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Protecting an investment

Glencoe City Council begins work on crack-sealing streets, municipal parking lots

By John Mueller
Editor

Aiming to project the investment it made in street reconstruction in 2014, the city council gave the go-ahead to a crack-sealing plan intended as maintenance on those streets. The council voted unanimously Monday, May 20 in favor of a supplemental agreement with SEH Inc. for engineering services related to crack sealing streets and parking lots

the city rebuilt five years ago. They include Fir Avenue, from Basswood to 16th Street; 17th Street, from Fir Avenue to Cedar Avenue; Cedar Avenue, from 16th Street to 18th Street; 16th Street, from Fir Avenue to Armstrong Avenue; 17th Street, from Greeley Avenue to Hennepin Avenue; 13th Street, from Fir Avenue to Armstrong Avenue; 11th Street, from Union Avenue to Morningside Drive; Falcon Avenue, from

10th Street to 12th Street; and Loudon Avenue, from 16th Street to 18th Street. The project will also include streets in Glenview Woods and Glenview Estates neighborhoods, the parking lots at City Center and the municipal liquor store. The agreement for the engineering services will be about \$7,200.

The agreement allows SEH Inc. to prepare the project to send out for public bidding. The bids should be

ready to send out for bids early next month. The city expects the bids will be back and ready to be opened in late-June. The schedule calls for the council to consider awarding the bids in early-July with work to run in July and August.

Councilor Cory Neid asked city engineer Justin Black about the timing of the bids. Unlike street reconstruction projects which are bid early in the year to obtain the best

bids, crack sealing work brings better bids during the summer, Black said.

Estimates call for the crack sealing project to cost about \$236,000. Most of that money will cover the streets in Glenview Woods and Glenview Estates plus the streets in the 2014 street improvement project.

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Lakeside Elementary track and field day

Students at Lakeside Elementary traveled between the school and football field for a track and field day event. Pictured above are students participating in an all-school tug-o-war.



Students took off on a baton run on Thursday, May 16. Runners ran around the circumference of the football field and handed off the baton to a classmate as they made a lap.

Chronicle photos by Jakob Kounkel

County board pick Murphy as interim administrator



Sheila Murphy

County Engineer Brunkhorst honored

By Jakob Kounkel
Staff Writer

As McLeod County Administrator Cindy Ford prepares for retirement, the county board appointed Deputy Administrator Sheila Murphy as the county's interim administrator, effective June 3, until a permanent replacement is found.

Commissioners did not discuss at Tuesday's, May 21, board meeting

the range of Murphy's additional duties as interim administrator. She will be receiving a \$300 increase in monthly salary to compensate for the additional responsibilities. Murphy has been with the county since September 2017 and earns an annual salary of \$102,898.

Commissioner Joe Nagel, the board's chairman, said the county board will assemble a screening committee comprised of county officials including Nagel, Commissioner Doug Krueger and County Attorney Michael Junge.

Nagel also said it's likely the selection process could take a few months, citing late summer or early fall to solidify Ford's permanent replacement.

Ford, at the end of what was the last board meeting of her 36 years with McLeod County, thanked commissioners and the public for trusting her with the responsibilities granted to her through the electorate as an auditor and through appointment as the county administrator.

"I've gained a lot of friendships," Ford said while fighting tears. She

will join her husband in retirement, with her last official day slated for May 29.

In other business, the county board heard an award presentation, given to McLeod County Engineer and Public Works Director John Brunkhorst. The award was given to Brunkhorst by Washington County Engineer and president of the Minnesota County of Engineers Wayne Sandberg, who said the award is "the pinnacle of our profession."

Heartache revisited

Memorial Day reminds Glencoe woman of terrible loss long ago

By John Mueller
Editor

"We regret to inform you ..."

The words on the Western Union telegram informing Marcella Rozeski of her husband's death are burned into her memory. It's been over 66 years since she read those words on the telegram a Red Cross worker brought to her husband's family farm.

Marcella Matousek — her married name after remarrying eight years after Francis Rozeski was killed in combat — will be among the many Americans remembering the nation's

men and women who died while serving their country on Memorial Day, Monday, May 27. She knows the meaning of Memorial Day.

"It's a day to honor the dead," she said. "I think about him every day." There will be Memorial Day services in Glencoe, Silver Lake, Plato, Brownton, New Auburn, Stewart, across the state and nation honoring the fallen.

Now 87, Marcella remembers meeting Francis Rozeski at a dance in Silver Lake on June 16, 1946. Francis made an instant impression on the young woman.

"He asked me to dance and that was it," she said.

Rozeski was killed Oct. 24, 1952. He was 24 when he died in combat against communist forces of North Korea and China near Panmunjom, a small village in North Korea where the treaty ending the Korean War was signed July 27, 1953. Rozeski was a U.S. Marine private first class. He was a farmer before entering the Marines and wanted to run the family farm upon his return from the battlefield.

Francis and Marcella were married Aug. 21, 1951. A draft notice arrived Nov. 24 that fall and he left

Francis Rozeski

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Memorial Day services

GLENCOE
Sunday: Good Shepherd Lutheran, 9 a.m.
Monday: St. Pius X, 9 a.m.; GSL High School gym, 10 a.m.

BROWNTON
Monday: Brownton Community Ctr., 10 a.m.

SILVER LAKE
Monday: Veterans Memorial Park, 11 a.m.

PLATO
Monday: Plato Community Hall, 9 a.m.

STEWART
Monday: Stewart Community Ctr., 10 a.m.



PFC Francis Rozeski

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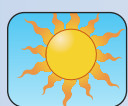
Wed., 5-22
H: 63°, L: 47°



Thur., 5-23
H: 65°, L: 54°



Fri., 5-24
H: 76°, L: 53°



Sat., 5-25
H: 71°, L: 50°



Sun., 5-12
H: 71°, L: 49°

Looking back: With over 2 inches of rain in the last week and chilly temps, damp cold has been in charge.

Date	Hi	Lo	Rain
May 14	73	44	0.07"
May 15	78	51	0.00"

May 16	82	54	0.00"
May 17	67	47	0.00"
May 18	53	45	1.07"
May 19	43	37	1.13"
May 20	61	35	0.00"

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

Chronicle News and Advertising Deadlines

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



Submitted photo

Kat Cohrs (left) of Norwood Young America and a member of Glencoe Girls Scouts Troop 30021, recently received her lifetime membership award and bridged to adult Girl Scouts. Gerri Fitzloff, current service unit manager, presented Cohrs the award at the annual Girl Scouts award ceremony at Oak Leaf Park.

Kat Cohrs receives 'lifetime membership' honor from Girl Scouts

Kat Cohrs of Norwood Young America received a Lifetime Membership award and bridged to adult Girl Scouts Tuesday, May 14.

Cohrs, the daughter of Terri and Jeremy Cohrs, was presented the award at the annual Girl Scouts' award ceremony at Oak Leaf Park in Glencoe. She is a senior at Central High School in Norwood Young America.

Gerri Fitzloff, current service unit manager and other leaders from McLeod South Service Unit were present, as were many current Girl Scouts.

Cohrs has been a part of

Glencoe Girl Scouts Troop 30021 since she was in fourth grade. She started in a troop, but soon became a Juliette when she realized there was more she wanted to accomplish. During her time as a Juliette, Cohrs has helped at numerous camps and became someone the younger Girl Scouts looked up to. The girls would get excited when she would show up to camps and events, and get sad when she had to leave for the night, Fitzloff said. She will be working at one of the Girl Scouts camps this summer, Camp Northwoods in Wisconsin. Cohrs decided giving lots of

her talents to younger girls is what makes her who she is.

"I found working at the camps much more rewarding than working on the badges," Cohrs said.

She has sold lots of cookies in her eight years of Girl Scouts, as well as attended lots of camps when younger. She sold 350 boxes of Girl Scouts cookies her first year and took on the challenges of selling more each year. Cohrs, with her dad's help, went door-to-door selling 1,000 or more boxes of cookies from fifth through 10th grades. The sales help operate and expand Girl Scouts pro-

grams.

Now she wants to share what she has learned with younger girls.

Cohrs will be busy next year starting her college career. She plans to enroll at the University of Minnesota, Crookston and study equine science. She plans to lead an overnight camping trip with younger Girl Scouts before leaving for school.

"I found the skills you learn in Girl Scouts is something that'll stick with you forever," Cohrs said. "I'll stay active somehow."

Carver County continues pushing for funding for Highway 212 expansion toward Glencoe

Carver County's recent efforts at landing federal grant money to support Highway 212's expansion to four lanes continues to receive positive feedback from officials.

The county submitted grant applications through the BUILD (The Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development) program last July for both segments of Highway 212 between Chaska and Norwood Young America that remain two lanes. While the county's applications were unsuccessful in this round of applications, county officials, led by Director of Public Works Lyndon Robjent, met recently with the U.S. Department of Transportation to receive feedback on the county's proposal.

Federal officials shared the project's first phase, from Chaska to Cologne, earned a spot in the evaluation's top

tier. The county requested \$12 million for this portion of the \$46.5 million project. The funding gap for this phase is about \$3.5 million. Only 250 projects out of 850 applications received the group's highest ranking. Ninety-two applications nationwide were funded.

The project's \$65 million second phase, from Cologne to Norwood Young America, fell into the second-highest category when ranked by federal officials. The county requested \$25 million, the maximum allowable under this program. The second phase's funding gap sits at \$38 million. Officials stated this phase received a slightly lower rating given the project development is not as far along as other projects. They reinforced the need to develop detailed lifecycle costs and before and after safety

statistics, which means the County should move forward with detailed design and costing efforts.

"All in all, the applications were strong, and this is actually positive news for the county moving forward," Robjent said. "This is an extremely competitive process and one that, ultimately, we feel will end positively for the project and the county."

About 14,500 vehicles use Highway 212 between Norwood Young America and Chaska each day, according to Minnesota Department of Transportation counts from 2016. Of that count, 1,900 trucks and heavy commercial vehicles use it daily, according to MnDOT's 2018 count.

He also noted Carver County recently submitted to a different federal grant program known as INFRA (Infrastructure For Rebuilding

America) this March to support both phases, and county officials hope to hear back this summer on this funding source. County officials continue to pursue other financial support from the State of Minnesota, as well as engaging legislators who can support the county's efforts at the state and federal level.

"The safety of residents and businesses that utilize Highway 212 continues to serve as a top priority for the county board," Commissioner Randy Maluchnik said. "Our staff, along with countless partners from cities, townships and counties west of us, has worked tirelessly to secure the necessary funding for this critical roadway. We will continue this work until we reach our goal. We know all too well the safety issues and bottlenecks these two segments cause."

Volunteers sought for city garden maintenance

If you or your group enjoy gardening and would like to give back to the community, volunteers are being sought to care for gardens at municipal parks in the area.

Volunteers are being sought to care for gardens at Welcome Park (Morningside Drive and Highway 212), the entrance to Oak Leaf Park and Glencoe City Center. Volunteers would be asked to

possibly clean, plant and maintain the gardens. The work is expected to be bi-weekly or weekly at most.

Volunteers will handle the watering of the gardens while watering hanging baskets around the city.

Individuals or a representative of groups interested in caring for gardens should call Gloria Hilgers at 864-4174.

Happenings

Panther Art Crawl

Glencoe-Silver Lake student entries in the MSHSL visual art entries are on display in the high school commons area during the concert season. It will be displayed along with all of the other art selected throughout the year to be a collection for the K-12 Panther Art Prowl.

The Panther Art Prowl Display will run through Wednesday, May 22 (today), with a closing reception and awards program. The open house viewing begins at 6 p.m. in the high school commons. The awards program begins at 7 p.m. in the auditorium. There will be refreshments at the reception. The public is invited to attend.

S.L. Sportsmen meeting

The Silver Lake Sportsmen's Club will meet Thursday, May 23, 7 p.m., at the clubhouse. The clubhouse is located on Swan Lake.

Cokato Memorial Day museum

The Cokato Museum will be open Monday, May 27, 9 a.m. to noon, for its Memorial Day open house. At no cost, visitors can see the display and a sneak peek at the up-and-coming exhibit featuring the history of the Cokato Corn Carnival. Refreshments will be served.

The museum is at 175 Fourth St. SW in Cokato. Call 320-286-2427 for more information.

Degree of Honor meeting

Degree of Honor No. 182 will hold a social meeting May 28, 1 p.m., in the Silver Lake Auditorium. The Silver Lake Auditorium is at 200 Main St. E.

Glencoe seniors' meetings

The Glencoe Senior Citizens meet 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. 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 events elsewhere.

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The city has possible plans for \$583,000 in crack sealing work to maintain and protect streets through 2022.

Councilor Allen Robeck and Mayor Randy Wilson were absent from the council meeting.

In other action at Monday's meeting, the Glencoe City Council:

- Paid bills totaling \$1,031,026.60.
- Approved seeking a \$38,900 pre-planning grant for taxi lane reconstruction at the Glencoe Regional Airport. The city's share of the grant is \$1,945.
- Granted McLeod County's

request to rezone property at 607 DeSoto Ave. N. from R2 to B1 to facilitate conversion of the former Jungclaus implement dealership into a county office facility. The property will be cleared for a parking lot. The house on it will be put up for public auction.

- Went into a brief closed session to discuss an offer the city received from the current owner of the former Helen Baker Elementary School property to acquire the property for redevelopment. City Administrator Mark Larson said the city is not interested in the property at this time.



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Attn: Graduates & Parents

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| Alexis Christianson-Tranby | Mitchell Johnson | Alysse Rhode |
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| Isauro Guerrero | Michael Mathwig | Jacob Wolff |
| | Alexis Medrano | Spencer Ziems |

PLEASE SUBMIT INFORMATION &/or PHOTOS BY May 23rd.

We are also accepting baby photos of this year's grads!

Please drop off information at our office, 716 E. 10th St., Glencoe, or submit it online at www.glencoenews.com



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Glencoe Lions Announce Music In The Park – 2019

The Glencoe Lions have scheduled the 2019 Music In The Park events at Oak Leaf Park, Shelter No. 2, for four Wednesdays, beginning July 10. The free musical entertainment will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Gruber Family Traditions Matt and Shauna Gruber with their children: Abby, Alyssa, Autumn and Axel will perform Wednesday, July 10. Matt and Shauna have been playing at local establishments and events for over a decade under the band name The Country Fried Grubbers. As the children grew, they began to play various instruments and sing. State Farm Insurance-Larry Anderson

sponsors the event. Jim and Mike Wendolek will perform Wednesday, July 17, featuring old-time favorites (and a few of Mike's stories). These popular entertainers are returning for the eighth season. McBride Chapel sponsors the performance.

Chuck and Jason Thiel will perform selections that are pleasing to all old-time and modern listeners Wednesday, July 24. They also are returning for the eighth year. First Minnesota Bank is sponsoring the performance.

Allen and Matt Carlson, a father-son duo sharing a passion for music, especially classic country, gospel and

hymns entertaining audiences with positive, uplifting messages will be slated for Wednesday, July 31. Security Bank & Trust Co. is sponsoring the performance.

The Glencoe Lions will be serving a hot sandwich meal at a nominal charge from 6 to 7 p.m. at each event. All proceeds from the meal are donated to local community projects.

If businesses or individuals would like to donate door prizes, gift certificates or funds to assist with sponsorship of any of the events, please contact Jean or Ron Dahlke at 320-864-5237.



Staff photo by John Mueller

Career information

GSL students listened to Ryan Anderson, general manager of Delta Fabrication in Glencoe, explained the type of custom welding and manufacturing work of cabinets for electronic equipment. Anderson told the students the job market is bright for students with welding and other vocational-technical skills. Delta Fabrication was one of several area companies students visited during career day, May 15.

McLeod Emergency Food Shelf begins transition to 'SuperShelf' site

McLeod Emergency Food Shelf is becoming a SuperShelf transformation site. The SuperShelf program transforms food shelves, offering a welcoming, positive grocery store-like experience to clients and bringing good food to all.

SuperShelf uses behavioral economics to make the healthiest choice the easiest choice, while promoting and respecting individual choice.

"We're excited to work with SuperShelf to build on work we've already started here at McLeod Emergency Food Shelf," said Lennie Albers, the food shelf's executive director. "We know other food shelves that have undertaken the SuperShelf transformation have seen an increase in the nutritional quality of foods available and selected by clients. And we hope to do the same in our community."

The transformation process will take several months and will start in Hutchinson before being implemented in Glencoe. McLeod Emergency Food Shelf will work with a SuperShelf consultant on the University of Minnesota Extension Health and Nutrition team. The food shelf will put into practice the six-step methodology that makes up the SuperShelf transformation, which includes:

- Increasing the quantity, accessibility and variety of better foods at our location;
- Reconfiguring food shelf layout to give prominence to fruits, veggies and less processed foods;
- Changing food categories to encourage selection of better options;
- Showcasing and promoting better foods by spotlighting them, providing recipes and samples;

• Developing policy to sustain practices and protecting supply to avoid inventory issues;

• Evaluating changes and identifying opportunities for improvement.

Results from several pilot SuperShelf programs across Minnesota show they are sustainable, well-received (by clients and volunteers), practical and scalable, and increase access to a variety of healthy and culturally-appropriate foods.

About SuperShelf

The mission of SuperShelf is to transform food shelves, creating welcoming environments for communities to access appealing, healthy food. SuperShelf was founded by a partnership between The Food Group, Valley Outreach, HealthPartners, the University of Minnesota Extension Health and Nutrition team, and the University of Minnesota Department of Family Medicine and Community Health. Many additional community partners have since joined the project in support of the work. The foundations for SuperShelf began in 2012 at Valley Outreach in Stillwater, Minnesota. Valley Outreach partnered with Lakeview Hospital (part of HealthPartners) to transform its environment for clients. Once the potential for community health improvement was realized, the scope of the project expanded. The founding partners worked to identify and implement promising practices at other pilot food shelf sites.

A \$2.1 million five-year grant from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) in 2017 enabled SuperShelf to expand

to a number of additional locations and study the impact on the community's health.

About the food shelf

McLeod Emergency Food Shelf (MEFS) is a non-profit 501c(3) agency organized in 1983 to assist residents of McLeod County, Minnesota in the area of hunger relief. MEFS receives financial donations and food support donations from the individuals, organizations, civic groups, businesses, food rescue partners, and faith partners of McLeod County.

MEFS provides hunger relief service as well as community support information at both the Glencoe and Hutchinson Distribution Sites. McLeod Emergency Food Shelf (MEFS) is committed to welcoming and supporting diversity, equity, and

inclusion in all aspects of its service to the community. Albers said the food shelf's volunteers recognizes hunger can strike everyone regardless of age, gender, sexual identity, race, nationality, disability, military association, familial status, religion, ideology, or acceptance or participation in any public assistance program, and therefore seek to serve all in need.

Because people learn and serve better in a community full of unique experience, insights, and opinions, MEFS welcomes a diverse and inclusive group of staff, volunteers, and board members, as we commit to excellent service and a safe environment for all, Albers said.

In Hutchinson, McLeod Emergency Food Shelf is at 498 Highway 7 E. The food shelf is at 808 12th St. E. in Glencoe.

Francis Rozeski Continued from page 1

Dec. 4. Rozeski had a twin brother, Casimir who wasn't drafted. Francis accepted the draft notice and volunteered to join the Marines, allowing Casimir to stay and work on the farm. Francis feared he wouldn't make it back to Silver Lake. When he left for military service overseas, Francis made his young bride promise she'd remarry if he was killed. Marcella made the promise, "half-heartedly," she said. It was a promise she never wanted to keep, especially since she was expecting their first child. Carol Ann Rozeski was born June 21, 1952.

contact" with her father.

Francis corresponded with other relatives, detailing the difficulties of being in combat. He spared Marcella details of the horrors of being in combat, including an all-night battle in July of 1952. It wasn't until years after Francis' death Marcella learned her husband had been previously wounded in combat. He recovered from his wounds and was sent back into combat.

"He wanted to protect me. He didn't want me to know," Marcella said.

'Tidbits'

"We found out little tidbits," Voit said. "We don't know the whole story. We won't know the whole story."

After leaving Silver Lake, Francis spent boot camp at Camp Pendleton in Ocean-side, Calif. before shipping out to the war in Korea. Marcella moved home with her parents, Anna and Theodore Kostecka at their home in Glencoe. After picking up a letter from Francis at the post office, she was driving to Francis' parents' house when Marcella's father and uncle met her along the way near

Alsleben's curve, an area she describes as where County Road 66 splits northwest from County Road 2. They told her something had happened to Francis. She was unaware a Red Cross worker was at the Rozeski farmhouse bearing the news Francis had been killed in combat.

She recalls the telegram. It included his name and service number and information he had been killed in combat.

She recalled his body arriving at the train station in Silver Lake. The family viewed the body, hoping in vain there had been some kind of mistake.

"It wasn't easy when you have a little baby and plans for the future, and all of a sudden it's all gone," Marcella said.

After his body arrived home Dec. 19, a visitation was held at the family home Dec. 22, 1952. The funeral was held Dec. 26 at St. Adalbert's Catholic Church. Francis Rozeski was interred in the cemetery behind the church.

Leon Pesina, Francis's nephew, was 7 years old when his uncle Francis came home from Korea in a casket. He'd looked up to his uncle and

honored his service. But Pesina's mother, Francis's sister, wasn't about to allow her son to join the U.S. Marines, Leon said. He was allowed to join the U.S. Army and spent two years in Germany during the Vietnam War in the signal corps.

Voit was told her father was a kind-hearted man who loved life. Marcella described him as a person who'd give someone in need the shirt off his back.

"I learned about him through what my mom and other family members told me," Voit said.

Her two children, Julie, 38, and Peter, 41, only know about their grandfather what has been passed along.

"We went to the memorials. That helped keep information about my dad alive," Voit said. "Memorial Day is always very emotional for our family."



Submitted photo

Marcella Rozeski sat in front of her husband's flag-draped casket with his photo in uniform and the daughter, Carol, he never met during a visitation in December of 1952. USMC PFC Francis Rozeski was killed in combat in Korea in the fall of 1952.

Personal effects

Today, Carol Ann Voit is a retired school teacher living in Arizona. She has the purple heart, gold star lapel pin and Korean War service medal the other medals the U.S. Marines sent home with her father's personal belongings as well as the letters Francis sent home to his wife and other relatives.

"I figured she deserved all of that when I remarried," Marcella said.

Voit says having the medals is "like having some personal

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This is compromise

Our view: An ugly agreement better than shutdown

We spent the last week watching Republicans and DFLers engaging in blow hardy hyperbole regarding the steps needed to reach a biennial budget for the state.

Some might call Gov. Tim Walz and his DFL bobos a bunch of tax-and-spend liberals. Some will make the argument the GOP-controlled Senate rewrote the book on obstructionism. In the end, besides a lot of hot air, neither the Republicans or the DFLers got everything they wanted and had to accept less than they promised heading into the session earlier this year. It is what we call compromise.

Gov. Walz didn't get the 20-cent increase in the gas tax he sought for the next four years (plus an inflationary index). The GOP wasn't able to bring an end to the health care provider tax many Minnesotans rely on to afford quality medical care. DFLers got a 2 percent increase in the basic education formula for the teachers that help keep them in power.

The DFL won't get what it wanted on gun control. The GOP won't wage a fight on the abortion issue this time around. There will be a tax cut for some families. The state will use some of the \$1 billion rainy day fund to fund new spending.

As highly informal and unscientific as The Chronicle's editorial page poll was last week, it did indicate a desire for compromise rather than partisan gridlock. Lord knows the dog-and-pony show going on in Washington, D.C. offers a daily look at how well that works. Our state lawmakers aren't quite that bad.

The DFL will tout the investment in education and the effort to maintain health care for those in need. The GOP will trumpet the victory over the proposed gas tax increase. Both sides will claim individual victories. Neither side can

claim they got everything they wanted.

Is that a bad thing? Even though we supported the notion of a moderate gas tax increase to fund maintenance and expansion of roads, like expanding Highway 212 from two to four lanes from Chaska to Norwood Young America, the idea of compromise is far better than gridlock. Will we see that expansion and the benefits of it anytime soon? We hope so.

A well-maintained road system, reasonable taxation, quality and affordable education, accessible health care, truly realistic and reasonable gun rights, and Internet throughout rural Minnesota are all barometers of high quality of life. They will not be enjoyed without compromise.

If the electorate decides the time has come for change, we believe Minnesotans are smart enough to make the transition in a reasonable and realistic fashion. Elections reflect the ebb and flow of what people want and how badly they want it.

People around the country make a big deal of Minnesota being the only divided state. We're a little red, a bit blue. We're purple. It could be worse.

Best of all, neither side can claim the other side is responsible for a shutdown of state government. The city, school district and county won't have to scramble for short-term funding while state lawmakers figure out how to end a stalemate that ran beyond the start of a new fiscal year.

We should congratulate ourselves for being able to disagree civilly. Sure, there are issues where we may not ever agree. As long as we accept the differences and continue to work on areas where we can find common ground, Minnesota will be just fine.

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You won't find relaxation at the grocery store

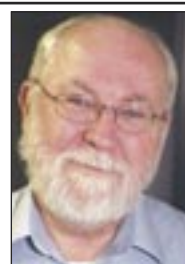
I licked my fingers and tried again. The first attempt to open the new plastic bag in order to fill it with apples was, well, fruitless.

I couldn't open the dang plastic bag! Yes, I checked. It was the right end, because it told me so on the bag.

As much as I tried, that blankety-blank bag stayed stuck together. I was running out of saliva and my finger tips were cleaner than the rest of my hand.

Argh! I rolled the unwilling bag into a ball and was prepared to throw it away when I realized there was no place to toss it. Where is a garbage can when you need it? Probably the same place as the cop when you need one.

I stuffed the wadded-up bag in with the tomatoes. Then I noticed, there were other items in the tomatoes, too. Looked like carrots and grapes to me.



Rich Glennie

Ever run around a grocery store and notice all the items out of place? You know, the fruit cups in with the potato chips or a can of beans in with the lettuce.

Anyway, back to the apples. I looked around to make sure no one was watching. I licked my fingers again, silently cursed and grabbed a new plastic bag. This bag opened. Once I was finished at the apples, I wandered over to the bananas.

Ever drop a batch of ba-

nanas into a flimsy plastic bag only to see the bananas sail through the bottom of the bag? It ain't pretty. Bananas don't bounce much. But if you are quick, you can replace the bruised bananas with fresh ones, and no one will be the wiser. But getting another plastic bag open can pose another hurdle.

Tangling with the plastic bags seemed to set the tone for my recent grocery shopping experience. It seems there are always obstacles in the way to making this simple weekly chore easy or stress free.

If it isn't drivers with carts heading the wrong way up the aisles, it's shoppers who seem oblivious that other people are shopping, too. They stand in the aisle looking for an item for minutes never looking to see the traffic jam they created. Or the shoppers who park their carts diagonally across the aisle,

creating a roadblock.

Then there are the knuckleheads who yack on their cell-phones as if they were in their own living rooms. Or the shoppers so focused they fail to see that you have stopped as they run into your heels and ankles.

The ultimate grocery store insult, however, comes at the end. It's picking the wrong line to check-out.

I do it almost every time. I'm always in the line that has a problem item. It's the one that needs a price check, or an item has a hole in it and needs to be replaced, or the teller who just ran out of tape to make a receipt and needs to change it right before it's your turn.

And who said shopping wasn't stressful?

Rich Glennie was the editor of The Chronicle for 23 years. He retired Aug. 1, 2014.

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Question of the week

Is the Glencoe City Council doing a good job?

- 1) Yes, many of the challenges are beyond city's control or too expensive to fix immediately.
- 2) No, it spends too much money.
- 3) It's not as dysfunctional as Congress.

Results for most recent question:

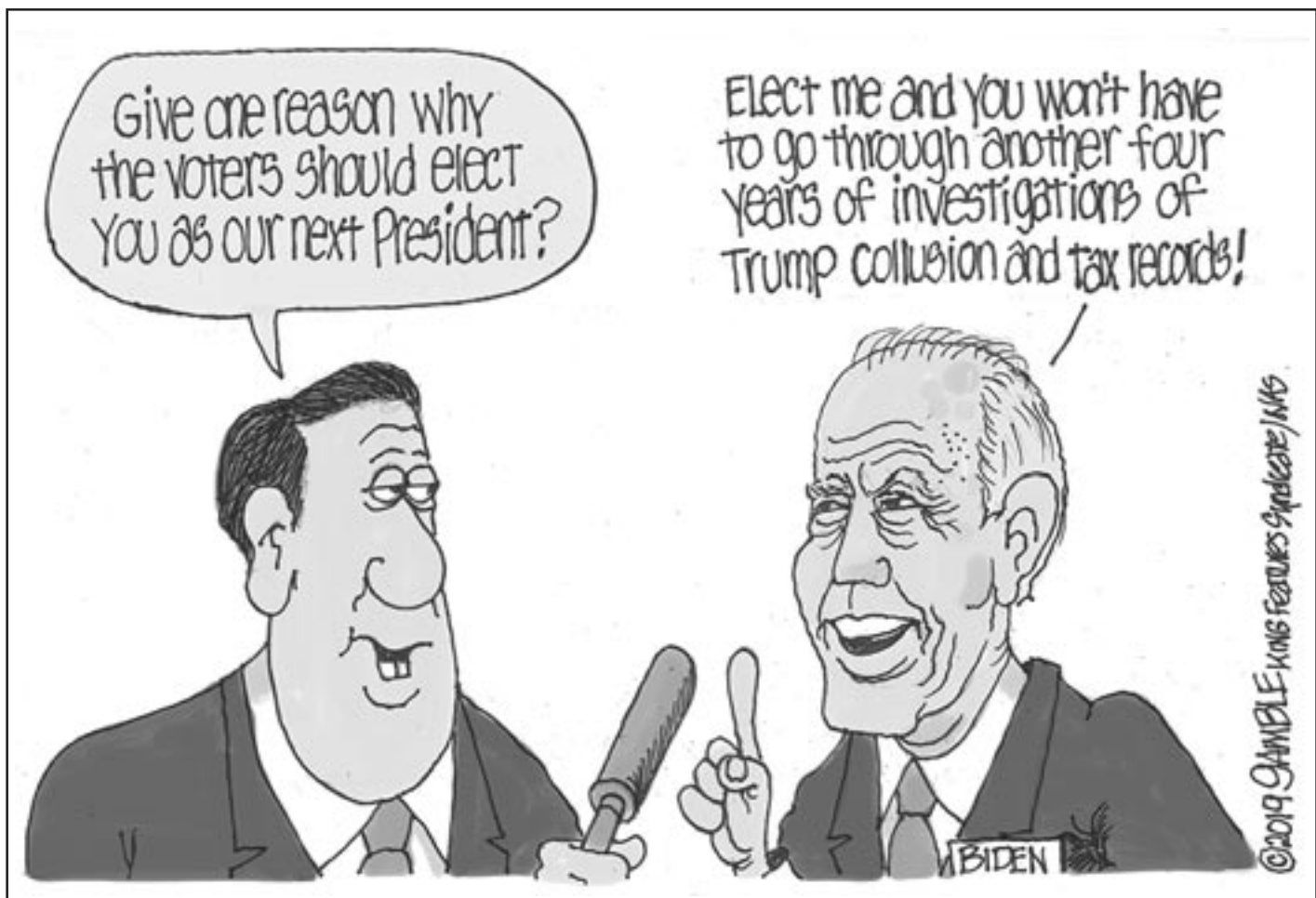
Are you OK with a special session of the state legislature?

Yes, if it means our lawmakers don't compromise on issues – 10%

No, both sides must compromise to get done on time – 77%

I have no opinion – 13%

30 votes
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Retracing McLeod's journey here

**By Brian Haines
McLeod County Historical
Society**

It was early morning on the 17th day of May of 1855 – dawn to be exact. A party of six men, set west from Minneapolis as the sun began cresting the horizon behind them. They set out that morning with one thing in mind, to locate a new country abundant with agricultural land where no claims had yet been made by a white man.

They would be on their own during the first day, and their guide would join them at mid-point of Nine Mile Creek – a narrow waterway that flowed into the Minnesota River.

Their guide would be Martin McLeod, a veteran of the fur trade with a wealth of knowledge of the land. Those who knew McLeod claimed he was highly intelligent, commanded respect, was eloquent, charming, and persuasive. Above all, he was a man of exceptional quality. As a fur trader, his primary task was to travel between Dakota Indian villages as a “driver,” or consultant. The place where McLeod led the party was one he was familiar with as various Dakota hunting bands often frequented it. It was a good place, a spot where the eastern woodlands met with the western prairies. There was ample farmland, abundant game, and fresh water supplied by a river that ran through the region. The group came to Nine

Mile Creek at nightfall and set up camp. The following morning, McLeod, who led the party to the Minnesota River and west along its banks, greeted them. On the second night, the men camped along a brook where the city of Carver now stands.

On the third day, the group began the arduous journey through the Big Woods. The woods were a hardwood deciduous forest spanning over rolling hills, swamps, lakes, and small patches of prairie. Thickets of willow brush abounded and travel could be difficult. The few roads through the woods were nothing more than Indian trails that had existed for centuries.

Blistered hands

In many cases, travelers were forced to hack their own path with axes, machetes, and saws – as was the case for this party. By noon of May 20, the group had expended much energy. Their hands were blistered from swinging axes, and they had only traveled eight miles. The evening of the third night, they camped on the shores of a small lake on the present day site of Cologne (an interesting note that all of the campsites McLeod chose eventually became towns).

The following day was much of the same, trudging through the Big Woods and working themselves to the bone. That night, they camped at a lake west of Norwood, a place McLeod nick-

named Tiger Lake, a name it still bears today.

Early the next morning, the group came upon an old Indian trail and followed it onto the prairie. The change was sudden. For days they pushed through the thick, shaded, and often muggy woods. On the afternoon of May 22, however, they came to an abrupt end to the woods and into the open, smooth, and sunny plains of the Minnesota tall grass prairie. In the words of J.H. Stevens, a member of the party, “From the foliage overhead, trembling in the breeze, with glimpses of blue sky beyond, we stood with uncovered heads, enchanted by our first view of the lonely, lovely wilderness.”

There was a brief discussion as to where the settlement should be located. Some in the group wanted to move farther west, while others were in favor of the place McLeod urged them to go. In the end, they heeded McLeod's counsel and settled along a creek called Buffalo Creek. Twenty-five days later, a surveying party led by William S. Chapman arrived and began surveying a town site. It was one of the first town sites in Minnesota, certainly the first in what would become McLeod County.

To this day, it bears the name Glencoe.

Brian Haines is the executive director of the McLeod County Historical Society.

History

From the Brownton Bulletin archives

100 Years Ago

**May 22, 1919
O.C. Conrad, Editor**
The year 1918 was one of the best in the history of Minnesota dairying. The present year promises to be still better, says A.J. McGuire, agricultural extension division of the University of Minnesota. The cooperative creameries of the state paid an average price of 57 cents a pound for butterfat in January, 1918, and 58 cents in January, 1919. For February, 1918, the average price paid was 53 cents; for February, 1919, the average price paid the farmer by the cooperative creameries was 61 cents. The world demand for butter is such that dairy farmers should do everything possible to supply this demand. Cream separators should be operated so that no butterfat is lost in the skim milk. The amount of whole milk fed to calves should be reduced to the minimum. With the high price for butter should go high quality. Every dairy farmer should use a cream cooling tank and see that his cream is delivered to the creamery in first class condition.

75 Years Ago

**May 25, 1944
Milton D. Hakes, Editor**
Memorial Day will be observed Tuesday at the public school and at Oak Grove Cemetery with appropriate services in honor of the soldier dead of this community.

The Brownton Salvage Committee and Brownton Boy Scout Troop No. 295 will cooperate in staging a waste paper collection

drive to be held June 7. Waste paper at the moment is the No. 1 raw material shortage according to WPB chairman Donald Nelson. Watch for further details in next week's Bulletin. Meanwhile, save your waste paper. Waste paper salvaged in Brownton and other communities throughout the nation is reprocessed and made into thousands of paper items for military use.

50 Years Ago

**May 22, 1969
Charles H. Warner, Editor**
Brian Schuette was named “Senior Athlete of the Year” for the Brownton high school at Wednesday evening's athletic banquet. Brian also received the basketball award. The football award went to junior Randy Spaude while Jim Bartels received Most Valuable wrestling award and the Schwarze Good-pastor wrestling award went to Jerry Guerrero. Both Jimmy and Jerry are juniors. Athletic Director Warren (Max) West was master of ceremonies. He introduced the various coaches who in turn announced the letter winners in their sport and the various award winners.

Industrial arts will replace agriculture as a department in the Brownton public schools for the 1969-70 school year, the board of education voted Wednesday evening. There has been a steady decline in interest in the agricultural program and the board commissioned high school principal Darwin Risting to make a survey to ascertain the feelings of the parents of the students af-

ected. The following letter was sent to the parents: Dear Parent, As a result of a recommendation made by the Administration of our school, the Board of Education is currently discussing the possibility of abolishing the Agricultural Program in our school and establishing an Industrial Arts program in its place. Some of the courses that could be offered would be: Woodworking (Hand and machine), Sheet-metal working, General metals (Includes welding), Electricity, Building and Home Service, Carpentry, Mechanical Drafting, Architectural Drafting, Synthetics, and Electronics.

20 Years Ago

**May 19, 1999
Lori Copler, Editor**
The first Crow River Chapter Habitat for Humanity house located in Stewart will be dedicated in special service on Sunday at 1 p.m. at the house, which is located on Martha Street. In case of inclement weather, the dedication will be held at the Stewart Campus. Refreshments will be served. New owners of the home will be Jeremy and Julie Robinson of Brownton, who are hoping to move in June 1. Julie Robinson said they made an application to become a “Habitat” family after reading about the organization in a newspaper article. Being accepted for the program means that the Robinsons and their two preschool daughters, Courtney and Madeline, will be able to move out of their older, one-bedroom home in Brownton to the three-bedroom home in Stewart.

From the Silver Lake Leader archives

75 Years Ago

**May 20, 1944
Delbert Merrill, Publisher**
Dear Mr. Merrill, Received your interesting home news, so I see the town is still getting along okay. “Notify sender change of address” was stamped on the paper so that I should drop you a line to that effect. Well I am still on this field only they've reorganized it and have renamed each squadron. The idea was to cut down on personnel needed to run the field. I guess I must be one of the personnel as they haven't sent me else where yet. The work is quite interesting, working around B-24's. Have charge of all the planes in our squadron to keep them served with oxygen and repair the system in the plane. Sure is hot working in the plane when its sitting out in the sun. Really is getting plenty hot here, so have gotten quite a suntan already. Well thanks again for sending the paper. -Pvt. Ray Vacek

60 Years Ago

**May 21, 1959
Wilbert Merrill, Publisher**
A record high number of voters for the annual school election came to the polls Tuesday night and reelected all incumbent directors to their position as members of the board of education. 116 ballots were cast with the

following results: Director 3 year term (two to be elected) Arthur Picha and Wilbert Merrill, incumbents each gathered 96 votes, Leo Metkowski, a candidate for this position received 36 votes. Director for the 2 year term (unexpired term of the late W.S. Skerik) incumbent Harry Miska received 79 votes. There were scattered write-in votes for several different residents.

25 Years Ago

**May 19, 1994
Ken and Dorothy Merrill, Publishers**
The meeting which had taken two hours to cover 11 new business items concluded with Darroll Engelman expressing concern about the Finance Committee not meeting prior to this meeting. Glencoe School Board-member Engelman expressed concern that because the Finance Committee had not met prior to the meeting, Engelman thought it should have and thought the need was there for the committee to meet. The Finance Committee had been meeting prior to each joint meeting of the Silver Lake and Glencoe School Boards to cover topics and discuss the options to the agenda presented to the joint boards for action. The Finance Committee had been made up of two members of each board and the administration of each district. At their last regular meeting, S.L. Boardmember Jan

Wanous had indicated the concern she had of the Finance Committee which apparently was taking on broader duties.

10 Years Ago

**May 21, 2009
Ken and Dorothy Merrill, Publishers**
Silver Lake City Council members received the audited financial report for 2008. Paul Hargrove, auditor with Conway, Deuth & Schmeising, told council members “the city did very, very well.” Hargrove paged through the audit highlighting results by fund for the 2008 fiscal year which ended December 31. General Fund increased its balance for the year by \$92,423. When added to prior year the balance totaled \$165,208. Hargrove said the city should have a balance for cash flow needs of 6 months or approximately \$300,000. He said revenue increased for the year because of the tax increase while expenses were lower than last year and lower than budgeted. Special Funds for ambulance, fire and capital improvement all increased their fund balance. The Ambulance Fund increased by \$6,384 (total fund balance \$23,995) this included a city transfer into the fund of \$15,000; Fire increased by \$9,821 (total fund balance \$142,746) with a city transfer in of \$16,000.

From the Stewart Tribune archives

100 Years Ago

**May 23, 1919
Lester Koeppen, Editor**
Plans for a “Victory Fair,” prepared along the lines of a postwar exhibition, are being arranged by the State Fair board. The plans which were outlined at a recent meeting of F.W. Murphy of Wheaton, member of the State Fair board and Thomas Canfield, secretary, include a sham battle to be participated in by all returned service men from Minnesota and bringing noted singers from all over the country for a song-fest. Extensive build and repair projects soon will be instituted in anticipation of the largest attendance in the history of the fair, it was announced. The bleachers will be enlarged to accommodate 15,000 more persons, Mr. Murphy said. A depot will be erected to handle all baggage connected with the fair, and this is expected to eliminate difficulties experienced in the past with regard to checking exhibits. The drainage system of the grounds will be extended and the greenhouse enlarged.

75 Years Ago

**May 18, 1944
Harry Koeppen, Editor**
The annual Junior-Senior banquet was held Saturday evening in the dining room of the public school which was decorated for the occasion with a blue and white color scheme. The Dutch theme was used for table decorations with bowls of tulips here and there on the tables. Programs were in the form of windmills and the nutcups were trimmed with tulips. Covers were laid for thirty-nine. Waiters and waitresses were members of the Sophomore class wearing Dutch costumes. The ladies of the Methodist church served the meal. Gordon Dobberstein, president of the Junior class, acted as toastmaster and welcomed the group, with Jerry

Nelson giving the response. Emily Novotny presented a piano solo, followed by a talk by Mr. Thorene Marianne Dovenmuehle and Geraldine Dettmann, in costume, presented a number, Mr. Stall spoke briefly, and David Johnson gave a trombone solo. The class will be read by Vera Schmitz, and the program closed with a vocal solo by Florence Buhr and a farewell by Gordon Dobberstein.

60 Years Ago

**May 21, 1959
Kermit T. Hubin, Editor**
Forty-one Seniors of the 1959 graduating class of Stewart High School will receive their diplomas at Commencement Exercises to be held at the Stewart Community Hall, Wednesday evening, May 27th, at 8 p.m. This is one of the largest graduating classes in the history of the school. Dr. Reuben K. Youngdahl, pastor of Mt. Olivet Lutheran Church in Minneapolis, will be the speaker of the evening. His address is entitled: “The Challenge of Today's World.” Dr. Youngdahl entered the ministry in 1934, after having attended Gustavus Adolphus College at St. Peter and Augustana Theological Seminary at Rock Island, Illinois. He came to Mt. Olivet church in 1938, and during the past 20 years, the membership rose from a mere 300 to 9,500 persons. He is a great sportsman. During his college days, he played on the tennis team, football and basketball teams. He was Gustavus handball champion, and All-State in basketball for two years. He has played some professional basketball. Supt. S.W. Clasen will present the class, and A.W. Klammer will present the diplomas to the graduates, as president of the board. Invocation and Benediction will be given by Fr. Henry Sterner of St. Boniface Church. Everett Tuneberg, H.S. Principal, will present the scholarship

awards, while Frank Forcier, Am. Legion Commander will make the Legion awards. The class motto is “Forward Ever, Backward Never.” Class flower is the white carnation, and colors are green and white. Adrienne Kottke and Dennis Lade were selected as class mascots.

50 Years Ago

**May 15, 1969
Kermit T. Hubin, Editor**
A graduating class of 35 Seniors will close their 12 years of schooling with Commencement Exercises, to be held at Stewart Public School Friday evening, May 23rd. The exercises will take place in the gymnasium of the High School at 8 p.m. Speaking at graduation will be Dr. Arland Otte, Dean of Instruction at Normandale State Junior College, Bloomington, Minnesota. He was a teaching assistant at the University of Minnesota prior to becoming Dean at Normandale. Valedictory will be given by Susan Richards, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S.D. Richards; and the salutary by Jane Hubin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kermit T. Hubin. Rev. M.A. Schulz, pastor of St. Paul's Am. Lutheran Church will give the invocation and the benediction. The High School band, under the direction of Mr. Darold Rupp will play the professional and recessional, and a number during the program. High School Principal, Gerold B. Peterson will present the 1969 graduating class, A.W. Klammer, school board president will present the diplomas to the graduating class. Officers of the Senior Class are Pres., Burton Klitzke; Vice Pres., Neal Tessmer; Secretary, Lynn Milbrett and Treasurer, Linda Henke. The class motto is, “If God be for us, who can be against us”; the class flower, the yellow rose; and class colors, green and gold. Class mascots are Paulette Maiers and Albion Klammer.

From the Chronicle archives

30 Years Ago

**May 24, 1989
Bill Ramige, Editor**
St. Boniface Catholic Church in Stewart will close by order of the New Ulm Diocese on June 30, but parish members have vowed to pursue their cause through other channels to keep it open.

Eric Johnson, member of the Glencoe High School student newspaper staff, won the Minnesota High School Press Association's Gold Medallion Award for editorial writing. The award was for an editorial he wrote for the student paper, The Eagle, about the school's National Honor Society chapter.

It was standing room only for parents and teachers at the Glencoe School Board meeting May 16. The audience came to hear a discussion about possibly grouping the Middle School. The grouping would be for math and reading classes in the sixth and seventh grades.

20 Years Ago

**May 26, 1999
Rich Glennie, Editor**
Now that McLeod County has made the decision to “partner” with Sibley County and provide a countywide transit system, the work really begins. Contracts that work for all parties need to be ironed out.

The Glencoe-Silver Lake School Board hired Clay Arvidson as its new Glencoe-Silver Lake principal for the 1999-2000 school year. Arvidson comes to GSL from the Shakopee School district where he was an assistant principal. He replaces Jack Stronstad who will retire after the current school year ends on June 30.

The McLeod County Housing and Redevelopment Agency (HRD) held a groundbreaking ceremony last week for the second 16-unit townhouse development in the 14th Street area of Glencoe.

10 Years Ago

**May 13, 2009
Rich Glennie, Editor**
KGLB, at 1310 on your AM dial, is planning to hit the airwaves this June 15, juiced by 2,500-watt signal from twin towers just east of Glencoe. The station's studio and offices are located at 911 Hennepin Avenue. According to General manager Jeremy Stender, the station will offer a national format, with emphasis on classic country features.

The new bridge located on Babcock Avenue (formerly County Road 84) over the south fork of the Crow River in Bergen Township has been completed and is now open to traffic.

Cole Lightfoot's splendid anchor leg not only nailed down GSL a victory in the WCC meet's final event, the 4X400-meter relay, but also erased the Panther's half-point deficit (129.5-129) in the team standings and made GSL a conference champion (139-137.5) for the fourth straight spring.

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Obituaries

Jerome Kaminsky, 86, of Hutchinson

Jerome J. Kaminsky, 86, of Hutchinson passed away Wednesday, May 15.

Mr. Kaminsky was born Aug. 8, 1932. His parents were Joseph and Sophie (Kesh) Kaminsky. He attended St. Adalbert's Grade School, first through eighth grades. Mr. Kaminsky graduated from Silver Lake High School in 1949. He was united in marriage to Annette Marie Navratil Nov. 15, 1955. They shared 63 years of marriage. This marriage was blessed with three children, Lawrence Jerome Kaminsky of Dassel, Gary Jerome Kaminsky of New Prague, and Gail Annette Jensen of Arizona.



Jerome Kaminsky

Mr. Kaminsky was a lifetime member of St. Adalbert's and then Holy Family. He enjoyed reading, puzzles and visits from family and friends. In his younger years, he was quite a hunter of ducks and pheasants. Mr. Kaminsky also really enjoyed fox hunting. He was co-owner of Kaminsky Inc. Feed Mill in Silver Lake and later worked at Glencoe Feeds until his retirement in 1997. In Silver Lake, Mr. Kaminsky was an active member of the commercial club, the fire department and the Silver Lake Ambulance crew. He was very active in church as a reader, communion distributor in church and to the homebound. In retirement, Mr. Kaminsky enjoyed making rosaries and stocking caps for missions. He also enjoyed watching Wheel of Fortune.

Mr. Kaminsky is survived by his loving wife, Annette; son, Larry and wife Patti; son, Gary and wife Marita; daughter, Gail and husband Mike; sister, Margaret Wozniak of St. Louis Park. His legacy includes 12 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Mr. Kaminsky was preceded in death by parents, Joseph and Sophie Kaminsky; brothers, Leonard and Francis. A concelebrated Mass of Christian Burial for Jerome Kaminsky was held Monday, May 20, 11 a.m., at Holy Family Catholic Church in Silver Lake. The Rev. Tim Wozniak and the Rev. Tony Stubeda concelebrated. Alice Nowak was the organist for the Mass. A private interment was at Holy Family Cemetery. A visitation was held Monday, May 20, 9:30 a.m. until the time of Mass at the church.

The casket-bearers were Nicholas Kaminsky, grandson; Philip Kaminsky, grandson; Stephen Kaminsky, grandson; Josiah Kaminsky, grandson; Luke Melin, grandson; Jake Melin, grandson; Keith Kaminsky, Kevin Kaminsky, Travis Dahl and Mark Mahoney.

The Maresh Funeral Home in Silver Lake served the family. Its website is www.mareshfuneralhome.com where obituaries are available and online condolences may be made.

Luella Hahn, 97, of Hutchinson

Luella Hahn, 97, of Hutchinson, formerly of Stewart, passed away Wednesday, May 15, at Harmony River Living Center in Hutchinson.



Luella Hahn

A funeral service was held Saturday, May 18, 11 a.m., at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Stewart, with Pastor Mahlon Bekedam officiating. Interment was held in the church cemetery.

Casket-bearers were Erin Keith, Brett Klabunde, Clint Kalenberg, Corey Klammer, Ryan Zeman and Shannon Kottke.

Luella Elsie Selma (Beich) Hahn was born Oct. 22, 1921, in Round Grove Township, McLeod County, to William and Martha (Tabbert) Beich. She was baptized Nov. 6, 1921 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Stewart, and confirmed in her faith there April 14, 1935. Luella grew up in Stewart and received her education at the Stewart Public School.

Luella was united in mar-

riage to Kermit Hahn at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Stewart Jan. 12, 1941. They made their home in Stewart and were blessed with seven children. Luella and Kermit had shared 52 years of marriage when Kermit passed away Jan. 9, 1993. Eventually, Luella moved into the Prince of Peace Apartments in Hutchinson before moving into Harmony River Living Center in 2013.

Mrs. Hahn enjoyed several jobs, among them operating a bowling alley and Dairy Queen in Stewart with Kermit. She also worked as a cook at the Stewart Public School, and at Fingerhut Corporation in Gaylord for 30 years. After retirement, Luella and Kermit catered special events with their special friends.

Mrs. Hahn was a longtime member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Stewart, and served as a Sunday school teacher for 20 years.

Mrs. Hahn enjoyed having fun. Playing cards, camping, cooking, sewing, and fishing were among her favorite pastimes. She was an avid Minnesota Twins fan. She especially loved spending time with her family and friends.

Mrs. Hahn is survived by her children, Marjorie Klabunde and husband, Merlin, of Hutchinson, Allen Hahn of Hutchinson, Jean Klammer and husband, Warren, of Stewart, Jane Kalenberg and husband, Wayne, of Winnebago, Gary Hahn and wife, Bonnie, of Dassel, Mary Zeman and husband, Richard, of Northfield; 22 grandchildren, 32 great-grandchildren, eight great-great-grandchildren; brother, Wilfred Beich of Texas; sisters-in-law, Edna Hahn of Hutchinson, and Delores Beich of Hutchinson; nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

Mrs. Hahn was preceded in death by her parents, husband, Kermit; daughter, June Donley; son-in-law, George Donley; brother, Rueben Beich; sister, Agnes Martin and her husband, Art; sister-in-law, Ruth Beich; brothers-in-law, Quentin Hahn and his wife, Marvel, and Granville Hahn.

The Hughes-Hantge Funeral Chapel in Hector handled the arrangements. Its website is www.hantge.com where online obituaries and a guestbook are available.

Ann Backen, 78, of Minnetonka

Ann Backen, 78, of Minnetonka, died Sunday, May 19.



Ann Backen

A longtime employee with the Hennepin County Library System, she was an active volunteer at the Church of St. Therese of Deephaven. She enjoyed gardening and singing with groups at church.

Mrs. Backen is preceded in death by her husband, Bob.

She is survived by children, Pat (Kathy), Dan and Beth (Keith Lockwood) Backen; grandchildren, Robert and Jenny.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be 11 a.m. Friday, May 24 at the Church of St. Therese of Deephaven, 18325 Minnetonka Blvd., Wayzata, with interment at St. Pius X Cemetery, Glencoe at 3 p.m.

Visitation will be Thursday from 5 to 7 p.m., with a

prayer service at 6:45 p.m. at Gearty-Delmore Robbinsdale Chapel, 3888 W. Broadway, and again one hour prior to Mass Friday at church.

In honor of her caregivers, memorials are preferred to the Medical Careers Pathways at The International Institute of Minnesota. The Gearty-Delmore Robbinsdale Chapel handled the arrangements. Its website is gearty-delmore.com where online obituaries and a guestbook is available.

Death Notices

James Breitzkreutz, 72, of Hutch

James "Jim" Breitzkreutz, 72, of Hutchinson, Minnesota, passed away Sunday, May 19, at Harmony River Living Center in Hutchinson.

A private family service will be held Friday, May 24, 11 a.m., at Riverside Church in Hutchinson.

A public celebration of life will be held Friday, May 24, 2 to 6 p.m., at VFW Post 906 in Hutchinson.

Interment will be in the Sumter Cemetery in Sumter Township, McLeod County, at a later date.

The Dobratz-Hantge Funeral Chapel in Hutchinson is handling the arrangements. Its website is www.hantge.com where online obituaries and a guestbook are available.

Alan Alsleben, 55, of Glencoe

Alan Alsleben, 55, of Glencoe, passed away Monday, May 20, at Hennepin County Medical Center in Minneapolis.

Memorial services are pending.

Arrangements are with the Johnson-McBride Funeral Chapel in Glencoe. Online guestbook is available at www.mcbridechapel.com.

Silver Lake reunion planners seeking contacts

Planners of Silver Lake High School's all-school reunion are seeking class contact persons to reach out to fellow SLHS alums to inform them of the get-together set for Aug. 3.

The all-school reunion will be held during Silver Lake's 50th annual Pola-Czesky Days community celebration. Representatives of the classes of 1942, '43, '45, '47, '48, '50, '53, '61, '74, '76, '77, '78, '81 and 1992 are needed to reach out to their fellow Lakeites. Representatives of the class should call reunion planners Delores Sweeney, 715-519-0469, or Linda Paumen, 763-682-5190.

Villager Apartments closed, owners work to reopen

By Karin Ramige
Publisher

The Villager Apartments in Silver Lake were closed Wednesday, May 15, for failure to comply with the city's multi-unit rental ordinance.

The city council, in a special meeting May 6, revoked the multi-unit rental license for the property giving the owner until May 15 to evacuate anyone living on the premises.

Property manager Mike Jaunich has reapplied for a rental license and has been working with the city officials to comply with the occupancy requirements.

The city council heard that two problem tenants had voluntarily moved out and signed agreements that they will not return. Should they return, the police department can arrest the two people for trespassing.

As of the meeting Monday, May 20, Jaunich had provided copies of leases, installed smoke and carbon monoxide detectors where needed and installed some fire extinguishers.

The city asked MnSpect, its building inspector, to inspect the property. Scott Qualle informed the council unpermitted repairs had compromised the fire separation between some of the apartments. He added he wouldn't recommend occupancy until the issue is resolved.

The council also expressed concern about contamination from methamphetamine and asked that the facility be tested for contamination.

The council voted not to renew the occupancy license until all of the issues are fixed. Councilors will review the status at their next regular meeting June 17.

In other business, the council:

- Heard the city had received notification one of the parties interested in the city-owned downtown lots has decided to pursue other projects. Joe and Rachel Yates had approached the council about the possibility of constructing a multi-unit 55-plus apartment complex at the site.
- Approved the purchase of a 2000 Sterling tandem plow truck from Nuss Equipment for \$16,500 plus tax. The council also approved an additional \$3,500 to have the truck sandblasted, minor metal work and painting. The truck has 180,000 miles and was previously owned by McLeod County.
- Heard McLeod County Solid Waste's recycling bins, located near the county shed, have been removed. The county is currently working on options for recycling after it ended its contract with its management company. The council didn't have an interest in having them replaced.
- Voted to acquire a building, as is, from McLeod County in return for the snow plowing and sweeping of county roads within the city limits for 14 years. The city is currently plowing and sweeping the roads in return for the use of the building. The county had originally sug-

gested a 25-year term, the city countered with four years plus repairs and soil testing.

- Heard from Short Elliott Hendrickson Inc. (SEH) regarding capital improvement planning. The engineering firm feels the best option at this time would be to look at the possibility of a USDA-Rural Development loan. The city will need to look at any projects it would like to do in the next two to three decades. The USDA loan allows the city to pay off the debt over 39 years and offers the best opportunity for grant funding. The process can be time consuming and could take a couple of years to complete before any construction would start.

Once the priorities have been decided, a preliminary engineering report and environmental review would need to be completed. This can cost \$100,000 upfront and take about a year to complete.

SEH has identified several projects, totaling \$8,000,000 the council has mentioned as priorities over the years. These projects include: water treatment, \$3 million; a new water tower, \$1 million; Cleveland Avenue lift station and force main replacement, \$500,000; wastewater treatment update, \$1 million; infrastructure improvements, \$1.5 million; and utility extension and lift station for an industrial park, \$1 million. SEH asked the council and city staff to fill out a survey with priorities. They will schedule a workshop to discuss further.

County sends letter requesting FEMA assistance for flooding, snow melt

By Jakob Kounkel
Staff Writer

McLeod County Emergency Management Director Kevin Mathews was looking for approval at a county board meeting May 21 to send a letter to the U.S. Department of Agriculture requesting federal assistance through the emergency watershed protection program to repair snow melt and flooding damage.

The county, working alongside cities, townships and federal authorities, has identified approximately \$356,234 in preliminary damages, well over the amount required to receive funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). That figure could change as the county continues to search for damages deemed eligible by FEMA.

Roads and bridges alone were responsible for

\$182,000 in damages, including culverts, ditches and roads.

Mathews said because this winter was so damaging, FEMA is making frost boils eligible for damage mitigation — frost in roadways that melt and have nowhere to drain, sometimes making roadways impassable. Frost boils haven't been eligible for FEMA dollars in past years because they're so common, Mathews said, but because of severity are eligible this year.

Mathews said the letter is requesting help for damages sustained between March 12 and April 29. The federal and state governments are working together to cover the total cost of damages, leaving McLeod County with no monetary burden for repairs. FEMA covers 75 percent of the cost while the state covers 25 percent.

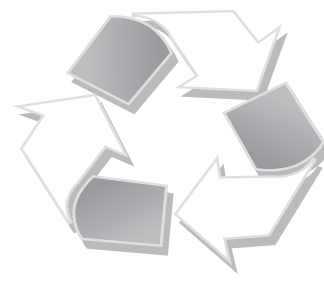
8 Brownton seniors met on Monday

Eight Brownton senior citizens met Monday, May 20 at the Brownton Community Center.

Winning at 500, Harriet Berge, first, and Delores Rennecke, second; winning at pinochle, Ed Markgraf, first, and Karen Schmeling, second; door prize winner was Phyllis Mahnke. Pat Markgraf served refreshments.

Due to Memorial Day observance, the Brownton seniors won't be meeting next week.

The next meeting will be June 3 at the Brownton Community Center.



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Tues., June 4 — Brownton City Council, 7 p.m.
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Kay Wilson retires on a strong note after 35 years

In what was Kay Wilson's final time directing a choir concert after 35 years of teaching, Superintendent Chris Sonju proclaimed Monday, May 20, 2019 as Kay Wilson Day as he presented a plaque thanking her for her dedicated instruction. The choir sang "Bohemian Rhapsody" by Queen and "Blackbird" by The Beatles, among other challenging pieces.

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Glencoe-Silver Lake band concert

Glencoe-Silver Lake Band Director Peter Gepson and his concert band warmed up for their concert on Thursday, May 16. The pre-concert warm up involves

tuning instruments, ensuring students aren't too flat or too sharp, and a quick run-through of some of the music.



Weather Corner

By Jake Yurek

I'm a little gun shy due to last weekend's forecast being a bust, but the show must go on so here we go. Taking a look back, we're quite lucky it didn't hit a month earlier as it would have been one heck of a winter storm. There were a few snowflakes seen in central Minnesota Sunday so let's officially say that was the last time! This will be another good-news-bad-news type of forecast. The good news is the first two days of the long weekend look great with highs in the 70s and no real chances of rain until late Sunday. The bad news is the Midwest is stuck in a very active pattern so rain chances linger for most of the week (sorry farmers!). The best chances of rain will be Tuesday night, Thursday into Friday and again late Sunday into Monday and Tuesday. If you're looking to make some plans, Saturday and Sunday would be your best bet. The extended forecast shows rain Monday into Tuesday with perhaps a warm-up and dry-out towards the middle of next week. Have a great week everyone, enjoy the super sized weekend. Thank you veterans and active service members!

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Wednesday night: Lows 46-52, scattered showers.

Thursday: Highs 65-72, lows 54-60, mostly clear/night thunder.

Friday: Highs 73-80, lows 50-56, early showers/ partly cloudy.

Saturday: Highs 68-74, lows 46-52, mostly clear.

Sunday: Highs 66-76, lows, 48-56, mostly clear/night showers.

Monday: Highs 60-70, clouds/showers.

Weather Quiz: What are some of June's weather extremes?

Last week's question: Why do most tornadoes strike in the late afternoon and early evening?

Answer to last week's question: It takes quite a bit of energy and proper timing for tornadoes to form and typically the heat of the day is needed to fire the storms that end up spawning tornadoes. The drastic change in air masses is what drives these storms to form so violently.

Remember, I make the forecast, not the weather.

Silver Lake seniors celebrate birthdays, anniversaries

Twenty-two members of the Silver Lake senior citizens met May 13 at the Silver Lake Auditorium to celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, socialize and play cards.

Tony Victorian, Delores Goede and Shirley Fiecke celebrated birthdays in May. Margaret and Don Benz celebrated their wedding anniversary with friends.

The group also gathered May 15 at Cedar Crest for

cards. The next meeting is slated for June 10. A potluck lunch will be served.

Polish poker winners include Doris Wrapsir and Yvonne Urban. Winners at 500 include Gary Kaczmarek, Roger Lhotka, Carol Navaratil, Genny Lhotka, Tony Victorian, Mary Jaskowiak, Joanne Victorian, Ed Goede, Don Benz and Ron Mikolichek.



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Glencoe-Silver Lake High School mock crash



A hearse waited to transport the young woman supposedly killed in the crash. Students were told a young man's decision to drink and drive meant she wouldn't make it home alive.



The script in the mock crash had a student allegedly driving under the influence put through field sobriety tests and ultimately arrested for his role in the supposed death of a young woman.



The sport-utility vehicle Matt Cardinal's wife was driving showed in harsh reality the impact of being hit by an impaired driver. She was killed in the crash and their children were injured.

With the coming graduation and summer party season, GSL students took some time out for a lesson on the dangers of drinking and driving Thursday afternoon, May 16. Local and county emergency responders and the county Towards Zero Deaths task force presented a mock crash in the parking lot on the north side of the junior-senior high school.

The mock crash gave students a realistic look at how police and firefighters handle a tragic crash where alcohol potentially plays a role.

After the presentation, students heard from Matt Cardinal. His wife was killed by an impaired driver in 2017. The vehicle she was driving was on display outside the school.



After extricating a supposedly-injured student from the crash, firefighters transferred him to a waiting helicopter for what would be a ride to the nearest hospital.

GSL Early Childhood Family Education barnyard fun



Ben Brinkman and George Ide take their turns petting and playing with a chicken.

The Glencoe-Silver Lake Early Childhood Education Barnyard Fun event was met with smiling faces from students, parents and educators. The event, on Wednesday, May 15, brought students out to the GSL FFA Barnyard by the school's

garden on East 16th Street to pet goats, bunnies, chickens, pigs and a pony. Inside the learning center, students made crafts, sang songs and listened to stories, among other fun learning activities about barnyard animals.



Greta Kosek pets a pair of bunnies just before heading back to class.



From left to right: Millie Retka, Molly Zimmerman, Hadley Zimmerman, George Ide and Julie Ide each journeyed around the pens, petting pigs, a pony and goats. Tammy Retka and her daughter Eleanor Retka admired the pony.