sierra Swanson, daughter of David and Kari Swanson of Hutchinson. Cheyenne Schmidt also was named Miss Congeniality.



Mindy Jeurissen, left, of Lester Prairie, pictured with Blake Klaustermeier, was named the farm woman of the year.



Shari and Paul Schultz of Silver Lake received the Friend of Dairy award at the banquet. The Butter Knife Award was given to Below Zero Frozen Yogurt of Hutchinson (not pictured).



Announced as 2016-17 McLeod County Dairy Ambassadors are, from left, Emma Friauf, daughter of Wayne and Teri Friauf of Glencoe; Mckenzie Swanson, daughter of David and Kari Swanson of Hutchinson; Alexis Kubista, daughter of Tabatha and Raymond Kubista of Lester Prairie; Julia Ramige, daughter of Jenny and Jon Ramige of

Silver Lake; Kiley Lickfelt, daughter of Trudy and Ryan Lickfelt of Hutchinson; Elizabeth Krienke, daughter of Kraig and Rachelle Krienke of Lester Prairie; and Breanna and Allison Wright, daughters of Paul and Heather Wright of Hutchinson. Breanna Wright was named a STAR ambassador.

## Shimanski, Chaffee attend annual NAWB conference to hear workforce discussions

Commissioner Ron Shimanski, McLeod County, member of the Central Minnesota Joint Powers Board, and Barbara Chaffee, chief executive officer of the Minnesota Jobs and Training Services and executive director to the Central Minnesota Workforce Development Board, attended the National Association of Workforce Boards (NAWB) annual conference, Forum 2016, Technology Community Transformation, in Washington, D.C., March 12-15. Members of the Central Minnesota Delegation also visited the Hill and met with U.S. Sen. Al Franken and Congressmen Rick Nolan and Tom Emmer.

Forum 2016 themes centered on embracing technology, community, and transformation in addressing the needs of businesses, career seekers, and local economies to build competitive capacity. Attendees considered current industry workforce needs,

labor market intelligence, reinventing training and education systems, overcoming complex social challenges, and elevating board and staff performance.

U.S. Deputy Secretary of Labor Christopher Lu welcomed the attendees. Keynote speaker Vivek Wadhwa, academic, researcher, writer and entrepreneur, challenged the audience to think about using technologies to solve global challenges in education and basic needs. "What impact do new abilities in robotics, artificial intelligence, 3D printing, synthetic biology, and computing have on our lives as citizens and contributors to the economy?"

NAWB represents business-led Workforce Development Boards that coordinate and leverage workforce strategies with education and economic development stakeholders within local communities to ensure that state and local workforce development and

job training programs meet the needs of employers, and that the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act is successfully implemented.

Also representing the Central Minnesota Workforce Development Board and Joint Powers Board at the NAWB 2016 Forum were Commissioner Richard Greene, Chisago County; Commissioner Steve Hallan, Pine County; Commissioner Christine Husom, Wright County; and Commissioner Randy Kramer, Renville County. Central Minnesota WDB business representatives to NAWB were Trish Taylor, board chair and co-owner of Taylor Land Surveyors, Monticello; Loren Nelson, board vice chair and president of Aurelius Manufacturing Co., Braham; and Spencer Bjerger, board director, of Riverwood Bank, Monticello.



## Weather Corner

By Jake Yurek

An active middle portion of the week will give way to a pleasant weekend as we continue to transition into spring.

We'll have to deal with a couple low pressure systems through the middle part of the week with Tuesday being our best chance of rain or mix showers. A second low will move through the area early Thursday, bringing another chance of mostly rain showers. At this point if we see any snow from either system it would be very light.

Once we push out the Thursday system things should clear out Friday into the weekend. Friday we'll have to deal with cooler temperatures with highs struggling to make it out of the 30s. Saturday and Sunday we should warm up nicely into the 50s and maybe even lower 60s for some on Sunday if everything pans out. We may have to deal with a scattered shower or two Sunday, but I'm not really worried about it much at this point.

Taking a look at the extended shows a slight cool-down early in the week pushing highs back down into the 40s; no big storms on the horizon.

Have a great April week, everyone!

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Wednesday night — Lows 30-36; clouds and mixed showers.

Thursday — Highs 41-47, lows 24-30; early showers and clouds.

Friday — Highs 36-42, lows 24-30; mostly clear.

Saturday — Highs 48-56, lows 31-37; mostly clear.

Sunday — Highs 50-58; partly cloudy, possible shower.

Weather Quiz: Why does it seem to be more windy this time of year?

Answer to last week's question (Do we have to worry about severe weather in April?): Although rare, we do have to worry about severe weather in April. There have been a few instances where tornadoes and strong tornadoes have shown their ugly heads in Minnesota in April. A couple that stand out were the Sauk Rapids tornado on April 14, 1886, and an eight-tornado outbreak on April 30, 1967, near Waseca, a few of those being very strong at F4. And don't forget in 1998 the St Peter/Comfrey tornado outbreak actually hit in March March 29, 1998, with 13 confirmed tornadoes.

Remember: I make the forecast, not the weather!

## Silver Lake City Council

Regular Meeting

Monday, April 11, 6:30 p.m.

Agenda

Call to order.

Approve Agenda.

Consent Agenda:

- Approve minutes of the March 21, 2016, regular meeting.

- Approve payroll 6 and March ambulance.

- Claims to be paid.

Old Business:

- Review engineering proposals for storm sewer comprehensive study and sanitary sewer main replacement on Cleveland Street from East Avenue to Grove Avenue.

- Review results of televising along Main Street East.

- Review proposed storm water utility ordinance.

- Discuss economic development ideas.

New Business

- Building inspector's quarterly report.

- Budget review for 2016.

## 17 Brownton seniors meet

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

Winning at cards were Gladys Rickert, first, and Audrey Tongen, second, 500; Ordell Klucas, first, and Phyllis Mahnke, second, pinochle;

and Lil Lindeman, first, and Norma Albrecht, second, sheephead.

Verona Katzenmeyer won the door prize. Rita Plendl served refreshments.

The next meeting will be Monday, April 11, at 1 p.m. All area seniors are welcome.

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## Community Calendar

**Thurs., April 7** — AA Group mtg. next to Post Office in Stewart, 8 p.m., call 320-212-5290 for info.

**Mon., April 11** — Tops Weigh-In mtg., 5-5:30 p.m.; Brownton Senior Citizens Club, Brownton Community Center, 1 p.m.; Stewart City Council, 7 p.m., Edward Ewald Post 143 of Brownton & Auxiliary, Brownton Community Center, 7:30 p.m.; Brownton Legion; Blood Drive, Hutchinson High School, 1200 Roberts Rd., Hutchinson, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

**Tues., April 12** — Great MN Republican Women, Harmony River Living Center, 1555 Sherwood St. SE, Hutchinson, 6:30 p.m.; Blood Drive, Peace Lutheran Church, 400 Franklin St., Hutchinson, 12-6 p.m.

**Thurs., April 14** — AA Group mtg. next to Post Office in Stewart, 8 p.m., call 320-212-5290 for info.; Meeker-McLeod-Sibley Community Health Services community health board mtg., McLeod County HHW/Solid Waste, 1065 Fifth Ave. SE, Hutchinson, 9:30-10:30 a.m.; Blood Drive, Ridgewater College, 2 Century Ave., Hutchinson, 9 a.m.- 2p.m.; Blood Drive, Brownton Community Center, 310 Second St. N., Brownton, 1-7 p.m.



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## People

### Hutch man on a lucky streak

Kent Erickson of Hutchinson is on a lucky streak, according to the Minnesota State Lottery. Erickson recently won \$50,000 playing the \$13 million Cash Explosion game and \$5,000 playing the Quest for Cash game. Erickson claimed the prizes on March 26. Both tickets were sold at Hutchinson Outpost, Inc., 1201 N Main St., Hutchinson.

### Baby boy to Rendon family

Nicole and Mario Rendon of Winthrop announce the birth of their son, Yzreyel Juan-Francisco Rendon, born March 27, 2016, at Glencoe Regional Health Services. Yzreyel weighed 10 pounds, 11 ounces, and was 21½ inches long. He is welcomed home by four brothers and two sisters. Grandparents are Brian and Lori Buckentin of Green Isle, Tim and Marie Drake of Mankato and Antonia Cabral-Rendon of Twin Falls Idaho. Great-grandma is Ramona Buckentin of Arlington and great-aunt is Melanee Buckentin of Green Isle.

### Son born to Glencoe couple

Ashley Rae and Parker Fritts announce the birth of their son, Brantley Parker Fritts, born March 28, 2016, at Hutchinson Health. Brantley weighed 8 pounds, 13 ounces, and was 21 inches long. Grandparents are Scott and Rayne Rae of Glencoe and Dave and Kathy Biron of Henderson.

### Kruschke attends U law

Kaylee Kruschke, a 2012 Glencoe-Silver Lake high school graduate, has been accepted at and has committed to the University of Minnesota Law School's class of 2019. Kruschke is the daughter of Chris and Lynette Kruschke of Glencoe.

### Grant received Ph.D.

Stephanie Grant of Urbana, Illinois received her Ph.D. in accounting at the University of Illinois. Grant has accepted a position as an assistant professor of accounting at the University of Washington in Seattle. She is the daughter of Jeff and Katherine Grant of Glencoe.

## GSL High School band, choir students compete in state

On April 2, 87 members of the Glencoe-Silver Lake High School bands and choirs participated in the state section solo/ensemble contest at Minnesota State University Mankato. This contest is sponsored by the Minnesota State High School League and allows students to perform instrumental and vocal solos and small ensembles before a certified adjudicator. The following received the highest rating of "superior."

#### Band Solos

Lili Mallak and Laura Popelka, clarinet solos; Lilly Nikkel and Maggie Petersen, flute solos; Paul Lemke and Josh Kuehn, snare drum solos; Leah Bettcher, bassoon solo; Robin Swift, euphonium solo; Jack Gepson, trumpet solo.

#### Band Ensembles

Jazz I: Taryn Reichow, Emily Thalmann, Grace Garoutte, Lili Mallak, Brandi Pikal, Maddie Kuehn, Jacob Reichow, Jack Gepson, Morgyn Robinson, Robin Swift, Jessica Alsleben, Jake Vasek, Isaac Swift, Kyle Wanous, Amanda Husted, Josh Kuehn, Leah Bettcher, Laura Popelka and Dallas Durbin.

Concert flute: Maggie Petersen, Daria Fegly, Marissa Kirchoff, Erica Hecksel, Grei Butterfield, Morgyn Robinson, Taryn Reichow and Leah Bettcher.

Concert clarinet: Laura

Popelka, Lili Mallak, Rachel Reichow, Mariah Koester, Dini Schweikert, Cora Kuras, Morgan Stoeckman, Sierra Trebesch, Darrin Emery and Leah Bettcher.

Concert saxophone: Taryn Reichow, Micki Frahm, Oscar Pena, Lili Mallak, Brandi Pikal and Thomas Villarreal.

Concert brass: Jack Gepson, Dallas Durbin, Michaela Neyers, Jessica Alsleben, Robin Swift and Kyle Wanous.

Concert percussion (small): Josh Kuehn, Maggie Petersen, Tina Bonillo, Dini Schweikert, Paul Lemke, Adam Garoutte, Katie Twiss and Amanda Husted.

Concert percussion (large): Maggie Petersen, Grei Butterfield, Rachel Reichow, Dini Schweikert, Cora Kuras, Darrin Emery, Taryn Reichow, Thomas Villarreal, Jack Gepson, Dallas Durbin, Macy Rhodes, Michaela Neyers, Jessica Alsleben, Adam Garoutte, Paul Lemke, Tina Bonillo and Amanda Husted.

Symphonic flute duet: Lilly Nikkel and Haley Lukes.

Symphonic woodwind: Rachel Reichow, Veronica Tkachenko, Megan Fehrenbach, Kaleigh Rumrill, Annamaria Falcon, Cadi Brooks, Carlee Oberlin, Hayley Bolland and Brianna Wraspir.

Symphonic saxophone: Emily Thalmann, Hayley Bolland, Katrina Tkachenko

and Brianna Wraspir.

Symphonic mixed: Lilly Nikkel, Veronica Tkachenko, Kaleigh Rumrill, Annamaria Falcon, Hayley Bolland, Katrina Tkachenko, Brianna Wraspir, Will Mickolichuk, Emily Ward, Kimberley Kuenzel, Destiney Exsted, Kaitlyn Uecker, Nathan Welch, Bethany Cross, Cole Novack and Maren Warner.

Symphonic percussion: Charles Urban, Ben Olson, Grace Draeger, Hayley Bolland, Veronica Tkachenko, Kaleigh Rumrill, Nathan Welch, Emily Ward and Brianna Wraspir.

#### Vocal Solos

Maren Warner and Marisa Luchsinger, contralto; Emmi Jerabek, Faith Havlik, Elise Petersen and Rachel Bolderman, soprano; Haley Kirchoff, violin; Paige Ackerson, Madelin Kuehn and Brooke Noeldner, mezzo soprano; Jake Fehrenbach, baritone.

#### Vocal Ensembles

"Three Coral Settings": Rachel Bolderman, Lili Mallak and Leah Peterson.

"Ave Verum": Rachel Bolderman, Elise Petersen, Madison Posusta, Maren Warner, Robin Swift, Madeline Kuehn, Brooke Noeldner, Marissa Kirchoff, Marisa Luchsinger, Jordan Wildey, Kyle Wanous, Isaac Swift, Jake Fehrenbach and Jake Vasek.

"The Kerry Dance": Made-

line Kuehn and Layne Herrmann.

"Sentimental Journey": Elise Petersen, Madeline Kuehn, Layne Herrmann, and Marisa Luchsinger.

"Beside Still Waters": Marissa Kirchoff and Jake Fehrenbach.

"Skye Boat Song": Emmi Jerabek and Marisa Luchsinger

"Somewhere Above the Clouds": Emmi Jerabek, Layne Herrmann and Brooke Noeldner

"Just as I am, I Come": Elise Petersen and Brooke Noeldner.

Several vocal performances also received an "excellent" rating.

#### Vocal Solos

Alex Endres, baritone; Payton Lillienthal, mezzo soprano; Haley Lukes, contralto.

#### Vocal Ensembles

"Poor Wayfaring Stranger": Paige Ackerson and Becca Ackerson.

"In Christ Alone": Payton Lillienthal and Stephanie Welch

"Johnny Has Gone for a Soldier": Emily Orocio, Jessica Brusven, Sierra Trebesch and Morgan Stockman.

"Come in from the Firefly Darkness": Faith Havlik, Paige Anderson and Jordan Dolittle.

"In the Bleak Midwinter": Bryanna Paul and Leah Bettcher.



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### Preschool learns mini lawn care

Silver Lake Faith Preschool students learned mini lawn care last month with their containers of grass. Each student planted, watered and cut their own plant. They added a cross as well for the Easter holiday. Pictured above from left, are back row, Matthew Madson, Clayton Marvan, Summer Blazinski and Jack Schauer; middle row, Lucas Schauer and Karlson Buboltz; and front row, Kinsley Morris.



Submitted Photo

### Holy Trinity local science fair

Holy Trinity School in Winsted hosted a local science fair on March 10. St. Pius X fourth-grader Reese Magnuson won the highest award, a purple ribbon, and will move on to the regional science fair at the University of Minnesota, Mankato on April 30. Holy Trinity fourth-graders Haily Lacina, Owen Niesen and Leo Hertel also won purple ribbons and will advance to the regional fair as well.



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### GSL 4th-graders learn about energy

The hands of fourth-graders from Lakeside Elementary School in the Glencoe-Silver Lake district shot up, eager to show what they had learned about electricity. The excitement was generated at a special presentation on March 23 about energy sponsored by the Minnesota Municipal Power Agency (MMPA), wholesale power supplier to the city of Brownton electric utility. MMPA's Energy Education Program will

celebrate a key milestone this year – serving more than 10,000 fourth graders during a five-year period. The program, specifically designed to integrate into Minnesota's fourth-grade science standards, uses interactive activities to teach students how electricity is generated from multiple sources – fossil fuels, wind, solar, bio-fuels and water – as well as how it is transmitted and used.



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### GSL BPA competes at state

The Glencoe-Silver Lake Chapter of Business Professionals of America (BPA) participated in state individual and team events from March 10 through March 12 in Minneapolis. Several students advanced to the second level of competition and will compete at the National Leadership Conference in Boston May 5 through May 9. These students include Alexander Romano, Mark Lueders, Moriah Maunu, Taylor Novak, Faith Rakow, Elli Schmidt, Maggie Petersen, Dini Schweikert, Austin Pinske, Lindsay Wedin, Mitchell Beneke, Jacob Fehrenbach, Madeline Kuehn, Katherine Twiss, Amanda Husted and Michael Schaefer. Pictured above are all GSL BPA competitors, from left, front row, Rachel Reichow,

Hattie Dreier-Schultz, Schweikert, Schmidt and Madison Posusta; middle row, Advisor Tom Kenney, Fehrenbach, Rakow, Hannah Kunkel, Cora Kunas, Madilynn Anderson, Cortney Konen, Erika Ribar, Shawna Goettl, Arissa Waibel, Novak, Maunu, Husted, Twiss and Wedin; back row, Pinske, Kade Haflund, Romano, Mithcell Rothstein, Lueders, Beneke, Petersen, Mackenzie Davis, Dylan Schith, Schaefer and Jenna Lokensgard. Not pictured is Kuehn.



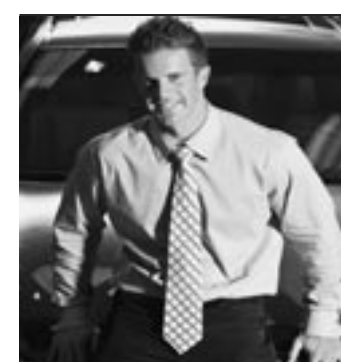
#### Important Information Regarding Property Assessments This may affect your 2017 property taxes

The Board of Appeal and Equalization for Hale Township will meet on April 13, 2016, 7 p.m. at Hale Township Hall, Silver Lake, MN 55381. The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued and classified by the assessor.

If you believe the value or classification of your property is incorrect, please contact your assessor's office to discuss your concerns. If you disagree with the valuation or classification after discussing it with your assessor, you may appear before the local board of appeal and equalization. The board will review your assessments and may make corrections as needed. Generally, you must appeal to the local board before appealing to the county board of appeal and equalization.

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## Obituaries

### John William Droege, 99, of Plato

John William Droege, 99, of rural Plato, died Tuesday, March 29, 2016, at Glencoe Regional Health Services Long Term Care in Glencoe.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, April 5, at Emanuel Lutheran Church in Hamburg with the Rev. Donald Andrix officiating. Cheryl Andrix was the organist. Soloist Dan Sprengeler sang "The Lord's Prayer." Congregational hymns were "Amazing Grace," "How Great Thou Art" and "I Know That My Redeemer Lives."

Casket bearers were Matthew Johnson, Nicholas Johnson, Brian Thalman, John Sprengeler, Jim Sprengeler and Alan Engelmann.

Interment was in the church cemetery.

John William Droege was born March 21, 1917, at home in McLeod County, the son of Ernst and Dorothea (Mehlhop) Droege. He was baptized as an infant on April 8, 1917, by the Rev. H.J. Boumann, and was confirmed

in his faith as a youth on March 29, 1931, both at Emanuel Lutheran Church in Hamburg. He received his education in Glencoe, graduating from Stevens Seminary in 1934.

On Oct. 26, 1979, he was united in marriage to Elizabeth "Betty" (Christopherson) Johnson by the Rev. L. Meyer at Emanuel Lutheran Church in Hamburg. The couple made their home on the family farm in rural Plato, and their marriage was blessed with Betty's children and grandchildren, whom Mr. Droege loved as his own. The couple shared over 36 years of marriage.

Mr. Droege farmed in Helen Township with his brother Otto and his stepson Mark Johnson. He was a lifelong active member of Emanuel Lutheran Church in Hamburg. He also was a member of the local ditch committee and served as an election judge for Helen Township.

Mr. Droege was an honest and hardworking man, taking great pride in giving his best and doing it right. He enjoyed deer hunting, fishing, trapping, traveling and watching sport, which he loved to attend and cheer on his grand-

sons. He cherished the time spent with his family and friends.

When he needed assistance with his daily care, he became a resident of Glencoe Regional Health Services Long Term Care in March 2015.

He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth "Betty" Droege of Glencoe; stepson, Mark (Joan) Johnson of Plato; grandchildren, Matthew (Ashley) Johnson and Nicholas (Amanda) Johnson; great-grandchildren, Brenden Johnson, Jordan Johnson and Tyson Johnson; nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ernst and Dorothea Droege; stepdaughter, Denise Johnson; brothers, Otto Droege and Albert (and wife Evangeline) Droege; and sisters and their husbands, Bertha and Art Tiefel, Alice and George Cunningham and Dorothy and Herbert Schwartz.

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

### Bernard L. Mansager, 73, of Glencoe

Bernard "Bernie" LeRoy Mansager, 73, of Glencoe, died Tuesday, March 29, 2016, at Glencoe Regional Health Services.

Memorial services were held Saturday, April 2, at Christ Lutheran Church in Glencoe with the Rev. Katherine Rood officiating. Twyla Kirkeby was the organist. Soloist Marcia Miller sang "Amazing Grace" and "The Lord's Prayer." Congregational hymns were "In the Garden," "How Great Thou Art" and "What a Friend We Have in Jesus."

Honorary urn bearers were Louis Anderson, David Olson, Rodney Pierson, Louis Graupmann, Janet Meyer, Roger Meyer, Roger Line, Dennis Preble, Jim Stepien and Wayne Ebeling. Urn bearer was Jeff Mansager.

Interment will be at a later date in the Elm Creek Cemetery in Trimont.

Bernard "Bernie" LeRoy Mansager was born March 4, 1943, in Fairmont, the son of Bernard O. and Faye (McLellan) Mansager. He was baptized on Sept. 17, 1950, by the Rev. Ralph Sandberg, and was later confirmed in his

faith on May 25, 1958, by the Rev. Oliver Berglund, both at First Lutheran Church in Trimont. He received his education at a country school in rural Trimont and was a graduate of the Trimont High School class of 1961. He furthered his education by attending Minnesota West Community & Technical College in Jackson, receiving a degree in 1970. He entered active military service in the U.S. Army on Jan. 22, 1962, and served his country as a private first class. He received an honorable discharge on Dec. 18, 1963.

On June 29, 1968, he was united in marriage to Judith "Judy" Kay Ask by the Rev. Jim Schatz at St. Paul's United Church of Christ in Welcome. The couple made their home in Fairmont and moved to Glencoe in 1971. Their marriage was blessed with two sons, Jeff and Alan. They shared over 47 years of marriage.

Mr. Mansager worked at 3M in Fairmont in the late 1960s. He held various positions at United Telephone System (Sprint) from 1970 until his retirement in 2000. He was a member of Christ Lutheran Church in Glencoe.

Mr. Mansager enjoyed spectator sports, including all Minnesota teams, and as a youth played football, basketball, baseball and ran track.

He loved history, refinishing antique furniture and collecting coins. He treasured the time spent with his family and friends.

He is survived by his wife, Judith "Judy" Mansager of Glencoe; sons, Jeff Mansager of Glencoe and Alan (Sarah) Mansager of Waconia; grandchildren, Theodore Mansager, Ryan Mansager, Kristina Mansager, Alex Mansager and Jake Mansager; brothers, Dick Mansager of St. Paul and James (Marilyn) Mansager of Shoreview; sisters, Linda Schultz of Sherburn and Cheryl McGowen of Fairmont; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Frances Mansager of Norwalk, Connecticut; Joan (Jerry) Engstrom of St. James, Alan (Juanita) Ask of Dunnell and John (Bonnie) Ask of Oakdale; nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Bernard O. and Faye Mansager; infant son, Thomas James Mansager; stepfather, Harold Hoelmer; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Ted and Hulda Ask; brother, John Mansager; and sister-in-law, Lila Mansager.

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

### James Reed, 75, formerly of Glencoe

James W. Reed, 75, died of pancreatic cancer on Wednesday, March 30, 2016, at his daughter's home in Byron.

A memorial service and visitation were held Saturday, April 2, at Macken Funeral Home in Rochester.

Jim Reed was born Oct. 2, 1940, in Minneapolis, to an unwed mother, and was adopted by Clarence and Marian Reed of Glencoe. He graduated from Glencoe High School, where he met and married his high school sweetheart, Dana Schultz, on April 29, 1961, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Glencoe.

The couple lived in Glencoe until 1987, when they moved to a home on Lake

Minnie Belle near Litchfield. Mr. Reed worked as a mechanic at Harpel Brothers Chevrolet in Glencoe for seven years and 3M in Hutchinson for 30 years, until taking early retirement in 1996. He and his wife then bought and managed the St. Cloud Campground & RV Park for seven years. After selling the campground, they became "full timers," living in their motor home, traveling to 43 states. Most years, they wintered in Florida and spent summers in Minnesota near Lake Mille Lacs. The past two summers they spent in Wabasha.

Mr. Reed enjoyed being outdoors and fixing things. They owned a cabin in the Park Rapids area for 17 years, enjoying time with family and friends, fishing, water skiing and snowmobiling. He also enjoyed racing stock cars in St. Peter, watching NASCAR, riding motor-

cycle, boating on the Mississippi River and playing cards.

He is survived by his wife of almost 55 years, Dana; daughter, Shelly (Dale) O'Groske of Byron; grandchildren, Reed and Ryan O'Groske of Byron; half brother, Charles (Kathy) Gardner of Pinellas Park, Fla.; half sister, Carol (Steve) Geisler of Port Orchard, Wash.; and his AFS exchange student daughter, Astrid Amaya de Pineda of Tegucigalpa, Honduras, who visited in March 2016.

He was preceded in death by his adoptive parents, Clarence and Marian Reed; birth parents, Marion Lorenzen and Henry Gardner; and half brother, Albury Gardner.

Arrangements were with the Macken Funeral Home in Rochester. Online condolences can be made at www.mackenfuneralhome.com.

### Bruce Wolff, 69, of Arlington

Bruce Wolff, 69, of Arlington, died Wednesday, March 30, 2016, at North Memorial Medical Center in Robbinsdale.

A memorial service will be held Friday, April 8, at 11 a.m., at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Arlington. A time for family and friends to gather will take place from 9 a.m. until service time Friday at the church. Interment will be in the church cemetery. Kolden Fu-

neral Home of Arlington is assisting the family with arrangements.

Bruce Stanley Wolff was born on June 20, 1946, in Glencoe, to Lloyd and Ruth (Streich) Wolff. He farmed with his father as well as working for the railroad and digging graves with Herbert Nickel. He also worked at the LeSueur Foundry for almost 30 years. Mr. Wolff loved to watch and feed the birds. He was an avid flower gardener

and an excellent groundskeeper of his farm yard. He was a lifelong member of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Arlington.

He is survived by a sister Charlene and her husband Bill Lidberg of Silver Lake.

He was preceded in death by his parents, sister Diane Grack and nephew Darris Grack.

## Death

### Marion Templin, 87, of Waconia

Marion Templin, 87, of Waconia, formerly of New Germany, died Monday, April 4, 2016, at Good Samaritan Society in Waconia.

Funeral services will be

held Monday, April 11, at 11 a.m., at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in New Germany, within interment in the church cemetery in rural New Germany.

Visitation will be Saturday, April 10, from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m., with a prayer service at 7 p.m., at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in New Germany.

Visitation will continue one hour prior to the service at the church on Monday.

Arrangements are with the Paul-McBride Funeral Chapel in Norwood Young America. An online guest book is available at www.hantge.com.

## Planting dates can affect decisions

Source: Dave Nicolai, Extension educator, crops, University of Minnesota Extension.

Few decisions for corn production are as important as those related to planting. Hybrid selection, row width, planting date, and planting rate can influence corn yield and net return. Decisions related to planting rate are especially important, since seed represents around 15 percent of the total cost of corn production. Dr. Jeff Coulter, University of Minnesota Extension Corn Specialist provides the following guidelines for consideration about corn planting dates and planting populations:

Maximum corn yield is generally obtained when planting occurs in late April or early May. In years when spring arrives early, a mid-April planting date also will produce similar yield if young plants are not damaged by a freeze in May. In years when there are few growing degree days during late April and the first half of May, maximum corn yield also can be obtained when planting occurs in mid-May.

Typically there is a rapid decline in corn yield as planting is delayed beyond mid-May. However, advantages from timely planting according to the calendar can be



## Farm Notes

By Nathan Winter

negated if planting occurs when soils are too wet. When corn planting is delayed beyond the third week in May, switching late-maturity hybrids to earlier-maturity hybrids reduces the risk of corn freezing in the fall before it has reached maturity. Research from Illinois and Minnesota indicates that the optimum final plant population for corn is not affected by planting date.

Planting rates of 34,000 to 36,000 seeds per acre maximize net return in most fields. Optimum planting rates tend to be near or above the high end of this range for early maturity hybrids (96-day relative maturity or earlier, and especially for hybrids less than 90-day relative maturity). While optimum planting rate differs somewhat among hybrids, hybrid selection generally impacts yield more than fine tuning planting rate by hybrid.

The economic optimum planting rate for corn is related to yield level. Research in

the U.S. Corn Belt has shown that the optimum planting rate increases by about 800 to 1,000 seeds per acre for each 10 bushels per acre increase in yield level. Too high of a planting rate generally does not reduce corn yield, but does reduce net return. In recent trials in northwestern Minnesota where growing season rainfall was just 10 to 15 inches, grain yield ranged from 100 to 130 bushels per acre and was not reduced with final stands up to 44,000 plants per acre.

High corn yields can still be obtained if planting is delayed until mid-May. Consider earlier maturity hybrids when planting is delayed beyond the third week of May. When corn is planted into good soil conditions, optimum planting rates generally do not differ with planting date.

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# GSL school board discusses K-12 STEM program

By Rebecca Mariscal Staff Writer

The Glencoe-Silver Lake school board held a work session Thursday night to discuss the implementation of a science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) program.

The district already has a STEM program implemented at the high school level, but is looking to expand through all grades. The program would be through Project Lead the Way, which is what the high school currently uses.

The district is looking at hiring two new full-time teachers to be lead teachers of the program.

The topic will come to the School Board officially in April, but Principals Joy Freitag and Bill Butler and teachers Scott Picha and Michael Sunblad were present to discuss the topic at the work session.

Freitag explained the elementary programs will be set as modules while the sixth-through eighth-grade programs will be individual classes.

Picha said the program gives kids a hands-on and interdisciplinary approach to learning, as well as preparing them for future jobs.

"It's just a part of your day," he said. "Not, 'Oh we're going to start STEM now.'"

Sunblad explained the school already receives several thousands of dollars in grants for the high school program, and will apply for more with the expansion.

Board Member Jamie Alstleben asked if it would be possible to do the program without the two full-time additions. Freitag explained the district has looked at several different options and feels this is the best for the students and staff.

Board Member Jason Lindeman said he was excited about the program.

"As a parent, I'm saying why don't we have it," he said. "It's good to spend money on the right things."

Both Superintendent Chris Sonju and Business Manager Michelle Sander said though the budget is always a big question, they would not propose this idea if the district couldn't afford it.

"I wouldn't be throwing it out there if I was worried it was going to kill us," Sander said.

Board Member Clark Christianson said he liked that the program connected all the way through kindergartners to seniors.

Board Member Anne Twiss said it's important to ensure students are thinking creatively and that the district is continuing to advance its curriculum.

"This would be a smart investment in our students," she said. "If we're going to have new construction for our small students we should also have a new way for them to think about things that will make them great workers, great scholars, great people."

In other business, the School Board:

- Discussed the boys' soccer team. Sonju said the team does not have enough players to have a varsity and it is difficult to find teams to play a school that only has a junior varsity team. The district is looking at teaming up with Hutchinson's boys' soccer team to create a full team. The Glencoe players would go to Hutchinson and play as the Hutchinson-GSL Tigers. The girls' soccer team has enough players for varsity.

- Heard an update on drainage. Sonju said the school does have a permit from the Buffalo Creek Watershed. Sander said the state also has to approve a permit for the district.

# GSL high schoolers learn Internet safety tips

By Rebecca Mariscal Staff Writer

Cyber safety was once again the focus of discussion at Glencoe-Silver Lake (GSL) High School, this time in a presentation directed specifically towards students.

Dave Eisenmann, director of instructional technology and media services at Minnetonka schools, spoke to all GSL high school students about how to safely and responsibly use the Internet.

He said students need to "be safe, think first and do the right thing."

One of the big issues for teenagers online is cyberbullying, Eisenmann said. A poll taken during the presentation by the upperclassmen students present showed that 19 percent had experienced cyberbullying at least once. The same poll with underclassmen had nearly 40 percent who experienced cyberbullying.

Eisenmann said it is important to think ahead to how this behavior will affect the person experiencing it, and to realize that it can't be taken back.

"Once you put something online you lose control of it,"



Chronicle photo by Rebecca Mariscal

**Dave Eisenmann spoke to GSL students about the importance of cyber safety on March 29. Eisenmann previously spoke to parents on the same topic.**

Eisenmann said.

An important guideline, Eisenmann said, is if you wouldn't say it in person, don't say it online. More importantly, whether it's online or in person, always remember the golden rule: treat others the way you want to be treated.

"There is no asterisk or footnote for technology," said

face online is inappropriate material. Eisenmann said that about 20 percent of teens have sent or received an inappropriate text.

The best way to ensure posts and texts are appropriate is the "grandma test." Eisenmann said this means if you wouldn't want your grandma to see it, don't post it.

The final issue Eisenmann addressed was privacy. Online, privacy is basically non-existent.

"Even things that are private can become public," Eisenmann said. Screen shots and hackers can reveal information no matter the privacy settings.

This is especially important for high school students, who will be applying for colleges and jobs soon. Eisenmann said its important to keep inappropriate content off your sites, no matter the privacy settings, and instead market yourself in a way that's appealing to admission counselors and employers.

Rather than staying away from the Internet all together, students should ensure their Internet lives show a positive picture.

Eisenmann.

Even posting such things anonymously can lead to problems.

"There is no anonymity on the Internet," Eisenmann said.

A key piece to remember is T.H.I.N.K., which asks is the post true, helpful, inspiring, necessary or kind.

Another issue teenagers

## Menus

**April 11-15  
Glencoe-Silver Lake  
Helen Baker Breakfast**  
Monday — Breakfast sausage pizza, mandarin oranges, apple juice.  
Tuesday — Cinnamon Toast Crunch cereal, whole-grain apple cinnamon muffin, applesauce, orange juice.  
Wednesday — Skewered turkey sausage pancake, whole-grain blueberry muffin, orange wedges, apple juice.  
Thursday — Cocoa Puffs cereal, whole-grain 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 — Beef hot dog on a whole-wheat bun, crinkle fries, baked beans, sliced apples, pineapple tidbits.  
Tuesday — Macaroni and cheese, whole-grain bread stick, peas, red bell pepper strips, banana, applesauce.  
Wednesday — Sloppy Joe, crinkle fries, broccoli florets, pear, peaches.  
Thursday — Taco beef, soft flour tortilla, brown rice, refried beans, cucumbers, green grapes, 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, whole-grain 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, whole-grain blueberry muffin, strawberry organic yogurt, orange wedges, grape juice.  
Thursday — Breakfast sausage pizza, Golden Grahams cereal, whole-grain 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 — Beef hot dog on a whole-wheat bun, turkey and cheese sandwich, baked beans, crinkle fries, apple slices, pineapple tidbits, sugar cookie.

Tuesday — Macaroni and cheese, whole-grain dinner roll, ham and turkey chef salad, croutons, peas, red bell pepper strips, banana, applesauce.  
Wednesday — Sloppy Joe, sun butter and grape jelly sandwich, crinkle fries, broccoli florets, pear, peaches.  
Thursday — Hot ham and cheese sandwich, chicken noodle soup, double-cheese chef salad, croutons, whole-grain dinner roll, green beans, cucumbers, green grapes, 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 — Beef hot dog on a whole-wheat bun, beef and bean chili, crinkle fries, baked beans, pepperoni pizza, cheese pizza, deli selections, carrot sticks, cole slaw sliced apples, pears.  
Tuesday — Sloppy Joe, waffle fries, carrots, Italian sausage pizza, cheese pizza, deli selections, jicama sticks, citrus kidney and northern bean salad, banana, applesauce.  
Wednesday — Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, chicken gravy, corn, whole-grain dinner roll, chicken alfredo and broccoli pizza, cheese pizza, deli selections, red bell pepper strips, marinated tomato and cucumber salad, green grapes, peaches.  
Thursday — Sweet-and-sour chicken, lo mein noodles, stir-fried vegetables, beef taco pizza, cheese pizza, deli selections, jicama sticks, caesar salad, Red Delicious apple, mandarin oranges.  
Friday — Toasty cheese sandwich, tomato soup, peas, carrot sticks, corn salad with ranch dressing, orange wedges, pineapple tidbits.

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Friday — Toasty cheese sandwich, tomato soup, peas, pepperoni pizza, cheese pizza, deli selections, carrot sticks, corn salad with ranch dressing, orange wedges, pineapple tidbits.

**St. Pius X School**  
Monday — Beef hot dog on a whole-wheat bun, beef and bean chili, crinkle fries, baked beans, carrot sticks, cole slaw, sliced apples, pears.  
Tuesday — Sloppy Joe, waffle fries, carrots, jicama sticks, citrus kidney and northern bean salad, banana, applesauce.

Wednesday — Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, chicken gravy, corn, whole-grain dinner roll, red bell pepper strips, marinated tomato and cucumber salad, green grapes, peaches.  
Thursday — Sweet-and-sour chicken, lo mein noodles, stir-fried vegetables, jicama sticks, caesar salad, Red Delicious apple, mandarin oranges.  
Friday — Toasty cheese sandwich, tomato soup, peas, carrot sticks, corn salad with ranch dressing, orange wedges, pineapple tidbits.

**First Lutheran School**  
Monday — Chicken teriyaki rice bowl, broccoli, pears.  
Tuesday — Chicken, vegetables and gravy over rice, fruit.  
Wednesday — Hamburger, cheese, french fries, mixed fruit, whole-grain bun.  
Thursday — Pizza burger, whole-grain bun, peas, mandarin oranges.  
Friday — Hot dog on a whole-wheat bun, bakes beans, apple.



## Library News

By Jackee Fountain

## It's National Library Week

The Glencoe Public Library continues to spring into action for local patrons.

April 3-9 is National Library Week. Using the theme "Libraries Transform," the Glencoe Library will have displays showing how the library has progressed and changed while still holding the integrity of the mission of the public library and improved the library services to the Glencoe community. There will be activities, guessing games, trivia questions, prizes and cookies for patrons to help celebrate National Library Week. The public is invited to browse the beautiful Glencoe Library on the second floor of the Glencoe City Center to see what's new and visit with a librarian about the library services available.

April 28 is the annual celebration of milestones for the children participating in the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten. Certificates will be given at 5 p.m., followed by the Teddy Bear Band performing. Parents who have children reading in this program should complete this year's milestones and bring to them to the Glencoe Library by April 10. The library will email parents with more information. This program is

a collaboration among the Glencoe ECFE, Glencoe-Silver Lake School District and the Brownnton and Glencoe public libraries.

Saturday, April 30, is the Little Girls Tea from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. This is a special event for girls ages 3 and older to attend a formal tea party and learn about the formal tea time, do activities, and enjoy visiting with other girls. The tea party is sponsored by the Friends of the Glencoe Library. There is no cost for this library event but registration is needed. Parents may sign up the girls with a librarian at the front desk by Wednesday, April 27.

The Friends of the Glencoe Library is selling geraniums again this spring! The plants, available with red or hot pink blossoms are in 4-inch pots, and originate from Holasek's Nursery in Lester Prairie. Plants may be purchased at the library or from a Friend of the Library member. Plant pick-up is on Friday, May 6, and Saturday, May 7, just in time for mother's Day. Proceeds from this sale will purchase children's books on CD's.

Please find more information on the Glencoe Library website: [www.glencoe.lib.mn.us](http://www.glencoe.lib.mn.us).



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## GSL BPA competes at state

The Glencoe-Silver Lake National Honor Society new members were inducted on Feb. 21 at the high school. NHS was recognized in the district's newsletter recently. Pictured above are members, from left, front row, Amanda Husted, Dini Schweikert, Marisa Luchsinger, Hannah Kunkel, Ryley Oliver, Joey Torgerson, Tyler Ehrke and Dalton Kosek; second row, Payton Lilienthal, Rachel Reichow, Robin Swift, Taylor Novak, Moriah Maunu and Cameron Chap; third row, Morgan Mathews, Cora Kunas, Katherine Twiss, Emily Muetzel, Layne Herrmann and

Jordan Kaczmarek; fourth row, Rachael Popp, Madison Monahan, Lilliana Malak, Jordan Bridenbach, Lindsay Wedin, Krista Boran, Erika Mielke, Theodore Petersen and Nicholas Schmidt; fifth row, Travis Uecker, Madelyn Kuehn, Elise Graupmann, Erica Hecksel, Maggie Petersen, Faith Rakow, Jenna Lokensgard, Madison Kolenberg and Erika Bibar; and back row, Kirsten Barott, Rachel Bordenman, Stephanie Welch, Jacob Fehrenbach, Jacob Popelka, Mitchell Rothstein, Mitchell Pinske, Dylan Schuth, Mark Lueders and Ethan Wolff.

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A firefighter walks past the shell of a garage that burned Monday afternoon at a residence on 80th Street, south of Plato. Two smaller sheds also were

burned, but the house and a large barn were saved. The garage was fully engulfed when firefighters arrived.

## Fire destroys garage south of Plato

By Lori Copley  
Editor

A garage and two smaller outbuildings were leveled by fire at a residence on 80th Street, south of Plato, on Monday afternoon.

The Plato Fire Department was paged out at about 2:15 p.m., and automatic mutual aid was provided by the Glencoe Fire Department.

Plato Fire Chief Jay Wood said that when the Plato department arrived, there were a couple of explosions as an LP tank and another small tank blew up.

Because of the explosions, Wood set up his pumper en-

gine at the end of the driveway, well away from the garage.

The garage was fully engulfed when firefighters arrived, and flames were threatening a house and a large barn.

"I was very concerned about the house," said Wood, who then called for more help from the Hamburg and Norwood Young America fire departments. Neither the barn nor the house was damaged.

Wood said the fire was reported by employees at nearby Thalmann Seeds and another neighbor.

Because of the destruction,

a cause was undetermined, said Wood, who added that a state fire marshal also investigated.

"However, there is nothing suspicious about it," said Wood of the fire's origin.

Wood said residents should be especially mindful of using their garages as storage spaces.

"We all store stuff in our garages," said Wood, "and it can be one of the dangerous buildings we have. We need to be cautious."

And, he said, it's important for residents to document with video or photographs an inventory of their belongings

for insurance purposes.

"I suggest you do a really good inventory of what you have," said Wood.

Wood said he was especially appreciative of the help Plato received from its neighboring departments and Allina Ambulance.

"And the sheriff's deputies were a big help in closing the road immediately as we had to set up at the end of the driveway and haul water to the engine," Wood added.

Wood said a total dollar loss has yet to be determined.

Firefighters were on the scene until about 5 p.m., he said.

## Huttner-Hallahan reflects on 4 years at City Center

Coordinator moving on to new position

By Rebecca Mariscal  
Staff Writer

After over four years at the Glencoe City Center, Events Coordinator Hannah Huttner-Hallahan will be leaving the position.

Huttner-Hallahan is one of only two people who held the position full time since the city center board began. The position involved scheduling and running a variety of events at the center.

"They were fun to work with," Huttner-Hallahan said. "Seeing how different everything could be for the same thing."

City Administrator Mark Larson said Huttner-Hallahan has had a positive impact on the city center during her time in the position.

"She was very self-motivated," he said. "She didn't need a lot of direction."

Her work with the community was positive as well.

"We never had a single complaint," Larson said.

Huttner-Hallahan will be moving on to a manager position at the new Chaska Curling and Event Center.

"It's tough to see her go but it's an opportunity she can't turn down," Larson said. "She's going to be missed."

Though she will still be doing similar work at her new job, Huttner-Hallahan said she will miss the Glencoe community.

"I enjoyed learning something new about the people you knew," she said. "Inter-



Hannah Huttner-Hallahan

acting with the community."

She will be taking what she learned from this job with her to Chaska. The variety of work she did in Glencoe has helped her transition to her new position.

"With a new facility, they look to me for input," she said. "It's really helped out the last week."

She will continue to help the city center as it works to replace her.

With Huttner-Hallahan's departure, Larson and the city took the opportunity to re-view the position. The city will restructure the position into an assistant city administrator position that will combine both Huttner-Hallahan's responsibilities and economic development work. At Monday night's city council meeting, former Glencoe Chamber of Commerce and Short Elliot Hendrickson employee Dan Ehrick was appointed to the position.

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## Record

### Glencoe Police

#### TUESDAY, MARCH 29

12:53 a.m. — A driver was cited for speeding at a traffic stop on Highway 212. Officers also searched the vehicle.

1:20 a.m. — Officers and Allina Ambulance responded to a medical on 16th Street. A person with back pain was taken to the hospital.

3:21 p.m. — A report was received of a person asking for food or money on 11th Street E. The person was gone when an officer arrived.

5:36 p.m. — Officers responded to a domestic on 12th Street E.

#### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30

7:31 a.m. — The police department assisted the Minnesota State Patrol with a vehicle in a ditch and a possible fire on Highway 212 near Chandler Avenue.

8:36 a.m. — An officer and Allina Ambulance responded to a medical on Dogwood Avenue N.

12:34 p.m. — An officer took a theft report on Hennepin Avenue N.

9:26 p.m. — A woman came to the department to report her lost Chihuahua.

11:57 — An officer took care of a giant plastic bag on the roadway that was considered a traffic hazard in the area of 10th Street E and Loudon Avenue N.

#### THURSDAY, MARCH 31

8:16 a.m. — The police and fire departments responded to a possible electrical fire on 10th Street E.

12:56 p.m. — An administrative citation for three counts of truancy was issued to a student on 16th Street E.

1:34 p.m. — Officers and the ambulance responded to a medical on Newton Avenue.

2:52 p.m. — An officer and the ambulance responded to a medical on 16th Street E.

4:03 p.m. — A resident on 16th Street reported that a robin was continuously flying into a window.

5:45 p.m. — Officers assisted on an attempt to locate an individual request.

7:10 p.m. — Officers conducted a welfare check of a person in the area of Highway 212 and Chandler Avenue.

8:46 p.m. — A driver was cited for driving after suspension at a traffic stop in the area of Highway 212 and Chandler Avenue.

#### FRIDAY, APRIL 1

7:26 a.m. — An officer re-

sponded to an accident at Fir Avenue N and 13th Street W. One driver was cited for inattentive driving.

8:06 a.m. — An officer responded to a harassment complaint on Elliott Avenue N.

10:24 a.m. — An officer conducted a requested welfare check on a person on Loudon Avenue N. Everything was fine, and the person said she would contact the concerned relative.

10:40 a.m. — An officer responded to an issue involving juveniles on 16th Street E.

11:28 a.m. — The police and fire departments responded to a false fire alarm on Knight Avenue N.

5:24 p.m. — Officers conducted a traffic stop on Highway 212 near Chandler Avenue. A citation was issued for possession of drug paraphernalia, and a verbal warning was given for not displaying current registration.

9:16 p.m. — An officer came across a vehicle parked in the area of Newton Avenue N and 16th Street E with the driver's side door open and no one around. The officer contacted the driver, he said he must have forgotten to close the door. The driver checked the vehicle over and nothing appeared out of place.

10:58 p.m. — A driver was cited for allowing an open bottle and a passenger cited for possession of drug paraphernalia and underage consumption at a traffic stop at Chandler Avenue and Highway 212.

#### SATURDAY, APRIL 2

12 a.m. — An officer assisted a county deputy with a traffic stop at 11th Street E and Morningside Drive. An adult female was arrested.

1:22 a.m. — Officers responded to suspicious activity on 15th Street W.

10:34 a.m. — An officer and the Allina Ambulance responded to a medical at Grand Meadows for a possible stroke.

12:28 p.m. — An officer responded to suspicious activity on Ninth Street E.

8:17 p.m. — Suspicious people were reported on 18th Street W. The individuals were selling vacuum cleaners, and were advised to stop for the evening and to go to the city office Monday to get a permit.

10:26 p.m. — An officer responded to a loud music complaint on Greeley Avenue N. The officer did not hear any music while he was there, but spoke to

the reporting party and advised them to contact the apartment manager if it continues to be an issue.

#### SUNDAY, APRIL 3

12:34 a.m. — Officers responded to a report of an underage drinking party on 16th Street E.

6:04 a.m. — Officers responded to a suspicious person report on 13th Street E. The individual was advised to move along.

2:57 p.m. — A person flagged down an officer in the area of 13th Street E and Hennepin Avenue N to report a property-damage vehicle accident.

6:55 p.m. — A drive was cited for driving after revocation and given a verbal warning for a cracked windshield at a traffic stop on Chandler Avenue N.

8:33 p.m. — An officer responded to suspicious activity on 13th Street W.

#### MONDAY, APRIL 4

12:58 a.m. — An open door was discovered at the rear of a building on 11th Street E. Officers searched the building, then secured the door.

10:26 a.m. — Officers and the ambulance responded to a medical on Newton Avenue.

10:40 a.m. — A resident of Grand Meadows on Prairie Avenue was transferred by ambulance to the hospital.

5:26 p.m. — An officer responded to a barking dog complaint in the area of Armstrong Avenue and 13th Street E.

10:33 p.m. — A driver received a citation for no Minnesota driver's license at a traffic stop in the area of Chandler Avenue N and Seventh Street E.

### Building Permits

The following building permits were approved by the Glencoe City Council Monday, April 4:

- Miller Manufacturing, mechanical.
- Willis Herrmann, 303 16th St. W, mechanical.
- David Swanson, 1420 Owen Avenue N, plumbing.
- Earl Dammann, 201 13th St. W, re-roof.
- Travis LaFontaine, 1221 13th St. E, fence.
- Gene Moske, 705 Ninth St. E, house demolition.
- First Lutheran Church, 1031 14th St. E, house demolition.
- Dennis Davis, 210 Pleasant Ave. N, mechanical.



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