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GSL Class of 2017 graduates

The Glencoe-Silver Lake High School Class of 2017 graduated Friday night, with 122 seniors receiving their diplomas. Pictured at top are the “Top 10 Percent” of the class in scholastic achievement. Pictured, front row from left, are Taryn Reichow, Nicholas Schmidt, Jacob Fehrenbach, Jordan Kaczmarek, Tyler Ehrke

and Madison Monahan; and, back row, Hannah Kunkel, Katherine Twiss, Robin Swift, Dini Schweikert, Teanna Vorlicek and Maggie Petersen. Commencement speakers were Superintendent Chris Sonju, lower left, and Joe Torgerson, class president, lower right.

Trailblazer, WCAT close to compromise

By Lori Copler
Editor

McLeod and Sibley counties and Wright County Area Transportation (WCAT) edged closer to an agreement Thursday that could result in WCAT withdrawing its notice of its intent to withdraw from the Trailblazer Transit Joint Powers Agreement.

Representatives from McLeod and Sibley counties said at a joint powers board meeting Thursday morning that they could agree to nearly all of the points outlined in a letter by WCAT about what WCAT feels would be necessary to continue partnership in Trailblazer.

However, a sticking point from both counties was a stipulation that votes on four areas — including the hiring or firing of an executive director — would require at least one

affirmative vote from each entity to pass. That would prevent two of the entities from out-voting the third on one of those four issues.

The Sibley and McLeod counties’ contention was that every vote should require a simple majority. With a six-person joint powers board, that would mean a vote would have to pass 4-2.

Kevin Kassel, mayor of St. Michael, suggested a compromise — that an agreement be made to put the executive director under contract, with provisions that the position be reviewed in one year.

Kassel said that most of the dissent between the two counties and WCAT have been in regard to Executive Director Gary Ludwig.

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Memorial Day services set in Glencoe, area cities

Glencoe and its surrounding communities have planned Memorial Day services for Monday, May 29.

Glencoe

On Sunday, May 28, the Glencoe American Legion Post 95 and Christ Lutheran Church on Knight Avenue will host a community service at 9 a.m. at the church.

On Monday, May 29, at 10 a.m., American Legion Post 95 and Glencoe VFW Post 5102 will host a Memorial Day service in the Glencoe-Silver Lake High School Auditorium. Legion Post Commander Jim Entinger will give the address.

Brownton

Brownton’s Memorial Day service has been moved from Oak Grove Cemetery to the street in front of the Brownton Community Center on Second Street N. The program starts at 10 a.m. The guest speaker will be Cassandra Carrigan, assistant Veterans Services officer for McLeod County. Carrigan also is a veteran of the Gulf War, having

served in Iraq.

A potluck dinner will be served at 11 a.m. in the Brownton Community Center. The Brownton Legion Post will provide broasted chicken. Please bring a dish to pass; all are welcome to attend.

New Auburn

New Auburn VFW Post 7266 will sponsor its annual program at 11 a.m. This year, it will be held in the High Island Lake park building rather than in the cemetery.

Plato

Plato American Legion Post 641 will host its service at 9 a.m. in the Plato Community Hall. Music will be provided by Glencoe-Silver Lake students.

The program starts with a processional and then “The Star-Spangled Banner” will be sung. An introduction by Elroy Latzig will be followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. The Rev. Brian Brosz

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Wigs of Hope still going strong

By Lori Copler
Editor

Pat Brinkman’s mother and two of her best friends died of cancer. Gail Koch also has had friends and family members die of cancer.

The two paired up several years ago to form Wigs of Hope, which provides wigs, scarves and hats — at no cost — to cancer patients who have lost hair to chemotherapy.

Brinkman’s mother battled breast cancer three times. When her mother was in her 80s, she bought a wig to cover her bald head.

“I think it (the wig) cost her about \$200,” said Brinkman.

That sparked Brinkman to try to find a way to help cancer patients obtain wigs and other head coverings, knowing that most were already facing significant medical bills and other costs. Having to buy a wig just seemed like one more burden on a person already facing significant difficulties, Brinkman said.

But most wigs don’t come per-

fectly suited for those who need one. That’s why Brinkman got in touch with Koch, who owns Gail’s Shear Magic on 10th Street E. Koch agreed to cut, style and fit the wigs that Wigs of Hope has either purchased or had donated.

Koch has a catalog of wigs, and will order a wig for a person. Wigs of Hope also gets donations of used wigs from hospitals, the Gunderson Medical Center chemotherapy department, the University of Minnesota hospitals and others. The wigs are donated by cancer patients who no longer have use for them.

Koch said she likes to have the wigs on hand.

“We’d like anyone who comes here to be able to go home with something,” said Koch.

Those who wish to make use of Wigs of Hope’s services are asked to call Brinkman at 320-864-6374. She then works with Koch to set up private appointments with those who need a wig or other head covering. Koch said she likes to keep the Wigs

of Hope effort separate from the beauty shop, and most prefer private consultations rather than coming in as a regular customer.

Koch said she has been surprised at how much obtaining a wig means to cancer patients. Many patients, she said, don’t realize the impact that hair loss has on them.

“It really has an impact on their self esteem,” said Koch of providing wigs to patients. Many times, Koch said, both she and the patient end up in tears as patients find wigs that suit their style.

Koch also said that the wigs help other family members, because it helps provide a sense of some normalcy during a very difficult time.

Koch keeps an album of photographs of patients she has helped over the past several years. Looking at the pictures, one would never guess that the person was wearing a wig.

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Pat Brinkmann, left, and Gail Koch, right, have teamed up for several years on Wigs of Hope, which offers head coverings for cancer patients who have lost their hair while going through chemotherapy and other medical treatments.

Weather



Wed., 5-24
H: 65° L: 48°



Thur., 5-25
H: 73° L: 56°



Fri., 5-26
H: 74° L: 54°



Sat., 5-27
H: 72° L: 53°



Sun., 5-28
H: 72° L: 53°

Looking back: Cool and wet with rain five of the past seven days.

Date	Hi	Lo	Rain
May 16	84	59	0.12
May 17	67	54	2.20
May 18	55	43	0.08

May 19	53	43	0.00
May 20	49	39	1.50
May 21	50	44	0.02
May 22	67	39	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.

Happenings

Author to visit Glencoe

Award-winning author Connie Claire (Peterson) Szarke will give a presentation, which includes elements of fiction and music, followed by a book signing, on Thursday, May 25, at 6 p.m., in the meeting room of Gert & Erma's Coffee Shop in Glencoe. She is the author of the Callie Lindstrom trilogy, which includes "Delicate Armor," "A Stone for Amer" and "Lady in the Moon, a Novel in Stories." The trilogy is set primarily in Minnesota and eastern Montana. More information about the author can be found at www.connieclaireszarke.com.

Health services board to meet

Meeker-McLeod-Sibley Community Health Services will have its quarterly community health board meeting Thursday, May 25, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., in the large meeting room of the McLeod County Solid Waste Management building, 1065 Fifth Ave. SE, Hutchinson. The meeting is open to the public.

Silver Lake Sportsmen's Club

The Silver Lake Sportsmen's Club will meet Thursday, May 25, at 7 p.m., at the sanctuary.

4-H drill team fundraiser

The McLeod County 4-H Horse Drill Team will have a fundraiser, Thursday, May 25, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., at Culver's in 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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Kassel said WCAT acknowledges that there have been "some rough spots," but WCAT feels that Trailblazer has "the right person in place" with Ludwig at the helm.

Kassel said that with the hiring of appropriate support staff, some of the rough spots should be smoothed out.

"Hopefully, that issue will disappear," said Kassel.

"My suggestion is that we don't take action (on the executive director position) for a year, that we give this a chance to work out, and at that point decide if that position is working or not."

McLeod County Commissioner Doug Krueger agreed, saying that if Trailblazer could get into place a contract and job description for the executive director, new by-laws and new policies, "that would solve a lot of problems. They all go hand in hand."

The board instructed its labor attorney, Frank Madden, to work with the board's

officers on drafts of those documents. They will be considered at the June Trailblazer meeting.

Kassel said he felt he could sell the WCAT board on rescinding its letter of intent to withdraw from Trailblazer with that compromise in place.

In other business, the board:

- Heard that the roof at its new facility in Buffalo is leaking significantly. Ludwig said the construction manager has been working with the contractors to try to resolve the issue, but the source of the leak had not been found as of last Thursday's meeting.
- Krueger suggested that the attorney send a letter expressing the board's desire to get the matter resolved.
- Agreed to apply for the 2018 funding at the same level of service as 2017.
- Set the next meeting for Thursday, June 22, at 9 a.m., at the facility in Glencoe. The board decided to have every third meeting in Buffalo.

Wigs of Hope

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Nearly every wig, donated or purchased, needs some adjustment, said Koch. She will cut, style and highlight wigs to make them suitable for the people who wear them.

Wigs of Hope does accept cash donations, which it uses to purchase wigs if something on hand isn't suitable. The goal is to provide the wigs at no cost, although Koch said that some insurance companies will cover the cost of a wig. She said patients should check to see if their policies cover "cranium prosthesis."

Brinkman said several fundraisers have been held over the year to help the cause — the local fire department passed a hat to get donations, there have been fundraisers at Unhinged! Pizza, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church donated its Blue Moose Caboose pro-

ceeds to the cause, there have been donations of garage sale proceeds and profits from used-book sales. Thrivent for Lutherans also has been helpful.

Even young people have gotten involved. A couple of kids donated the proceeds from a Kool Aid stand, and one teen donated all the money from an entire summer that she had made while baby sitting.

"People have been unbelievably supportive," said Brinkman.

Wigs of Hope is hoping to obtain 501(c)3 status so that donations will be tax-deductible.

For more information, one is welcome to call Brinkman at 320-864-6374, or visit the Wigs of Hope Facebook page.



Submitted photo

Glencoe-Silver Lake's Supermileage team consists of, from left to right, Michaela Neyers, Jacob Jochum,

Isaac Swift, Adam Thalmann, Blake Ortloff, Eric Villnow, Kole Polzin and Roxanna Sanchez.

Supermileage team competes in challenge

The Glencoe-Silver Lake (GSL) Supermileage Team competed in the 29th annual MTEEA Supermileage Challenge at Brainerd International Raceway May 15-16. The students competed in three classes with four vehicles. Students have been working all year on building two new vehicles, adding fuel injection to a previously entered vehicle and modifying the ethanol vehicle.

In an effort to increase support and promote technology education, public awareness

in the area of fuel economy and student involvement, a fuel economy competition is held every spring. Competing students and clubs are challenged to build a one-person, fuel-efficient vehicle powered by a single-cylinder four-stroke cycle engine. The 29th annual competition featured vehicles to compete in Stock, Modified, E-85, Experimental and Plug-in Electric classes.

Students from GSL built a new car, Purple Rain, to compete in the Electric class. Piloted by veterans Eric Vill-

now, Jacob Jochum and Adam Thalmann, the vehicle successfully completed 14 runs without a single breakdown. The highest mileage run was equivalent to 2,153 mpg. A second new vehicle, Little Red Corvette, was built for the modified class. Unfortunately, the vehicle had mechanical issues both days that students were unable to sort out and never successfully completed a run. The Blue vehicle returned again, but this year running a new fuel injection system. The vehicle

also suffered from mechanical problems but finished two runs achieving a high mileage of 135 mpg. The fourth entry, The Pink Cadillac, was entered into the E-85 class where it completed six runs with a new school record of 228 mpg, driven by sophomore Isaac Swift

This year's team included: Carl Hormann, Jacob Jochum, Michaela Neyer, Blake Ortloff, Kole Polzin, Isaac Swift, Roxanna Sanchez, Adam Thalmann, and Eric Villnow.



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Community Schools tour

Glencoe-Silver Lake hosted its final Community Schools luncheon Thursday, May 18. The lunch was preceded by a tour of the construction of the addition

onto the Lincoln campus and high school. Superintendent Chris Sonju, right, lead the tour.

Memorial Day

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will give the invocation. Speakers will be from the Close Up program. There will be music by the Plato Community Choir, as well as the singing of "America the Beautiful."

Third District Legion Commander Mike Maxa will give the address. Youth flag color-

ing awards will be given.

The Rev. Brosz will give the benediction, followed by "Taps" and the departure of the Colors.

Silver Lake

Members of Silver Lake American Legion Post 141 will meet at the Legion Club

at 10:45 a.m. to march to the American Legion Park, where the service will start at 11 a.m. The guest speaker will be McLeod County Veterans Services Officer Jim Lauer.

In case of inclement weather, the service will be held in the Silver Lake Auditorium.

Stewart

Stewart American Legion Post 125 will host its service at 10 a.m. in front of the veterans memorial by the Stewart Community Center. A potluck will follow in the community center.

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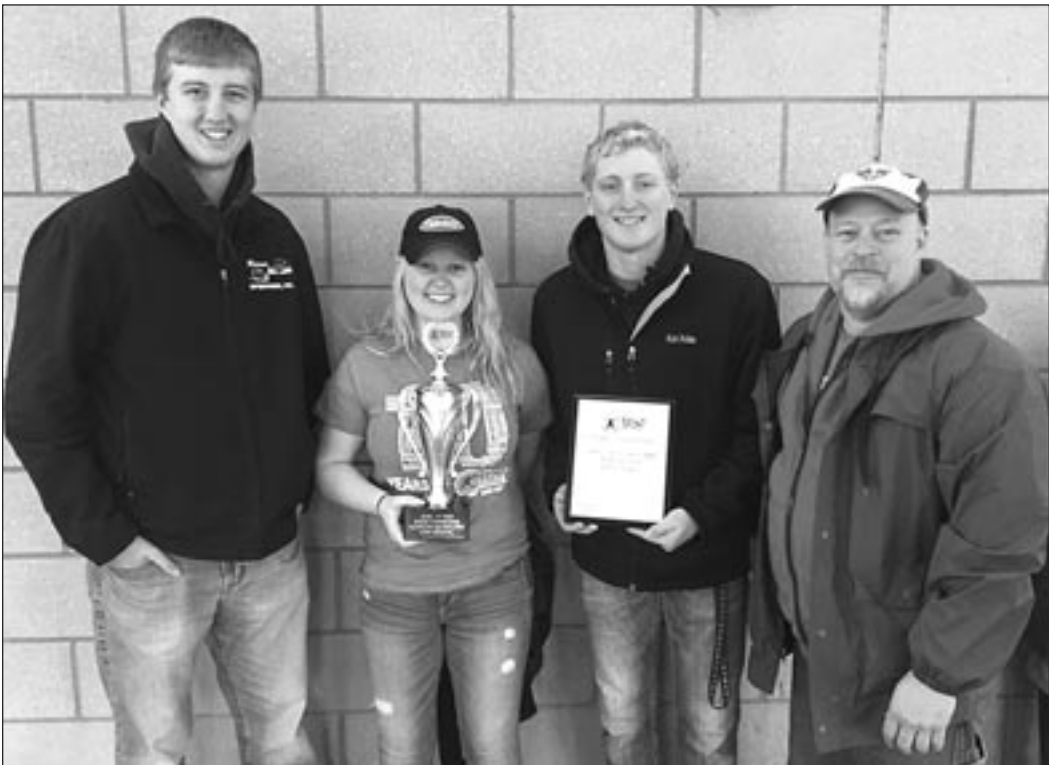
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Members of the YES! group with their award are, from left, Blake Ortloff, Michaela Neyers, Kole Polzin and Coach Mike Sundblad.



The Solar Boat team: Ben Siers, Anna Salgado, co-leader Mike Morris, Tanner Novack, Cole Mathwig, co-leader Terry Shogren, Cullen Lukes. Connor Morris (front right) was there with his father, Mike.

YES! team named state champs, competes in Solar Boat regatta

Glencoe-Silver Lake (GSL) High School's Youth Energy Summit (YES!) group had a busy weekend May 20 and 21. At the Twins game on Sunday, the Glencoe-Silver Lake High School YES! Team was named 2016-2017 Youth Energy Summit state champions for their exemplary work to find solutions to today's environmental challenges.

GSL's Solar Boat team competed in the Minnesota Renewable Energy Societies' Solar Boat Regatta on Saturday at Lake Riley in Eden Prairie. The Solar Boat team was scheduled to compete in three different races including speed, slalom and endurance, but the race was cut short because of the rain and temperature. The boat passed inspection right away and worked as designed in every event that they were able to run.

Team co-leader Terry Shogren said, "The team demonstrated knowledge of science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) to build a boat powered by the sun. Students built the boat from blueprints and wired a charge controller to a solar panel to charge a battery, which, in turn, ran a trolling motor." The students spent roughly 15 to 20 hours building the boat.

The team went above and beyond by building a trailer and hitch that would fit onto the GSL Supermilage car to pull the boat. Unfortunately, because of the rain, they were not able to use the car to pull the boat, but they had built a handle they could use to pull it by hand from the parking lot to the beach. GSL's team watched every other team make multiple trips to haul their boat, battery, and supplies, but the GSL students were able to make it in one trip using the trailer. As they were walking the boat to the lake on their trailer, they overheard other teams talk about how they wished they had made a trailer, or next year they should make one. Team members received multiple compliments about how good their boat looked throughout the day.

Mike Morris, co-leader of

the team, said, "The boat performed well in every event. For how cold and wet it was, the kids never once complained about it – they were there to race!" He added, "The team did not win any of the events on Saturday, but there is one more award that will be drawn on Wednesday. The kids represented GSL very well and brought a fantastic boat to the event."

This was the first time GSL students participated in the Solar Boat competition. Morris and Shogren, who both work in GSL's Technology Department, were co-headers of the solar boat students from GSL's YES! group. Participants were Tanner Novack, Cullen Lukes, Isaac Swift, Eric Villnow, Earl Janke, Ben Siers, Cole Mathwig and Anna Salgado.

On Sunday, the YES! Team was awarded \$500 for winning the state-level competition Youth Energy Summit and was recognized before the start of the Twins game. The team received the 2017 West Central Regional All Star Award and

was awarded \$500, and then advanced to the state level. Supermileage Coach Mike Sundblad said, "The judges felt GSL's team showed deep understanding of criteria, used strategic action, and proved excellent success. The judges were amazed by how much effort the students put into their project and how much time they dedicated to working on Supermileage and the solar boat." Sundblad is Industrial Technology and Engineering instructor at GSL High School.

Members of the YES! team are Carl Hormann, Kole Polzin, Adam Thalman, Cole Mathwig, Tanner Novack, Eric Villnow, Jacob Jochum, Anna Salgado, Michaela Neyers, Roxanna Sanchez, Ben Siers, Blake Ortloff and Isaac Swift.

For more information about the Youth Energy Summit, visit www.youthenergysummit.org.

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Glencoe Police

TUESDAY, MAY 16
5:50 a.m. — A citation for no Minnesota driver's license and a verbal warning for failure to follow detour signs were given at a traffic stop in the area of Armstrong Avenue and Ninth Street E.
3:36 p.m. — A business had several trucks parked on the boulevard on Cardinal Avenue N. An officer asked that the trucks be moved, and they were.
9:41 p.m. — An officer responded to a report of fireworks on Armstrong Avenue N. The person responsible quit setting them off.
11:26 p.m. — Officers assisted the sheriff's office with a warrant on Elliott Avenue N. One person was taken into custody.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17
1:02 a.m. — A report was received of a possible drunk driver leaving Casey's on 13th Street. The vehicle was later found by the Hutchinson Police Department.
3:43 a.m. — An officer checked on an occupied vehicle on 10th Street E. The driver had pulled over to take a nap.
3:45 a.m. — A gas drive-off was reported on 10th Street E.
6:38 a.m. — A report was received of a vehicle with smoke coming out of it in the area of Perschau Drive and Hennepin Avenue N. The issue was taken care of and the vehicle was moved out of the area.
7:50 a.m. — A report was received of a suspicious vehicle at Casey's on 13th Street E. An officer talked to the occupants, who were sleeping and about to be on their way.
9:27 a.m. — An officer documented a blight issue on Hennepin Avenue N. A sofa had been sitting on the front lawn for several days.
3:30 p.m. — Officers assisted the ambulance with a medical on Dogwood Avenue N.
7 p.m. — An officer assisted with a medical on 18th Street. A person had cut a leg with lawn equipment, and had called 9-1-1 while enroute to the hospital.
7:58 p.m. — An officer found a dog running around in the area of 16th Street and Cedar Avenue.

The officer found the owner and spoke to him about the dog.
8:07 p.m. — Officers assisted the ambulance with a medical on Queen Avenue N.

THURSDAY, MAY 18
12:41 a.m. — An officer checked on an occupied car parked at the City Center on 11th Street E. A person was waiting to meet someone, and was advised to move along as soon as they showed up.
3:26 a.m. — An officer checked on an occupied vehicle on 13th Street E. The driver had just arrived from Texas and was sleeping.
10:35 a.m. — Officers served a warrant on Greeley Avenue N.
4:29 p.m. — An officer responded to Sixth Street E for a person who was threatening to throw another person's property outside.

FRIDAY, MAY 19
12:23 a.m. — Citations for driving after suspension and possession of drug paraphernalia were issued at a traffic stop on First Street E.
1:17 a.m. — A gas drive-off in the amount of \$29.77 was reported on 10th Street E.
4:30 p.m. — Officers responded to an animal complaint on 13th Street W. A truck driver had let his dog out to go to the bathroom when it took off on him.
9:14 p.m. — A gas drive-off in the amount of \$41.25 was reported on Chandler Avenue N. A black or dark-blue pickup pulling a travel camper pumped gas and then left, westbound on Highway 212. Officers and deputies looked for the vehicle, but were unable to find it.
9:23 p.m. — An officer checked on a vehicle parked on the shoulder in the area of Highway 212 and Morningside Drive. The occupants were just switching drivers and everything was fine.
11 p.m. — Officers assisted the ambulance with a medical on Prairie Avenue. A person who fell was taken by ambulance to the emergency room.

SATURDAY, MAY 20
12:24 a.m. — An officer checked on a vehicle in Oak Leaf Park. The driver was talking on the phone, was advised of the park hours, and moved along.

1:13 a.m. — Officers responded to a juvenile issue on 11th Street E.
12:22 p.m. — Officers responded to a property-damage accident on Greeley Avenue N. A vehicle was pulling into a handicapped parking stall when it was struck by a silver-colored sport utility vehicle, which then left the scene.
3:57 p.m. — Officers responded with the fire department to an alarm on 11th Street W. Water dripping through a ceiling caused the fire alarm to activate.
9:52 p.m. — An officer responded to the area of Eighth Street E and Chandler Avenue N for a vehicle that got stuck in the construction area. The driver had help on the way.

SUNDAY, MAY 21
5:22 p.m. — Officers assisted a motorist with a flat tire in the area of Highway 212 and Morningside Drive.
8:01 p.m. — A report was received of children on a roof on Seventh Street W. The children were not on the roof when officers arrived, but apparently had been on it with an adult. Officers spoke with the children and the parents.
8:16 p.m. — An officer conducted a welfare check on 12th Street E.
11:23 p.m. — Officers checked on a vehicle on 10th Street E. The occupants were charging the car battery and said they did not need any help.

MONDAY, MAY 22
12:04 a.m. — An officer responded to a minor accident on 11th Street E; one vehicle backed into another.
6:42 a.m. — An officer responded to the high school on 16th Street E. A fire alarm was set off by a steam leak.
11:29 a.m. — Officers responded to a minor accident in a parking lot on 16th Street E. One vehicle had backed into another.
10:38 p.m. — Officers responded to Ninth Street E for a person who wanted to turn themselves in on a warrant.
11 p.m. — A citation for unreasonable acceleration was issued at a traffic stop in the area of Highway 212 and Boone Road.

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Memorial Day is Monday, May 29

Our view: Take the time to honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice

Memorial Day is Monday, May 29, and there are plenty of opportunities to pay our respects to those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our country.

Typically, we use this space to chastise those who spend Monday morning sleeping in, camping or otherwise enjoying the long weekend — made possible by the sacrifices of our men and women in the military — rather than attending a Memorial Day service.

But the reality is that there has been a resurgence of patriotism in this country, particularly since the United States was attacked on its own soil in September 2001. That brought to the forefront just how fragile our freedom really is, and how much we rely on our military personnel to preserve it for us.

As a result, we've seen an increase in the number of people attending Memorial Day services, as well as Veterans Day services. (Just a reminder: Memorial Day is our day to honor those who died in service to our country, Veterans Day honors those who have served in the armed forces, and Armed Forces Day honors those who are actively serving).

Although we have seen an increased attendance at Memorial

Day services, perhaps the reminder that this day is set aside to remember and honor those who sacrificed all and died in the service can prompt a few more of us to take an hour out of our day to attend a service. We can no longer shake these fine folks' hands, give them a hug, or otherwise thank them for what they've given for our rights and freedoms. The best we can do is stand at their gravesides, bow our heads and offer up a prayer of thanksgiving for their willingness to die for our country.

And although Memorial Day is not, technically, for the living veterans, we should thank them, also. Not just for their service, but because they are the ones who ensure, each year, that there is a Memorial Day service for us to attend, who arrange for guest speakers and musicians and the playing of "Taps," place flags and markers at graves, and make sure that their fallen comrades are properly honored and remembered.

So, thank you, veterans, for all you have done both in the past and the present. And thank you to those who willing serve both now and in the future.

Hope to see you all Monday at one of our community services.

— L.C.



Don't close Elliott Avenue RR crossing

Years ago, the late Melvin "Sarge" Hammerstrom was considered a "gadfly" by the Glencoe City Council. He had a few special concerns he wanted the Council to address, and he would not take no for an answer. Relentless would be a good word for him.

Sarge also was about as hard of hearing as a door knob, so there was no use arguing with him.

Sarge was insistent in getting the railroad crossings fixed within the city. It was all about safety to him, and the crossings, at nearly all the avenues in central Glencoe, were not exactly safe.

Twin Cities & Western (TC&W) was the new owner of the old Milwaukee Line at the time, and it was not about to invest its capital into repairing all the railroad crossings without something in return. For repairing the main crossings in town — Union, Pryor, Hennepin, Greeley, Elliott and Chandler avenues — TC&W wanted an equal number closed.

As a result, the city was left with numerous dead-end streets that are blocked off with barriers at the railroad tracks. Driving down 13th Street or 12th Street, a driver can see where they wanted go, they just can't get there because of the all the street closings. The result is a longer route to Pryor or Hennepin avenues in order to get on the other side of the tracks.

Fast forward to today, and the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) wants to complicate our lives even more. MnDOT has propositioned the city to close the Elliott Avenue crossing. A public



Rich Glennie

hearing is set for Thursday, June 8, at 7:15 p.m., before the city planning commission.

Why close the Elliott Avenue crossing? We're not sure.

So I went to city hall to find out. I was told the railroad division of MnDOT is in charge of carrying out a plan to close as many railroad crossings in the state as possible. Elliott Avenue was determined to be one.

The state has sweetened the pie. It will pay the city \$50,000 to close the crossing. That folks, is a classic carrot in front of the mule!

Getting around the city is already complicated enough with the previous street crossing closings, an epidemic of stop signs, future plans to close Union Avenue with the Morningside extension project and plans to possibly close a portion of Judd Avenue (13th Street to 14th Street) as part of the upcoming central corridor sewer and street reconstruction work.

The recent opening of the "Street to Nowhere" (Judd Avenue between 10th and 11th streets) has added another piece to the disjointed street

system in Glencoe.

The closing of Elliott Avenue will only add to the difficulties. Since a new fire station is not a sure thing, closing Elliott Avenue would negatively impact firefighters trying to get to the fire hall, which is along Elliott Avenue, south of the railroad tracks.

We need to rethink MnDOT's plan. Go to the June 8 public hearing and let MnDOT know this is a bad idea.

While I'm on my high horse, the cutting down of more trees on 11th Street in front of the Municipal Light Plant has added to my head scratching. Is it only me who thinks Glencoe officials love to tear out or cut things down?

Why remove these perfectly healthy-looking trees?

Because the tree roots were causing issues with the Light Plant's sidewalk. So, the trees had to go.

Anyone ever think tearing out the sidewalk instead? It probably would have been less expensive, and it would eliminate shoveling in the winter, too.

I was told the one block of sidewalk is used a lot.

By whom?

Mostly by migrants at Seneca Foods, I was told.

Really?

At this pace, in a few years we can get rid of our city leaf vacuums because there won't be any leaves to pick up.

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

**Memorial Day is Monday.
Will you be attending a service?**

- 1) Yes.
- 2) No.
- 3) If there is one close by.
- 4) Haven't decided yet.

Results for most recent question:

**Should the city of Glencoe's yard waste
site be open seven days a week, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.?**

- 1) Yes — 26%
- 2) Yes, if it's economically feasible — 15%
- 3) No, but it needs to be open more than it is now — 38%
- 4) The current hours are fine — 21%

53 votes. New question runs May 24-May 29.



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Guest Column:

The federal budget process still broken

By Lee H. Hamilton

Think about this for a moment: Two days away from a federal shutdown, Congress comes up with a stopgap measure to keep the government operating ... for a week. A few days later, it arrives at a bipartisan budget deal lasting a bit over four months. This, in turn, moves the president to take to Twitter with the following statement: "Our country needs a good 'shutdown' in September to fix mess!"

With respect to President Trump, this assertion seems more focused on settling political scores than on the good of the country. There is no such thing as a "good" shutdown. The last time it happened, in 2013, it cost the economy \$24 billion, ac-

cording to Standard & Poor's at the time. National institutions get shuttered, federal workers are out of a job for an indeterminate period, federal loans and support for veterans are frozen, state and local governments — and all the businesses, non-profits and community organizations that depend on them — face cash shortages, and the country's most economically vulnerable must shift for themselves. All that and more happens during a shutdown.

Yet this is the state of budget politics in this era. We're the world's greatest democracy, and every few months we have to contemplate the very real possibility that the government might close its doors. Is this really the best we can do?

If the non-profit or business you respect most operated in this manner, would you be anything but appalled? Somehow, we've allowed ourselves to see this as standard operating procedure for the federal government.

How can it be that the most important document of the federal government — remember, the budget is the national blueprint for what we'll do and how we'll do it — gets handled in such a distressing, irrational, ineffective, uneconomic, and almost nonsensical manner?

I'll tell you how: We keep electing people who tell us they're distressed

Hamilton

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People

Brandon Ebert receives award

Brandon Ebert, son of Joseph and Michele Ebert of Silver Lake, received the Agribusiness Outstanding Student Award for 2016-17 from the Ridgewater College, Willmar Campus, Agriculture Department at its awards banquet April 3. The award is considered to be the most prestigious honor an agriculture student can receive. Ebert also participated in the state postsecondary



Brandon Ebert

agriculture student contests held in Marshall in February and the national contest in St. Louis, Missouri, in March. In the state competition, Ebert received first place for precision specialist and second places for career progress – power structural and technical, and employment interview – ag equipment service. He received a second place award at the national competition in career progress – power structural and technical. Ebert also was recognized for serving as an ag department ambassador, receiving the Joe Krick Memorial Scholarship and for being on the fall semester dean's list.

Named to St. Cloud dean's list

St. Cloud State University has announced its spring semester dean's list. Local students who earned spots on the dean's list and their majors include: Carolin Goebel, accounting, Brownton; and Tate Lilienthal, communication arts and literature, and Tyler Raduenz, studio art, both of Glencoe.

Austin Maynard earns award

Austin Maynard, son of Scott and Brenda Maynard of Glencoe, was honored at the Ridgewater College Agriculture Department awards banquet April 3 for his participation in the state postsecondary agriculture students contest, which was held in Marshall in February. Maynard earned third place in career progress – power structural and technical. He also was recognized for being an ag department ambassador and being on the fall semester dean's list.

Named to NDSU dean's list

Recently named to the North Dakota State University (NDSU) spring dean's list were Mackenzie Matousek, strategic communication, Mitchell Rothstein, accounting and Tristan Weber, construction management, all of Glencoe, and Russell Bayerl, mechanical engineering, and Joshua Yurek, mechanical engineering, both of Silver Lake.

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about conducting business in this fashion and then year after year fail to get us back on track.

Because make no mistake, we know how to do it better. Congress did it for many decades. It handled appropriations bills through committee hearings, gathered expert opinions, allowed members to propose improvements, and vetted federal taxing and spending thoroughly in both the House and the Senate before passing it on to the president. We had a steady annual process that may have had its difficulties, but offered the country a democratic and politically rational mechanism for deciding on our priorities and how to fund them.

We haven't followed it since the middle of the 1990s. Instead, we've been forced to live with a process marked by high-stakes fiscal brinkmanship. Every important decision of government is reflected in the budget, but now we operate through omnibus spending bills and continuing resolutions, all of which put the government more or less on automatic pilot. Operations and processes that should be reviewed annually get no real scrutiny. New initiatives are rarely considered.

The current budget deal, negotiated between Republicans and Democrats, at least has the virtue of having included both parties at the table with give and take on both sides. In Washington

these days, that's what passes for good government.

But let's not mistake it for good process. Congress is still putting the budget together with no accountability, no transparency, and scanty debate. Most of it is written in secret largely by leadership staff. The process largely excludes ordinary members of Congress, except to vote after very limited debate. It offers little opportunity to consider amendments or expert testimony, or to conduct careful evaluations of proposed improvements and reforms. The ordinary self-corrective mechanisms that should keep government on an even keel are not operating.

And here's the interesting thing: in all my conversations with public officials familiar with the current state of affairs, I can't find a single one who defends it. They all know it's a bad process. But they keep using it year after year.

This is a real challenge to our representative democracy. The government faces enormous responsibilities at home and abroad, and the budget is the blueprint for how it's going to deal with them. Isn't it time we started getting it right?

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.

Death

Kenneth Stiles, 85, of NYA

Kenneth Stiles, 85, of Norwood Young America, died Tuesday, May 16, 2017, at New Perspective Senior Living in Waconia.

Memorial services will be held Friday, June 2, at 2 p.m., at Friedens County Line Church – UCC in rural Norwood Young America, with interment later in Fort Snelling National Cemetery

in Minneapolis.

A gathering of family and friends will be held Friday, June 2, from 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m., 1½ hours prior to the service at the church.

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



Chronicle photo by Lori Copler

Wee Friends Creative Preschool graduation

Wee Friends Creative Preschool in Glencoe had a graduation ceremony for its 4-year-olds Wednesday, May 17. The students performed several musical numbers before receiving their certificates. Refreshments were served afterward. Pictured, front row,

from left to right, are Zach Miller, Bria Pierson, Riley Odden, Morgan Miller, Drake Voigt, Emma Eiden and Cooper Heeren; and, back row, Katelyn Metag, Kolton Perry, Mackenzie Simrell, Myles Mueller, Macie Stradtman and Caleb Dose.



Submitted photo

St. John's, Plato, confirmation

St. John's Lutheran Church, Plato, confirmed three young people Sunday, May 7. Pictured, in the front, are Rylan

Hedin and Maddie Stuedemann; and in the back are the Rev. Ty Mastin and Jaden Hedin.

Glencoe Lions set Music in the Park concerts

The Glencoe Lions have scheduled their 2017 Music in the Park events for five Wednesdays, beginning June 28.

This year, five local businesses have again stepped forward to help sponsor the entertainment expense at each event, which will be held at Oak Leaf Park, Shelter 2.

The schedule is as follows:

- Wednesday, June 28 — State Farm Insurance-Anderson Financial is sponsoring Carver Creek, five siblings who provide a variety of bluegrass, old-time, Irish and country music, always keeping on the cheerful side of the spectrum. Each member adds their own unique flavor.

- Wednesday, July 5 — Johnson-McBride Chapel will sponsor the duo of Jim and Mike Wendolek featuring old-time favorites (and a few stories). These popular entertainers are returning for the sixth season.

- Wednesday, July 12 — Security Bank & Trust Company is sponsoring Allen and Matt Carlson from Hamburg, a father and son who share a passion for music, especially classic country, gospel and hymns that entertains audiences with positive, uplifting messages.

- Wednesday, July 19 — First Minnesota Bank will sponsor The Flemming Fold. The Flemming Fold is an exciting and versatile family consisting of father, mother and two young daughters. They perform a wide variety of high-energy, toe-tapping music blending bluegrass, country, old-time, gospel and Alpine folk music with yodeling.

- Wednesday, July 26 —

McLeod Publishing, Inc., is sponsoring Chuck and Jason Thiel with selections that are pleasing to all old-time and modern listeners. They also are returning for the sixth year.

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

at 6:30 pm.

If businesses or individuals would like to donate door prizes, gift certificates or cash for any of the events, please contact Ron Dahlke at 320-864-5237. All donations will be acknowledged at each event and all are greatly appreciated.

Bring your chairs and bring your friends.

SL Women's Club meets, sets Dairy Day

Silver Lake Women's Club GFWC held its meeting on May 1 at the Silver Lake Legion Club room. There were 16 members present.

The garage sale went very good thanks to all the ladies who brought food and helped working at the sale.

Dairy Days will be held June 15 and lunch will be served. The Silver Lake Women's Club is in charge of this event.

Work on the cookbook will be finished soon.

A report was given on the district convention and some of the ladies won blue ribbons on their projects.

Ladies donated items to Minnesota Nice and they will be delivered soon. Many birthday bags were brought for the food shelf for children so they can celebrate their birthdays with cake and other items.

Music in Park — The Women's Club will serve the lunch on July 20. Lunch will be barbecues, chips, pickles, bars and refreshments.

The club will donate four \$5 prizes to the Music in the Park events.

The Women's Club will be sponsoring the kiddie parade during Pola-Czesky Days.

Fall garage sales will be Aug 24-26.

There will be no meetings until September.

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Silver Lake City Clerk submits resignation

**By Karin Ramige
Publisher**

Silver Lake City Clerk-Treasurer Kerry Venier submitted his resignation to the City Council Monday, May 15.

Venier, who has been with the city for 15 years, has accepted a position with the city of Duluth. His last day will be June 16.

In other business, the Council:

- Heard that an appraisal on the Main Street properties that the city is trying to obtain was not performed because of concern of the structural condition of the buildings.

The city sent a letter to two property owners stating the property owners could hire a structural engineer if they wanted an appraisal done.

Each property owner also was given the option to allow the city to raze the buildings and the property owner could keep the land.

Mayor Bruce Bebo, who owns one of the properties,

informed the Council that he would probably let the city raze his building and he would keep the lot.

The issue was discussed further in a special meeting on May 23.

- Reviewed a proposal from Maxfield Research and Consulting of Golden Valley to conduct a housing study.

The study will include a demographic analysis, employment trends, housing characteristics and conditions, for-sale housing market analysis, rental market occupancy analysis, senior housing maket analysis and housing affordability.

The cost of the study would be \$12,015, plus travel expenses, which could be split between the general fund and the economic development fund.

Venier said this would be a valuable tool for the city as it moves forward with the redevelopment on Main Street.

The Council will further review the proposal and discuss



Kerry Venier

the matter at a future meeting.

- Approved a contract with Clarke Environmental Mosquito Management, Inc., for mosquito spraying during the summer. The cost of 11 treatments will be \$3,861. Spraying will take place on Tuesdays as it has in the past.
- Heard a request by a resident to have chickens in the city limits. The current ordinance doesn't allow farm ani-

mals within the city. Horses are allowed if certain criteria are met.

The city has approved goats in the past if they were kept as pets.

The Council agreed to take a look at the ordinance as a whole.

- Decided to open the sale of the police department's old squad car to the public. The city received a few sealed bids in the two requests made, but did not accept the low bids.

The Crown Victoria is estimated to be worth \$2,500.

- Heard that Mark Ostlund and Amber Donley from Gavin, Winters, Donley and Ostlund will take on the city attorney responsibilities.

Current City Attorney Jody Winters has been appointed as a First District judge.

- The council held a special meeting to discuss hiring a new clerk and next steps with the Main Street properties Tuesday, May 23, after The Chronicle went to press.



Weather Corner

By Jake Yurek

Well, last weekend was a bust!

Last week, it was looking like the weekend would be mostly OK, but as the week progressed a storm forecast to our south kept inching north and ended up giving us a direct hit of unneeded all-day rain.

So, having been bit by the horrible forecast bug, I'm now twice shy when looking at this week. The overall trend has us stuck near a large low-pressure system which ultimately will keep us near normal in the temperature department and only give us glancing blows of rain as we move through the week. To our west, a high-pressure ridge really isn't moving too much so we won't completely dry out until that happens. The good news is most forecast models are only hinting at small amounts of rain as the tropical moisture has been trapped to our south. The end of the work week doesn't look all that bad with only passing showers here and there. Saturday should be mainly dry and pleasant (maybe a night shower) and Sunday even looks OK but a system will move close by late in the day Sunday.

Here's the "yeah, but ..." the storm is forecast to move to our south once again, so the best chance of rain would be in Iowa. It looks a lot like last weekend's storm, though, so keep an eye on more up-to-date forecasts, especially since it's an important weekend.

Taking a look at the extended shows rain showers early in the week (Monday-Tuesday) and then a big question mark; hopefully, the western high-pressure ridge inches our way!

Have a great Memorial Day weekend, everyone; thank you to all who have served!

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Wednesday night — Lows 43-46, clear.
Thursday — Highs 66-72, lows 50-56; partly cloudy, morning shower?
Friday — Highs 68-74, lows 50-56; partly cloudy, morning shower?
Saturday — Highs 68-74, lows 48-55; partly cloud, night showers?
Sunday — Highs 68-74; partly cloud, evening showers into Monday?

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

Answer to last week's question (What is at the center of a hailstone?): No one really knows for sure. Most theories say a small ice particle or dust particle. All that's needed is something to coat ice on and be then able to stay elevated in the cloud for an extended amount of time.

Remember: I make the forecast, not the weather!



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Regional Science Fair

Glencoe-Silver Lake Lakeside Elementary students participated in Regional Science Fair competition at Minnesota State University – Mankato on Saturday, April 29. Their adviser is Mary Patterson, sixth-grade teacher. Results included: first place: Wyatt Baumgarten, Lucas Brelje – plus Thin Film Award, Ben Gildea, Aaron Higgins, Ella Nowak – plus Silver Grand Award and Broadcom MASTERS Award, Tanner Rosenlund, Samantha Swanlund – plus Bronze Grand Award and Broadcom MASTERS Award, and Dawson Varpness. Second place: Trevor Arredondo,

Megan Becker, Emma Dostal, Geneva Foley, Gabe Hussong, Cadance Knick, Crystal Richards, Treighton Wemhoff. Third place: Chase Duenow. Pictured above are all the regional science fair participants. Front row, from left, Ella Nowak, Cadance Knick, Samantha Swanlund, Crystal Richards, Chase Duenow, Wyatt Baumgarten, Tanner Rosenlund and Dawson Varpness; and, back, Trevor Arredondo, Emma Dostal, Ben Gildea, Gabe Hussong, Lucas Brelje, Aaron Higgins, Megan Becker, Geneva Foley and Treighton Wemhoff.



Chronicle photos by Lori Copler

SL Lions redo tennis courts

The Silver Lake Lions showed off the renovated tennis courts Sunday afternoon, serving hot dogs and pop and giving pickleball demonstrations. The club washed and patched the courts and applied new striping for both tennis and pickleball, along with new nets and landscaping around the courts. Pictured above are the Lions who helped Sunday afternoon: Bernie Zajicek, Nolan Johnson, Lynn Yurek, Michele Ebert, Joyce Zajicek, Sandy Posusta, Duane Yurek and Brian Fehrenbach. At right, Nate Fehrenbach tries his hand at pickleball.



19 Brownton seniors met Monday

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


Winning at cards were Norma Albrecht, first, and Gladys Rickert, second, 500; Leone Kujas, first, and Karen Schmeling, second, pinochle;

and Pearl Streu, first, and Dolores Rennecke, second, sheephead.

Bernetta Alsleben won the door prize. John Burgstahler served refreshments.

There will be no meeting Monday, May 29, in observance of Memorial Day.

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Thurs., May 25 — AA Group mtg. next to Post Office in Stewart, 8 p.m., call 320-212-5290 for info.; Meeker-McLeod-Sibley Community Health Services will have its quarterly community health board meeting from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., in the large meeting room of the McLeod County Solid Waste Management building, 1065 Fifth Ave. SE, Hutchinson.; The McLeod County 4-H Horse Drill Team will have a fundraiser from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., at Culver's in Hutchinson.

Mon., May 29 —



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Obituaries

Byron E. Kohls, 71, of Hutchinson

Byron Kohls, 71, of Hutchinson, formerly of Brownton, died Monday, May 15, 2017, at the Hutchinson Health Hospital.

Memorial services were held Friday, May 19, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Brownton with the Rev. R. Byron Kohls officiating. Dawn Wolter was the organist. Soloist Barb Hoyhtya sang "In the Garden." Congregational hymns were "How Great Thou Art," "Behold a Host, Arrayed in White" and "Lift High the Cross."

Honorary urn bearers were Katie Troska, Karleen Troska, Abby Kohls, Olivia Kohls and Elly Kohls. Interment was in the Immanuel Lutheran Church Cemetery in Brownton.

Byron Edwin Kohls was born Jan. 17, 1946, in Glencoe, the son of Edwin and Augusta (Hardel) Kohls. He was baptized as an infant and

confirmed in his faith as a youth at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Brownton. He received his education in Brownton and was a graduate of the Brownton High School class of 1964. He furthered his education at Brown Institute in Minneapolis for two years.

On Nov. 22, 1968, he was united in marriage to Donna Miller at St. John's Lutheran Church in Plato. Their marriage was blessed with two children, Emily and Andy. The couple resided in several different areas, including Hutchinson, Sumter Township and Brownton for 10 years. They moved back to Hutchinson in 2016. They shared 49 years of marriage.

Mr. Kohls worked for Fish and Game and Carly Hardel Plumbing and Heating. He was a plumber in Hutchinson and then was self-employed, operating Kountryside Plumbing and Heating for about three years. He then worked at Plato Woodworking until he retired.

He was an active member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Brownton, serving

on various church boards and was the president, treasurer and a deacon. He also was a member of the Brownton Civic and Commerce Association.

He enjoyed woodworking, reading and watching science fiction movies. He especially enjoyed spending time with his granddaughters.

He is survived by his wife, Donna Kohls of Hutchinson; children and their spouses, Emily and Jason Troska of Hutchinson and Andy and Leah Kohls of Buffalo; grandchildren, Katie Troska and her fiancé Tyler Goldsmith, Karleen Troska, Abby Kohls, Olivia Kohls and Elly Kohls; brother, Jerome Kohls of Brownton; mother-in-law, Eldora Miller of Plato; many other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Edwin and Augusta Kohls; brother, Gerald Kohls; and father-in-law, Willmer Miller.

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

April M. Oltmann, 31, of Sauk Centre

April M. Oltmann, 31, of Sauk Centre, died with her family by her side on Friday, May 19, 2017, in Sauk Centre.

A memorial service will be held Wednesday, May 24, at 11 a.m., at River of Life Church in Sauk Centre with the Rev. Kyle Peterson officiating. Inurnment will be held in Greenwood Cemetery following the service.

April Marie Oltmann was born Dec. 14, 1985, in Waconia, to Bradley and Joyce (Neubarth) Oltmann. She was baptized at First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Glencoe on Jan. 19, 1986, and was confirmed at Zion Lutheran

Church in Sauk Centre on May 7, 2000. She and her family moved to Sauk Centre in 1996 and she attended Sauk Centre High School. She worked at the Truck Stop until her first child was born and she became a stay-at-home mom. She also worked at ElmerZ as a cook and waitress. She lived in Nelson for nine years and returned to Sauk Centre in January 2016. She was diagnosed with cancer in May 2014 and fought a very courageous fight until the end.

She loved spending time with her family and friends. She spoiled her nieces and nephews like they were her own. She was always the life of the party and the "jokester" in the family. There was always laughter when she was around.

Survivors include her fiancé, Jason Ebensteiner of

Sauk Centre; daughters, Isabelle and Emma Ebensteiner of Sauk Centre; parents, Brad and Joyce Oltmann of Sauk Centre; sisters, Tracy (Dirk) Crider of Sauk Centre, Jessica (Ed) Anttila of Crosby, Melissa (Scott) Amorim of Gaylord and Brittany (Erik) Johnson of Bertha; mother-in-law-to-be, Laura Muehlenhardt of Sauk Centre; sister-in-law-to-be, Jackie (Luke) Nicolay of Osakis; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her aunt, Wanda Lieder; grandpa, Hilton Oltmann; grandparents, Helen and Arnold Neubarth; and her daughters' grandfather, Thomas Ebensteiner.

Arrangements were with Patton-Schad Funeral & Cremation Services of Sauk Centre.

Herbert W.A. Schuth, 90, Silver Lake

Herbert William August Schuth, 90, of Silver Lake, formerly of Glencoe, died Monday, May 15, 2017, at Cedar Crest Estate in Silver Lake.

Funeral services were held Thursday, May 18, at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Helen Township, Glencoe, with the Rev. Dennis Reichow officiating. Christy Ittel was the organist. Congregational hymns were "What a Friend We Have in Jesus," "On Eagle's Wings" and "I'm But a Stranger Here."

Casket bearers were James Dammann, Brian Dammann, Kevin Cohrs, Larry Litau, Roger Schuth, Ronald Schuth, Donald Dammann and Tim Schuth.

Interment was in the church cemetery.

Herbert William August Schuth was born Nov. 9,

1926, in Helen Township, McLeod County, the son of Karl and Anna (Tanke) Schuth Sr. He was baptized as an infant on Nov. 21, 1926, and was confirmed in his faith as a youth on April 27, 1941, both by the Rev. Dysterheft, at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Helen Township. His confirmation verse was John 14:23. He received his education at St. John's Parochial School.

Mr. Schuth made his home on the family farm in Helen Township, and was a dairy farmer with his father and brother. He was a lifelong member of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Helen Township.

He enjoyed watching ball games and game shows on television and helping other farmers, especially his neighbors. When he moved to Millie Beneke Manor and later to Cedar Crest, he enjoyed visiting with others there.

He is survived by his brother and sister-in-law, Carl and Lucy Schuth of Waconia; nephews and their wives, Elroy and Mae Schuette of Hutchinson, Elmer and Yvonne Schuette of Glencoe, Howard and Sharon Schuette of Green Isle and Eric and Lisa Hellerud-Schuth of Waconia; niece and her husband, Christina and Kevin Roles of Minnetonka; other relatives and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Karl and Anna Schuth; brother, Albert Schuth; and sister and brother-in-law, Emma and Clarence Schuette.

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

Lena Laura Sell, 104, of Hutchinson

Lena Laura (Behrmann) Sell, 104, of Hutchinson, formerly of Stewart, died Saturday, May 6, 2017, at Harmony River Living Center in Hutchinson.

Funeral services were held Saturday, May 13, at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in Fernando with the Rev. Aaron Albrecht officiating. Wanda Renner provided the music.

Casket bearers were Kevin Mackenthun, Dave Husfeldt, Dale Cotides, Cory Schnur, Dave Kalberg and Henry Brede. Interment was in the Round Grove Lakeside/Stewart City Cemetery.

Lena Laura (Behrmann) Sell was born April 20, 1913, in Round Grove Township,

McLeod County, the daughter of Ernest and Lydia (Bauermeister) Behrmann. She was baptized as an infant on May 4, 1913, and confirmed in her faith April 10, 1927, both at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in Round Grove Township. Her baptism verse was Mark 16:16. She received her education through the eighth grade in Round Grove Township.

On June 12, 1946, she was united in marriage to Ervin Sell at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in Fernando. They made their home on a farm near Fernando. In 1973, they moved to Stewart. The couple shared 29 years of marriage before Mr. Sell died on Nov. 26, 1975. In July 2001, Mrs. Sell moved to Hutchinson and lived at Prince of Peace until September 2012, when she moved to Harmony River.

In addition to being a loving wife and homemaker, Mrs. Sell helped her husband

on the farm. She was a life-long member of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in Fernando.

Mrs. Sell enjoyed sewing, quilting, embroidery, cooking, gardening, playing bingo, reading and playing cards with friends. She loved dancing and listening to polka music. She also enjoyed traveling, especially to California. She treasured the time spent with her family and friends.

She is survived by her sister, Evelyn Mackenthun Thur of Norwood Young America; nieces, nephews, many other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Ernest and Lydia Behrmann; husband, Ervin Sell; special friend, Otto Streseman; and sisters, Irene Domeier and Phyllis Brede.

Arrangements were with the Hughes-Hantge Chapels in Hector.

Lillie Ann Voight, 78, of Green Isle

Lillie Ann Voight, 78, of Green Isle, died Friday, May 19, 2017, at Ridgeview Medical Center in Waconia.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, May 23, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Green Isle. Family ushers were Mary Trnka and Steve Luepke.

Casket bearers were Jerome Schuft, Gary Voight, Sharon Martins, Wade Trnka, Scott Luepke and Tom Edmonds. Honorary casket bearers were Jerry and Patty

Battcher, Dave and Connie Rohde and Rita Edmonds.

Interment was in the church cemetery.

Lillie Ann Mae Voight was born Feb. 20, 1939, in Glencoe, to James and Lillian (Charney) Trnka. She graduated from Glencoe High School. On Nov. 15, 1958, she married Harlen Voight at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Green Isle. Mrs. Voight worked as a seamstress for Strutware in Glencoe, at Telex in Glencoe and worked at and retired from Technical Services for Electronics (TSE) in Arlington. In her earlier years, she was an avid bowler and also helped her husband in his woodworking business by staining wood.

She is survived by her husband, Harlen Voight of Green Isle; daughter, Laura Ann Voight of Arlington; son, Jeffrey Voight of Hopkins; sister, Joann (Jeff) Jamieson of Oklahoma; and sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, Marlys Trnka of Glencoe, Lorraine Trnka of New Mexico, Lyman Trutna of Battle Lake, Bernette Uecker of Green Isle and Barb (Dick) Luepke of Arlington.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, two sisters, one sister-in-law and three brothers-in-law.

Arrangements were with the Kolden Funeral Home in Arlington.



Submitted photo

Silver Lake Legion installs officers

At the May meeting of the Silver Lake American Legion, the newly elected officers were installed by 3rd District 1st Vice Commander Jim Entinger, pictured at the far right. The 2017 officers are, from left to right, Financial Officer Keith Stifter, who shares the position

with his wife Denise (not pictured), Post Commander Ron Paggan, 2nd Vice Commander Tim Foss, Post Adjutant Gary Mallak, 1st Vice Commander Scott Grivna, Sergeant at Arms Leon Pesina, and Post Chaplain Tom Zanoth.

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HEATING

Click It or Ticket campaign under way

A typical day for Minnesota drivers includes encounters with distracted drivers, farm machinery, road rage, deer and other unplanned situations. The danger is that being a safe, confident driver won't make a difference if a crash happens and the person isn't buckled up. With the arrival of Memorial Day weekend and the anticipation of warmer weather, road trips, barbecues and fun at the lake, seat belt safety should be a part of every Minnesotan's plans.

Motorists who are not buckled increase their odds of being injured by six times if they are in a crash. To continue educating motorists that seat belts save lives and that it's the law to buckle up, the McLeod County Sheriff's Office, Glencoe Police Department, Brownton Police Department, Winsted Police Department, Silver Lake Police Department, Minnesota State Patrol, along with more than 300 law enforcement agencies across the state, will be participating in the statewide Click It or Ticket campaign May 22-June 4. The extra enforcement and education campaign is coordinated by the Department of Public Safety Office of Traffic Safety.

Good, bad news

Fortunately, most Minnesotans are making the life-saving decision to buckle up.

- According to the 2016 Minnesota Seat Belt Survey, 93 percent of front seat occupants are wearing their seat belts.
- Severe injuries are also going down. In 1987, there were 4,176 vehicle occupants who suffered severe injuries in traffic crashes. That number dropped to 745 in 2015.

For those choosing not to buckle up, the results are tragically hurting families across Minnesota.

- In 2015, 91 unbelted motorists lost their lives on Min-



nesota roads.

- In 2015, 87 percent of the unbelted deaths occurred in Greater Minnesota (outside the seven-county metro area).

"We may be good drivers but that's not always good enough to keep us safe in a crash if we choose to ignore the seat belt," said Officer Andrew Fiebelkorn of the Glencoe Police Department. "A seat belt is like insurance. You hope it never has to save your life but if another driver crosses the center line toward you, is distracted or drunk, that seat belt may be the only thing that keeps you alive if there's a crash. Please buckle up because you just never know what'll happen on the road."

Speak up

An unbelted motorist can crash into a windshield and get thrown into other passengers. Often times, an unbelted occupant is ejected from the vehicle and killed.

Drivers are in charge of their vehicles and of the safety of their passengers. They can refuse to start the car until every passenger is belted. Passengers also can speak up if the driver is endangering everyone in the vehicle by not buckling up.

Law is for safety

Minnesota law states that drivers and passengers in all seating positions must be buckled up or seated in the correct child restraint. Officers will stop and ticket unbelted drivers or passengers. Seat belts must be worn correctly — low and snug across

the hips, and shoulder straps should never be tucked under an arm or behind the back.

Child car seats

- In Minnesota, all children must be in a child restraint until they are 4 feet, 9 inches tall, or at least age 8, whichever comes first.
- Rear-facing child seats — Newborns to at least 1 year and 20 pounds; recommended up to age 2. It is safest to keep a child rear-facing as long as possible.
- Forward-facing seats — Age 2 until around age 4. It's preferable to keep children in a harnessed restraint until they reach the maximum weight limit.
- Booster seats — Use after outgrowing a forward-facing harnessed restraint; safest to remain in a booster until 4 feet, 9 inches tall, or at least age 8, whichever comes first.
- Seat belts — Use when children can sit with their back against the vehicle seat and have their knees bent comfortably over the edge with their feet touching the floor.

McLeod TZD is on Facebook. Stay up to date on current efforts and happenings in our area by visiting <https://www.facebook.com/mcleodcountytowardzerodeaths/>.

Toward Zero Deaths

The Click It or Ticket seat belt enforcement and education is a component of the state's Toward Zero Deaths (TZD) program. A primary vision of the TZD program is to create a safe driving culture in Minnesota in which motorists support a goal of zero road fatalities by practicing and promoting safe and smart driving behavior. TZD focuses on the application of four strategic areas to reduce crashes — education, enforcement, engineering and emergency trauma response.



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New Odyssey performs

The Glencoe Concert Association sponsored its final concert of the current season Tuesday, May 16, featuring New Odyssey, comprised of "three guys, 30 instruments." Members of the trio, from left, are Michael Jay, Gary Polkow and Gary Todd, who kept the

crowd entertained with a variety of tunes, from the Beatles to country to the "William Tell Overture." The concert also kicked off the 2017-18 membership drive. For more information, visit the association's Facebook page or call 320-420-7938.



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Fire destroys golf cart, damages shed

Firefighters from Plato and Glencoe responded to a residence on County Road 9, just north of Plato, Monday morning for a fire. According to Plato Fire Chief Jay Wood, the call initially was for a four-wheeler on fire; however, it was a golf cart that ignited. Wood said the owner was having trouble getting the golf cart started, and had momentarily left to get a battery charger when the cart caught fire. The fire then

spread to the shed, and Plato asked the Glencoe department for mutual aid. Wood said damage to the cart and shed is estimated at \$15,000. He also said the Plato department was able to put into use the new self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) that it had taken possession of the previous week. There were no injuries. Wood said quick response helped minimize damage.



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Final choir concert of school year

Glencoe-Silver Lake's high school choirs gave their final concert of the year Wednesday, May 17. Performing were the SA Singers, Madrigal Singers,

Concert Choir and Senior Choir. Above, Elise Petersen, violinist, accompanies the SA Singers on a medley from the movie "Runaway Bride."

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