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## New Auburn Fourth of July

Rain did not stop the annual Fourth of July festivities in New Auburn last week. Pictured above, the New Auburn Fire Department Relief Association hosted it annual Smoked Pork Chop Dinner Tuesday, July 3. Justin Wisch, left, and Bryce Busse, right, grilled the smoked pork chops. Pictured left, Stephen Weber and friends provided the musical entertainment for the evening



## Board reduces fifth grade postion, dicusses operating levy

By Jakob Kounkel  
Staff Writer

The Glencoe-Silver Lake (GSL) School District convened for two meetings on Monday, July 9. The first was a work session centered around gathering information for the district's upcoming operating referendum. The second was the school board's regular meeting, where Business Manager Michelle Sander revealed a 1953 cornerstone box from Helen Baker, and the reduction of a fifth-grade teacher was passed alongside a 10-year long-term facilities maintenance (LTFM) plan.

At the work session before the regular meeting, Municipal Advisor from Ehlers, Jodie Zesbaugh, presented GSL administrators and board members with background information and trends surrounding the renewal of the operating referendum.

An operating referendum allows school districts to generate additional general education revenue through a combination of local property tax levies and state aid. The generated revenue can be used or any operating or capital expenses, like teacher salaries, benefits, utilities, supplies and technology. The operating referendum is in no way related to the overage on the building bond, which the board foresees as a common misconception. At least part of the shortfall already has

money specifically designated to it that's completely separate from the operating referendum.

The main discussions of the work session presentation were about what language to use on the ballot for the referendum, whether or not to include the inflationary factor, highlighting that the district spends significantly less per pupil than comparable districts and that they believe they're doing a good job with efficient spending.

The regular school board meeting started with Sander presenting a small rectangular box to the board. The box was the 1953 cornerstone from the old Helen Baker Elementary building, and its contents included a Glencoe Enterprise newspaper, magazines, class and faculty lists, two pennies, and more.

After getting through a few agenda items, the board moved to reduce a fifth-grade, full-time equivalent teacher. Because of a retired teacher, nobody will be losing a job. Instead, a teacher from fifth-grade will be moved to a different grade. The item saw at least two months of discussion and one emotional school board meeting, but the decision was ultimately made to reduce a fifth-grade teacher because it's in keeping with the district's class size policy. The incoming fifth-grade class is around 20-25 students smaller than the class going into sixth-grade, so, according

to the board, it made perfect sense to reduce in this area.

Lastly, the board approved a 10-year long-term facilities maintenance plan that had to be approved before the August levy data completion. Most discussions of the plan probably took place outside of the meeting because the board moved to pass it with haste.

They made note that the current LTFM plan has been successful. Sander read off a laundry list of things that the LTFM money has been used for, and what it potentially could be used for in the future. The list included painting, tiling, additional windows, fire suppression and much more. She also brought to attention the fact that a portion of the construction overage can be paid out of the LTFM fund.

In other business, the board: Accepted a \$100,000 check from Steven's Seminary to go towards a new sound system, which the district hopes to be operational by October 1.

The district awarded a fuel bid to Cenex at a discount of six cents pump price per gallon.

Established affidavits of candidacy filing dates. The period for filing affidavits of candidacy for school board membership will be from July 31 through August 14.

## City Council holds first workshop

By Jakob Kounkel  
Staff Writer

The city of Glencoe held its first city council workshop session on Monday, July 9 to discuss three agenda items: the Morningside Avenue project, the upgrades to the wastewater treatment facility and then they closed the meeting for police union negotiations. Representatives from Short Elliott Hendrickson (SEH), the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA), and McLeod County commissioners sat alongside Glencoe's council members and city staff.

SEH representative John Rodeberg presented information for the Morningside Avenue project for the county commissioners and Glencoe city staff and council. There's a stretch of houses along Morningside whose owners are worried about traffic safety and have property concerns related to the road construction. Much of the conversation centered around ensuring that the homeowners are getting a fair say in the project.

Rodeberg projected an aerial view map of Morningside for city staff and the commissioners, which highlighted the desire to buy nine of the houses on the street so they don't have to work around them.

"A rough estimate to buy out the remaining homes would be between \$1,340,000.00 and \$1,400,000.00. This would include appraisals, acquisition services, relocation services, purchasing the homes, and relocation benefits for each home..." Steve Carlson, vice president and relocation manager at Evergreen Land Services, typed in an email, which was later forwarded to City Administrator Mark Larson. "Again this is a very rough estimate and could change depending on each homeowner," the email concluded.

The city and the county are set to split the costs since the road falls under both city and county jurisdiction. The change is mainly due to a projected increase in traffic in the coming years, as well as drainage issues that need to be adhered to.

"It's a very typical design," Rodeberg said, "but what's interesting about this one is the history." The project dates back around 60 years when its original designation was supposed to be commercial property.

Now, council members are worried about growing concerns over Glencoe not having enough shovel-ready sites for commercial business, and that the area along Morningside, may not have enough space for commercial interest.

As discussions dissolved, the county commissioners walked out as the next agenda item surfaced. MPCA representatives Abram Peterson, Joel Peck and Bill Dunn sat beside one another to answer any questions and mitigate concerns over the cost and scope of the wastewater treatment facility renovations.

A similar sized town with a similarly sized wastewater facility project in Iowa is half the cost of Glencoe's, and council members probed the MPCA reps as to why this could be. Peck argued that they weren't comparable because Minnesota and Iowa have different clean water standards, and the plant's specifications could be vastly different, even in a town that's similar in size and capacity.

The council members and Mayor Randy Wilson then looked for advice in moving forward with the project. There are still some sources of money that don't have a solidified dollar amount, but Peck and Dunn acknowledged that the city staff of Glencoe has been outstanding in advocating for more dollars and, more importantly, getting their wastewater plant plans certified by the MPCA. Being certified means that Glencoe is at the top of the list to receive money from different sources, and it also means that the city will have solidified dollar amounts sooner.

The end of the open portion of the meeting left Larson questioning the council members on if they feel ready enough to go to bid for the project. Once the project is opened to bids, the city will know an exact figure. The city is expecting somewhere just north of \$20 million, but it's hard to know until the project is bid.

"A city's wastewater treatment plant is a city's greatest asset," Peck said, "and it's also really expensive."

The meeting was then closed to the public for police union negotiations.



Chronicle photo by Karin Ramige

## Retired Fire Chief recognized

The Plato City Council and Plato Fire Department recognized retired Plato Fire Chief Jay Wood for his 25 years of service to the department at its

meeting Monday, July 9. Wood retired from the department in 2017. Pictured are Fire Chief Mike Eggers (left) and Wood.

### Weather



Wed., 7-11  
H: 92°, L: 70/76°



Thur., 7-12  
H: 88°, L: 68°



Fri., 7-13  
H: 85°, L: 67°



Sat., 7-14  
H: 86°, L: 71°



Sun., 7-15  
H: 85°, L: 62°

Looking back: High temperatures and little rain were a nice change for the week.

Date	Hi	Lo	Rain
July 2	86	.....63	.....0.00
July 3	82	.....65	.....0.24
July 4	78	.....67	.....0.66

July 5	83	.....65	.....0.00
July 6	83	.....58	.....0.01
July 7	86	.....64	.....0.00
July 8	90	.....65	.....0.00
July 9	90	.....69	.....0.02

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

### Glencoe blood drive July 11

The American Red Cross will host a blood drive Wednesday, July 11, from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m., at the Glencoe City Center, 1107 11th Street. East.

### Glencoe Music in the Park

The Glencoe Lions Club Music In The Park series resumes tonight, Wednesday, July 11th at Oak Leaf Park, Glencoe, in Shelter #2, featuring Jim and Mike Wendolek with their Old-Time favorites. They are returning for the seventh season and are sponsored by McBride Chapel. A pork rib sandwich with 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. The entertainment for next Wednesday, July 18 will be the Lonny Carpenter Band. Lonny is a Pastor of New Beginnings Church in New Ulm. In his spare time, he loves to sing and entertain. Lonny has something for all ages from gospel, country, a little Elvis and Johnny Cash and much more! Bring a lawn chair and enjoy the music and the food. Proceeds will go toward community projects. Bring your used eyeglasses and hearing aids. Call (320) 864-5237 if you have any questions.

### Polka service July 15

First Evangelical Lutheran Church of Glencoe will hold a Polka Service on Sunday, July 15th at both the 8 AM and 10:30 AM services. Music will be led by Chuck Thiel and The Jolly Ramblers. Songs will include both familiar hymns and polka tunes with worship-style lyrics. Between services, the Men's Club will serve a freewill offering breakfast of scrambled eggs, ham, fruit, pastries and beverage. All are invited and welcome - please join us for worship, food, and fellowship!

### Glencoe Legion Auxilary

The Glencoe American Legion Auxilary will meet Monday, July 16 at 7:00 p.m. at the Glencoe Fire Hall. Lunch will be served.

### Republican women picnic

Nothing is as American as pot luck picnics and grass roots politics. The Greater Minnesota Republican Women will host a pot luck picnic Tuesday, July 17 at Northwood Park Pavillion, 885 Elm Street Northeast, in Hutchinson. The event starts at 5:30 p.m and will be attended by Republican endorsed candidates.

### Wardlow to visit Glencoe

Doug Wardlow, the Republican endorsed candidate for Attorney General, will be spending the afternoon in Glencoe on July 17. Wardlow will be hosting a "Meet and Greet" reception from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. at Gert and Erma's. The public is invited to join Doug for a time of discussion and questions. You can read more about Doug on his website: www.dougwardlowag.com. For more information please call 320-864-3911.

### Music by the Pond July 19

Grand Meadows Senior Living, 1420 Prairie Avenue, Glencoe will be holding its Music by the Pond on Thursday, July 19 at 6:30 p.m. The music for the evening will be The Slew Foot Family. Bring lawn chairs and blankets and enjoy an evening of good music, ice cream treats, and a chance to win a door prize! Come rain or shine. In the event of inclement weather, music will be held indoors in the lounge.

### Glencoe Farmers Market

The Glencoe Farmers Market is open every Thursday on the corner of Greeley and 11th Street. The market is open from 3 - 6 p.m. and features 12 vendors.

### District 421 staff reunion

The annual gathering of former Brownton School District 421 staff will be July 18 at the Brownton Bar and 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 abcrosby@hutchtel.net.

### SL Music in the Park info

The committee of Silver Lake Music in the Park is now accepting donations for prizes, which can be dropped off at Lakes Gas (ask for Lisa) during daytime hours, Monday through Friday. These events are scheduled at the Silver Lake Legion Park on July 12, 19, 26 and Aug. 2 and are a prelude to Pola Czesky Days. The meal starts at 6 p.m. and music starts at 7 p.m. Bring lawn chairs. In case of inclement weather, it will be held in the Silver Lake Auditorium. Contact Sandy Posusta at 320-510-1937 with any questions.

### GHS class of 1950 reunion

The Glencoe High School class of 1950 will have a class reunion Saturday, July 14, at 2:30 p.m., at Unhinged! Pizza in Glencoe.

### McLeod seniors potluck

The McLeod County senior citizen potluck picnic and meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 18 at noon at the Brownton City Center. Please bring a dish to share. — the meeting and cards will be held after the meal.

### Plato Lion's pork burgers

The Plato Lion's Club is hosting a pork burger feed on July 12 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Plato Park. There will be pork burgers, beans, chips and beverages served, along with music. The Lion's Club reminds you to bring your own chairs.

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.

# First Congregational Church youth serve in Michigan

By Jakob Kounkel  
Staff Writer

Rev. Michael Fritz and the members of the First Congregational United Church of Christ are back from the third annual Mable Stockdille mission trip, named after the person who continues to make First Congo's mission trips possible even after her time on Earth has passed.

This year, 12 students and four adults (a number that's rising year-to-year) went to Benton Harbor, Michigan from June 10 to June 15 to learn how to "Put faith in action," a popular catchphrase from the trip that was reiterated in their actions and vocabulary. It was also the biggest goal of the trip.

Fritz said one of the hardest parts of serving others is breaking through the initial awkwardness of the first encounter. After that, it's easier to answer the call to action and to become relentless

givers. Once the students find themselves lending a helping hand, it becomes easier to do it without having to be called to do it, according to Fritz.

In Benton Harbor and the neighboring St. Joseph community, a sharp contrast exists between the rich and the poor — straight out of a dystopian movie, where there's a single bridge that connects the gap between the affluent and impoverished. It made for interesting perspective — performing hard labor for the downtrodden while looking across the river to affluence.

The students on the mission trip had their work cut out for them. They had a packed agenda painting houses for the elderly and doing landscaping work for areas and buildings that have been long awaiting renovations. One of the groups painted a house that had been on a waiting list for two years.

But the students receive

just as much as they give — one of the central tenets of Youth Works (a group that organizes mission trips for youth). Benton Harbor had a lot to offer in experience and clarity. From Fritz's perspective, the kids get a sense of rewarding work and the importance of giving, and not just to the community at their fingertips. Many times the importance of giving and working for others sounds like a cliché, or like a tongue-in-cheek sentiment that often goes unheeded. It's an eye-opening, rewarding experience for the students while simultaneously making impactful changes to the immediate community.

However, one of the most critical parts of the mission trip is the experience, knowledge and fortitude the students bring back. Having the opportunity to see gut-wrenching poverty first-hand is an experience many don't understand. The mission trip

has the power to provoke the necessary action to make a positive change in the world when dealing with inequity.

The metamorphosis from the pre-journey cocoons to the post-trip butterflies was best exemplified when the missionaries took over First Congo's Sunday service for the week after their return and showed the congregation what they accomplished.

"They come back with a sense that it's their church too," Fritz said while explaining that seeing the students' eyes light up while presenting their mission trip to the congregation is his favorite part of the journey. They see the support from the congregation who backed them from the inception of their trip and helped with fundraising endeavors, and they feel a better sense of belonging, Fritz said.

## Record

### Glencoe Police

#### MONDAY, JULY 2

7:07 p.m. — Officers received a report of a marijuana odor coming from neighbor's apartment. Made contact with the neighbor and determined it was a hookah and a type of herb tobacco.

5:58 p.m. — Officers received a report of a male walking around a business talking to himself. The male party moved along.

12:26 a.m. — An intoxicated male was sent to detox. Damage to property charge is pending after quote has been received for damage to interior light in a patrol car.

#### TUESDAY, JULY 3

10:30 p.m. — A person was transported by ambulance to the Glencoe emergency room.

7:30 p.m. — Officers responded to an animal complaint. There were no cats at the residence and the officers didn't see any cats inside of the residence. The front porch had what looked to be car litter on the floor with an old food dish. There were no cats in that area.

5:34 p.m. — A male was walking his dog without a leash and was advised that his dog has to be on a leash when walking them.

3:55 p.m. — Officers received a report of theft of gas out of a vehicle.

1:58 p.m. — An officer responded to questions about her

son and daughter-in-law's ongoing divorce.

12:04 p.m. — An officer received a report of someone going through the neighbors car, but nothing was missing. A camera caught movement of two males in the area. Extra patrol was requested.

#### WEDNESDAY, JULY 4

11:02 p.m. — Individuals were advised of a fireworks complaint. They informed the officer that they were done for the night.

11:19 p.m. — A report was received about a possible suicidal male who was not found.

11:13 p.m. — An officer reported that he sat in the area of 15th Street and observed only legal fireworks.

9:09 p.m. — An officer received an animal complaint in the area of Newton Avenue North.

6:10 p.m. — An officer reported a suspicious vehicle whose plates came back as a van, but the vehicle was a car. Everything was OK.

#### THURSDAY, JULY 5

7:26 p.m. — A female was experiencing right rib pain and was transported to the Glencoe emergency room by ambulance.

5:00 p.m. — An officer reported that a dad left his 15-year-old daughter at the Delano Carnival for approximately one hour.

12:35 p.m. — Officer and captain found a small vial with a crystal-like substance.

4:25 a.m. — A passenger was arrested on a Sibley County war-

rant during a traffic stop.

#### FRIDAY, JULY 6

12:42 p.m. — An officer responded to a call of a female feeling weak. She was transported.

5:40 a.m. — An officer handed out a citation for failure to obtain a Minnesota driver's license.

2:57 p.m. — An officer reported a blight for too tall of grass on 16th Street East.

9:55 p.m. — Officers reported that a female fell down. She was transported by ambulance.

9:26 p.m. — Report of suspicious activity at a residence was received. Reporting party believed the homeowners were gone and saw juveniles at the residence. An officer made contact with the son of one of the owners who stated they were having friends over for the night.

#### SATURDAY, JULY 7

10:52 a.m. — An officer assisted with a report that a son was upset and acting out of control. The situation was mediated.

7:48 a.m. — Male party overdosed on LSD and was transported.

3:42 a.m. — A male was arrested for fleeing on foot and minor consumption. Another was cited for minor consumption and a social host ordinance violation. Two others were cited for minor consumption.

12:03 a.m. — At a traffic stop, an officer reported a citation for a small amount of marijuana. The vehicle failed to signal and was

also in possession of tobacco.

12:28 p.m. — An officer received an animal complaint for a deer in town. Unable to locate.

11:58 a.m. — An officer assisted with a report of dogs on a vehicle. The vehicle was located at Casey's. The officer spoke with the owner and he had the vehicle running with the air conditioning on.

9:45 a.m. — An officer received a report that a person's window was shattered on her vehicle sometime at work last night on Baxter Avenue.

#### SUNDAY, JULY 8

10:42 a.m. — Coborns was concerned of suspicious activity inside the store. The person was transported to Walmart in Hutchinson.

10:27 a.m. — A vehicle was causing a disturbance at Burger King with a loud exhaust.

#### MONDAY, JULY 9

12:19 a.m. — An officer received a report of a two-week-old struggling to breathe. The mother was already walking into emergency room when she called in. She spoke with the doctor and everything appeared fine.

11:34 p.m. — A carbon monoxide detector went off in an apartment building. The fire department checked the building and cleared the residence to return to their rooms.

3:19 p.m. — An officer received a report that a check was written out to the city from a closed account.



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# Loans for farmers affected flooding

St. Paul, MN: Minnesota farmers affected by the recent flooding can take advantage of a zero-percent Disaster Loan Program offered by the Minnesota Rural Finance Authority (RFA). The program helps farmers cover flood clean-up, repair, and replacement costs not covered by insurance.

The severe summer storms, which began on June 9, 2018, have caused significant flooding and damage to farm property in the Red Lake Nation and 36 counties including Aitkin, Becker, Beltrami, Blue Earth, Brown, Carlton, Cass, Clearwater, Cottonwood, Faribault, Fillmore, Freeborn, Jackson, Kittson, Lake, Lyon, Mahanomen, Martin, Mille Lacs, Mower, Murray, Nicollet, Nobles, Pine, Pipestone, Polk, Red Lake, Redwood, Renville, Rock, Sibley, Stearns, Stevens, St. Louis, Waseca,

and Watonwan.

The loans can be used to help clean up farm operations, repair or replace farm structures, and replace seed, other crop inputs, feed, and livestock. The loan may also be used to repair and restore farm real estate that was damaged by flooding.

As with other RFA loans, the Disaster Loan program will be available for farmers through their existing agricultural lenders for financing for these repairs. The RFA participation is limited to 45 percent of the principal amount up to a maximum of \$200,000.

Interested borrowers should contact their lender or call the RFA at 651-201-6004. More information is also available on the RFA website at [www.mda.state.mn.us/agfinance](http://www.mda.state.mn.us/agfinance).

## Silver Lake Legion picnic July 15

The Silver Lake American Legion is hosting its annual picnic Sunday, July 15. The noon pot luck will be held at the Legion on Main Street in Silver Lake.

## People

### UMN names dean's list

To qualify for the dean's list, a student must complete 12 or more letter-graded credits while attaining a 3.66 grade point average. From Glencoe, Ryan Bergseng, junior. From Plato, Teanna Vorlicek, sophomore.

### Phillips graduates with BA

Olivia Phillips of Silver Lake graduated with a bachelor's in computer science from Carleton College at its 144th commencement exercises.

### Haas graduates from UW

Desiarae Haas graduated from UW-River Falls. She was among 744 students to receive degrees from the University.

### Luther graduates Stockman

Natalie Stockman of Glencoe received a bachelor's degree in biology. She participated in commencement ceremonies for the class of 2018 at 10 a.m. on Sunday, May 27, in Luther Carlson Stadium.

### Martinez-Lozano child born

Sara Lozano and Carlos Martinez are new parents of a baby girl: Emily Martinez Lozano. She was born on July 2, and weighed in at seven pounds and 16 ounces.



## Weather Corner

By Jake Yurek

It'll be another warm week as Minnesota stays close to the boundary between hot and cold air masses. We'll see highs in the 80's and low 90's all week with humidity levels in the not-so-comfortable range. Wednesday night will bring in our best chance of rain as a large thunderstorm complex forms in the Dakotas and moves in overnight. There will be a chance of severe weather with this storm so keep an eye out for that. Heavy rain will be the other notable result of the thunderstorms, potentially dropping 1-2+ inches on areas most directly hit (central to NW Minnesota). We should dry out after that with the next weak chance of rain pushing in late Friday night and maybe again Sunday. The Sunday forecast is a tad bit shaky at this point as some models have a cold front pushing through late in the day which would keep highs down. If that scenario wins out we'd be looking at a few scattered thunderstorms as well but it's too early to call that for sure. If the front hangs in the Dakota's we'd push into the 90's again so pay close attention to the weekend forecast as we get closer to it. Sorry to all the summer-weather-lovers out there.....I've had enough of the hot stuff, is it Fall yet?! Have a great July week everyone!

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Wednesday night – Lows 68-74; rain/thunder  
Thursday – Highs 81-87, lows 63-69; morning shower/partly cloudy.  
Friday – Highs 84-92, lows 64-70; mostly clear.  
Saturday – Highs 86-94, lows 66-72; mostly clear/night thunder  
Sunday – Highs 76-94; partly cloudy/scattered thunder

Weather Quiz: Does heat lightning actually happen?  
Answer to the June 27 weather question (What are some of July's weather extremes?): The highest temperature was 105 degrees in the drought year of 1988, lowest temperature was 43 degrees in 1972 and the most precipitation in one day was 10 inches of rain in 1987.

Remember: I make the forecast, not the weather!

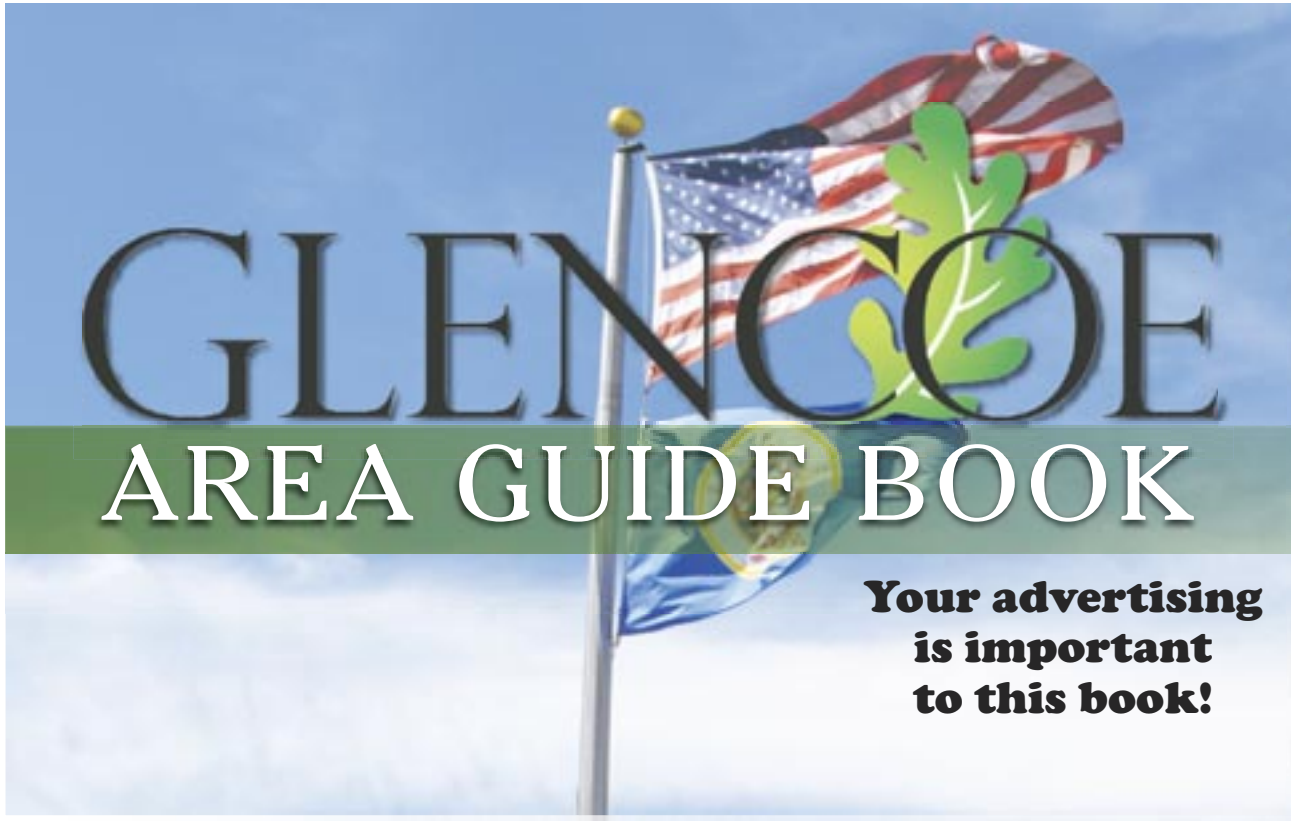
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# Board talks budget

Our view: Pay heed to operations levy

It's a bit of a head-scratcher that the Glencoe-Silver Lake School Board recently rejected its own administrative staff recommendations in dealing with its elementary school staffing. It had an opportunity, with a retirement, to shift staff to meet enrollment needs and save money at the same time.

The board opted to not do that, instead keeping staffing at current levels even though the enrollment numbers did not indicate the need.

In the past, the School Board's policy has been to keep primary grades (pre-K through grade 2) at about 20 pupils per class if possible. The class sizes in grades 3-6 were often left at 25 to 30 per class because the older students had fewer needs than the younger ones.

The School Board's recent decision to keep a fifth section of fifth graders despite having just over 100 students, makes that about 20 students per class. Several years earlier there were over 130 fifth graders in four sections, and that worked fine.

It appears emotion got in the way of common sense.

The board's decision sets a precedent, which may open a can of worms in the future.

While the School Board continues to debate budgetary issues, like possible budget cuts, there is another issue few district residents have been hearing about. It's the need to renew the current operations levy, which expires in June 2020. If not, GSL would lose nearly \$1.8 million from its budget. That failure would guarantee a new, and lot more severe round of staff and budget cuts in the future.

We have been down this road before and did not like it. We would not like it now either. The current debate over whether to keep five sections of fifth graders seems small potatoes by comparison.

While 2020 seems like a long way away, it is not. If you consider GSL's past history with referendums, it is difficult to pass one in this school district. For example, the last building bond referen-

dum took several attempts and several years before passing.

But an operations levy referendum is different. It does not involve building anything, rather it involves funds needed to operate what is already in place, including staffing, building operations, etc. In other words, it pays for the day-to-day needs of the school system.

Currently, the operations levy in place amounts to about \$860 per pupil unit. The district currently has an average of 1,580 pupil units. That equals about \$1.8 million in additional funds to help the district operate each year.

Traditionally, the district has passed operations referendums for five years, but the last referendum in 2013 was for seven years. Most districts run operation levies for 10 years so they do not have to go back to property taxpayers so often.

Michelle Sander, district financial director, said the referendum is often held a year early in case its fails on the first try. Then a second attempt can be made before the operation levy expires.

So the new operations levy referendum is likely to be on this November's school board ballot. That decision needs to be made by Aug. 24, Sander said. She added there is a lot at stake in the potential loss of state aid and local levy funding, "so it's not something to mess with."

The debate by the school board then is what to ask for: The same amount; more because of its deficit spending of recent years; or to keep it as is and just add in for the inflationary factor.

In the past, ballot language has been an issue. The state requires the district to claim on the ballot that this will increase property taxes. If the district is simply asking to extend what is already in place, then the required disclaimer is not needed.

The school board will further discuss the referendum and its possible impacts. Its August board meeting will be a crucial time to make that decision.

— R.G.



Guest Column:

## Politics: We need it

By Lee H. Hamilton

Every so often, I jot down a list of the things that discourage me about our country. There's the widespread disregard for our core values of tolerance and mutual respect, for instance. Our declining national optimism. Our relaxed attitude toward fixing our election machinery, overseeing financial institutions, and making sure that our key democratic institutions and processes are working effectively. There's wage stagnation, income inequality, a high poverty rate, failing infrastructure, inadequate health-care coverage, a dysfunctional Congress. . . . You get the idea.

This is not really a list of failings. It's a to-do list. And it pretty much begs the question, if we're not to throw up our hands and give in, how do we make progress on it? Well, I'll tell you: politics.

I suppose most Americans will disagree. How can we depend on people — politicians — whom many hold in utter disregard? And what can we expect from political institutions like legislatures, Congress, the bureaucracy, the political parties, and a rickety electoral system that are widely viewed with suspicion?

The answer, I think, has to be that we should do all we can to encourage and support them to fix these problems, because they're all we've got.

American politics can be an inefficient, noisy, messy ride. But be careful before you condemn it and its practitioners, because alternatives like a chaotic anarchy or the brutal efficiency of a dictatorship are far worse.

In other words, if we're going to attack the problems that concern us, we need politics: otherwise, our government would grind to a halt. We would be without a means of remedying our collective problems. The

institutions of politics — the rule of law, elections, city councils, legislatures, Congress — are the way we make operational a government of, by, and for the people. They are how we work together.

At its heart, politics is about searching for a remedy to a problem, and building support behind that remedy. It's the way we try to keep citizens satisfied and strive to meet their hopes, demands and dreams. At its best, politics and political involvement are how we give citizens a feeling of community and an understanding that we're all in this together.

It's our vehicle for expressing shared values and for reconciling the tensions, diversity and differences among us that are bound to arise as we tackle these enormously difficult challenges.

This is not to say that our system is even close to perfect. The list of things we need to fix — from the influence of money on elections and political decision-making to an elections machinery that is crying out for attention and reform — is long. But we need to strike a balance.

As a citizen you have to be critical of your system and ask yourself how to improve it and support reforms that would make it better. Yet I worry that our disdain for politicians and the howling criticism aimed at our democratic institutions in recent years has so undermined confidence in the system that people have lost their trust in their fellow citizens,

and their elected representatives, and their institutions — in other words, in the very people, organizations, and core values that can get us out of this mess.

If you ask people what they most cherish about our political system, most will say it's the idea of opportunity. For all its fits and starts, its horse-trading and negotiating and raw give and take, politics is also how we try to provide equal rights, civil liberties, and a fair shot at opportunity for all. Sure, we fall short of the ideal. But in a representative democracy, it's the mechanism we possess to try to create a more perfect union.

The plain truth is, it doesn't do much good just to talk about the ideals or shared values of America. You also have to try to realize them on the ground, to pull them out of the complicated — and often self-contradictory — mass of popular longings and opinions and translate them into policy and law. For better or worse, politics is how we do this.

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President Trump on Monday announced Brett Kavanaugh as his Supreme Court justice nominee.

Do you think it was a good choice?

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

Results for most recent question:

What is your favorite Fourth of July Tradition?

- 1) Fireworks — 26%
- 2) Spending time with family and Friends — 26%
- 3) Cathing up on sleep — 4%
- 4) Going to the lake —30%
- 5) Other — 13%

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History

From the Chronicle archives

30 Years Ago

**July 13, 1988**  
**Bill Ramige, Editor**  
The former First Lutheran Church parsonage was on its way to a new location in the country. Municipal Electric Plant foreman Earl Dammann kept an eye on overhead wires as Voigt Movers steered the house down Ives Ave. Paul Koester purchased the home and was having it moved to a site along County Road 75 southeast of Glencoe.  
Plato will be celebrating its 110th anniversary this weekend. The Plato Lions Club is the sponsor of the three-day event. The celebration will feature a carnival and parade along with softball, volleyball and horse-shoe tournaments, concessions, bingo, races for all ages and a beer garden with live music.  
Ambassadors of the Glencoe Area Chamber of Commerce welcomed Mark and Lisa Lintner, owners of Bogarts Saloon

and Eatery to the community with a ribbon cutting.  
Big Bear began construction of their new building in Glencoe in the corner of 13th Street and Ford Ave. The new 8,500 square-foot store is scheduled to open in October.  
**20 Years Ago**  
**July 15, 1998**  
**Rich Glennie, Editor**  
Daniel Lynch of Hutchinson was pinned for 1 ½ hours in a 1995 Mack milk truck that ended up in High Island Creek before rescuers finally freed him. He was driving the truck about 5:30 p.m. when he lost control just north of 3947 Oday Ave., South of Brownton. The position of the truck to the creek made it a difficult for rescue workers to get Lynch out of the truck cab.  
The McLeod County long-range planning committee recommended the county board proceed with a nearly \$2.5 million renovation project to the court-

house. The renovation will involve another courtroom to accommodate a second full-time judge in the county courthouse.

10 Years Ago

**July 9, 2008**  
**Rich Glennie, Editor**  
Sister Elizabeth Gruenes, a familiar sight roaming up and down from the choir loft as an organist, pianist or choir director at the Church of St. Pius X in Glencoe will be honored Sunday by the parish with an open house on the occasion of her 50 years in the Benedictine Order.  
Roger Draeger of rural Brownton has been a volunteer driver for Trailblazer Transit since 2001, putting over 92,000 miles on his trusty Buick since then. He was recently awarded Trailblazer's Horizon Award for his volunteer efforts.

From the Silver Lake Leader archives

75 Years Ago

**July 10, 1943**  
**Delbert Merrill, Publisher**  
Through the Food Administration of the U.S. Department of Agriculture a seven-quart pressure cooker has been loaned to the women of McLeod County and is located in Silver Lake for the women of this territory to use. A pressure cooker is the only safe way of preserving non-acid vegetables such as peas, beans, corn and asparagus, and all kinds of meat. Women who do not own a pressure cooker are asked to avail themselves of this cooker. Complete instructions for the simple operation of the cooker will be given when the cooker is borrowed. Mrs. Henry Hawlish has the cooker at her home and will have charge of checking it out and in. Please call Mrs. Hawlish and make reservations for the days you expect to need the cooker. This pressure cooker will remain in McLeod County until such time that the Food Distribution Administration sees fit to ask for its return; provided the women here make good use of it.

50 Years Ago

**July 11, 1968**  
**Wilbert Merrill, Publisher**  
Boy's State, which is sponsored by the American Legion, started on the afternoon of June 16 and ended on June 22. The week was a very busy one but also very enjoyable. Gustavus

Adolphus College, in St. Peter, was the site of Boys' State this year. Lee Krough, a member of the American Legion, was the director of the Boys' State program. The purpose of the program is to give some of the Junior Boys in the state an opportunity to learn about local, city, and state governments by actually participating in mock forms of these. It also is a program designed to keep the spirit of liberty burning. It provides guidelines for citizenships and above all teaches us the rights and privileges of citizens.

25 Years Ago

**July 8, 1993**  
**Ken and Dorothy Merrill, Publishers**  
A storm moved through the Silver Lake area Wednesday, June 30. A lot of lightning was flashing and one of the strikes hit the Tom Condon, Sr. barn. According to Condon he heard the lightning strike nearby and checked the area but found nothing. However, the lightning did apparently hit the barn as a few minutes later Condon saw smoke and fire coming out of the front doors of the barn. By the time the fire department arrived on the scene nearly 1/4 of the barn was fully engulfed in fire and was threatening the house and a nearby garage as well as some fuel tanks. Fast work by the fire department prevented the fire from spreading to the other buildings but could not save the

barn. The barn was being used for storage and was not in service of housing animals. Lost in the fire however were two tractors, a motorcycle, and a bale elevator and other miscellaneous equipment and tools.

10 Years Ago

**July 10, 2008**  
**Ken and Dorothy Merrill, Publishers**  
Following public comment and discussion by council members at Monday night's Silver Lake City Council meeting, an ordinance allowing the city to issue liquor licenses to restaurants was passed unanimously. The ordinance stipulates 70 percent of the business sales must come from food. Five citizens attended the meeting offering their opinions to the council regarding issuing a restaurant liquor license. All in attendance supported passing the ordinance. Clarence Mikolichuk said he thought it would draw more people and more people helps everyone. Duane Yurek told council members current liquor store customers come from short distances around the community. It is not drawing customers from greater distance which such a business could bring to the community. He also thought the city should consider moving to an off-sale (bottle) sales only and sell the on-sale part of the bar, believing that should be private.

From the Brownton Bulletin archives

100 Years Ago

**July 11, 1918**  
**O.C. Conrad, Editor**  
The piece of red, white and blue bunting means five thousand years struggle upward. It is the fullbloom flour of ages of fighting for liberty. It is the century plant of human hope in bloom. Our flag stands for no race. It stands for men; men of any blood who will come and live under its protection. It is the only banner that means mankind. It is not the flag of our king — it is the flag of ourselves. Other flags mean a glorious past and a still more glorious future. It is the flag of our fathers, and of our children yet unborn. It is the flag of tomorrow. It stands for the open door of ambition and opportunity — of equal rights to everyone beneath the shadows of its folds.

75 Years Ago

**July 8, 1943**  
**Milton D. Hakel, Editor**  
Otto Sell's victory garden is coming along fine, as incidentally, are many others in this community. Otto picked the first ripe tomato the other day — the fruit was already started when the plant was set out. His spuds look

From the Stewart Tribune archives

100 Years Ago

**July 12, 1918**  
**Lester Koeppen, Editor**  
The names of 104 men have been submitted to go in the July draft call which comes on July 22, or within five days thereafter. Four from Stewart are included — Alex Krippner, Jesse Madsen, Andrew Williamette and Charles Brede. This contingent goes to Camp Wadsworth, South Carolina, for training. The list which has been furnished us by County Auditor Stocking is as follows.

The secretary of war in a recent letter urges young men, graduates from high school, to enter college next year. Military instruction under officers of the army will be provided in institutions of college grade which enroll for the instruction 100 or more able bodied students over the age of 18.

75 Years Ago

**July 8, 1943**  
**Harry Koeppen, Editor**  
News of the loss of the cruiser "Helena" of the U.S. Navy causes plenty of concern in Stewart, as Harold "Buttsy" Dettman is one of the crew of that vessel. The cruiser was sunk in the South Seas in a battle against the Japs recently, but no word has been received here as to what might have happened to Harold. This is the second time his ship has been sunk with him aboard, the cruiser "Chicago" being the first victim. the sea

good, too, although not quite as the two store bought giant ones which he digs up from below a plant to display to gullible on-lookers.  
One hundred and thirty-five persons in Minnesota were alive to celebrate American Independence on July 4 this year only because of the reduction in traffic accidents which has been accomplished during the first half of 1943.

50 Years Ago

**July 11, 1968**  
**Charles H. Warner, Editor**  
A McLeod County girl, Lois Anne Kuras of Silver Lake, was named the Region 6 Dairy Princess at the 13th annual Sioux Trails Dairy Day at Hutchinson Wednesday, June 26. Dale Mackenthun of Brownton and Larry Bethke of Stewart won grand championships in the dairy show. Mackenthun showed a 4-year-old Holstein and Bethke showed a 2-year-old Holstein.  
Joy Emmette Strane and Dwayne Albert Albrecht were united in marriage Saturday, June 22, at St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Albrecht of Brownton.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Streich (Marjorie Weerts) announce the birth of a daughter June 29.  
Jean Lindeman and Thomas Karl were united in marriage June 22 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Brownton. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Lindeman of Brownton.

20 Years Ago

**July 8, 1998**  
**Lori Copler, Editor**  
Add 426 and 421 together and you'll end up with 2887. That's the new school district number assigned to the McLeod West Public School system by the Minnesota Department of Children, Families and Learning. Residents in Independent School District 426 (Stewart) and District 421 (Brownton) voted in May to consolidate the two districts after several years of sharing facilities and academic and athletic programs. The consolidation brings more changes to the school system besides a new number. Superintendent Mike McLoughlin has been meeting with staff the past few weeks to merge the two paried, but separate, schools into one, and to address several issues.

battle was the third major one in which he has participated and friends are certainly trusting that everything is all right with him after this latest battle with the Japs.

60 Years Ago

**July 10, 1958**  
**Kermit T. Hubin, Editor**  
Gaylord, the best hitting team in the High Island League pounded out 11 timely hits in a 9 to 0 romp over Stewart at Gaylord Sunday evening. Gaylord held a 3 to 0 lead going into the 8th when they scored six runs on 5 hits. Stewart had 8 hits but could not score. The home team also played good ball in the field, having only one error. The hard hitting Gaylord team is what made the difference. Nine of Gaylord's 11 hits came with men on base. Gib Barfknecht and Freddy Pioske were the big guns for Gaylord. They each had 3 hits and they had 5 runs batted in between them. Bob Ortloff, Ed Kirchoff, and Arlow Gerhke each had 2 hits for Stewart, one of Kirchoff's being a double. Werner and Gehrke were the batteries for Stewart and for Gaylord, it was Gib Barfknecht pitching and his George Barfknecht catching.

50 Years Ago

**July 11, 1968**  
**Kermit T. Hubin, Editor**  
Abraham's Motel in Stewart was damaged last Thursday afternoon when a car belonging to

Arthur Fenske, 79, of Stewart, crashed halfway into one of the rooms. Fenske lost control of his car after a collision with a truck driven by a Montevideo man. Fenske is in good condition at the Glencoe hospital with broken ankles and a broken rib. The collision occurred on Highway 212 near Slater's DX Station.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Bulau (Mary Larson) are the happy parents of a baby girl, Lesley Ann, born June 27 at the Glencoe hospital. She has a brother, Jeffrey.  
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Streich (Marjorie Weerts) are the proud parents of a baby girl, born Saturday, June 29, at the Glencoe hospital. She is named Shelly Ann, and joins a brother, Jeffrey.

St. Paul's American Lutheran Church in Stewart was the scene of a pretty June wedding when Miss Rosalee Schulze, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Schulze of Stewart, became the bride of Reginald Just of Minneapolis.  
Stewart residents were thrilled oer the choice of judges who named Miss Cecelia Ewert, 20, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Ewert and a 1965 graduate of Stewart High School, as Miss Hutchinson during the 26th annual Hutchinson Jaycees Water Carnival.

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Obituaries

Phyllisann Elling, 91, Burnsville

Phyllisann (Lippert) Elling, age 91, of Burnsville, formerly of Glencoe, Minnesota, died peacefully on Tuesday, July 3, 2018 at Ebenezer R i d g e s Care Center i n Burnsville.



Phyllisann Elling

Mass of Christian Burial will be held Thursday, July 12 at 11:00 a.m. at Church of St. Pius X in Glencoe, with the Rev. Anthony Stubeda officiating. Sue Mielke will be the organist. Gus and Irene Makovsky will be the song leaders. Musical selections will be: “Here I Am Lord,” “Hail Mary, Gentle Woman,” “On Eagle’s Wings,” “Song Of Farewell,” “Amazing Grace.” Scripture readers will be Tom Elling and Max Elling.

Urn bearer will be Elizabeth Elling. Honorary urn bearers will be Tom Elling, Caroline Elling, Anna Elling, Max Elling.

Phyllisann (Lippert) Elling was born on September 11, 1926, in Olivia. She was the daughter of Edward and Rose (Kral) Lippert. She was baptized and later confirmed at St. Aloysius Catholic Church in Olivia, Minnesota.

Mrs. Elling grew up in a large family in rural Minnesota during the Great Depression. She developed deep and lasting relationships with her brothers and sisters

and remained close to them throughout her life. She graduated from Olivia High School in 1944 and Teacher Training at Stevens Seminary in Glencoe, in 1945. She also completed continuing education courses at St. Catherine’s University in St. Paul.

On June 24, 1948, she was united in marriage to Orville “Hap” Elling at St. Aloysius. They made their home in Hector. In 1968, they moved their family to Glencoe. Their marriage was blessed with four children, Gary, Mary Kay, Dean and John. They shared over 65 years of marriage before Mr. Elling’s death on Friday, Oct. 4, 2013.

In addition to being a loving wife, mother and homemaker, Mrs. Elling enjoyed a career as a teacher. She began teaching in a one-room schoolhouse (that had no electricity!) in Brookfield Township in Renville County. She also held teaching positions in Bird Island, Hector, and Glencoe Public Schools, and at St. Pius X School in Glencoe. She was a faithful member of St. George Catholic Church in Glencoe.

Caring for her family, combined with a full-time teaching career, left Mrs. Elling with little time for personal hobbies. Throughout her life she made countless sacrifices so that her children would not be denied opportunities. She helped each of her children by always being there to listen to their concerns, worries, and needs. At her kitchen table her children were given

the gift of her undivided attention and deep understanding.

She will always be remembered for her delicious family dinners. They always included large bowlfuls of mashed potatoes, platters of different meats, and a variety of vegetables from Mr. Elling’s garden. Following the meal would be an endless supply of homemade cookies, cakes, apple crisp, rice pudding and rhubarb desserts.

In later years she enjoyed spending time with Mr. Elling at their retirement home in Arizona. Whether in Arizona or Minnesota, her kitchen table was the gathering place for many friends and family. She cherished time spent with family and friends.

She is survived by her daughter, Mary Kay (William Graham) Elling of Apple Valley; sons Gary (Mary) Elling Maple Plain, Dean (Mariko) Elling of Burnsville, John (Kathy) Elling of Prior Lake; grandchildren, Elizabeth Elling, Caroline Elling, Tom Elling, Anna Elling, Max Elling; nephews, nieces, other relatives and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Edward and Rose Lippert; Husband, Orville “Hap” Elling.

Arrangements are with Johnson-McBride Funeral Chapel of Glencoe. Online Obituaries and Guest Book available at www.mcbridechapel.com.

Ruth Marie Nelson, 100, of Buffalo Lake

Ruth Marie (Slipka) Nelson, age 100, of Buffalo Lake, formerly Glencoe, died Thursday, July 5, 2018, at Buffalo Lake Health Care Center in B u f f a l o Lake.



Ruth Nelson

Memorial Service will be Wednesday, July 11, 11:00 a.m., at First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Glencoe with interment in the Glencoe City Cemetery.

Rev. Peter Adelsen will officiate and Yvonne Schuette will be the organist. Congregational Hymns will be “Amazing Grace” & “Beautiful Savior.

Ruth Marie (Slipka) Nelson was born on May 31, 1918, in St. Paul. She was the daughter of Henry and Rose (Korson) Slipka. Ruth was baptized as an infant on June 9, 1918, at St. Luke’s Catholic Church in St. Paul, and was later confirmed in

her faith as an adult on February 8, 1948, at First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Glencoe, by Pastor A. Streufert. She received her education at a country school near Stewart.

On March 29, 1940, she was united in marriage to Otto Flemming in Brookfield Township, rural Cosmos. After their marriage, the couple resided in Cosmos and Glencoe. The marriage was blessed with three children, Duane, Dale and Darlene.

On December 8, 1964, Ruth was united in marriage to Herb Nelson in Glencoe. After their marriage the couple resided in Glencoe.

Mrs. Nelson was a member of First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Glencoe.

She enjoyed playing bingo, and doing word find puzzles.

When she needed assistance with her daily care, Ruth became a resident of the Buffalo Lake Health Care Center for 29 years.

Mrs. Nelson is survived by her sons, Duane (Su) Flemming of Coon Rapids and

Dale (Judy) Flemming of Alexandria; grandchildren, Deb (Randy) Husser of Rochester, Jim (Judy) Flemming of Hutchinson, Jason Flemming of Monticello, Susan (Tony Sipe) Flemming of Coon Rapids, Chris (Hanna) Flemming of Lewisville, Texas, Jenny (Jim) Lamb of Alexandria, Laurie (Mark) Ratajesak of Rose City; 15 great-grandchildren; three great great-grandchildren; stepdaughter, LouElla Benson; nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Henry and Rose Slipka; first husband, Otto Flemming; second husband, Herb Nelson; daughter, Darlene (Flemming) Draeger; son-in-law, Arnold Draeger; siblings, Helen Lange, Rose Westphal, Harry Slipka; Stepson, Rueben Flemming.

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Amanda Alvarez-Rodriguez, 32, Glencoe

Amanda (Adams) Alvarez-Rodriguez, 32, of Glencoe passed away on Thursday, July 5 at her residence.

Funeral Services for will be held on Friday, July 13th at 2:00 p.m. at The Chilson Funeral Home in Winsted.



Amanda Alvarez-Rodriguez

A visitation will be held three hours prior to the service, beginning at 11 a.m. and continue until 9 p.m. following the service at the funeral home.

Casket Bearers will be Jorge Serna, Adam Velez,

Martin Lezama, Juan Antonio Loano, Dustin Adams, Johnny Adams, Shaun Simmons and Lee Kappes.

Amanda (Adams) Alvarez-Rodriguez was born on August 2, 1985 in Duncan, Oklahoma the daughter of Charles Allan Adams and Sandra (Lundgren) Adams Bruins.

She graduated from Lester Prairie High School in 2004.

Amanda was currently employed as a Certified Nursing Assistant at The Good Samaritan Society of Howard Lake.

She is survived by her father: Charles Allan Adams; mother: Sandra Adams Bruins (Lundgren); husband: Jose Guadalupe Alvarez Rodriguez; a daughter: Sonya

Mariah Alvarez Rodriguez; brothers: Dustin Adams, Johnny Adams, Jacob Adams and John Randall Temple; sisters: Nicole Adams, Martina Boettcher, Tianna Kappes and Melinda Simmons; grandparents: Edmund & Dawn Lundgren; other relatives and many friends.

She is preceded in death by her brother, Charles F. Adams (Charlie); grandparents, Firman Adams and Dorothy Adams and by a niece Destany Thomsen.

The Chilson Funeral Home in Winsted is serving the family. Online condolences may be made to www.chilsonfuneralhome.com.

Rachelle ‘Shelly’ De Blieck, 33, Glencoe

Rachelle “Shelly” Lynn (Brinkmann) De Blieck, age 33, of Glencoe, passed away on Wednesday, July 4, 2018, at Abbott Northwestern Hospital in Minneapolis.



Shelly De Blieck

Memorial services were held Saturday, July 7, at First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Glencoe with Rev. Daniel Welch officiating. Robin Kruse was the organist. Congregational hymns were : “On Eagle’s Wings,” “My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less,” “Abide With Me”.

Urn bearers were Mitchell Kettner, Alison Kettner, and Andrew Kettner.

Honorary urn bearers were Lauren Brinkmann, Brody Brinkmann, and Benjamin Brinkmann.

Rachelle “Shelly” Lynn (Brinkmann) De Blieck was born on March 28, 1985, in Glencoe. She was the daughter of Brian and Konnie (Wendlandt) Brinkmann. She

was baptized as an infant on April 21, 1985, by Rev. Harold Pranschke and later was confirmed in her faith as a youth on April 25, 1999, by Rev. Harvey Kath and Vance Becker both at First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Glencoe.

She received her education in Glencoe, Minnesota, graduating with the Glencoe High School Class of 2003. Ms. De Blieck furthered her education by attending St. Cloud State University and graduating in 2011.

On May 30, 2015, she was united in marriage to Craig De Blieck by Rev. Ronald Mathison at First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Glencoe. She made her home in Glencoe and her life was blessed with her son, Brock Emiel.

She loved working in the Big Lake and Monticello school district as a paraprofessional for pre-school and kindergarten students. She was a lifelong member at First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Glencoe.

Her Christian faith was a big part of her life. She had a big heart and always had a

smile on her face. She loved people and her son had a big place in her heart. She cherished the time spent with her family and friends.

She is survived by her son, Brock Emiel De Blieck of Big Lake; parents, Brian and Konnie Brinkmann of Glencoe; brother, Christopher (Tanya) Brinkmann of Glencoe; niece and nephews, Lauren Brinkmann, Brody Brinkmann, and Benjamin Brinkmann; grandmother, Grace Brinkmann of Darwin; uncle, Dan Wendlandt of Brownton; aunt, Kelly (Mike) Kettner, of Glencoe; cousins, Mitchell Kettner, Alison Kettner, and Andrew Kettner; great aunt, Janet Alsleben of Brownton; and many other relatives and friends.

She is preceded in death by her grandparents, Lorin Brinkmann, Jerald and Marion Wendlandt; uncles, Curtis Brinkmann, and Brad Wendlandt.

Arrangements were with Johnson-McBride Funeral Chapel of Glencoe. Online Obituaries and Guest Book available at www.mcbridechapel.com.

Odelia Theresia Britz, 95, of Glencoe

Odelia Theresia (Maier) Britz, 95, Glencoe, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, July 4, 2018, at Glencoe Regional Health Services Long Term Care in Glencoe.



Odelia Britz

Mass of Christian Burial will be held Friday, July 13, at 10:30 a.m. at Church of St. Pius X in Glencoe, with Rev. Anthony Stubeda officiating. Sue Mielke will be the organist. Gus and Irene Makovsky will be the song leaders. Musical selections will be: “Here I Am Lord,” “Amazing Grace,” “On Eagle’s Wings,” “Song Of Farewell,” “Let There Be Peace On Earth.”

Interment will be on Monday, July 16, at 1:15 p.m. at Fort Snelling National Cemetery in Minneapolis.

Odelia Theresia (Maier) Britz was born on October 10, 1922, in Pierz. She was the daughter of Joe and Ida (Mischke) Maier. Odelia was

baptized as an infant and was later confirmed in her faith as a youth both in Pierz. She received her education through eighth grade in Pierz.

On May 25, 1946, Odelia was united in marriage to Sylvester Britz at St. Michael’s Catholic Church in Buckman. After their marriage, the couple lived in Minneapolis and in 1950 they moved to Glencoe.

Mrs. Britz was employed at Ed’s Market as a cashier and 3M, retiring after 18 years. She was a loving mother and homemaker.

She was a faithful member of Church of St. Pius X in Glencoe and cleaned the linens for the church.

Mrs. Britz enjoyed camping, gardening, cooking and baking for her family. She cherished the time she spent with her family, especially her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.

When she needed assistance with her daily care, Odelia became a resident of Glencoe Regional Health Services-Long Term Care on November 27, 2017.

Mrs. Britz is survived by

her; children, Gary (Vickie) Britz of Sacramento, Calif., Terri Britz, Tom (Anne) Britz of White Fish, Mont., Tim (Doreen) Britz of Courtland, Joel (Linda) Britz of Milwaukee, Wis.; son-in-law, John Vogel of Houston, Texas; grandchildren, Angie (Mike) Rowand, Erin Vogel, Olivia (Craig Wheat) Britz, Amanda (John) Nielsen, Kevin Britz, Travis Britz, Jaclyn Britz, and Jenna Britz; step grandson, Jordan Rieder; four great-grandchildren; sisters, Erma LoBello of Minneapolis, Ethel Ginkel of Minneapolis, LaDonna Maier of Rochester, Gloria Flint of St. Cloud; nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Joe and Ida Maier; husband, Sylvester Britz; infant twin sons, Daniel and Darryl; daughter, Mary Ellen Vogel; and brother, Larry Maier.

Arrangements arr with the Johnson-McBride Funeral Chapel of Glencoe. Online Obituaries and Guest Book available at www.mcbridechapel.com.



Local students return from mission trip in Idaho

Eighteen youth and four adult leaders from First Evangelical Lutheran Church of Glencoe recently returned from a mission trip to Northern Idaho. They participated in Idaho Servant Adventures (ISA), a week-long high-energy, action-packed service-leadership camp that brings students from youth groups across America together to repair and transform homes, lives, and communities. The First Ev. Lutheran group, along with groups from Good Shepherd Church and two other area churches, traveled more than 1000 miles by motor-coach to the Silver Valley area located in the

Idaho panhandle. Once nearly half of our nation’s silver was extracted from Shoshone County mines; after the mines went bust in the 1980’s, this area is now one of Idaho’s poorest.

The goals of the trip were to...Enjoy God’s Creation, Grow in Faith, and to Serve Others. Surrounded by beautiful mountains, trees and water, the group was “hugged by God’s creation” and enjoyed awesome outdoor adventures! The faith-building program included professional staff and mentors, speakers, devotions, Bible studies, and leadership development programs. The groups volun-

teered by doing simple, yet very necessary work, in area homes and community buildings - painting, gardening, home repairs, digging, cleaning, and organizing. This outreach - interacting with the people, sharing stories, and learning about each other made a significant impression on all!

On Sunday, July 8, the group presented an overview of their trip, sharing photos and experiences. Over the past year, many service and fundraising activities helped to raise monies to pay associated costs.

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# Silver Lake Council approves rental compliance order, reviews ordinances

By Karin Ramige  
Publisher

The Silver Lake City Council approved a formal compliance order against Mike Jaunich of ATB Properties of Delano, the owner of The Villager Apartments located at 104 Grove Avenue in Silver Lake at its quarterly meeting on July 2.

Jaunich has failed to meet the requirements of the city's multi-unit rental ordinance or obtain the renewal of the required certificate of occupancy that expired on December 31, 2017. The city has made multiple attempts to contact Jaunich without success.

The violations listed in the compliance order include; lack of fire doors on four apartments and the mechanical room, lack of ground fault circuit interrupter protectors on all electrical receptacle within six feet of a sink or bathtub and lack of locks or security measures preventing entrance into the two apartments that have been deemed uninhabitable.

The order gives Jaunich 15 days from the date of the order to meet the necessary requirements before the city takes further action which could include a court order to deem the entire building uninhabitable displacing the residents currently living there.

As problems have continued to be an issue at the apartment complex, the city council asked City Attorney Amber Donley of Gavin,

Donley and Ostlund to review the current occupancy regulations for multi-unit housing complexes section of the city ordinance at the June 18 meeting.

The section of the ordinance was added in January 2016 requiring all multi-family rental complexes to apply for a rental permit and pass an inspection every two years. The city has not had any issues with other multi-family rental complexes since the adaption of the new regulations.

The council will continue to review the proposed changes which better spells out consequences for failure to comply and addresses repeated calls to law enforcement and criminal complaints.

At the July 2 meeting, the council also discussed the rental unit inspection process. Fire Chief Dale Kosek performs bi-annual inspections for the city. Kosek informed the council that formal training is available for property inspectors. The council directed to look into the training.

In other business, the council:

- Reviewed a proposed sediment and erosion control ordinance drafted by Scott Qualle of MNSPECT. The city currently has no regulations on sediment and erosion control during construction projects.

If passed, the ordinance re-

quirements will be added into the building permit guidelines and the measures would be inspected with each building code inspection performed by MNSPECT during the building process.

The minimum fee would be \$150 for new home or commercial construction or \$50 for non-exempt construction for projects that disturb a large amount of soil. The fees would not be required for small projects such as egress windows.

The council asked MNSPECT to draft the ordinance as construction projects have increased within the city over the last couple of years as a way to reduce the amount of sediment that enters the city's storm water system.

• Discussed the changes made to the Non-intoxicating liquor, beer and related matters ordinance.

The ordinance currently allows only beer or other malt beverages, such as wine coolers, that have a 3.2 percent alcohol level or less to be served with a temporary non-profit license.

The council asked that the ordinance be revised to reflect the council's current practice of allowing beverages with an alcohol content greater than 3.2 percent.

The council asked that a few changes be made before approval at a future meeting.

# Rain delays Brownton road construction

By Karin Ramige  
Publisher

It has been the story of the summer, projects delayed because of the rain.

The Brownton City Council heard that the road construction project is behind schedule due to all the rain in June at its meeting on July 3.

The construction crew is behind on street work and cannot continue with the underground work until they get caught up, according to John Rodeberg from Short Elliot Hendrickson Inc. (SEH).

R&R Excavating of Hutchinson, requested a four week extension for completion of phases one and two of the project.

Rodeberg said it would not delay the substational completion date of November 2.

The construction company also requested an extension of works hours in order to catch up on the project. The current work hours are 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. R&R asked for the hours to be extended to 9 p.m.

The council approved both requests. Council member Curt Carrigan expressed frustration after the crew took a

couple of Fridays off to not go over work hours.

The council also expressed concern with the company starting a third project in Hutchinson this week, in addition to the project in Brownton and a second in Glencoe.

Rodeberg said that though there has been a lot of moving of people and equipment, there has not been any issues with the simultaneous projects.

The council also approved the second payment installment of \$345,409.

A third change order request for \$3,334 was brought before the council. The change order was due to the sanitary sewer services on 8th Avenue being higher than the proposed water main and were not able to be located earlier. Multiple service lines were damaged in the process. The council didn't feel that this was something that they should be responsible for the damage and tabled the request until more information was received.

At the meeting, SEH also requested a 2 percent increase

on for the project manager. Rodeberg explained that SEHs fiscal year starts on July 1 and rates have increased. The council approved the increase from \$117 to \$120 hour, which will not affect the overall project cost, but may decrease the amount of time the manager is onsite.

In other business, the council:

- Deferred making a decision on the replacement of a slide at the playground near the Civic Center. A quote for \$1,058 was received to install a fire pole and \$566 for a pipe wall. The council decided to look into more affordable options.

• Accepted a bid for \$4,420 for 170 yards of playground wood chips for two playgrounds in town. The chips will be delivered and city crews will install them.

• Accepted three donations from the Brownton Lions Club totalling \$20,300 with great appreciation. The donations will be used for AEDs for the fire department and ball park and park upgrades.

## 14 Brownton seniors met on Monday

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

Winning at cards were Theola Fors, first, and Ordell Klucas, second, 500; Pearl Streu, first, and Leone Kujas, second, pinochle; and Gladys Ricket won the door prize. Pearl Streu served refreshments.

Last week, July 2, 13 seniors met at the Brownton Community Center.

Winning at cards were Lowell Brelje, first; Gladys Ricket, second, 500; Pearl Streu, first, and Leone Kujas, second, pinochle; Pat Mashuga won the door prize. Phyllis Mahnke served refreshments.


### Silver Lake City Council Regular Meeting July 16, 6:30pm Silver Lake Auditorium

**Call to Order**  
**Consent Agenda:**  
• Approve minutes from July 2, 2018 regular meeting.  
• Approve Payroll #14  
• Claims to be paid:  
**Old Business:**  
• Chapter 11 Liquor Ordinance  
• Soil Erosion Control Ordinance  
• Multi-Unit Housing Ordinance  
• Housing Study Presentation  
**New Business:**  
• Car and Bike Show Request  
• Citizen Parking Concern  
• Resolution 18-12: Resolution Appointing Election Judges  
**Open Discussion:**



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## Braband retires from McLeod County

The McLeod County Board recognized Jodi Braband on her retirement from the county after 15 years at its meeting on July 3. Braband worked as a social worker in the social services depart-

ment. Pictured from left, Commissioners Ron Shimanski, Doug Kruger, Braband, Commissioners Joe Nagel, Paul Wright and Rich Polhmeier.

## Changes at the Sibley County Fair

There will be many changes at the Sibley County Fairgrounds in Arlington this year, according to Sibley County Fair Board member Dennis Van Moorlehem.

The Horticulture Building and Non-Animal 4-H Building will be separated with new walls between them.

There will be concrete wheel chair ramps leading to the grandstand, Sheep Barn, Poultry Barn, Rabbit Barn, Porky's north door, and the south end of the Heritage Building leading out to the road. These ramps have been in the planning stages for many years.

There will be additional blacktopping by the Entertainment Building, Legion Building, VFW Building and Heritage Building area.

The general area should be wheel chair accessible by fair time.

There are plans to have a total rebuild of the restroom

by the Old Draft Horse Barn in time for the fair.

Additional electric work continues with new lighting in the Cattle Barn and Hog Barn. New light poles recently arrived and more grounds lighting is planned when McGuire Electric continues to work its magic. New sound system upgrades took place this spring. More buildings have been added to the public address system and there will be better sound in front of the office.

"The usual work is progressing well as we have committees working on many normal projects," said Van Moorlehem. "Yard work is taking a huge amount of time this year as well as road repair as the winter was disastrous to them this year. The horse area has been a continuous project, but is starting to shape up. New pen configuration has been a project for the poultry with new stands

for the pens."

Volunteers are needed during the Sibley County Fair, according to Van Moorlehem. The volunteer work needed is non-physical, but very necessary. Volunteers are needed as ticket sellers, ticket takers, golf cart drivers, office assistance, runners, judges at scrip drawings each night, and horticulture check in personnel, computer entry, etc. People or organizations who would like to volunteer are encouraged to contact Dennis Van Moorlehem or any member of the Sibley County Fair Board.

"Finally, the work you see is the result of sponsors, grants and other donations to the Sibley County Fair Board," said Van Moorlehem. "Without their generous support, most of the upgrades could not happen."

The Sibley County Fair will be held from Wednesday, Aug. 1 through Sunday, Aug. 5.

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# Good Shepherd Lutheran Church welcomes scout’s blessing box



Good Shepherd Lutheran Church of Glencoe recently added a blessing box to be filled with non-perishable food for those in need. The box is a product of Paul Sievert’s Eagle Scout project for Scouts BSA.

By Jakob Kounkel  
Staff Writer

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Glencoe now boasts a new piece of door bling in the name of feeding the hungry: Paul Sievert’s blessing box. The goal and purpose of the box come in two parts, according to Sievert. At just 15 years old, he wants to “...reach out to the community (to offer those in need a resource for food) and try to encourage the community to

help one another,” Sievert said. “In the long-term, I want to encourage friendliness to your neighbors.”

It’s truly romantic — a project that benefits all parties. Good Shepherd receives a beautifully constructed wooden refuge to house non-perishable food for locals, the community gets motivation and perspective to offer help, Sievert is that much closer to obtaining his Eagle Scout rank in Scouts BSA (formerly called Boy Scouts), and locals

in need of a free meal may be able to find it in the blessing box.

The box serves as a practical solution to an all-too-common problem in communities across the globe, but it also prevails as a landmark of symbolism for the community. It helps to disarm the anxiousness that’s born from the pit of an empty stomach and alleviates the instability of where the next meal is coming from. Sievert said that he didn’t like the idea of the

local food shelf only being able to be open for four hours in the morning and into lunch time. “What about night time?” he said.

But it’s a small box — it can’t feed the world, no matter how many packets of Ramen Noodles can fit in there. That’s why the importance of the box’s symbolism may outweigh that of its practical use. In providing to the blessing box, congregants at the church will be able to see tangible impacts of their donations. Food will be going in and out of the box regularly; congregants will be able to see if what they provided has been taken by somebody who needs it.

Ideally, Sievert wants the box to serve as motivation to the community — even to those who aren’t providing first-hand. Congregants and passers-by will notice changes to the contents of the box, including additions and subtractions. Being able to see the effects of the box on the community carries with it the proclivity to inflict more positive influence on the quality of local life in Glencoe.

And none of it was by accident. To achieve Eagle Scout, the highest rank in Scouts BSA, a scout has to complete a certain amount of required and elective merit badges,

which works similar to that of the credit system of a high schooler or college student looking to graduate.

Sievert knew he wanted to do something that would leave a positive, lasting impact. While most scouts who want to move up the hierarchy do hands-on landscaping work, Sievert went in a slightly different direction. His project, though hands-on and aesthetically pleasing, focused more on what his final product would accomplish.

The blessing box that now stands at the entrance of Good Shepherd is a result of a lot of paperwork, signatures, a \$250 Thrivent Action grant, congregant donations and hard labor. The paperwork and signatures were to document the hours of work Sievert put into the inception of the box. A Good Shepherd congregant donated the wood for the project, and the Thrivent grant covered the rest of the materials, as well as the first few items in the box.

Obtaining Eagle Scout honors is something worth doing to Sievert. At just 15 years old, he can already see the positive impact that Scouts BSA has had on his life and how his experiences will continue to serve him in the future. Sievert said “I hope all the time dedicated to BSA

will help me take initiative. If I see something wrong, I’ll take action to fix it.”

On top of what he’s already obtained from his time as a member of BSA, he also noted that achieving Eagle Scout is a great resume builder and always remembered the respect he had for scouts who worked hard to obtain Eagle Scout. Sievert recognized how well they did in athletics, school and as community leaders, and saw that there had to be a correlation between them.

He said, “I’m just a regular 15-year-old kid — anyone can do it.”

Sievert is a stunning example of how an ordinary 15-year-old can make extraordinary leaps for a community, practically and symbolically. His actions have set a standard for locals of all ages, of all communities to work towards. For Sievert, it was building a blessing box for Good Shepherd — a congregation and community he’s proud of and wants to improve, as well as one he calls his home. For others, it’s the realization that anybody is capable of evoking positive change to their home, big or small.

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