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Trailblazer works out new joint powers pact

By Lori Copley
Editor

The three entities who comprise Trailblazer Transit came to a consensus Thursday morning on a new joint powers agreement.

That agreement will now go on to the governing boards of three entities — McLeod County, Sibley County and Wright County Area Transportation (WCAT) — for approval. If all three approve the agreement, it will go into effect Jan. 1, 2018.

The primary two issues the Trailblazer Joint Powers Board came to agreement on Thursday morning were the membership of the board and the split of local share costs.

The board agreed to have two representatives on the Joint Powers Board from each of the three entities. In WCAT's case, that may include one non-elected official, such

as a city administrator.

The board spent a great deal of time discussing how the local share of cost — the expenses not covered by federal or state dollars or revenue — would be split among the three partners.

The joint powers agreement, drafted by attorney Frank Madden, proposed an equal split among the three partners, meaning each would contribute a third of the cost.

The board members, however, said they had expected a share split based on ridership.

"I thought we were going to that ridership piece," commented Joe Nagel, a McLeod County commissioner. Nagel said the understanding was that ridership would be reviewed annually, and the local share costs would then be determined.

Madden said that the equal split proposal was a temporary measure

until Trailblazer came up with baseline of ridership to determine the share.

"The issue is, what do we do in the interim?" said Madden.

There also was debate how to determine ridership. Trailblazer Executive Director Gary Ludwig pointed out that while some rides originate in one county, they may end in another. He also said there was a "fringe area" around the ridership area that could not be assigned to any of three entities.

In previous discussions, it had been estimated that 45 percent of the ridership is in Wright County, 35 percent in McLeod County and 20 percent in Sibley County.

Ludwig said those estimates were made by "point of origin" for the rides, and still did not include the fringe areas.

After a great deal of discussion, it

was decided to use that estimated 45-35-20 percent split as the initial basis for determining local share, and to leave the fringe rides out of the formula.

Complicating the matter was that Trailblazer is currently having a cash flow issue.

Ludwig said that Trailblazer needs a cash influx in order to make its July payroll obligations.

Bev Herfindahl of the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) said that the cash flow issue is temporary, as Trailblazer should be receiving scheduled payments from MnDOT and the federal government in the near future.

In the meantime, McLeod County will consider at its July 5 board meeting "floating a loan" of \$200,000 to cover the shortfall.

But that led to a discussion as to how future cash flow issues should

be handled if McLeod County is not in a position to lend the money.

The hope is that with the growth in Wright County, there will be enough excess revenue to cover temporary cash flow issues.

Madden said that now that the Joint Powers Board had come to a consensus on the agreement, he could work on drafts of other documents, such as personnel policies, bylaws and a job description for the executive director.

Scott Enter, a representative of WCAT, said that group intends to rescind the letter it wrote late last year indicating its desire to withdraw from Trailblazer if issues could not be worked out.

The board's next meeting will be Thursday, July 20, at 9 a.m., in Buffalo.



Chronicle photos by Tom Carothers and Lori Copley

CSAH 3 project postponed

By Lori Copley
Editor

The proposed reconstruction of McLeod County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 3 between County Road 1, northeast of Glencoe, and the Carver County line has been postponed.

At the recommendation of McLeod County Highway Engineer John Brunkhorst, the County Board voted June 20 to reject all bids for the project.

Brunkhorst said the lowest bid received, \$4.93 million, was above the engineer's estimate for the cost of the project. Six other bids also were received, all of them higher.

Brunkhorst said the request for bids on the project went out later than planned.

"Things got pushed back because of condemnation procedures," said Brunkhorst. The county was seeking right-of-way property for the project.

Brunkhorst noted that CSAH 15 is up for reconstruction in 2018, and suggested that if the two projects were bid at the same time, more favorable bids will be received.

CSAH 15 also is located northeast of Glencoe, and a 6-mile concrete overlay is planned from County Road 3 to County Road 22.

"I think the economy of scale will get us a better bid, and we'll be able to let out bids earlier as well," said Brunkhorst.

In other business, June 20, the County Board got an update from Sam Lauer of Contegry on its jail expansion and courthouse security project.

As of the meeting a week ago, about two-thirds of the exterior brick had been installed. Lauer also said work will begin on creating diagonal parking on the former Ives Avenue, which was closed between 10th and 11th streets for the project, while Judd Avenue was opened to the east for that one block. Lauer noted that sod had been delivered to finish off the boulevards.

As far as the interior is concerned, contractors are in the midst of finishing work, such as ceiling tiles, painting, security windows

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Food, fun, more at Glencoe Days

Glencoe Days was hosted Friday night and Saturday, mostly at Oak Leaf Park in Glencoe. One of the highlights of Saturday's activities was the annual parade. Above, the Ameriprise float was all bubbles and water bottles. Seneca provided sweet corn for Friday night's sweet corn feed. Among those enjoying the feast were Jackee Fountain and her granddaughter Kyla Berg, left. More photographs from the weekend's activities can be found page 8.

Weather

Wed., 6-28	Thur., 6-29	Fri., 6-30	Sat., 7-1	Sun., 7-2
H: 81° L: 60°	H: 82° L: 61°	H: 74° L: 57°	H: 71° L: 57°	H: 78° L: 59°

Looking back: Below-average temperatures throughout the week, with a few shots of rain.

Date	Hi	Lo	Rain
June 20	78	57	0.08
June 21	83	56	0.00

June 22	71	58	0.40
June 23	70	56	0.26
June 24	67	50	0.02
June 25	69	52	0.00
June 26	74	49	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

Abundant Table meal July 5

Christ Lutheran Church, 1820 Knight Ave. N, Glencoe, will host its monthly Abundant Table meal Wednesday, July 5, in the church basement fellowship hall. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. for fellowship, and the meal is served at 5 p.m. A summer picnic of hamburgers and hot dogs, potato salad, summer fruit, pork and beans, pickles, Rice Krispie bars and ice cream will be served. The meal is free and open to anyone, including families and children, the elderly, those seeking fellowship and anyone in need of a helping hand. Please call the church at 320-864-4549 so that it can prepare for your presence.

Blood drive set in Plato

The Plato Lions are hosting a Red Cross blood drive Thursday, June 29, from noon to 6 p.m., at Lighthouse Church, 10478 Bell Ave., Plato. To make an appointment or for more information, call Ken or Myra Franke at 320-238-2370.

Music in the Park June 28

The Glencoe Lions Club Music in the Park series begins today (Wednesday, June 28), at Oak Leaf Park, Glencoe, in Shelter 2, featuring Carver Creek. This family group of five siblings, sponsored by Larry Anderson State Farm Insurance, offers instrumental and vocal bluegrass, gospel, Irish, old-time, new-time, with a smattering of early country and other favorites. A meal of a shredded beef sandwich, chips, pickles, dessert and beverage will be available from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. with the free performance from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. On Wednesday, July 5, the entertainment will be provided by Jim and Mike Wendolek, and is sponsored by Johnson-McBride Chapel. Bring a lawn chair. Proceeds go toward community projects. Bring your used eyeglasses and hearing aids. Call 320-864-5237 with questions.

District 421 staff reunion set

The annual gathering of former Brownton School District 421 staff will be July 19 at the Brownton Bar & Grill. Meet and greet will be at 11 a.m., followed by the meal. For more information, contact Anita Crosby, 320-587-8073, text 320-223-0010, or email acrosby@hutchtel.net.

GHS class of 1950 reunion

The Glencoe High School class of 1950 will have a reunion Saturday, July 8, at 2 p.m., at Unhinged! Pizza in Glencoe. No cards have been sent.

Republican Women picnic set

The Greater Minnesota Republican Women are hosting a potluck picnic Tuesday, July 11, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., at Northwoods Park Shelter, 885 Elm St., Hutchinson. Bring a dish to share, plates and utensils. Beverages will be available. Legislators and commissioners will be in attendance. The keynote speaker is Walter Patino, sharing his experiences as an immigrant. All are invited.

Health services board to meet

Meeker-McLeod-Sibley Community Health Services will have its quarterly community health board meeting Thursday, July 13, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., in the large meeting room of McLeod County Solid Waste, 1065 Fifth Ave. SE, Hutchinson. The meeting is open to the public.

Drop-in legal clinic for vets

The Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans (MACV) invites veterans to a free drop-in legal clinic on Thursday, June 29, from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m., at the Hutchinson National Guard Armory, 1200 Adams St. SE, Hutchinson. Attorneys, MACV staff and county veterans services officers will be available to help veterans with issues including housing, employment, benefits, debt collection, expungement, and family law, including child support. For more information, call the MACV 507-345-8285.

Glencoe Sportsman Club

The Glencoe Sportsman Club will meet Wednesday, July 5, at 7:30 p.m., at the Glencoe VFW.

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.

IRS rules may affect Trailblazer volunteer drivers

By Lori Copley
Editor

Trailblazer Transit already is having trouble recruiting volunteer drivers, and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) will not be making it easier.

At its Thursday meeting, the Trailblazer Joint Powers Board heard from Bev Herfindahl of the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) that the IRS intends to start enforcing its rule that volunteer drivers be reimbursed at the volunteer mileage rate — 14 cents per mile — rather than at the business rate, which is currently 53.5 cents per mile.

Trailblazer Executive Director Gary Ludwig said that the transit system currently reimburses its volunteer drivers at the business rate. Herfindahl indicated that if the transit system continues that practice, its volunteer drivers would need to claim that as income, which could impact their retirement plans. Ludwig said that the pool of volunteer drivers has been dwindling, and the news regarding the IRS could be a deterrent to both getting new volunteers and retaining the current ones.

In other business, the Trailblazer Board:

- Heard that the system continues to struggle in hiring new drivers. Ludwig said Trailblazer is making job offers to candidates to whom it would not have offered jobs in the past.

- “Some (drivers) are struggling,” said Ludwig. “We are getting complaints from customers.”

- Herfindahl said the issue is not isolated to Trailblazer.

- “There is a shortage of drivers,” she said. “I don’t think it’s just statewide, I think it’s nationwide ... and not just for transit, but for any commercial driving.”

- Heard that there had only

been four applications so far for its operations manager opening.

- Heard that there had been some “hiccups” in getting the dispatch center at the Buffalo facility open, primarily because of finding an adequate telephone system.

- Heard that one source of a roof leak at the Buffalo facility had been found, and that there may be another. As a preventative measure, the contractor will be replacing the flashing around the rooftop heating and cooling units.



Chronicle photo by Karin Ramige

Celebratory first pitch

It was Minnesota Newspaper Association day at the Minnesota Twins game Thursday, and Chuck Warner, former publisher of the Brownton Bulletin, was tapped to throw out a celebratory first pitch. Warner, who published the Bulletin from 1953 to 1986, was president of the newspaper association in 1981, a recipient of the Al McIntosh Award, and has been a member of the MNA since 1955, never missing its annual convention. Warner also is a former mayor of Brownton. Thursday’s game was preceded by a five-hour rain delay. Above, Warner gets ready to throw out his pitch.

Common Cup Ministry collecting school supplies

Common Cup Ministry will again be supplying school supplies to children in need for the coming school year.

Last year, approximately 500 children in McLeod County applied for, and received, supplies and a backpack. Common Cup relies on donations for the needed supplies or dollars to make this happen.

Organizations, church groups, clubs, families, and individuals are encouraged to donate. All donations are appreciated. Supply lists are available online at commoncupmn@gmail.com, or Common Cup Thrift Store, Glencoe. Donations of supplies can be dropped off at First Lutheran Church, Christ Lutheran Church and First Congregational Church, all of

Glencoe, as well as the Common Cup Thrift Store, Glencoe, and McLeod County Social Services. If you need your supplies picked up, or for any other questions call 320-510-1593. Donations will be taken through Aug. 21.

Distribution of supplies is Aug. 17, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., and Aug. 18, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., at Helen Baker School gym, Glencoe.

Application forms to register children to receive supplies are available from all Glencoe School offices, Common Cup Ministries, Common Cup Thrift Store, McLeod County Social Services and area church offices. Applications must be returned by Aug. 5 to Common Cup Ministries, address on form.

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and finishes.

The end phase, Lauer said, will be to tie all the technology together, such as the electronic doors in the jail.

Once that work is finished, the county will need to schedule final inspections with the State Fire Marshal and the Department of Corrections.

In other business, the County Board:

- Agreed to allow the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to install a well on property near the North Complex off Hennepin Avenue. The purpose of the well will be for obtaining geologic and hydrologic information, not for providing water. The DNR will, in turn, seal off an existing well adjacent to that location. There is no cost to the county for the DNR to install the well.

- Approved the purchase of two 2017 Dodge Caravans to replace a 2005 Dodge Durango and a 2004 Chevy Venture in the county’s vehicle pool. Both of the used vehicles will be sold through Fahey Auction.

- Set a July 5 workshop to follow the board’s regular business meeting Wednesday, July 5 (the meeting date was changed because of the July Fourth holiday). Topics on the workshop agenda include long-range restructuring planning, a proposal to increase the wheelage tax to \$20 per vehicle from \$10 per vehicle, and management of the sentence to serve program.

- Held a closed session to consider a property tax appeal by Shopko in Hutchinson and a potential settlement offer.

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Buffalo Lake man injured when spreader overturns

A Buffalo Lake man was injured Tuesday, June 20, when the fertilizer spreader he was driving overturned just northwest of Hector.

According to the Renville County Sheriff’s Office, Alex Rischmiller, 28, was driving a 2008 Agco fertilizer spreader west on 810th Avenue, about one mile northwest of Hector. Rischmiller veered off the roadway and caught the edge of the ditch, causing the spreader to enter the

ditch. It then hit a field approach and overturned.

Rischmiller was not wearing a seatbelt, and was taken by ambulance to the Renville County Hospital for treatment of moderate injuries.

Assisting at the scene were the Renville County Sheriff’s Office, Hector Ambulance, Hector Fire and Hector Rescue.

The accident remains under investigation.



Chronicle photos by Lori Copler

Training fire

The Plato, Glencoe and Norwood Young America fire departments used an abandoned farm house near the Glencoe airport for training Saturday and Sunday. Above, firefighters gather outside the house. At right, St. Paul Fire Investigator Jamie Nowak lies on a bed while a couch is ignited by a falling candle. A sprinkler head was installed above the couch to show how quickly a fire can be put out by a residential sprinkler. Nowak said the scenario proves that even an incapacitated person could survive such a fire when a sprinkler is present. On Sunday, the house was used for arson investigation classes before it was burned down. The training was filmed by Channel 5 news.



Record

Glencoe Police

TUESDAY, JUNE 20
 1:49 a.m. — A citation for speeding was issued on Highway 212 near Chandler Avenue.
 10:04 a.m. — Officers assisted the ambulance with a medical on 20th Street W.
 1:37 p.m. — A counterfeit \$20 bill was reported on 10th Street E.
 4:45 p.m. — An officer responded to a barking dog complaint on Ford Avenue N.
 5:26 p.m. — An officer checked on a vehicle on Highway 212 near Dairy Avenue. The vehicle had a flat tire and the driver had help on the way.
 8:10 p.m. — A driver was arrested on charges of driving after revocation and no seat belt, and a Sibley County warrant, at a traffic stop on Russell Avenue N near 15th Street E.
 10:15 p.m. — A citation for driving after revocation was issued on Highway 212 near Falcon Avenue.
 11:12 p.m. — An officer responded to a suspicious incident on 10th Street E.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21
 9:04 a.m. — Officers assisted the ambulance with a medical on 15th Street E.
 9:11 a.m. — A counterfeit \$20 bill was reported on 10th Street E.
 1:03 p.m. — Officers assisted the ambulance with a medical in the area of Eighth Street E and Chandler Avenue N.
 4:31 p.m. — An officer assisted the ambulance with a medical in the area of 15th Street and Glen Knoll Avenue. A juvenile with a dislocated knee was taken to the hospital.
 8:53 p.m. — Citations for no driver's license and possession of drug paraphernalia, as well as a verbal warning for a lane violation, were issued at a traffic stop on 11th Street E.
 9:35 p.m. — Citations for driving after revocation and speeding were issued at a traffic stop in the area of 10th Street E and Vinton Avenue N.

THURSDAY, JUNE 22
 9:42 a.m. — A blight issue regarding a vehicle with expired tabs was documented on Dogwood Avenue N.
 3:05 p.m. — A theft was reported on Greeley Avenue N.
 3:48 p.m. — An officer responded to a suspicious incident on 10th Street E.
 8:54 p.m. — An officer responded to a suspicious incident on 10th Street E.
 9:53 p.m. — Officers responded to a disturbance on Sixth

Street E.

FRIDAY, JUNE 23
 3:19 a.m. — A citation for no proof of insurance and a verbal warning for stop sign violations were issued at a traffic stop on 11th Street E near Union Avenue N.
 4:04 a.m. — Officers responded to a disturbance in the area of 16th Street E and Hennepin Avenue N. A person had thrown items into the roadway and was screaming. The individual was sent home with a family member.
 2:56 p.m. — Officers responded to a requested welfare check on 12th Street E. Everything was fine.
 7:20 p.m. — Officers responded to a report of a hit-and-run accident on Eighth Street W.
 9:36 p.m. — A citation for the possession of a small amount of marijuana was issued on Ninth Street E.

SATURDAY, JUNE 24
 12:20 a.m. — A 16-year-old was reported missing on Abby Lane. The youth returned home.
 1:21 a.m. — Officers responded to a parking-lot accident at the courthouse on 10th Street. A county-owned vehicle that was backing up into a stall hit another county-owned vehicle.
 8:26 a.m. — An employer requested a welfare check of an employee who did not show up for work. An officer responded to the address on 14th Street E, and no one came to the door.
 10:35 a.m. — A driver was issued a citation for expired tags at a traffic stop on 12th Street E near Armstrong Avenue N.
 6:34 p.m. — An officer discovered an open door on a garage on Ninth Street E. The door did not latch properly, and was apparently blown open by the wind. Everything was fine.
 9:51 p.m. — An officer came upon a male attempting to urinate next to a dumpster in an alley off 13th Street E near Greeley Avenue N. The male was "advised to use a restroom next time."
 10:54 p.m. — A report was received of a suspicious bottle with tinfoil on it. An officer discovered that "it was somebody's old moldy lunch. Everything was OK."

SUNDAY, JUNE 25
 12:29 a.m. — A Blackberry phone was found at Oak Leaf Park during Glencoe Days. A black Samsung also was found.
 5:52 a.m. — Officers assisted the ambulance with medical on Abby Lane.
 8:44 a.m. — An officer assisted a resident with a malfunctioning water faucet. The resident was unable to get the faucet to shut off and there was water going everywhere. The officer assisted with getting the water turned off

and the garage cleared out.

6:47 p.m. — A person on 14th Street E reported that a windshield had been cracked overnight, and was unsure what had happened.
 8:55 p.m. — An officer investigated a report of fraud on Russell Avenue.
 10:11 p.m. — A vehicle broke down in the area of Morningside Drive and 10th Street E. The driver was able to get it pushed into the Harpel's parking lot.

MONDAY, JUNE 26
 10:19 a.m. — A report was received of a missing 10-year-old, who was found later at a friend's house.
 2:19 p.m. — An officer documented a blight issue on DeSoto Avenue N for grass that had not been mowed.
 5:56 p.m. — An officer assisted the ambulance with a medical on Prairie Avenue.
 7:57 p.m. — A citation for speeding was issued on Highway 212 near Chandler Avenue.
 10:33 p.m. — A Roadmaster bike was found in the area of 11th Street E and Ford Avenue N and was taken to the city's central garage.
 11:17 p.m. — A citation for speeding — 95 miles per hour in a 65-mph zone — was issued on Highway 212 near 95th Street. A complaint also was written for juvenile possession of drug paraphernalia and a small amount of marijuana.

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Minnesota's partisan battles are not unique

Our view: Maybe the governor, politicians need a refresher on the Constitution

On Monday, in Ramsey County District Court, Gov. Mark Dayton agreed to 90 days of funding for the Minnesota Legislature so it can hopefully come to a compromise with him on the recently passed budget bills.

A quick recap: Gov. Dayton, a Democrat, signed an agreement with the Republican-controlled Legislature that he would sign the budget bills. Although he did sign the bills, he line-item vetoed funding for the Legislature in the hope of forcing leaders back to the table to come to a further compromise on some issues that the governor feels are important. The governor claims that his action will avoid a government shutdown — with the exception of the Legislature, of course.

We find the governor's manipulations deplorable, but apparently Minnesota isn't the only state where governors and legislators go to extremes to get their way.

According to the June 19 Star Tribune, New Mexico is in a similar situation, where a Republican governor and a Democratic Legislature are at odds over spending. The governor, like Dayton, defunded the Legislature, and the legislative leaders went to court over it. The New Mexico Supreme Court tossed the budget hot potato back into the laps of the governor and legislature, which is exactly where it belongs. It is up to those entities to hammer out a budget, not the court. The New Mexico Supreme Court said that it would hear the case only as a last resort, and that New Mexico wasn't quite to last-resort status yet. Hopefully, Minnesota's court system will do the same thing.

In Minnesota, the Legislature is arguing that Dayton's action is unconstitutional, which it may well be. But let's hope that he withdraws his action before the

court has to step in.

And speaking of the Constitution, state Sen. John Marty, a DFLer from Roseville, is threatening his own lawsuit. Marty contends that the way the Legislature does business is unconstitutional. Marty claims that bills are supposed to be limited to a single subject.

And it is probably time for the Legislature to once again do business that way. The so-called omnibus bills — in which a myriad of small items are lumped together in a large bill — just aren't working.

The theory may have been that by dumping a bunch of ingredients into a single pot (legislative bill), everyone would find enough tasty morsels to overcome their distaste for others: a true compromise, where everyone gets a little bit of what they want.

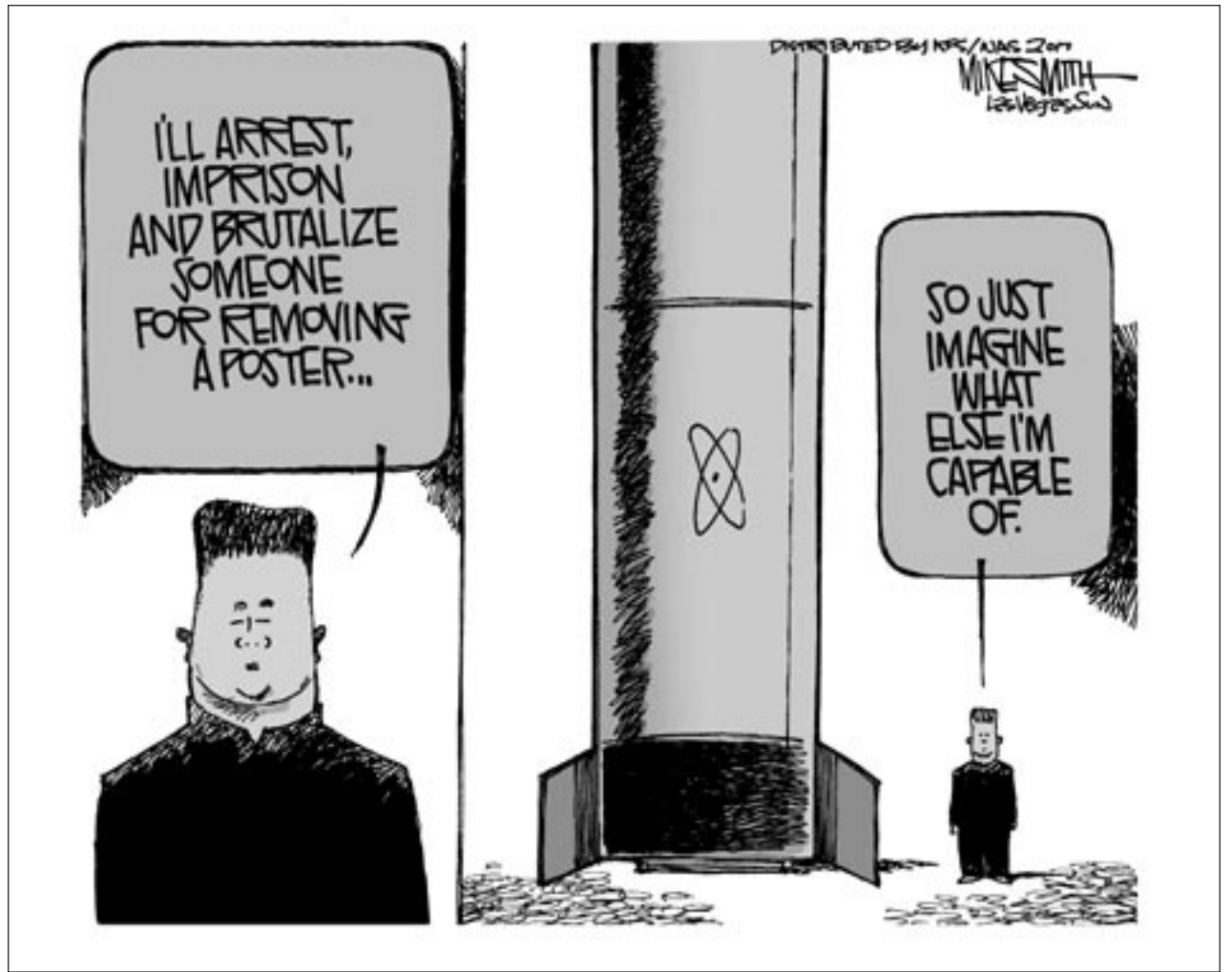
However, polar partisanship has created the opposite effect. Witness the 2016 session in which a transportation bill failed to pass over political sparring over light rail. If the light-rail issue had been considered separately, there may have been a jump start on this year's transportation projects.

Maybe what's really needed is a mega workshop regarding the Minnesota Constitution and how legislative responsibilities, duties and rights are outlined, which would result, hopefully, in a return to doing legislative business through proper channels.

And, hopefully, our leaders will take on that task themselves, rather than waiting for the Supreme Court to explain it to them.

That would be true leadership, and would show the rest of the country — New Mexico included — that Minnesota can rise above politics into statesmanship.

— L.C.



Letters to the Editor

How can county afford millions for another trail?

To the Editor:

We are fortunate to have cable TV broadcast of the county commissioner meetings. Watching these the last few months has flushed out just how much the proposed new Dakota Trail is going to hit the pocket-books of McLeod County taxpayers. Folks, it isn't pretty.

Last August 2016, the county commissioners, by a slim majority of 3 to 2, voted to apply for \$2.6 million in Legacy grant funding to develop and pave the Dakota Trail for the full 18 miles from Carver County, through Lester Prairie, to Hutchinson. Local government politicians insist that we just can't afford to pass up the so-called free Legacy funds to pay for the Dakota Trail. This is misleading if it doesn't disclose how much McLeod County money must be spent to be able to get the Legacy grant money.

Not mentioned at the time, but learned since, the county is expected to pay for the engineering costs for the trail. The engineering cost for

the full 18 miles is expected to cost around \$300,000, based on the first two miles into Lester Prairie. This is just a starter.

The maintenance costs are where the really big costs are. The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) currently manages over 600 miles of paved trails across Minnesota. Currently, it costs \$100,000 a mile for the DNR to resurface paved trails. Resurfacing asphalt trails is expected at least once during the 20 years that McLeod County had to commit to as a condition to apply for the Legacy grant last year.

McLeod County costs for 20 years to resurface the 18 miles of asphalt comes to \$1.8 million. Does the average McLeod County taxpayer realize that the county is on the verge of committing to spend at least \$2.1 million to get \$2.6 million in Legacy money to develop and pave the Dakota Trail?

The problem is that even the \$2.1 million is understated. The current \$100,000 cost per mile to resurface

will not stay the same over the 20-year maintenance commitment period. Over 20 years, at a modest 3 percent inflation rate, the current \$1.8 million liability cost to the county would grow to \$3.3 million, or \$4.78 million if it inflates by 5 percent per year.

Can a second paved bike trail be justified with this large of a maintenance cost?

To put this into context, the county made a \$3 million contribution to the \$7 million jail project after factoring in Annamarie Tudhope's estate contribution of \$4 million.

Do McLeod County residents really want to spend \$4 million to \$5 million for the Dakota Trail over the next 20 years? It's time to let your commissioners know your thoughts on this at www.tinyurl.com/mcleod-commissioners.

Douglas Hall
Hutchinson

Wild parsnip an issue along the Luce Line Trail

To the Editor:

County trails should not just be built and abandoned. Timely attention is needed to maintain safety. Even though the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has too many paved trails to keep up with, McLeod County does not deserve trails that are unsafe.

My family is proud to work a farm that has been handed down for over 100 years. The Luce Line Trail cuts through our farm and we know this land very well. Last summer, I discovered wild parsnip along the trail. This eye-catching, non-native weed originally came from Europe and Asia. It is actually very dangerous. A year ago, I called the DNR and county to come out and treat the area along the Luce Line Trail that was infected. I expected to hear a thank you and that they would be out soon to cut or spray these nasty

weeds. Instead, I was told they would only come out in the fall and we would have to wait. They never did show up and the weeds seeded out.

People need to know about this problem and why it is so dangerous. Plant experts are warning families about wild parsnip and to stay away. The sap on these weeds easily transfers onto your skin and then reacts with ultraviolet light from the sun. According to county conservation officials, this sap upon the skin causes blisters, boils and lots of scarring.

Because the DNR did not come out to treat these weeds right away, they are spreading more this year. Next year, they will spread out further and be even more of a danger. The Pigeon Lake area in Meeker County on Highway 15 by Dassel has a wild parsnip problem that is

badly infested. Now they are fighting to get it under control.

Thankfully, not a lot of people use the trail, but a few more are using it in the summer. When school starts, it will die down again and there won't be enough people or kids around to worry about until next summer.

In the meantime, keep your kids away from touching these nasty plants. You should review pictures of these plants with the small yellow flowers. Read more at <http://minnesotacbslocal.com/2016/07/27/wildparsnip-burn/>.

Hopefully, the DNR will reconsider the interest of public safety and come out to perform this basic trail maintenance right away.

Dean Dostal
Hutchinson Township

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Question of the week

The Independence Day holiday is coming up next week.
What are your plans?


- 1). Going to New Auburn for food and fun.
- 2). Finding fireworks somewhere.
- 3). Hanging at home, grilling and chilling.
- 4). Heading out to a lake or pool, or camping.
- 5). Not sure yet.

Results for most recent question:

Are town celebrations such as Glencoe Days, Pola-Czesky Days and Stewartfest worth preserving?

- 1). Yes, they are great for communities — 60%
- 2). No, they are a thing of the past — 34%
- 3). I don't know — 5%

91 votes. New question runs June 21-27.



Feel strongly about an issue?

Share your opinion with The McLeod County Chronicle readers through a letter to the editor. Please include your name, address and telephone number (for verification purposes). email to: loric@glencoenews.com

History

From the Brownton Bulletin archives

100 Years Ago

June 28, 1917
O.C. Conrad, Editor
Not available.

75 Years Ago

June 25, 1942
Milton D. Hakel, Editor
Little Miss Janice Sondergaard died Tuesday evening, June 23, at the Glencoe Hospital, a few days short of her first birthday. She was born prematurely last July 3 to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Sondergaard of Collins Township and was kept in an oxygen tent and fed with a tube for several weeks. In January, she developed meningitis and was again hospitalized for several days. She caught a cold recently and was taken to the hospital last Wednesday evening. She succumbed to this illness

Tuesday at 7:50 p.m. Funeral rites will be held Friday at the Stewart Lutheran church.
Pvt. Harold Sanken, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Sanken of Brownton, graduated today from the huge Air Corps technical school at Keesler Field, Mississippi, after an intensive, 19-week course which prepared him to serve as an airplane mechanic.
George R. Husske of Brownton is now enrolled as an aviation cadet in the Army Air Forces pre-flight pilot school at Maxwell Field, Alabama.

50 Years Ago

June 29, 1967
Charles H. Warner, Editor
Brownton will celebrate the Fourth of July — Independence Day — with a big family night at the ball park and a gigantic fireworks display.

Podratz & Mahnke in Brown-ton will now be a Gulf oil dealer. The station formerly offered Citgo products.

20 Years Ago

June 25, 1997
Lori Copler, Editor
The Stewart Fire Department's old tanker truck is on its way to Guatemala. The city donated the truck as a stipulation of a \$25,000 Lions International grant it received for its new tanker last year. The old truck will be taken by a flatbed truck to Fort Wayne, Indiana, then to Florida, and then shipped to Guatemala.
Cy and Sherrie Loncorich of Brownton announce the arrival of a son, Corbin Andrew, born June 19, 1997, at Hutchinson Community Hospital.

From the Chronicle archives

30 Years Ago

July 1, 1987
Bill Ramige, Editor
Ross Rech of Glencoe defeated the one in a million odds and hit a rare double eagle on the golf course at the Glencoe Country Club Sunday afternoon. He is the first golfer to hit a double eagle on the local golf course.
Laura Schmeling, Kim Trocke, Dan Gould, Jay Trocke, Travis Senske and Jim Sprengeler, members of the summer track team sponsored through Glencoe Community Education, will represent Glencoe at the state track meet in Pipestone.

gun held up the New Auburn VFW Club Friday at about 1:15 a.m., but was apprehended, along with two accomplices, later that morning between New Auburn and Gaylord. The three, Drew Richard Thorne, 20, of Minneapolis, Hollyn Flor, 17, of Minneapolis, and Rebecca Harris, 17, of Coon Rapids, made their first court appearance Friday in Sibley County District Court.
On June 18, 1947, William and Rhonda Ische, John and Pearl Fehlandt and Marvin and Irene Hilk (the three Lenzen sisters) were married in the same ceremony. On June 18 in Waconia, the three sisters and their husbands celebrated their 50th wedding anniversaries with family and friends at the Island View Country Club.

The new Glencoe City Offices will host an open house on Thursday, July 9, from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m., at 630 E 10th St. The city clerk's office, police department, chamber of commerce and the city council room have moved to the former on-sale portion of the Glencoe Liquor Store.

The star who shined the brightest at the 2007 Minnesota High School All-Star Game was Glencoe-Silver Lake graduate Jon Hoese, who did it all for the winning Outstate team. Among his achievements, Hoese became only the third player in the game's 35-year history to score three touchdowns.

20 Years Ago

June 25, 1997
Rich Glennie, Editor
A gunman armed with a shot-

10 Years Ago

July 4, 2007
Rich Glennie, Editor
Company B, 682nd Engineer Battalion of the Minnesota National Guard based in Hutchinson, will return from its 22-month deployment in Iraq by the

From the Silver Lake Leader archives

75 Years Ago

June 27, 1942
Delbert Merrill, Publisher
A golden wedding anniversary celebration was held for Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Skerik. Around 100 relatives and friends gathered at the Congregational Church in Silver Lake to observe the event.
The obituary of Joseph Zastera states that Mr. Zastera was born March 28, 1879, in Samotin, near Nove Mesto, Moravia, a province of Czechoslovakia. He arrived in America with his parents that same year and resided in Silver Lake. On Nov. 14, 1905, Zastera married Anna Korista of Silver Lake and had three daughters, Alma, Thelma and Doris. He was a lifelong member of the First Congregational Church of Silver Lake. Funeral services were held Thursday, June 18, at 1 p.m., from the funeral home, and the Congregational Church of Silver Lake at 2 p.m.

Richard A. Larson, Stewart. They were ordered to report to U.S. Army Reception Station, Fort Campbell, Kentucky.

Silver Lake Fire Department won the water fight contest at Hutchinson Water Carnival. The winning team was awarded a trophy. On the winning team were Ernie Jurek, Marvin Cuhel, Clemmens Artmann and Clarence Vejrosta. The other team included Gordon Mikulichek, Jimmy Jurek, Jim Paul and Harold Nowak.

Mrs. Frank Lewandowski, 68, passed away at Glenhaven in Glencoe, on Monday, June 26, after a lengthy illness. Funeral services will be held from the Maresh Mortuary and at the Church of St. Adalbert with interment in the church cemetery.

25 Years Ago

June 25, 1992
Ken and Dorothy Merrill, Publishers
Milton Totusek retired after 30 years of rural postal service. He began in May 1961 and his last route will be July 2, 1992. Last year, Totusek was presented with a plaque from the postal service for 30 years of driving without an accident. He looks forward to doing some traveling and plans on catching up on all the projects that have been waiting at home.
The Kasella family will welcome an international student in

August 1992. From France, Sonia Jose-Marithe Tourell will live with the Kasella family for an academic year.
The obituary of Gladys Mickolich states that she was born Dec. 22, 1908, in Hale Township to David and Annie Eggert. On Nov. 3, 1931, she married Edmund Mickolich. Mickolich, 83, of Silver Lake, passed away on Thursday, June 18, at the Hutchinson Hospital. Funeral services were held on June 20, 1992, from the St. Adalbert's Catholic Church. Interment was in the church cemetery.

10 Years Ago

June 28, 2007
Ken and Dorothy Merrill, Publishers
After a 20-year hiatus, toilet bowl races are set to make a reappearance at the 2007 Polaczesky Days.
Colleen Tschimperle, 71, of Silver Lake, passed away on Saturday, June 23, 2007, at her home in Silver Lake. Funeral services were held on June 27 at 10:30 a.m. at Holy Family Catholic Church in Silver Lake.

The paper drive, sponsored by the Silver Lake Knights of Columbus Mother Cabrini Council 1841, collected 13.20 tons of paper for a profit of \$332.25, which will be going to the Silver Lake Winter Festival.

From the Stewart Tribune archives

100 Years Ago

June 29, 1917
Lester Koeppen, Editor
On Saturday afternoon, June 23, Miss Ruth Lenander of Preston Lake was united in marriage to Dr. Benjamin Saunders of Wadena. The wedding took place at the beautiful home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nels Lenander. After their wedding trip the couple will make their home in Wadena, where the groom has his dental practice.

lord.
Robert "Bob" James Sunde, son of Mrs. Retta Sunde of Stewart, is now enrolled as an aviation cadet in the Army Air Forces preflight pilot program at Maxwell Field, Alabama.

Stewart has done its duty by organizing an American Red Cross chapter. It was organized last week, but was completed Monday when the following officers were elected: M.E. Omann, president; T.C. Mahoney, vice president; Mrs. P.L. Schmitz, secretary; and Mrs. C.R. Donaldson, treasurer.

William Rettmann has a group of seven wooden hats on display at the Gamble Store, which he made in his spare moments. Most of them are ladies' hats and the styles are such as to make some of the ladies envy the owner. The hats are made entirely of wood, thin pieces being used for the brim and crown and curled shavings for decorations. Take a look at them yourself.

75 Years Ago

June 25, 1942
Harry Koeppen, Editor
Stewart friends will be interested to learn of the marriage of E.L. "Butts" Koeppen of St. Paul and Mildred Schisler of Gaylord, which occurred June 6 in Gay-

50 Years Ago

June 29, 1967
Kermit T. Hubin, Editor
Born to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Navarra (Barbara Keller) a son, Thomas Richard, Friday, June 23, at the Glencoe hospital. Weight: 5 pounds, 12½ ounces.

The Stewart Fire Department made a run to the farm of Mrs. Herb Schulz shortly after noon Wednesday, where a fire was threatening a farm tractor. Nolan Schulz was gassing the tractor

and a spark apparently ignited the gasoline and the tractor burned several minutes before Mr. Schulz was able to extinguish it.
Richard A. Larson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Larson Sr., and Gerald A. Polzin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Art Polzin, were among six McLeod County young men inducted into military service June 20.

35 Years Ago

July 1, 1982
Douglas G. Seitz, Editor
David Grabow, a Stewart resident and the administrator of the Buffalo Lake Nursing Home, is hospitalized at the Veterans Hospital in Minneapolis. He was originally diagnosed with Lupus, but is currently being tested to see if that diagnosis is correct. He has been ill on and off for about nine months.
Farmers Cooperative Elevator in Stewart has started construction of an additional storage facility, which will hold 90,000 bushels, increasing total storage to 720,000 bushels.



Submitted photo

GSL students attend BPA national convention

Eight Glencoe-Silver Lake (GSL) High School students had the opportunity to compete in the Business Professionals of America (BPA) National Leadership Conference held May 10-13 in Orlando, Florida. Each of these students competed in the event in which they placed and advanced from the state level. BPA members from all over the United States attended and competed at this conference. Placing on the national

level were Katie Twiss, sixth place in Fundamental Desktop Publishing, first place in Business Law and Ethics; Ellie Schmidt, third Place in Intermediate Word Processing; and Dini Schweikert, fourth place in Fundamental Word Processing. Pictured above, front row from left, are Ellie Schmidt, Katie Twiss, Dini Schweikert and Faith Rakow; and, back row, Austin Pinske, Emily Thalmann, Lily Nikkel and Amanda Husted.

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Obituaries

Marian M. Bielke, 79, of Sauk Centre

Marian M. Bielke, 79, of Sauk Centre, died peacefully on Thursday, June 22, 2017, at her home.

Funeral services will be held today (Wednesday, June 28) at 11 a.m., at First Lutheran Church in Sauk Centre with the Rev. Rebecca Thomas officiating. Visitation will be today (Wednesday) from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., at the church.

Casket bearers will be Kurt Kurtzweg, Scott Kurtzweg, Mark Kurtzweg, Todd Smith, Scott Smith and Eric Sandquist. Honorary casket bearers will be her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, Collette, Mike, Crystal, Danielle, Bennett, Paige and Kylie.

Interment will follow the

service in Greenwood Cemetery.

Marian Mae Schatz was born Aug. 3, 1937, in Glencoe, to Elmer and Alvina (Zaske) Schatz. She attended Immanuel Lutheran Parochial School in Brownton through the eighth grade, and graduated from Brownton High School in 1955. She married Orlin Bielke on Oct. 6, 1956, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Brownton. She worked as a receptionist at the Brownton Clinic and then at Telex Communications, Inc., as a repair supervisor. After retiring, she and her husband moved to their lake home on Sauk Lake near Sauk Centre.

Mrs. Bielke enjoyed traveling, playing cards and puzzle books. She liked to watch The Food Network, Dancing With the Stars, and The Bachelorette. She loved spending time with her family and having them all come to the cabin.

She was a member of First Lutheran Church in Sauk Centre and the Red Hats Society.

She is survived by her daughter, Vicki Grochow (significant other Dave Monk) of Glencoe; four grandchildren, Collette (Mike) Hardy of Waconia, Crystal Bussler of Glencoe, Danielle Bielke of Glencoe and Bennett Bielke of Glencoe; great-grandchildren, Paige and Kylie Hardy; sister, Marlys (Virgil) Kurtzweg of Darwin; and sister-in-law, Elvera Smith of Darwin.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Orlin Bielke; parents, Elmer and Alvina Schatz; son, Bruce Bielke; infant brother, Glen Elmer Schatz; sister-in-law, Kathy Sandquist; and brother-in-law, Dave Sandquist.

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

Betty L. Rosenow, 78, of Glencoe

Betty LaVonne (Jaworski) Rosenow, 78, of Glencoe, died Monday, June 19, 2017, at Hennepin County Medical Center in Minneapolis.

Funeral services were held Friday, June 23, at Riverside Church in Hutchinson with Dr. Lee Allison officiating. Worship leader Robert Scharpe performed "He's Alive." Congregational hymns were "Amazing Grace" and "It is Well."

Casket bearers were Kevin Wolden and Duane Mattson. Interment will be at a later date in Fort Snelling National Cemetery in Minneapolis.

Betty LaVonne (Jaworski) Rosenow was born May 12, 1939, in Minneapolis, the daughter of Marvin and Flora (Jenkins) Jaworski, and was the stepdaughter of Andrew Larson. She grew up in Minneapolis and received her education there.

On June 27, 1981, she was united in marriage to Norman Rosenow in Hopkins. They made their home in Glencoe. Her life was blessed with a son, Andrew. The couple shared almost 36 years of marriage.

Mrs. Rosenow worked as a home care provider. She was a member of Riverside Church in Hutchinson. She also volunteered at Glencoe Regional Health Services Long Term Care and with the jail ministry in Glencoe and Litchfield.

She enjoyed crafts, shop-

ping and hats. She was known to many as "the hat lady." She valued the time spent with family and friends, especially with her husband Norman.

She is survived by her husband, Norman Rosenow of Glencoe; son, Andy Foster of Hutchinson; siblings, Chuck Larson and Vivian Howell; many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Marvin and Flora Jaworski; stepfather, Andrew Larson; and father-in-law and mother-in-law, Harold and Millie Rosenow.

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



Marian Bielke



Betty Rosenow

Miriam Droege, 83, of Bemidji

Miriam Droege, 83, of Bemidji, died of Alzheimer's disease May 19, 2017, at Trilium Memory Care in Bemidji.

A memorial service will be held Friday, July 7, at noon, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Plato with the Rev. Bruce Laabs officiating.

She was born March 27, 1934, and raised in Plato by her parents, Herbert and Martha (Beneke) Droege. She

grew up in Plato with her sister, Vivian Krause. She graduated from Glencoe High School in 1952 and went on to graduate from the University of Minnesota in 1956. She moved to San Francisco to work for Bank of America. She moved back to Plato in 1964 and returned to the University of Minnesota and earned a degree in elementary education. She taught in Minneapolis schools for 34 years. She retired in 1998. Her Alzheimer's necessitated a move to Bemidji in 2012.

She enjoyed traveling during the summers and to her sister's home in Arizona after she retired. She was a voracious

reader and loved spending time with her sister and her extended family.

She is survived by her sister, Vivian Krause; nieces, Buni (Bruce) Slinkman and Heidi (Barry Lyons) Krause; nephews, Brian Krause and Hugh (Joanne) Krause; six grandnieces and grandnephews and six great-grandnieces/nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Herbert and Martha Droege.

Memorials in her memory can be made to the Alzheimer's Association (alz.org) or Sanford Hospice, Bemidji.



Miriam Droege

Betty Lou Wroge, 70, of Glencoe

Betty Lou (Frahm) Wroge, 70, of Glencoe, died Sunday, June 18, 2017, doing what she loved, camping in Hutchinson.

Memorial services were held Wednesday, June 21, at First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Glencoe with the Rev. Daniel Welch officiating. Dawn Wolter was the organist. Congregational hymns were "When Peace, Like a River," "The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want" and "I Know That My Redeemer Lives."

Honorary urn bearers were her granddaughters, Beth Wroge, Leah Wroge and Lindsey Jacques. Urn bearers were her grandsons, Ryan Wroge, Adam Wroge and Jesse Jacques.

Interment was in the church cemetery.

Betty Lou (Frahm) Wroge was born Aug. 17, 1946, in

Glencoe, the daughter of John and Malinda (Trick) Frahm Sr. She was baptized as an infant on Sept. 1, 1946, by the Rev. Arndt, and was confirmed in her faith as a youth on June 12, 1960, by the Rev. H.J. Malotky, both at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Green Isle. She received her education at Green Isle Elementary School and Arlington High School.

On July 16, 1966, she was united in marriage to Donald Wroge by the Rev. H.J. Malotky at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Green Isle. They made their home in Glencoe, and their marriage was blessed with three children, David, James and Dawn. They shared over 50 years of marriage.

In addition to being a loving wife, mother and homemaker, Mrs. Wroge worked at Telex and later started doing day care. She was a member of First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Glencoe.

She is survived by her husband, Donald Wroge of Glencoe; son, David (Theresa) Wroge of Arlington; daughter,

Dawn (Jason) Jacques of Glencoe; daughter-in-law, Kim (Barrie) Evans of Eagle Lake; grandchildren, Ryan Wroge and special friend Jessie, Beth Wroge and special friend Mike, Adam Wroge and special friend Cassandra, Leah Wroge and special friend Tyler, Lindsey Jacques and special friend Trey and Jesse Jacques; great-grandson, Wyatt Wroge; siblings, John (Elaine) Frahm Jr. of Stillwater and Sandra (Kenneth) Dressen of Arlington; brother-in-law, Orlin (Joyce) Wroge of Lawton, Oklahoma; nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John and Malinda Frahm; son, James Donald Wroge; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Martin and Ella Wroge; sister-in-law, Betty Wroge; and brother-in-law, Melvin Wroge.

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



Betty Wroge



Chronicle photo by Katie Ballalatak

GHS Class of 1947 reunites

The Glencoe High School class of 1947 reunited for a luncheon at Unhinged! Pizza on Thursday, June 22. It has been 70 years since its high school graduation. Front row, from left, are Elaine (Bandemer) Griesmann, William Harjes Jr. and Howard Dittmer; middle row, Romona (Huepenbecker), Dorothy (Aul) Graunke and Gloria (Krueger) Ruzicka; and, in the back row, Lorraine (Gaulke) Rudloff, Leroy VonBerg, Elaine (Stuedemann) Reynolds, Etheline (Ahlbrecht) Clasen, Donald Exsted and Delores (Klobe) Donnay. Not pictured is La June (Huser) Dibb. The last time the GHS class of 1947 met was in June

2012. Its class motto was "We'll find a path or make one" and its class flower was the forget-me-not. The class started the school newspaper, "The Glenconian," and published the first yearbook, "The Argyle," which had not been printed since 1925. Out of the 69 students that made up the class of 1947, 41 have passed away — 10 since its last meeting. At the luncheon, those present remembered their classmates who have passed and recalled school memories. Five guests joined the class in celebrating its 70th graduation anniversary.



Submitted photo

Missionary League makes quilts

The Missionary League from First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Glencoe recently presented some of the quilts it made to Ecumen RSVP for distribution to those in need. Ecumen RSVP serves McLeod, Meeker, Renville and Kandiyohi counties. Pictured, from left to right, are Ecumen RSVP Program Director Donna Whitcomb along with quilting volunteers Joyce Schiroo, Adele Suttles, Nelda Klaustermeier, Darlene Matuska and Ida Rutske.



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Thank You

Thank you to everyone who worked on the benefit for Kari's Kause that was supposed to take place Saturday, June 24th. Due to circumstances beyond our control it was cancelled last minute. We would like to thank everyone who donated items to the silent auction, to the benefit account and the business who hung the flyer in their stores. We would also like to thank the following people for all their hard work; Josh and Nicholle Winfrey, Kristi and Mike Cacka, Denny and Deb Schwanke, Bryan Schwanke, Chelsey Gernentz, Connie Kratzke, Bonnie Dahl, Hope and Franny Lene, Jon Jerabek, Roxy Yurek, and Sandy Posusta. We also want to thank St. John's CCCC Women's Guild and Congregation for all their support, and Pastor Bob and Mary Taylor.

Jason and Kari Eischens

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There will be a Gravesite Service and Burial for
Gloria (Matheny) Hanks
at
Oak Grove Cemetery
in Brownton,
on Thursday, July 6, 2017
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Community Calendar
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Silver Lake City Council offers clerk job to liquor store manager

By Lori Copley
Editor

The Silver Lake City Council voted Thursday night to offer the city clerk job to Jon Jerabek, currently the manager of the municipal liquor store. The offer is contingent on a clean background check, which will be conducted by the Silver Lake Police Department. Jerabek has indicated he will take the position, according to Deputy Clerk Kristi Mesenbrink. Police Chief RJ Cripps said it will take about a week to conduct the background check.

The City Council conducted final interviews with two finalists at a special meeting Thursday night, after hearing that one of its finalists had withdrawn her application.

Mayor Bruce Bebo explained that the candidate had withdrawn for personal and family reasons. An invitation for another interview was

then extended to another candidate, Meagan Donahue of Watertown.

The City Council members, after the interviews, found much to like in both candidates.

Donahue has some city experience, having done internships with the cities of Mayer and Winsted. She is currently employed at Elkay.

Donahue has a degree in regional studies from Minnesota State University – Mankato, and also has a master's degree.

Jerabek is a graduate of Glencoe-Silver Lake High School and St. John's University with a degree in communications.

He started his career at the municipal liquor store as a part-time bartender and is now the manager.

Council Member Brenda Fogarty noted that neither candidate had much of a background in accounting.

Bebo agreed, noting that of the 11 initial applications, only one had an accounting background.

But, he reminded the council, former City Clerk Kerry Venier had been working at a Bruegger's Bagels store before being hired by the city.

Council Member Nolan Johnson advocated for Jerabek, pointing out his success at the liquor store.

"I feel a lot of trust in working with Jon," said Johnson. "He made it (the liquor store) a success almost immediately."

Mesenbrink noted that Jerabek has set the budget for the liquor store.

"He does have that piece of it," said Messenbrink.

Bebo said that while Donahue does have some city experience, he felt the two candidates were pretty equal.

"If they're equal, then you promote from within," said Bebo.

The City Council voted unanimously to offer the job to Jerabek.

It was noted that if Jerabek accepts the offer, the city will have to fill his position at the liquor store.

Council Member Ken Merrill asked if the city should look at the situation as an opportunity to combine the clerk and liquor store manager positions.

His fellow council members indicated that because Jerabek will be facing a learning curve if he accepts the clerk's job, it might be best to hire someone to fill the position at the liquor store.

Bebo indicated that the City Council will need to appoint a committee to begin a candidate search for the liquor store manager opening. That topic is on the council's July 5 meeting agenda.



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Scouts learn to save energy

Glencoe Girl Scout Troop 34390 learned about ways to save energy during April and May. "What we did is we used a jar, called an action jar. Every week, we put pom-poms in for a log we were doing called an energy log. Every time we saved energy, we would put in a different color." Girls learned "saving electricity is very important." Some of the things girls learned about included hanging clothes outside on nice days, turning off lights when not in use, using the cold water for laundry, hand drying or air drying dishes, and knowing what you want in the refrigerator or freezer before opening it. Girls made clothes pins and light switch covers to remind them of these ways to save energy. Pictured, from bottom right, are Lilly Cross, Evey Jilek, Cierra Bullock, Robin Lueck, Dakota Bullock, Taya Undesser and Madi Tucker. Also earning the badge was Emily Kientzy.

People

Gustavus Adolphus dean's list

The following local students were named to the spring dean's list at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter: from Glencoe, Abigail Butler, Oakley Clark and Alyson Winn; and from Stewart, Jillian Driver. The list comprises students who have earned a 3.7 grade point average or higher for the semester ending in May 2017.

Named to president's list

Brandon Schlagel of Silver Lake has earned recognition from St. Cloud Technical and Community College for achieving a grade point average of 4.0 during the spring 2017 semester.

Locals named to dean's list

The University of Wisconsin-River Falls spring semester dean's list includes, from Glencoe, Daniel Raiter, chemistry; Josie Schmitt, biology; and Mary Schmitt, elementary education. To be named to the dean's list, a full-time undergraduate student must earn a grade point average of at least 3.5 of 4.0, or midway between an A and B average.

Local named to dean's list

Amber Chmielewski of Glencoe has been named to the St. Cloud State University spring semester dean's list. Chmielewski is pursuing a Master of Arts in rhetoric and writing.

Lemke named to dean's list

Christopher Lemke of Glencoe was named to the Augsburg College dean's list for the 2017 spring semester. Lemke is the son of Jonathan and Mary Lemke and is double majoring in biology and chemistry. He is involved in football, the Football Leadership Council, the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee and Tri-Beta. The dean's list recognizes full-time students who have achieved a grade point average of 3.5 or higher and part-time students who have achieved a grade point average of 3.75 or higher.

Kuehn named to dean's list

Madeline Kuehn of Plato was named to the 2017 spring semester dean's list at Luther College in Decorah, Iowa. Kuehn is a first-year student at Luther College.

Burr named to dean's list

Victoria Burr, of Glencoe, a senior at Bethel University and daughter of Bryan and Stacie Burr, was named to the dean's list for academic excellence for the spring 2017 semester. The dean's list honors students who achieve an outstanding scholastic record during a semester with a grade point average of 3.6 or greater.

Locals named to dean's list

Normandale Community College announces its spring 2017 semester dean's list: from Glencoe, Anna Marijke Nelson; and from Plato, Phoenix Dalos and Briel Steen.

Graduate from Normandale

Normandale Community College announces that the following area students graduated at the spring semester commencement ceremony: Oluwafunmi Deborah Dipolajayi, Glencoe, Associate of Arts, Liberal Education; and Phoenix Noelle Dalos, Plato, Associate of Arts, Liberal Education, with honors.

Dahlke named to dean's list

Samantha Dahlke of Glencoe has been named to the University of Minnesota, Morris dean's list for the spring 2017 semester. To be eligible for the dean's list, students must achieve a grade point average of 3.66 or higher while taking 12 or more credits.

Locals named to dean's list

Crown College announces students named to the dean's list: from Glencoe, Terrin Boozikee; and from Plato, Payton Lilienthal and Hannah Youngblood. To achieve this honor, students must have earned at least a 3.5 grade point average or higher for the semester.

First Lutheran School announces honor roll

First Evangelical Lutheran School in Glencoe announces its third-trimester honor roll.

"A"

Katlyn Hanson, Dylon Terlinden, Jackie Lemke, Alaina Voss, Lena Toualiat, Lauren Bernstein, Maggie Schuft, Elise Betcher, Abby Gruber, Kyle Hagan, Grace Litzau and Bethany Hagen.

"B"

Audrey Petersen, Owen Schauer, Meara Busse, Alyssa Gruber, Ben Grimm, Cameron Johnson, Beau Christensen, Jordan Mickolich, Cassidy Rislund, Rebekah Welch, Lincoln Dummer, Melody Nikkel, Ashley Radke and Lauren Terlinden.



Weather Corner

By Jake Yurek

We'll continue on the cool side of things this week as the heat to our west isn't really budging. We've been locked in the same weather pattern for over a week now and I, for one, would like to thank the weather gods! Average highs for this time of year are in the low 80s, and during this stretch we've been anywhere from 10 to 15-plus degrees below that. We've been parked between extreme heat to our west with highs of 100 to 120-plus degrees and cool weather to our north and east, and it's just hard to break this pattern up once it takes hold. We'll see at least another week of cooler than normal temperatures with highs generally staying in the 70s.

Our big weather maker will come in late Tuesday night into Wednesday as a storm takes aim at the Upper Midwest. Highs may creep into the 80s briefly somewhere in that timeframe, but they won't hang on for long. We should expect a decent amount of rain out of this as well, with most areas getting over a half-inch (unless we get unlucky and it misses entirely).

Behind the system temperatures will fall back to the 70s for the remainder of the period with Friday being the coolest (tough time making it to 70?). Friday we may have to dodge some showers as a weak upper level low moves overhead, but any time we get in this type of pattern you can't rule out a shower or two throughout the day as the sun heats up the ground and creates tiny instability showers.

Looking ahead to the all-important July Fourth forecast shows slow temperature improvement as warmer weather tries to move toward our area. I'm not seeing any big storms, either, so fingers crossed for a good Fourth.

Have a great week everyone; happy Fourth of July; be safe!

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Wednesday night — Lows 58-64; scattered showers.

Thursday — Highs 74-80, lows 56-62; partly cloudy.

Friday — Highs 66-74, lows 53-60; partly to mostly cloudy; scattered showers.

Saturday — Highs 70-78, lows 53-59; partly cloudy, isolated showers.

Sunday — Highs 70-78; partly cloudy, isolated showers.

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

Answer to last week's question (Can there be tornadoes associated with bow echoes?): Yes, tornadoes can occur ahead of the bow echo in supercells or imbedded in the line of thunderstorms. There are extreme differences in wind speed and direction within this type of event, so a tornado or two can develop. Typically, though, the most damage is created by the extreme straight-line winds.

Remember: I make the forecast, not the weather!

Silver Lake City Council Regular Meeting

Wednesday, July 5, 2017
6:30 p.m.

Call to order.

Consent Agenda:

- Claims to be paid.
- Old Business:
- City Hall space needs analysis proposal (city engineer).
- Proposal for comprehensive housing needs analysis.
- Animal control ordinance.
- Main Street building update.
- New Business:
- Municipal Liquor Store manager position opening.
- Budget updates.

16 Brownton seniors meet

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

Winning at cards were Archie Diehn, first, and Gladys Rickert, second, 500; Ordella Schmidt, first, and Leone Kujas, second, pinocle; and Delores Ren-

necke, first, and Harriett Bergs, second, sheephead.

Pearl Streu won the door prize. Ordella Schmidt and Gladys Rickert served refreshments.

The next meeting will be Monday, July 3, at 1 p.m. All area seniors are welcome.

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Glencoe Days, June 23-24, 2017



Children of all ages found GaGa Ball to be a real attraction Friday night during the corn feed. The game is similar to dodge ball, but played within an arena and everyone is on their own, rather than on a team.



The barrel train rides are always a popular activity. Sarah Lopez and her daughter Paisley were among those who enjoyed the rides.



The kids' pedal tractor pull drew 109 participants on Saturday. Cooper Good, pictured above, was one of the participants. The pull was sponsored by the Glencoe Lions Club.



Face painting and sand art were popular with kids at Oak Leaf Park. Above, Reese Doering makes sand art after getting a butterfly painted on her face.



Children's activities were sponsored by the new McLeod Historic Partnership. Above, Monica Wehler demonstrates a game played by pioneers.



It was a little cool Saturday, but that didn't stop volleyballers from diving into the mud at the mud volleyball tournament. Pictured above is the coordinator "Beast" volleyball team (in the green shirts).



Saturday morning's traditional fun run/walk, sponsored by Glencoe Regional Health Services, again drew a large group of participants.

Chronicle photos by Katie Ballalatak, Tom Carothers and Lori Copler