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School Board declines to cut band, fourth grade

By Karin Ramige
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Proposals to cut the elementary band position to half time from full time and to eliminate one section of fourth grade brought over 25 parents and teachers to the Glencoe-Silver Lake (GSL) School Board meeting Monday.

The proposed reductions were tabled in April for more discussion. The board also further discussed reductions at a work session.

Members of the audience addressed the board with their concerns about both items.

Among their concerns were the success the band program has had since the elementary band program

was expanded. Band participation has increased over the last couple of years, largely due to the strong elementary program.

Districtwide, 320 students are expected to participate in band next year.

Parents felt that GSL's strong music program attracts and keeps students in the district.

Teachers and parents also voiced concerns about increasing the class size for next year's fourth grade. Four sections would put each class size at around 25 students. The total number of fourth-grade students is expected to be just below 100 students for 2017-18.

One parent and substitute teacher

expressed concern for the lack of teacher substitutes now; larger classes will make it more difficult to find subs.

Superintendent Chris Sonju said the district never wants to reduce programs, but needs to be fiscally responsible to the taxpayers while serving the needs of each student.

He said that this type of planning is always going on, much of it naturally, as class offerings are reduced for lack of participation or as activities plans are being worked out.

He added the board has three options: make cuts, further spend down the fund balances or ask the taxpayers for more money.

Board Chair Clark Christianson

said the elementary school was four sections in each grade while the district worked its way out of statutory operating debt 10 years ago, when he and board member Anne Twiss were first on the board.

Board Member Jason Lindeman said 10 years ago he was on a school board for a district that was closing its doors, which he said was not fun.

After hearing the concerns of the audience and a lot of discussion, the proposed reduction of the elementary band position died for lack of a motion.

The motion to reduce the number of sections in fourth grade failed on a 2-4 vote. Christianson and Lindeman voted for the motion. Board

members Twiss, Kevin Kuester, Donna VonBerge and Jamie Alsleben voted against the motion.

The board passed a motion with a 5-1 vote to reduce two half-time Title I teacher positions. Twiss voted against the motion.

The district's federal funding for Title I was reduced by \$60,000 for the upcoming school year.

Sonju said that while he and the board received many calls and emails about the reduction of band and the class section, they didn't receive one concern about the reduction of targeted services in math and reading.

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2nd graders show off talent

Glencoe-Silver Lake second graders hosted a concert Thursday, May 4. Above, participants seek out their family and friends in the audience before the performance begins; at left, Christana Mays, Sophie Dolezal, Phillip Tkachenko, Miguel Cruz, Devyn Eastman-Swartz and Evan Schilling provide percussion for one of the numbers.

Expanded hours sought for waste site

By Karin Ramige
Publisher

It is spring cleanup time and with that comes discussion of the hours of the city of Glencoe's yard waste disposal site.

The site is currently open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The site is staffed during those times.

The city's Personnel and Legislative Committee recently discussed the expansion of hours.

The committee heard that Public Works Director Gary Schriefels and Police Chief Jim Raiter met with a company about placing cameras to monitor the site.

They are hoping to have two quotes by Monday's City Council meeting.

The group talked about a number of possibilities that included more hours, staffing the site on a non-regular schedule or no staffing if a camera system was installed.

After much discussion, the committee passed a motion to recommend the site be open seven days a week from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., not staffed all the time, until more information on the cameras is received.

Public Works Director Jamie Voigt said staffing would be difficult and the city will probably have to

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County Board turns human resources job into assistant administrator

By Lori Copley
Editor

McLeod County will remake its human resources director position into an assistant county administrator, the County Board decided at its Tuesday, May 2 meeting.

The board had discussed, at a workshop session, how to fill its human resources position after director Mary Jo Wieseler resigned in April.

The board considered two possibilities — keeping it as it was, or adding duties and turning it into an assistant administrator position.

According to a proposed assistant administrator job description, the position would still be responsible for human resources issues, such as hiring and firing, administration of benefits, contract negotiations, arranging for training, and other items.

Additional responsibilities for the assistant county administrator would be writing grant applications, overseeing projects and goal setting and analysis.

Commissioner Ron Shimanski said he has thought for some time that the administration office could use more help.

"Even before the jail project, I thought we could use additional personnel in administration," said Shimanski.

The board approved the job description.

In other business, the County Board again turned down a proposal to join Prime Health (a division of the Prime West consortium) for employee health insurance, rather than continuing its partnership with Sibley County and Trailblazer Transit. The board also turned down a proposal last year.

County Administrator Pat Melvin said that proposal also had been discussed at a workshop, and that the latest proposed plan "seem very similar to what we offer with Sibley and Trailblazer."

Shimanski pointed out that the premium comparison may be skewed, because the Prime Health rate is for 2018, and was being compared to the 2017 rates for the McLeod-Sibley-Trailblazer rates.

"We keep hearing that our plan is going to turn the corner, but we haven't seen that yet," said Shimanski, who added that it was unknown yet if rates will increase for the current plan for 2018.

Commissioner Paul Wright acknowledged Shimanski's point about the comparison, but said "the numbers haven't seemed to line up" be-

tween the two plans. He made a motion to decline the offer to join Prime Health, which was seconded by Commissioner Joe Nagel. The motion passed 4-1, with Shimanski casting the dissenting vote.

The County Board also heard from County Attorney Mike Junge that eminent domain proceedings on 15 parcels of property for right-of-way on the McLeod County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 15 project have begun.

Junge said that there has been some resistance to the county's offer for compensation, in large part because the property owners were paid a higher than estimated market value on property that was acquired for a pipeline.

The county is bound by law to use the market value for its offer. The pipeline paid about \$10,000 per

acre; the county is offering about \$7,000 per acre.

Junge said that although the legal process has begun, the county can continue to negotiate with the land owners. He also said that although there were 15 parcels, there are not that many owners as seven of those parcels are under one ownership.

In other business, the County Board:

- Agreed to spend \$9,625 on educational materials for its invasive species information campaign, with funding coming from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

- Agreed to use revenue from its wheelage tax to use a Replay seal on CSAH 4 between CSAH 11 and Highway 7. Replay utilizes soybeans for creating a pavement seal.

Weather

				
Wed., 5-10 H: 68°, L: 46°	Thur., 5-11 H: 68°, L: 46°	Fri., 5-12 H: 72°, L: 51°	Sat., 5-13 H: 76° L: 54°	Sun., 5-14 H: 78° L: 55°

Looking back:

Rain and clouds departed for a sunny start to May.

Date	Hi	Lo	Rain
May 2	65	37	0.00
May 3	61	38	0.00
May 4	71	39	0.00

May 5	79	41	0.00
May 6	68	45	0.00
May 7	69	49	0.00
May 8	76	48	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

Food shelf annual meeting

The McLeod Emergency Food Shelf Board of Directors annual meeting is set for Thursday, May 18, at 9:30 a.m., at the Hutchinson food shelf distribution site, 498 Highway 7 E, Hutchinson. The regular business meeting will follow the annual meeting.

GSL graduation set May 19

Glencoe-Silver Lake High School will have its annual commencement ceremony Friday, May 19, at 7 p.m., in the high school. Those attending are required to have a ticket for admission, which may be obtained by calling the high school office at 320-864-2400.

Glencoe Study Club to meet

The Glencoe Study Club will meet Monday, May 15, at 10 a.m., in the west parking lot of the Glencoe City Center for the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum trip.

Faith spring salad luncheon

The Presbyterian Women of Faith Presbyterian Church, Silver Lake, will host a spring salad luncheon Saturday, May 13, at 11:30 a.m. Assorted salads and desserts will be served.

VFW Auxiliary poppy luncheon

The Glencoe VFW Post 5102 Auxiliary will host a poppy luncheon Thursday, May 18, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the VFW post, 923 Chandler Ave., Glencoe. The menu includes turkey salad, fresh fruit, pickles, roll, bars and coffee. Take-out orders and deliveries are available by calling 320-864-5992.

High school band concert

On Monday, May 15, at 8 p.m., the Glencoe-Silver Lake High School bands will present their final concert of the year. The concert will feature the Symphonic Band and Concert Band, as well as some final band awards for 2016-17. The concert will be in the high school auditorium. There is a charge of admission; activity passes are honored for admittance.

High school choir concert

The Glencoe-Silver Lake High School choirs will perform Wednesday, May 17, at 8 p.m., in the high school auditorium.

SL Legion Auxiliary to meet

The Silver Lake American Legion Auxiliary will meet Monday, May 15. Past president parley will meet at 6 p.m., lunch will be served at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting is at 7 p.m. Please bring items for care packages for Minnesota Nice.

Stewart Legion Auxiliary

The Stewart American Legion Auxiliary will meet Monday, May 15, at 7 p.m., at the Stewart Community Center. Adrianna Roling will be the guest speaker. Memorial Day activities will be discussed, and the election of officers will be held. Hostesses are Nissy Langenbau and Janie Gutierrez-Olson.

Bohemian Cemetery meeting

Board members, lot owners and interested persons of the Bohemian National Cemetery, located in Rich Valley Township along Highway 7, are invited to a business meeting Saturday, May 13, at 9 a.m., at the Komensky School, 19981 Major Ave., Hutchinson.

Glencoe seniors meetings

The Glencoe Senior Citizens meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 12:30 p.m. in the seniors room at the Glencoe City Center. Sheephead is played on Tuesdays, and both sheephead and 500 are played on Thursdays. All seniors over 55 are invited. For more information, call 320-510-1551 and leave a message.

To be included in this column, items for Happenings must be received in the Chronicle office no later than 5 p.m. on Monday of the week they are to be published. Items received after that will be published elsewhere in the newspaper as space permits. Happenings in Glencoe, Brownton, Stewart, Plato, New Auburn, Biscay and Silver Lake take priority over happenings elsewhere.

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look for additional staff. City Council Member John Schrupp, who is not on the committee, said he has had one complaint about the hours in the 10 years he has been on the council.

This recommendation will be presented to the council at a future meeting.

In other business, the committee:

- Reviewed a proposed cross connection and backflow prevention ordinance.

The ordinance, which must be in place by October 2018,

is designed to protect the city's water supply.

The committee will further review the proposed ordinance for further discussion at an upcoming meeting.

- Heard Glencoe Wine and Spirits Manager Susan Deckert plans to retire in October. The city will look to fill the full-time position.

Council members Allen Robeck, Milan Alexander and Cory Neid sit on the Personnel and Legislative committee.



Chronicle photo by Lori Copley

The Plato Lions Club had a beautiful Sunday afternoon for its ceremony celebrating the 100th anniversary of Lions Club International and the 34 years of

service by the local Plato Lions Club. About 50 people attended the event, held in the city park.

Plato Lions celebrate legacy of service

By Lori Copley
Editor

The Plato Lions Club celebrated the impact of Lions at the international, national and local level at a celebration Sunday afternoon in the city park.

The club also dedicated a new park bench to the memory of Harlan Wilkens, one of the Plato club's charter members.

It was noted that 2017 was the 100-year anniversary of the establishment of Lions Club International, and it is the 34th anniversary of the Plato Lions Club.

According to information provided by Connie Rau at the ceremony, the Lions Club was established on June 7, 1917, by Chicago businessman Melvin Jones, for whom the Lions' highest award is named.

Jones' guiding principal was "You can't get very far until you start doing something for someone else," which became the foundation of the club's dedication to service.

The newly formed organization only had about two dozen clubs scattered around the United States, and became "international" in 1920 when a club was established in Ontario, Canada.

In 1925, Helen Keller challenged the Lions to become "Knights of the Blind," which led to the Lions dedication to vision-related work around the globe.

Today, there are more than 46,000 clubs in more than 200 countries. It is predicted that Lions clubs will be serving 200 million people by the year 2021.

Along with Rau, two of three charter club members who still belong to the local club spoke — Ken Franke and Tom Pinske. Both spoke of the impact of the Lions Club both at the local level and beyond. The third charter member, Ed Dummer, was unable to attend.

Harlan Wilkens was one of 26 charter members who formed the club in 1983. Plato Mayor Bob Becker remembered Wilkens as a dedi-



Photo courtesy of Darlene Lillenthal

The Plato Lions dedicated this park bench to the memory of Harlan Wilkens, one of the charter members of the Plato Lions Club. Pictured, from left, are Tom Pinske, a charter member of the club, Lion Beverly Wilkens, and charter Lion member Ken Franke. Harlan Wilkens died Aug. 30, 2016.

cated volunteer who was "everywhere" in the community, and was especially famous for the breakfasts that were served before baseball

games. After the ceremony, the 50 to 60 people in attendance lingered for refreshments and fellowship.

New MN CREP enrollment begins Monday, May 15

Landowners have a new option to protect their environmentally sensitive cropland with the introduction of the Minnesota Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (MN CREP). The kick-off for the MN CREP continuous sign-up begins May 15.

MN CREP is a voluntary state-federal program designed to improve water quality and habitat conservation. It will protect and restore up to 60,000 acres of marginal cropland across 54 southern and western Minnesota counties, using buffer strips, wetland restoration, and drinking water wellhead protection.

Native plantings on those acres will filter water, prevent erosion, and provide critical habitat for countless grassland species including badgers, meadowlarks, and monarch butterflies.

The program is funded with approximately \$350 million

from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and \$150 million needed from state sources including: Clean Water Fund, Outdoor Heritage Fund, Capital Investment (bonding), and the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund. MN CREP is administered by the Farm Service Agency (FSA)

and BWSR, but involves numerous partners including Minnesota Department of Agriculture, Department of Natural Resources, Department of Health, and Pollution Control Agency, as well as local Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) staff. MN CREP is also supported by a coalition of more than 70

state and national organizations and groups.

Landowners wanting to learn more about MN CREP can contact their local FSA/Natural Resources Conservation Service/SWCD office. They can also visit www.bwsr.state.mn.us/crep.

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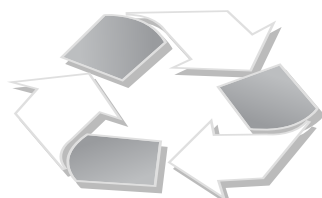
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Record

Glencoe Police

TUESDAY, MAY 2

3:01 a.m. — A citation for improper lane use and no proof of insurance, as well as a citation to a passenger for not wearing a seat belt, were issued at a traffic stop on Highway 212 near Morningside Drive.

7:56 p.m. — Officers responded to a report of people living in a condemned residence on 13th Street E.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3

1 a.m. — Officers assisted the ambulance with a medical on Hennepin Avenue N.

1:47 p.m. — Citations for driving around barricades and not following the detour route were issued on 16th Street near Chandler Avenue N.

4:03 p.m. — Officers assisted the ambulance with a medical on Hennepin Avenue N for a person with a headache and tingling in the arms.

9:01 p.m. — Officers responded to a verbal domestic on 11th Street E.

11:48 p.m. — Officers discovered an open door on a garage on Gruenhagen Drive. The officers secured the building.

THURSDAY, MAY 4

Several warnings were issued for unattached trailers parked on the street.

7:22 a.m. — Officers responded to a report of property damage on DeSoto Avenue N.

8:59 p.m. — Officers and the ambulance responded to the intersection of 16th Street W and Cedar Avenue N for a male bicy-

clist who was struck by a van. The cyclist was taken by ambulance to the hospital.

11:07 p.m. — A person turned themselves in on a warrant and was taken to Carver County.

FRIDAY, MAY 5

9:53 a.m. — Officers conducted a requested welfare check on Fir Avenue N.

1:51 p.m. — An officer assisted the state patrol with a disabled vehicle at the intersection of Highway 212 and Morningside Drive. The trooper issued citations for several violations, and the vehicle was towed.

4:44 p.m. — A person discovered drug paraphernalia while cleaning out a unit he had purchased. An officer disposed of the items.

5:18 p.m. — An officer checked a residence on Elliott Avenue N after a person expressed concern that it was going to be broken into. Everything was fine.

5:24 p.m. — An officer responded to a child custody issue on Elliott Avenue N.

6:58 p.m. — A child threw a rock and broke a window at Helen Baker Elementary School on 16th Street E. The school was notified.

8 p.m. — A report was received of people grinding off locks at Glen Knoll trailer storage units. The owner had given permission for the locks to be removed.

11:40 p.m. — Officers and the fire department responded to a possible fire in a home on 16th Street. The occupant was able to extinguish the fire, which was likely electrical, before officers and the fire department arrived.

SATURDAY, MAY 6

12:45 a.m. — A report was received of people on a roof on Hennepin Avenue. The people

were gone before officers arrived.

6:07 a.m. — An officer assisted the ambulance with a medical on 13th Street E. A female was taken by ambulance to the hospital.

10:26 a.m. — An officer responded to a barking dog complaint on Ford Avenue N and gave a warning to the dog's owner.

7:25 p.m. — Officers responded to a disturbance in the area of First Street S and Wooddale Drive. The occupants were having a 40th birthday party, and were advised to keep the music down.

8:03 p.m. — A citation for driving after revocation and a verbal warning for loud exhaust were issued at a traffic stop on Chandler Avenue N.

8:58 p.m. — A driver was cited for speeding on Highway 212.

SUNDAY, MAY 7

3:25 a.m. — An officer assisted the ambulance with a medical on Ford Avenue.

3:31 a.m. — Two citations for minor consumption were issued on Seventh Street E.

12:52 p.m. — An officer assisted the ambulance with a medical on Newton Avenue.

4:46 p.m. — A report was received of vehicles speeding in the area of 13th Street and Armstrong Avenue. Extra patrol will be provided in the area.

10:07 p.m. — An open door was discovered on 11th Street E. A key holder came and locked the door.

MONDAY, MAY 8

Several verbal warnings for speeding and driving around construction barricades were issued throughout the day.

2:22 p.m. — A possible identity theft was reported on 16th Street E.



Submitted photo

Glencoe City Center sign cleanup

Giving back to the community with community service is a big part of being a Boy Scout, said Troop Leader Kevin Dietz. Glencoe Boy Scout Troop 352 helped weed and clean up around

the Glencoe City Center sign May 7. Pictured, from left, are Owen Peterson, Mason Husted, Logan Clouse, Michael Dietz, Ben Pevestrof, Earl Janke, Isaac Swift and Cole Janke.

Carver County man dies when ATV flips

Kevin Lynn Jorgensen, 47, of Camden Township, Carver County, died in an ATV accident Sunday at about 7 p.m.

According to the Carver County Sheriff's Office, Jorgensen had been riding an ATV around a track on property on 102nd Street when he

lost control and the ATV flipped. He was discovered by family members.

Norwood Young America Fire and Rescue, Ridgeview Ambulance and deputies responded to the scene and began life-saving efforts. Jorgensen, who was not wearing

a helmet, suffered significant injuries and was declared dead at the scene.

The incident remains under investigation by the sheriff's office and the Midwest Medical Examiner's Office.

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In other business, the board:

- Approved the addition of three positions in special education because of increased student need.

The board added a full-time special education-Title I teacher in the junior high and high school, a half-time speech teacher and a full-time special education teacher at Lincoln Elementary.

Sonju said it will be difficult to hire a half-time teacher and he has looked into the possibility of sharing a position with another district.

- Appointed CliftonLarson-Alen LLP to perform the annual audit for an estimated \$24,000. The fee for the 2016 audit was \$23,750.

- Voted to renew the health insurance plan for 2017-18 with the Southwest West Central Service Cooperative group insurance pool, offering the plans that are currently in place.

Business Manager Michelle Sander told the board that the district received three bids, which all came in high. The district rebid the health insurance.

The insurance committee made a recommendation that would not drastically raise premiums, but would decrease benefits.

The district's two union groups voted against the recommendation.

- Approved a 10-year transportation contract with 4.0 services.

There will be no increase in costs for the first two years, a 2.5 percent increase in years three and four of the contract and a 1.9 percent increase in

years five and six.

The district will negotiate the remaining four years of the contract in the sixth year of the contract.

- Passed a resolution to accept the following donations:

The Booster Club and Concessions, \$7,000 for a scoreboard; Glencoe Rotary Club, \$250 for Business Professionals of America (BPA) national competition; Minnesota Bio-fuels Association, \$345 for Super Mileage; Ken Mathews Digging, \$100, trap

shooting; Seneca Foods, \$400 each for Super Mileage and Robotics; Silver Lake Lions Club, \$250 for BPA nationals; Glencoe American Legion Post 95, \$400 for BPA nationals; Gruenhagen Insurance, \$50 for BPA nationals; Schad Lindstrand and Schuth, LTD, \$100 for BPA nationals; Stevens Seminary Foundation, \$13,000 for teacher initiatives; Glencoe Regional Health Services, \$100 for BPA nationals; Crow River Snow Pros, \$1,500 for trap

shooting; Russ Runck, \$25 for BPA nationals; Brownston Lions Club, \$300 for the history club trip; GSL Panther Association, \$10,000 for the softball fields; Robert Hatstad Scholarship, \$1,500 scholarship; Glencoe Lions Club, \$300 for BPA nationals; Plato Lions Club, \$300 for BPA nationals; New Auburn Fire Department, \$1,000 for the trip abroad; and the McLeod County Bar Association, \$250 for Mock Trial.

- Sonju urged members of the public to contact their legislators in support of increased state funding.

- Heard that the next board meeting will be Monday, June 12. The location is to be determined because of the construction.

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Klobuchar trip to Iowa sparks speculation

Our view: The DFL could do worse for a presidential candidate

Minnesota's senior U.S. senator, Amy Klobuchar, spent Sunday rubbing shoulders with fellow Democrats in Iowa, sparking speculation that she's testing the waters for a potential presidential run in 2020.

Iowa is a key state for determining presidential candidates for both parties. That's hard to believe of a state that doesn't even boast a professional sports team. Iowa's two claims to fame are its corn crop and its archaic caucus system. Even Iowa's caucuses tend to draw very low turnouts, the state is the launchpad for presidential elections, starting on Feb. 1 of the election year. Iowa is where all the hats get tossed in the ring, and the frontrunners tend to emerge for the rest of the campaign season.

So, when Klobuchar headed to Iowa to hobnob with fellow Democrats, the news media sat up and took note.

Klobuchar downplayed her trip, saying she was just a midwesterner meeting up with other midwesterners to talk jobs, education and rural broadband.

Hopefully, though, Democrats will also sit up and take note. Klobuchar gets high marks in Minnesota — she has a 70 percent approval rating — and is one of very few politicians who

have risen above smear tactics, mudslinging and party polarity. She often works with her Republican colleagues to sponsor legislation that has meaning for her constituents back in Minnesota.

She is certainly a better prospect than the Democrats' last candidate, Hilary Clinton.

Klobuchar tends to be a middle-of-the-road politician, one who seeks compromise on issues, which is a rarity in the current political climate.

But that political polarity that currently dominates our government could be detrimental to Klobuchar. If the last presidential election taught us anything, it's that people seem to like absolutist principles.

On the other hand, perhaps the recent election in France is proof that people are moving away from the hard-right and hard-left principles that seem to dominate politics these days and more toward a centrist atmosphere. We could definitely use a shift toward statesmanship rather than partisanship.

It will be interesting to see if Klobuchar's Iowa trip will be a building block toward a presidential campaign. If so, we wish our native daughter well in her endeavors.

— L.C.



When did we declare war on trees?

When did we declare war on trees in Glencoe?

I was sitting at my dining room table Monday morning and I heard the noise of a large machine approaching, heading west on 14th Street. Lo and behold, it turned out to be a four-unit parade of city tree-cutting machinery. Behind the big payload was a large tree trunk being dragged, smoke coming off the pavement from the friction. Squeezed between the city pickup trucks was a bigger truck dragging a smaller chunk of the tree trunk. It also was pulling a wood chipper behind it.

Perhaps it was a practice run for the Glencoe Days Parade set for late June.

So why are we cutting down so many trees lately?

The current wave of tree cutting and trimming has been going on for quite some time in Glencoe. Countless numbers of mature trees were felled with the Lincoln Park street project two years ago, and more



Rich Glennie

were cut down for the Armstrong Avenue reconstruction last year.

This spring a row of trees along 12th Street, including a huge tree at the corner of 12th Street and Elliott Avenue, also disappeared. Only the stumps remained. Unless you're a toddler or small dog, stumps do not provide much shade in the summer.

One can always tell when another tree bites the dust. There is a tell-tale mark left on the city streets after the tree is dragged away.

I was out of town when the big

tree at the corner of Ives Avenue and 13th Street disappeared. But a look north on Ives Avenue indicated the tree went that way. The drag marks are still quite obvious. In fact, the tree took a left turn onto 14th Street on the way to the old elm site east of Seneca.

At this pace, the mature trees that make Glencoe so impressive in the spring, summer and especially the fall may be extinct in the next decade, replaced by saplings that will take a generation or two to grow tall enough to make up for the mature trees now being lost.

And if we keep cutting them down as fast as the current pace, we could look like North Dakota in no time.

Perhaps we should start planting telephone poles now, so North Dakota doesn't get the better of us at the next tree/pole census.

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

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Question of the week

Do you think U.S. Sen. Amy Klobuchar, D-Minnesota, would make a good presidential candidate?

- 1) Yes.
- 2) No.
- 3) I don't know.

Results for most recent question:

Should the legal age to buy tobacco be raised to 21?

- 1) Yes — 32%
- 2) No — 63%
- 3) I don't know — 6%

104 votes. New question runs May 10-May 16.

Letters to the Editor

May is Poppy Month; proceeds support veterans

To the Editor:

May is Poppy Month, and Poppy Day is May 18. The Glencoe VFW Post and Auxiliary members will begin selling poppies May 8. Poppies also will be available at the VFW Club.

Proceeds from the sales support veterans and veterans activities. The following poem, author unknown sums up the sacrifices veterans have made for our country:

No, Freedom Isn't Free
I watched the flag pass by one day.
It fluttered in the breeze.
A young Marine saluted it.
And then he stood at ease.

I looked at him in uniform,
so young, so tall, so proud,
with hair cut square and eyes alert,
he'd stand out in any crowd.
I thought how many men like him had fallen through the years.
How many died on foreign soil?
How many mothers' tears?
How many pilots' planes shot down?
How many died at sea?
How many foxholes were soldiers' graves?
No, freedom isn't free.
I heard the sound of "Taps" one night,
when everything was still.

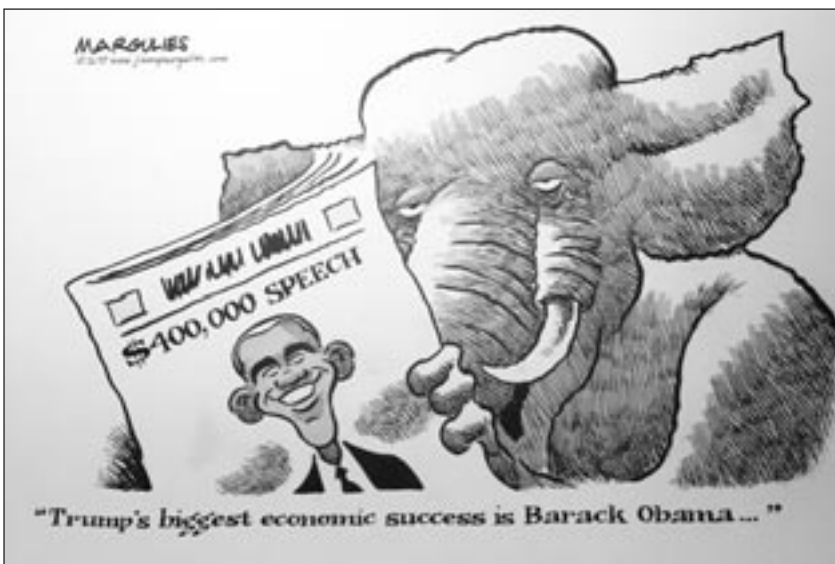
I listened to the bugler play and felt a sudden chill.
I wondered how many just how many times that "Taps" would had meant, "Amen," when a flag had draped a coffin of a brother or a friend.
I thought of all the children, of the mothers and the wives, of fathers, sons and husbands with interrupted lives.
I thought about a graveyard at the bottom of the sea, of unmarked graves in Arlington.
No, freedom isn't free.
Glencoe VFW & Auxiliary

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History

From the Brownton Bulletin archives

100 Years Ago

May 11, 1917
O.C. Conrad, Editor
 Landlord Pieper tells us he has begun the work of enlarging the pavilion at the Lake Marion resort. When completed, it will just about double its former capacity with a few minor alterations.

We learn from an authentic source that Zander & Hochsprung have purchased the livery stable property. Just what will be done with this property, we are unable to say at this time.

Albert Polsfuss and Albert Rathke left Monday afternoon for Minneapolis, where they will report for duty in the U.S. Marines.

Miss Elsie Polsfuss and William Janke were married last Sunday afternoon in the Lutheran church in this village. They will take up their residence in this village, as the groom is employed in the store of Zimmerman & Co.

75 Years Ago

May 7, 1942
Milton D. Hakel, Editor
 The Women's Welfare League met at the home of Mrs. C.A. Sommerdorf Wednesday evening with Mrs. Ben Peik as assistant hostess. The following officers

for the year were elected: Mrs. Ben Peik, president; Mrs. William Peik, vice president; Mrs. A.M. Jensen, secretary; and Mrs. A.C. Hanke, treasurer.

Funeral services were held Sunday, May 3, at 3 o'clock, for John Knoerr, who died Wednesday, April 29, at the age of 65 years. The deceased is survived by his mother; four sisters; and three brothers.

Mrs. Anna Loncorich, Mrs. Gust Jerke and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Kottke motored to Kansas City, Missouri, to visit Pvt. Henry Loncorich, who is in the U.S. Army Air Corps.

50 Years Ago

May 11, 1967
Charles H. Warner, Editor
 For the second time in less than a decade, vandals hit the Brownton drug store. Friday morning, upon opening up, owner Roy Wagner discovered the theft. Entrance was gained through the back door. About \$30 was taken from the cash register, and narcotics were stolen, valued at about \$80. In addition, the burglars cleared out a display of wrist watches, stole clocks and cleaned out electric shavers, cameras, billfolds, pen and pencil sets, jewelry and other items. Value of the merchandise was set

at \$1,777.
 A class of 14 will be confirmed Sunday at Immanuel Lutheran Church. Confirmands include Frederick Bipes, Steven Dennin, Carol Hardel, Lynette Henke, Curtis Kloempken, Lynn Hochsprung, Vernon Koepf, Konnie Kujas, Keith Peterson, Daniel Rickert, Judy Rosenow, Charles Winterfeldt, Charles Ziemann and Clyde Ziemann.

20 Years Ago

May 7, 1997
Lori Copley, Editor
 One man was killed and eight others were injured in the collapse of an apartment building that was under construction in Hutchinson on Monday morning. Martin Breault, 33, of Blaine, died from injuries sustained when the building collapsed at about 10:20 a.m. The 48-unit, three-story apartment complex was under construction on North High Drive.
 McLeod West musicians who earned superior ratings at the recent state/regional instrumental music contest were Rachelle Maiers, Stephanie Schiller, Kelly Alsleben and Jill Jaeger. Those who earned excellent ratings were Mark Kreie, Leah Lindeman, Ali Schuster, Rachelle Maiers and Jill Jaeger.

From the Stewart Tribune archives

100 Years Ago

May 11, 1917
Lester Koepfen, Editor
 A cooperative creamery for Stewart was accomplished Friday when the organization was perfected at a meeting at the village hall and officers were elected. The organizers sold 500 shares to farmers of the surrounding area. Elected as officers were William Piehl, president; Ed Forcier, vice president; Leo Grams, secretary; John Fahse, treasurer; and William Sullivan, John Kalenberg and John Krebsbach, directors.

Mr. Paul Riebe was united in marriage to Miss Clara Bahr in the German Lutheran church Sunday by the Rev. C.H. Kowalske. The bride is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. August Bahr of Collins Township and is well known and liked by her many friends in this community. The groom is a young man of Moltke Township and is employed in Buffalo Lake.

Albert Uecker sold his creamery property this week to the newly organized Cooperative Creamery Company for \$5,500. The new company takes possession May 15.

A deal was consummated the first of week whereby Irvin Hoffman became the sole owner of the Stewart Hardware store, buying out the interest of his

75 Years Ago

May 7, 1942
Harry Koepfen, Editor
 Before an altar decorated with ferns and in the presence of a large gathering of relatives and friends, the Rev. W.A. Neudecker officiated at the rites at St. Boniface Catholic Church at 9 a.m. Tuesday, April 28, which united Miss Evelyn Goodman and Norbert Kalenberg in the bonds of holy matrimony. The bride is the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Goodman and the groom is the only son of Mrs. Bertha Kalenberg. The newlyweds had a short wedding trip to Omaha, Nebraska, and to Montana, and are now at home on the Kalenberg farm northeast of Stewart.

Seven young men with Stewart as their home addresses are included in the preliminary list of inductees for Selective Service and are to report to Glencoe Saturday for induction. They include Harold Kloempken, Marvin Rickheim, Walter Klitzke, Lenhard Brede, Fred Rosenow, Leon Odegaard and Albert Lehmann.

50 Years Ago

May 11, 1967
Kermit T. Hubin, Editor
 Mary Margaret Maiers,

daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. Maiers of Stewart, was united in marriage with Bernard J. Funk, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Funk of Buffalo Lake, Saturday, May 6.

At a recent meeting of the Stewart Chapter of the Future Farmers of America (FFA), the following officers were named for the 1967-68 school year: Mike Wendlandt, president; Lyle Burge, vice president; Gary Windschitl, secretary; Eugene Doering, treasurer; Larry Bethke, reporter; and Cliff Kottke, sentinel.

35 Years Ago

May 13, 1982
Douglas G. Seitz, Editor
 The Stewart City Council appointed Wilbert "Willie" VanDyhnhoven to the vacant seat on the council Monday evening. He replaces Mike Neuman, who recently resigned to open a hardware store in the village.

Selma Pagenkopf of Stewart tripped on the sidewalk in front of her house Friday and broke both her wrists. She also sustained a small laceration on her forehead. She was admitted to the Hutchinson hospital, where casts were applied and the laceration sutured. She was released Monday and will stay with her daughter in Hector. She is expected to wear the casts about five weeks.

From the Silver Lake Leader archives

75 Years Ago

May 9, 1942
Delbert Merrill, Publisher
 A pretty double-ring wedding ceremony united Miss Elsie Mallak, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Mallak, and Mr. Dominic Yurek, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Yurek, at the Church of St. Adalbert at nine o'clock Tuesday morning, April 28.

At the last meeting of the PTA for the school year, the following slate of officers was elected for the next school year: Mrs. Frank Vleck, president; Mrs. Henry Nuwash, vice president; William Halva, treasurer; and Miss Ivy Olson, secretary.

50 Years Ago

May 11, 1967
Wilbert Merrill, Publisher
 Dennis Karnos, 26, passed away at St. Mary's Hospital in Minneapolis Saturday after a lengthy illness. Funeral services

were held at the Church of St. Joseph in Silver Lake on Wednesday. Interment was at Fort Snelling National Cemetery.

Bernie Ardolf of Silver Lake, formerly employed by Maresh Furniture, has bought the former Haps building in Glencoe and intends to open a furniture store June 1.

The Silver Lake Fire Department made a run to the Frank Prochaska farm home northwest of Silver Lake Friday evening and extinguished a chimney fire. No serious damage resulted from the blaze.

25 Years Ago

May 7, 1992
Ken and Dorothy Merrill, Publishers
 Mr. and Mrs. Dominic Rozeske celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a special service when they renewed their marriage vows at the Congregational Church of Silver

Lake on Sunday, April 26.
 The Rev. Tom and Beth Rakow of Silver Lake announce the birth of their daughter, Grace Miriam, on Wednesday, April 29, 1992, at the Hutchinson hospital.

10 Years Ago

May 10, 2007
Ken and Dorothy Merrill, Publishers
 A two-car accident closed Highway 7 east of Silver Lake late Monday afternoon, May 7. A pickup broadsided a passenger car at the intersection of Highway 7 and Cable Avenue. Injured were Reed Birkholz of Lester Prairie and Bonnie Hamre and Kristan Crotty of Hutchinson.

Jessica Heuser, daughter of Mark and Cathie Heuser, was selected by the Silver Lake American Legion Auxiliary as its delegate to Girls State at Bethel University in Arden Hills June 10-16.

Guest Column:

President struggles to get on track

By Lee H. Hamilton

I have significant differences with Donald Trump's political stances, but I want him to enjoy a successful presidency. It's good for neither the country nor the world when a U.S. president struggles or fails.

Yet I also believe that constructive criticism can help a president grow more capable. It's in this spirit that I want to take a hard look at the Trump presidency so far.

President Trump's personal and stylistic approaches may have served him in business and on the campaign trail, but are problematic in office. He has an unfortunate tendency to dodge blame for things that go wrong. He makes charges with no evidence to support them and refuses to admit he was wrong. He routinely over-inflates his achievements, as when he recently declared that "no administration has accomplished more in the first 90 days," an assertion that no one familiar with Franklin Delano Roosevelt's and other notable presidents' first months in office would accept.

Crucially, he does not appear to know how to use or coordinate the levers of American power — economic, diplomatic and political. He appreciates military power, but lacks a coherent, comprehensive strategy and the clarity, consistency, and discipline required to apply one.

President Trump also has shown little evidence of the political skills necessary for success. He has been unable to build coalitions in Washington or rally public support around difficult-to-achieve policy goals. He shows little instinct for finding natural al-

lies to help push legislation through. He shows no interest in inspiring and uniting Americans. And he has hurt himself with his bluster, tenuous relationship with the truth and flouting of the rules of ethics, transparency and conflicts of interest.

Throughout the campaign and his first weeks in office, he painted issues in easy-to-solve, black-and-white terms. Until, that is, he began to confront them as president. Recently, he has admitted that issue after issue is more complicated than he'd expected, which suggests that he had not considered them carefully before.

The president has made some solid choices, putting in place a measured, professional national security team in Defense Secretary James Mattis and National Security Advisor H.R. McMaster. But his policy rhetoric bears little relation to the reality of his accomplishments. We do not have universal, comprehensive health care at lower cost. Tax reform, immigration, cyber reform — it's hard to find any meaningful progress on any of them.

Chances appear iffy for infrastructure investment in our states and communities that is not a boondoggle. Foreign policy seems to be guided by a team of generals who are competent in their areas of expertise, but unlikely to come up with the comprehensive economic, diplomatic and political policies needed to resolve conflicts and build stable relations abroad.

Given the president's erratic, impulsive leadership and dizzying string of policy changes, where will we find stability over the next few years? One source of hope is the president himself. His

policy switches on China and Syria may have been abrupt, but they moved us in the right direction. He seems to be capable of learning — and reversing himself — on a broad range of policies. He appears willing to accept the sober, mainstream advice of his national security team.

Ordinarily, I'd include Congress in any list of institutions capable of stabilizing a presidency that could go off the rails, but it seems unable to help the president improve his policies.

Instead, other forces have stepped into that role. The courts — especially on immigration — have kept him within the bounds of the Constitution. State and local governments are stepping up to lead on a variety of issues, including climate change. The media have been crucial in highlighting problems within the administration and the implications of its policies. And ordinary citizens have grown vocal in their opinions and active in trying to safeguard and improve their own corners of the world.

These are hopeful developments. But the Trump administration is still struggling to get on track, consumed with internal problems, at a time when we desperately need to move ahead on the serious problems we confront at home and abroad. My hope is that he can find his way to asserting the leadership the country and the world order need.

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

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Weather Corner

By Jake Yurek

I always say "I don't make the weather," but this week I'll claim it as our recent weather winning streak continues.

Average highs for this time of year should be in the upper 60s to 70 and that's exactly where we'll be for most of the week. There are currently two main storm systems, one to the west and one to the east, leaving us high and dry in the middle. The only chance of rain would have moved through Monday with perhaps a stray sprinkle possible Saturday, but that's a very long shot. Each day we should see a decent amount of sunshine, so it'll be another good week to get out and enjoy things before the bugs get too out of control. The Saturday rain threat may completely miss us to the north, so I don't think we'll have to worry too much about it.

Highs should stay in the upper 60s to 70 all week, with Sunday maybe cooling down a tad closer to 60, if a cold front can make its way all the way through the area. All in all, it should be pretty nice for the big fishing opener around the state.

The extended forecast shows this pattern continuing into early next week, with no big shift to speak of.

Have a great week, everyone; enjoy the pleasant weather! Happy Mother's Day to all the moms out there!

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Wednesday night — Lows 44-50, clear.

Thursday — Highs 66-72, lows, 43-49; mostly clear.

Friday — Highs 66-72, lows 43-49; partly cloudy.

Saturday — Highs 67-74, lows 44-50; partly cloudy; showers north?

Sunday — Highs 60-70; partly cloudy.

Weather Quiz: When does mosquito season typically begin?

Answer to last week's question (How rare are May snow events?): Snowfall in May doesn't happen every year, but it's not as rare as one might expect. Only a few years ago, the Rochester area saw a foot plus of snow. Minneapolis has seen three inches of snow as late as May 20. The good news is any snow that falls in May is typically gone in a day or two.

Remember: I make the forecast, not the weather!

Stewart City Council amends ordinance to accommodate solar gardens in city

By Lori Copley
Editor

The Stewart City Council amended its land use ordinance Monday night to allow solar gardens in its rural residential and agricultural district.

The city heard a proposal from Sunrise Energy Ventures to place two one-megawatt solar gardens on acreage owned by Dwight and Pam Wiechman at the city's southwestern edge.

Mark Zwieg of Sunrise Energy Ventures said each solar garden would take about six to seven acres of land. The power generated would be directed to an Xcel Energy substation along Highway 212, and would be used for power to the city of Stewart. Zwieg said the city was "somewhat of an island" within the Xcel service area, and that power from the solar garden would not be used elsewhere on the power grid.

Neighbor Ken Kuttner said he wasn't opposed to the project, but did ask questions about drainage and weed con-

trol.

Zwieg said that if there were any existing drainage tile in the project area, it would be mapped and the project would work around it. In addition, he said, enough area would be provided between the panel rows to allow access for repairs.

He also said that rye grass would be planted, as well as pollinator vegetations for bees. The grass would be mowed regularly, he added.

With no opposition to the proposed ordinance change, the City Council voted to approve the change.

The next step for Sunrise Energy Ventures will be to apply for a conditional use permit for the project, which will require a public hearing before the city's planning commission.

In other development business, the City Council sent back to developer Terry Rikke a proposal to create a "tiny house" neighborhood and recreational vehicle (RV) park along North Street.

Mayor Jason Peirce noted

that the planning commission had recommended denial of a conditional use permit for the project, but said that Rikke could re-submit the project with additional information.

"If you could answer some of the unknowns, that would help a lot," said Peirce. One example, he added, was a concern that Rikke would not be onsite to handle any blight issues. Peirce suggested Rikke come up with a plan to have a property manager who could address any issues within a reasonable response time.

Council Member Curt Glaeser suggested that Rikke create a site plan for the project.

"I think people would like to see exactly what you're proposing," said Glaeser.

In other business, the City Council:

- Reached an agreement with Jerry Ewert to reimburse him \$1,000 for trees that were trimmed excessively by the city.
- Updated its public works job description to include a

requirement of a tanker endorsement for driver's licenses, which is required to operate the new sewer jetter truck.

- Agreed to allow St. Paul's Lutheran Church to use the softball field for its fun league.

- Approved a \$250 donation to the McLeod County Historical Society.

- Made its annual approvals for liability and workers compensation insurance.

- Agreed to allow Fire Chief Dean Nelson to attend the Minnesota State Firefighters Association annual convention in June. Nelson, who is president of one of the association's regions, will be accompanied by his wife, Carol Nelson, who also is a member of the department.

Because Nelson is a region president, the state association will pay for the hotel room and mileage. Dean Nelson also said that he has suggested that other firefighters attend training sessions at the conference.

Audit report: city of Brownton built up cash balance between 2015-16

By Lori Copley
Editor

The city of Brownton's general fund cash balance improved by nearly \$70,000, according to an audit report presented at the May 2 City Council meeting.

Paul Harvego of Conway, Deuth & Schmiesing (CDS), said the city ended 2016 with a cash balance of \$310,782. It ended its 2015 year with a cash balance of \$243,537. Harvego said the difference was primarily because the city had fewer capital equipment expenditures in 2016 than 2015.

"You were down \$92,000 in expenditures, most in capital expenditures," said Harvego.

Harvego said the natural gas fund had finally built enough of a history to determine how well it was doing, after completing three full heating seasons.

Although the natural gas fund had a profit, Harvego said it wasn't enough to start building a reserve fund for future equipment purchases

to replace infrastructure.

It was noted that the franchise was new, and that the city hoped to have the bond paid off before it started having to pay significant maintenance costs.

City Clerk Ella Kruse also pointed out that two consecutive mild winters had an impact on the revenues as well.

Harvego also reported that rate increases in the water and sewer utilities had a positive impact, more so for the water fund than the sewer fund. He said the city may need to consider another rate adjustment for the sewer fund.

The city is hoping that its proposed infrastructure and street project will help make both the water and sewer systems more efficient and less costly to operate.

Harvego also noted that the fire department fund built its reserve fund by about \$40,000, primarily because it had less capital purchases in 2016 than 2015.

In other financial business, Shannon Sweeney of David

Drown Associates, the city's financial consultant, discussed funding for the proposed \$8.3 million street and utility improvement project.

Even with low-interest loans and grants, the city will need to finance about \$280,000 annually for the debt payment, said Sweeney.

About \$700,000 of the city's share of the cost, after the grants are applied, will be assessed to benefitting property owners. The city will be paying off existing debt and reassigning that money to the new project. That, in combination with the assessments, should pay for the street and storm water portion of the project, said Sweeney.

The city will need to increase its water and sewer rates to generate about \$46,000 to \$47,000 annually for each fund for debt redemption, that will mean a 46 to 47 percent increase in rates. However, said Sweeney, the funds generated by the most recent increase may help offset that predicted increase.

In other business, the City Council:

- Tabled a decision on whether it should allow cremation interment on top of existing graves in the city cemetery.

- Reviewed its 2017 employee health and dental insurance renewal.

- Approved a quote of \$33,730 from Vos Construction to re-roof the fire hall.

- Continued to discuss blight issues in the city, particularly derelict buildings. It also asked Brian Larcon, who has interest in buying and remodeling a home that is considered inhabitable, to have a further discussion with the city building inspector as to what would it would take to bring the house up to code.

- Waived its ordinance regarding alcohol on city streets for a May 20 outdoor band concert, and four classic car shows, May 18, June 15, July 20 and August 17, on Fourth Avenue N in front of the Brownton Bar & Grill.

16 Brownton seniors meet

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

Winning at cards were Bernetta Alsleben, first, and Gladys Rickert, second, 500; Sandy Fager, first, and Karen Schmeling, second, pinochle;

and Lowell Brelje, first, and Harriett Bergs, second, sheephead.

Audrey Tongen won the door prize. Lowell Brelje served refreshments.

The next meeting is Monday, May 15, at 1 p.m. All area seniors are welcome.

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First communion

St. Pius X Church had its rite of first communion Sunday, April 30. Those receiving communion for the first time were, front row from left, Lucas Blomer, Brayden Linsmeier, Halle Hoemberg, Gabriela Vazquez, Emma Cathey, Natalie Ackerson, Jeremiah Gonzalez and

Jayden Gonzalez; middle row, Aiden Moosbrugger, Colton Goettl, Destiny Vazquez, Sophia Cross, Ella Schaefer, Dawn Treu, James Conklin and Dominic Conklin; and, back row, teachers Karen Thalmann and Kathy Urban and the Rev. Anthony Stubeda.

Silver Lake tennis courts grand re-opening May 21

The Silver Lake Lions Club will host a grand re-opening of the newly refurbished tennis courts in Silver Lake on Sunday, May 21,

from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

In addition to refurbishing the courts, new markings were put down for pickleball, a game that is played by peo-

ple of all skill levels and physical abilities. There will be demonstrations of the games and rules will be provided so that everyone can

learn.

There also will be free hot dogs and root beer while supplies last. Everyone is invited.



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2nd-grade Panther Pride awards

April second-grade Panther Pride awards, given at Glencoe-Silver Lake Helen Baker Elementary School on Tuesday, April 25, went to, front row from left, Cadance Hinze, Oliva Lange, Niko Simonette and Katelyn Grehnke; and, back row, Ethan Hoops Brown, Jayden Nieman, Amaiyah Cruz, Hannah Wendorff, Aubrie Houchin and Sylvia Jorgenson. The theme was self-control.



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5th-grade Panther Pride awards

Glencoe-Silver Lake's Lakeside Elementary presented its April Panther Pride awards at a recent all-school meeting. Fifth-grade recipients include, front row from left, Blake Hahn, Logan Hanson, Jose Alvarado, Michael Soto and Hailey Carrillo; and, back row, Sabina Arzate, Joe Urban, Rayen Culpepper, Kayleen Montes, Wyatt Follestad and Elijah Morrison. Missing: Hanna Schroeder.



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3rd-grade Panther Pride honorees

Glencoe-Silver Lake's Lakeside Elementary presented April Panther Pride awards at a recent all-school meeting. Third-grade recipients include, front from left, Joseph Silva, Ivan Duran, Mayson Borders, Cesar Alvarado and Ann Eastling; and, back row, Alex Arandia, Ian Anderson, Kian Mahon, Brice Hutcheson, Gael Rodriguez, Brock Fick, Emily Forcier and Jaelin Czech.



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7th-grade students of the month

Glencoe-Silver Lake's Lincoln Junior High School announced the April students of the month last week. The seventh-grade honorees were, front row from left, Paige Drew, English; Ella Malz, English; Tyler Roehrich, history; and Zachary Nowak, math; and, back, Jacob Baumgarten, physical education; Alisia Goettl, ag technology; Brianna Tabbert, science; and Nicole Washburn, history.



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4th-grade Panther Pride awards

Glencoe-Silver Lake's Lakeside Elementary presented its April Panther Pride awards at a recent all-school meeting. Fourth-grade recipients include, front row from left, Sandra Swanlund, Isaac Sanchez and Damian Villagomez; middle row, Noah Ochs, Zane Scheidt, Baylee Hahn, Bree Ryherd, Tori Heater and Mari-Ihlee Bigbear; and, back row, Hayden Witthus, Logan Ronngren, Cadie Wermer-skirchen, Uriel Martinez, Braden Wigern, Austin Klaustermeier and Drew Aisleben. Missing: Xavier Martinez.



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8th-grade students of the month

Glencoe-Silver Lake's Lincoln Junior High School announced the April students of the month last week. The eighth-grade honorees were, from left, Cloe Kuehl, choir; Gabriella Trevino, choir; Megan Stoeckman, math; Emma Malz, band; and Gabe Tellez, science.



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6th-grade Panther Pride awards

Glencoe-Silver Lake's Lakeside Elementary presented its April Panther Pride awards at a recent all-school meeting. Sixth-grade recipients include, from left to right, Devon Cardinal, Nic Anguiano, Emily Jasken, Jordan Dawson, Conor Durbin, Angel Martinez and Tage Rosenlund. Missing: Brady Black.

Deaths

Donald Trettin, 79, Hutchinson

Donald Trettin, 79, of Hutchinson, died Wednesday, May 3, 2017, at Harmony River Living Center in Hutchinson.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, May 11, at 11 a.m., at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Stewart, with interment in the church cemetery.

Visitation will be Wednesday, May 10, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., at the Dobratz-Hantge Chapel in Hutchinson, and will continue Thursday one hour prior to the service at the church.

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

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Obituaries

Joan Marilyn Bullert, 85, of Glencoe

Joan Marilyn (Genung) Milbrand Bullert, 85, of Glencoe, died Tuesday, May 2, 2017, at Glencoe Regional Health Services Long Term Care.

Funeral services were held Saturday, May 6, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Glencoe with the Rev. Robert Nowak officiating. Marjorie Hemmann was the organist. Soloist Julie Stiles sang "Borning Cry." Congregational hymns were "For All the Saints," "Light High the Cross" and "I Know That My Redeemer Lives."

Casket bearers were Dean Heuer, Paul Heuer, Brian Milbrand, LaDarryl Fenney, Rodney Mackenthun and Joe Ebert. Interment was in the St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Cemetery in Helen Township, Glencoe.

Joan Marilyn (Genung) Milbrand Bullert was born Dec. 2, 1931, in Minneapolis, the daughter of Joel and Bernice (Berg) Genung. She was baptized and confirmed in May 1954 by the Rev. Karl J. Plocher at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Helen Township, Glencoe. She attended grade school in Minneapolis and Louisiana, where her father was stationed. She graduated from Patrick Henry High School in Minneapolis in 1949, after at-

tending school in North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia. In 1950, she entered nursing school at Northwestern Hospital in Minneapolis. While there, she met Harvey Milbrand and, when they decided to get married, the nursing career ended.

On July 19, 1952, she was united in marriage to Harvey Milbrand by Chaplain John Allman at Tinger Air Force Base in Midwest City, Oklahoma. Mr. Milbrand spent a year serving in Korea and, in January 1954, they moved to Glencoe, where he farmed with his father and brother. In 1960, the couple purchased a farm in McLeod County. Their marriage was blessed with two children, Nancy and David. They shared over 24 years of marriage before Mr. Milbrand was diagnosed with cancer in 1976, and died on April 27, 1977. After his death, she attended HAVTI (Ridgewater College) in Hutchinson, where she earned a medical secretary degree. In 1979, she met Ernie Bullert and they were united in marriage on Sept. 2, 1979, by the Rev. Thomas Kutz at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Helen Township. They lived on Mr. Bullert's farm until 1983, when they moved into Glencoe. The couple shared over 29 years of marriage before Mr. Bullert died on Feb. 14, 2008.

In addition to being a loving wife, mother and homemaker, she helped her husbands on their farms. She

also worked for 10 years at Glencoe Regional Health Services as a medical secretary. She was a member of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Glencoe.

She enjoyed traveling, putting many miles on the car. Her favorite trip was in 1995, when they went to Alaska and, in 1997, she traveled to England to visit her brother. A highlight of that trip was a train trip to Paris through the "chunnel." Mrs. Bullert was a self-taught woman who loved ceramics, crafts, cross stitch, needlework and Bible studies. She treasured the time spent with her family and friends.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, David "Ducky" and Chris Milbrand of Glencoe; brothers, Joel (Annie) Genung of Bixby, Oklahoma, and Ronald Genung of Tucson, Arizona; stepchildren, Bernie Bullert of Cottage Grove, Bruce (Pat) Bullert of Fort Myers, Florida, and Brenda (Joe) Lenz of Buffalo; stepgrandchildren and stepgreat-grandchildren; nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Joel and Bernice Genung; first husband, Harvey Milbrand; second husband, Ernie Bullert; and daughter, Nancy Milbrand.

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



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First Congregational UCC confirmation

First Congregational United Church of Christ (UCC) in Glencoe had its confirmation service Sunday, May 7. Pictured, from left to right, are the Rev.

Michael Fritz, Andrew Jungclaus, Dylan Dahlke, Tyler Mueller, Rebecca Forcier, Kayla Salmela, and Pam Gould, confirmation teacher.



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All-state band selections

Three students from the Glencoe-Silver Lake Concert Band performed successful auditions for the Minnesota Music Educators Association 2017-2018 All-State Band. Jack Gepson, trumpet, left; Laura Popelka, clarinet, center; and Leah Bettcher, bassoon, right, per-

formed a rigorous recorded audition in late March. Gepson and Popelka are in 11th grade, Bettcher is in 10th grade. The all-state bands will perform in Moorhead in August and again at the 2018 MMEA Convention in February.

Denise L. Redman, 43, of Ramsey

Denise Redman, 43, of Ramsey, formerly of Glencoe, died Sunday, April 30, 2017, at Unity Hospital in Fridley.

Funeral services were held Thursday, May 4, at the Johnson Funeral Home in Waconia with the Rev. Roger Olsen officiating.

Casket bearers were Jennifer Erickson, Kristina Johnson, Linda Hensel, Paula Brown, Tamara Pesek and Jennifer Becker. Interment was in the Glencoe City Cemetery.

Denise Louise Redman was born July 30, 1973, in Glencoe, the daughter of Eldon and Joanne (Kreitlow) Redman. She was educated at

Glencoe High School, graduating with the class of 1991.

She earned a bachelor's degree in piano performance from the College of St. Catherine and a master's degree in music education with a concentration in piano pedagogy from the University of Minnesota. Ms. Redman was the founder of Redman Music Studios. In her many years of teaching, she spent 10 years at the Son-Sheim Music School. She was an accompanist for the Anoka-Ramsey Community College choirs and music department for over 18 years. In other freelance work, she played for nearly 50 music productions. She was currently the music director of St. Peter Lutheran Church in Edina. She also had been working at Lifeway Book Store in Maple Grove.

Ms. Redman was a very creative person who enjoyed crafting, knitting and garden-

ing. She was currently remodeling her home and performing most of the tasks herself. She loved to be outdoors and spending time motorcycling.

She is survived by her loving family, mother Joanne Redman of Gaylord; brother and sister-in-law, Curtis and Sondra Redman of Gaylord; nephews and niece, Matthew Redman, Rebecca Redman and Jacob Redman; aunts and uncles, George and Shari Redman of Arden Hills, Gene and Adriana Williams of LaJara, Colorado, and William and Janice Kreitlow of Hutchinson; cousins and many dear friends.

She was preceded in death by her father, Eldon Redman, and her grandparents.

Arrangements were with the Johnson Funeral Home in Waconia.



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Fine Arts Festival

Enthusiastic First Evangelical Lutheran School, Glencoe, students held up some of the artwork they displayed at the second annual Fine Arts Festival

Wednesday, May 3. Pictured, from left to right, are Summer Blazinski, Hadley Busse, Gemma Goff, Ben Frey, Brady Goff and Westen Frey.

People

Graduates from Moorhead

Jonathan Schrade, Glencoe, was among the May 12 graduates from Minnesota State University Moorhead. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree. Schrade was a 2011 graduate of Glencoe-Silver Lake High School.

Raffle winners announced

Glencoe American Legion Post 95 had its spring raffle drawing Thursday, May 4. The raffle raises money for scholarships. Winners were Ray Schmeling, Glencoe, \$1,000; Keith Zajicek, Glencoe, \$350; Larry Anderson, Glencoe, \$150; Rollie Rehmann, Glencoe, Patty Robb, Glencoe and John Lenzen, Chaska, \$100 each; and Alan Chastek, Glencoe, Bill Husted, Glencoe, Eldean Enderson, and Emily Popelka, Glencoe, \$50 each.

Girl born to Waverly couple

Stacy Konerza and James Graupmann of Waverly announce the arrival of a daughter, Natalie Taylor Graupmann, born May 4, 2017, at Glencoe Regional Health Services. Natalie weighed 9 pounds and was 21½ inches long at birth. Grandparents are David and Jackie Konerza of Silver Lake, David and Vonda Stohl of Glencoe, and Dean and Pam Graupmann of Zimmerman.

Daughter born to Ueckers

Jamie and Kassie Uecker of Litchfield announce the birth of a daughter, Elayna Mae Uecker, who arrived May 5, 2017, at Glencoe Regional Health Services. Elayna weighed 7 pounds, 6.8 ounces, and was 20 inches long at birth. Grandparents are Quint and Dody Fransen of Stewart, Gayle Howe of Hutchinson and Karmen Uecker of Federal Dam.



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Thurs., May 11 — AA Group mtg. next to Post Office in Stewart, 8 p.m., call 320-212-5290 for info.

Mon., May 15 — Tops Weigh-In mtg., 5-5:30 p.m.; Brownton Senior Citizens Club, Brownton Community Center, 1 p.m.; Brownton Lions; Stewart American Legion Post 125 & Auxiliary mtg., Stewart Community Center, 7 p.m.

Thurs., May 18 — AA Group mtg. next to Post Office in Stewart, 8 p.m., call 320-212-5290 for info.; Stewart Lions

Mon., May 22 — Tops Weigh-In mtg., 5-5:30 p.m.; Brownton Senior Citizens Club, Brownton Community Center, 1 p.m.; Brownton Rod & Gun Club, 7 p.m.



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Art Prowl showcases student talent

The annual Glencoe-Silver Lake Art Prowl was held Thursday evening in the high school gym. Those attending could vote on "people's choice" awards for elementary, junior high and senior high students. Bobbi Jo Hernandez, top, was first place for the high school, Ashley Lawrence, right, was second place, and Brittany Medina, below, was third and also was named the outstanding senior visual artist. Elementary top choices were Grace Lipke, Ashley Ann Cole and Benton Freitag, while junior high choices were Katelyn Lemke, Katie Ness and Isabel Pederson.



Youth farm safety certification

Source: Michael Cruse, Extension educator in Fillmore and Houston counties, and Karen Johnson, Extension educator in McLeod and Meeker counties, University of Minnesota Extension.

The University of Minnesota Extension is pleased to announce the new and improved Youth Tractor and Farm Safety Certification Program. This program is designed to provide youth ages 14 and older the opportunity to learn how to safely operate equipment above 20 horsepower. The program includes an online learning experience combined with 2½ days of hands-on training that meet the federal requirements laid out in the National Safe Tractor and Machinery Operations Program.

In 1969, the United States Department of Labor declared many agricultural tasks to be hazardous to youth younger than 16. With certain exemptions, employment of youth under 16 for tasks that require operation of a tractor and machinery is illegal unless the youth are certified. By successfully completing this certification program, 14- and 15-year-old youth may legally operate farm tractors and powered machinery for hire which



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they otherwise would not be allowed to operate under the U.S. Department of Labor's Hazardous Occupations Order in Agriculture.

This Youth Tractor and Farm Safety Certification Program will be hosted at the following locations:

June 15 and June 22-23 in Preston and Spring Valley (Fillmore County)

June 19-21 in Caledonia (Houston County)

June 20-22 in Glencoe (McLeod County)

The online portion of the training will be made available to students June 1 and must be completed before the students attend their first day of in-person training. The training is designed to cover core content areas including safety basics, agricultural hazards, tractors, connecting and using implements with tractors and materials handling. By federal law, students will be required to pass a written exam and two driv-

ing or skills exams to pass the course. Design and implementation of these programs are brought to you by local FFA, implement dealers and agribusinesses.

Registration for the program opened May 8 and can be accessed through the program website at <http://z.umn.edu/lerz>. Registration is limited to youth 14 and older and each training location will take a maximum of 20 students. The registration fee for the course is \$20.

For more information about the event or registration, please contact the corresponding Extension office and Extension educator.

Michael Cruse, 507-765-3896 or email: mjcruse@umn.edu, or Karen Johnson, 320-484-4303 or email: ande9495@umn.edu.

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

Legion Auxiliary names contest winners

The Glencoe American Legion Auxiliary Unit recently announced the winners in its 2017 coloring contest.

Students from Helen Baker Elementary, St. Pius X School and First Lutheran School in Glencoe were invited to participate.

Winners include:

Helen Baker

Kindergarten — Madison Gildea, first; and Jovanie McDonald, second.

First grade — Nolan Vinkemeier, first; and Ben Conklin, second.

Second grade — Avrie Butcher, first; and Billy Witte, second.

St. Pius X

First grade — Santiago Vazquez, first; and Lucas Chrast, second.

Second grade — Ella Schaefer, first; and Sophia Cross, second.

Third grade — Alex Perez, first; and Sophia Vazquez, second.

Fourth grade — Amaya Guardado, first; and Christian Schwartz, second.

First Lutheran

Kindergarten — Hadley Busse, first; and Bentlee Ondrachek, second.

First grade — Kyler Pokornowski, first; and Kryptan Wisch, second.

Second grade — Cybli Busse, first; and Brooke Micholich, second.

Third grade — Lizzy Grimm, first; and Beth Wendinger, second.

Fourth grade — Laura Busse, first; and Lauren Betcher, second.

County level

Winners from Glencoe schools at the McLeod County level were Madison Gildea, kindergarten, Helen Baker, third place; Aurie Butcher, second grade, Helen Baker, third place; and Amaya Guardado, fourth grade, St. Pius X, second place.

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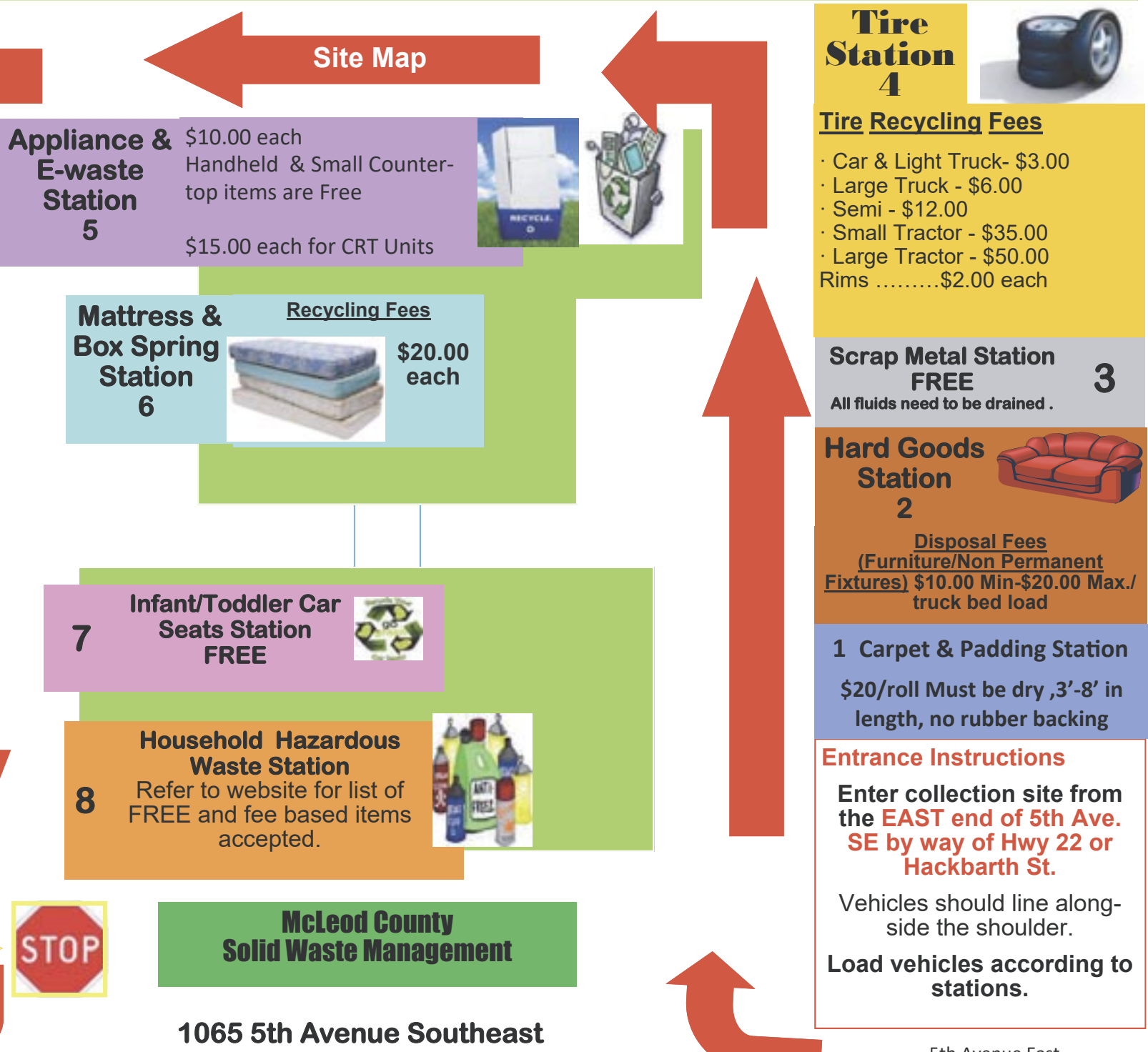
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