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School sees \$800,000 savings with package rebid

By Karin Ramige
Publisher

The Glencoe-Silver Lake (GSL) School Board on Monday night awarded bids from a package that it had rebid after the package came in higher than budgeted.

The package was related to construction of the building expansion at the junior high and senior high school campus.

The Board awarded four bids totaling \$4.26 million, with a savings of about \$800,000 over the original bids.

The bids in this package were for

masonry work, awarded to Rice Lake Construction for an amount of \$2.9 million; metal panels, awarded to GAG Sheetmetal for an amount of \$235,600; aluminum, awarded to Ford Metro for an amount of \$531,380; and Drywall, awarded to RTL for an amount of \$582,969.

The district did not receive any bids for the final cleaning, but Business Manager Michelle Sander reported that it is fairly common to not receive a final cleaning bid so early in the project. The final cleaning is estimated to be around \$30,000.

As of Monday's meeting, it was

reported that the district is looking to cut another \$800,000 in costs from the project.

Sander and Superintendent Chris Sonju said looking at small things like tile instead of terrazzo flooring in a closet, or a different brand of appliance in the kitchen has resulted in big savings, without jeopardizing the ultimate design and goal of the project.

In related business, Sander reported that a lot of progress is being made on the project, which is still hard to see since most of it has been underground with water, electric and

other utilities.

The pre-fabricated walls are scheduled to arrive in late August.

Sander also reported that besides the major building project, many other summer projects are under way. Flooring has been replaced in a number of hallways, cleaning is being done in all buildings, and window and door replacements in the high school and at Lakeside Elementary are scheduled to take place in mid to late August.

In other business, the Board:

- Accepted a bid for gas and diesel from Super America- SA Fleet for

cost plus \$.01 plus freight and applicable taxes per gallon for gas and diesel from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

Three bids were received. The other two were from Cenex - Glencoe Co-op Association for a \$.06 discount of the pump price per gallon of gas and diesel and from Coborn's, Inc., for \$.10 discount of the pump price per gallon of gas and \$.08 for diesel plus one car wash per week for any district vehicle.

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Chronicle photo by Lori Copley

The Plato Fire Department hosted a training burn at a vacant farm house Friday afternoon. The burn allowed firefighters and state legislators to see the impact that residential fire sprinklers can have on a fire, allowed firefighters to practice their fire suppression skills, and al-

lowed fire investigators to practice determining the origins of fires. Pictured above, from left, are state Rep. Glenn Gruenhagen, state Sen. Scott Newman, Plato Fire Chief Jay Wood and Jamie Novak, a fire investigator with the St. Paul Fire Department.

Training burn educates firefighters, legislators, fire marshal investigators

By Lori Copley
Editor

Firefighters, legislators and arson investigators all benefited from a training fire conducted by the Plato Fire Department at an abandoned farm home Friday afternoon.

And the general public also will benefit. As part of the training, a cameraman from KMSP-TV in Minneapolis was there to film the impact of residential sprinklers on safety and protection of property.

The training was conducted by

Jamie Novak, a fire investigator for the St. Paul Fire Department, with assistance from Casey Stotts, an investigator for the Minnesota State Fire Marshal.

Novak and KMSP-TV are working on a piece regarding residential sprinkling systems. As of now, sprinkling systems are not required in Minnesota homes, but fire officials would like to see legislation requiring sprinkling in newly constructed homes.

To that end, Plato Fire Chief Jay Wood, also a member of the Min-

nesota State Fire Chiefs Association, invited local legislators to the training. Both State Sen. Scott Newman and State Rep. Glenn Gruenhagen were on hand.

Wood said the Plato Fire Department got involved with the training after members attended a similar training offered in Norwood Young America.

"The guys absolutely loved it," Wood said of the training.

Training

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Extension Educator Nathan Winter moving on to next dream job

By Lori Copley
Editor

Nathan Winter moved last week from his dream job to his next dream job.

Winter, who has been the Extension educator for McLeod and Meeker counties the past 11½ years, is now a program leader — providing assistance and guidance to about 10 other Extension educators in the area.

Winter started as the Extension agent in McLeod and Meeker counties in January 2005.

"I told people when I accepted the position that it would be my dream job, and it really has been," said Winter. "It was a great fit for my skill set, and I was able to do some good things for the McLeod-Meeker area."

Winter was an intern for the University of Minnesota Extension Service in Cottonwood County while he was attending college. He hoped to land an Extension job after graduating, but there were no openings. He spent three years with Minnesota Crop Improvement, a job he also enjoyed, but when an opening for an Extension educator came up, he jumped at the chance.

Now, Winter said, he has a chance at "another kind of dream job. I'll be helping 10 or 11 people with their dream jobs — my job is to try and help them be successful."

Winter said he will technically be assigned to the St. Cloud Regional Extension Office, but will mostly be on the road visiting agents. And most of his office work can be done at home, a blessing as he and his wife are raising two small children.

While he's looking forward to expanding his skills in the new job, Winter said he will definitely miss some aspects of being a local edu-



Nathan Winter

erator.

In particular, Winter said, he'll miss one-on-one contact with many of the farmers and residents in McLeod and Meeker counties.

"I'll miss that — being able to get out in front of people," said Winter. "I've met so many people and made so many connections. I've found lifelong mentors, lifelong friends."

"I'll miss the radio interviews, working with corn and soybean growers, the Master Gardeners — all of that," he continued. "That's what makes this so bittersweet. In my new role, I'll be much more behind the scenes."

Winter said that in his time with the two counties, he has found "great support for the Extension Service. There are a lot of people

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County attorney: financial straits doesn't drive crime rates

By Lori Copley
Editor

Financial hardship doesn't drive crime, at least not in McLeod County, according to County Attorney Mike Junge.

Junge presented his 2015 annual report to the County Board at its Tuesday, July 5, meeting.

"We tend to think of acts of crime as being done by people who are in financial straits," Junge said. "That's just not true."

Most crimes seem to center on drugs, booze, alcohol and gambling, Junge said. "And it takes money to do those things."

In fact, he said, when the great recession hit in 2008-09, crime rates in those areas dropped quite a bit.

There does seem to be a trend toward more gross misdemeanors and felony crimes, Junge said, but that is due in large part to the fact that the Legislature has stiffened the penalties for many crimes, particularly

driving while intoxicated. In 2001, DWI was not considered a felony. Now there is a felony level for drivers convicted of multiple infractions, or whose actions result in death or serious injury.

"It seems like more people are doing bad things, but now the bad things are really bad things, according to statute," said Junge. He calls that trend "crimeflation" or crime inflation.

The other area that has seen

changes in the levels of offenses is "non-person sex offenses." In 2001, the Legislature required people who were convicted of a sex crime to register their address, place of employment, secondary addresses and vehicles. Failure to do so is a felony, and in 2014, 507 were convicted of failure to register in the state of Minnesota.

"This is an area that I think was enacted as kind of a knee-jerk reaction" to some of the higher-profile

cases in the state, Junge said. "I'm not sure if it deters crime, I'm not sure if it solves crime, I'm not sure it makes anyone safer, and it's costing us an awful lot of money."

The state has 16 to 20 employees who work solely with the registry issue, said Junge.

Junge said it costs about \$30,000 to \$35,000 per year to incarcerate

Crime

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Weather



Wed., 7-13
H: 83°, L: 61°



Thur., 7-14
H: 75°, L: 57°



Fri., 7-15
H: 78°, L: 58°



Sat., 7-16
H: 79°, L: 62°



Sun., 7-17
H: 83°, L: 65°

Looking back: Mostly pleasant with a few scattered storms over the past week.

Date	Hi	Lo	Rain
July 5	90	65	1.96
July 6	84	63	0.00
July 7	80	67	0.08

July 8	79	63	0.00
July 9	87	59	0.00
July 10	83	63	1.05
July 11	87	71	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

Senior citizens potluck picnic

The McLeod County Senior Citizens potluck picnic is set for Wednesday, July 20, at the Lester Prairie Community Center. Everyone is asked to bring a dish to share; the meal will be served at noon. A meeting and cards will follow the meal.

Wedding dress revue July 14

The Grace Lutheran Church Women of the ELCA are hosting a wedding dress revue Thursday, July 14, at 6:30 p.m., at Grace Lutheran Church, 8638 Plum Ave., Brownston. Dresses from different eras will be modeled, including bridal, bridesmaids, flower girls, mother of the bride, and more. Coffee and dessert will follow the program. A free-will offering will be accepted.

Outdoor worship, pie social

Immanuel Lutheran Church of Brownston will host an outdoor worship service and pie social on Wednesday, July 13, at 6:30 p.m., in the Brownston City Park. Everyone is welcome.

Music by the Pond July 14

Grand Meadows Senior Living, 1420 Prairie Ave., Glencoe, will host Music by the Pond, featuring special music by 10th Street Jazz, on Thursday, July 14, at 6:30 p.m. Bring lawn chairs and blankets. There will be music, ice cream treats and door prizes. In the event of inclement weather, the music will be performed in the lounge. Anyone with questions is welcome to call 320-864-5577.

Class of 1946 reunion

The Glencoe High School class of 1946 will hold its 70-year class reunion on July 15, at noon, at Dubbs Grill and Bar with special time and dinner.

Rod & Gun to host softball

The Brownston Rod and Gun Club will host a softball fun night Thursday, July 14, with a pork chop and hot dog dinner at 6 p.m., followed by a game between Otto & Emma's vs. New Ulm at 7 p.m. The event is a prelude to the club's softball tournament July 16 and 17. Teams are still needed. More details can be found on the club's Facebook page.

First Lutheran VBS dates set

Children finishing 3 years old to fourth grade are invited to Barnyard Roundup vacation Bible school at First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Glencoe. Vacation Bible school runs July 31 through Aug. 4 from 5:45 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. The week will be filled with Jesus, barnyard fun, crafts, games and treats. For more information or to register, visit www.firstglencoe.org or call 320-864-5522.

District 421 staff get-together

The yearly get-together of the former Brownston School District 421 staff will be Wednesday, July 20, at 11 a.m., at the Brownston Bar & Grill. All District 421 staff are invited for a time of reminiscing. For more information, call Anita Crosby at 320-587-8073.

Polka services at First Lutheran

On Sunday, July 17, polka services will be held at First Evangelical Lutheran Church, 925 13th St. E, Glencoe, at both the 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. services. The services will feature familiar hymns and polka tunes with worshipful lyrics, all led by Chuck Thiel and the Jolly Ramblers. The Men's Club also will host a free-will offering breakfast from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Health board to meet July 14

Meeker-McLeod-Sibley Community Health Services will hold its quarterly Community Health Board meeting Thursday, July 14, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., in the large meeting room at the McLeod County Household Hazardous Waste/Solid Waste building, 1065 Fifth Ave. SE, Hutchinson. The meeting is open to the public.

Glencoe Legion Auxiliary

The Glencoe American Legion Ladies Auxiliary will meet Monday, July 18, at 7 p.m., at the Glencoe Fire Hall. Lunch will be served.

SL American Legion potluck

The Silver Lake American Legion Post 141 will have its annual potluck Sunday, July 17, at noon. For more information, call 320-282-8895.

Depression support groups

The Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance of Mid Minnesota is hosting two depression support groups, one located in Hutchinson and one in Glencoe. The Hutchinson group meets Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. and Wednesdays from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Hutchinson Library. The Glencoe group meets Wednesdays from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Glencoe Regional Health Services, Conference Room F. There also is a family support group that meets on Thursdays from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Glencoe City Center West Conference Room. For more information, call 763-479-9356.

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, Brownston, Stewart, Plato, New Auburn, Biscay and Silver Lake take priority over happenings elsewhere.

City personnel committee talks about safety shoes

By Rebecca Mariscal
Staff Writer

The city of Glencoe's personnel and legislative committee met Wednesday to discuss employee safety shoes reimbursement.

Public Works Director Gary Schreifels explained the city requires employees to have steel-toed boots as part of their safety equipment. The city currently reimburses employees a maximum of \$135 for the purchase of safety shoes.

Schreifels said shoes actu-

ally range between \$170 and \$200, so employees are paying out of pocket for something the city requires. He recommended removing the dollar amount and reimbursing employees for one pair of shoes per year.

Council Member Allen Robeck said he'd like to see a \$250 cap. Council Member John Schrupp agreed, and the committee voted in favor of the new amount.

Schrupp also asked about the lifeguard uniform required at the Glencoe Aquatic

Center. City Administrator Mark Larson said he'd look into it.

The committee also reviewed a resolution to petition Buffalo Creek Watershed District to assist with stormwater improvements in north central and northeast Glencoe. Larson said the petition would be discussed at the July 18 City Council meeting, since the July 5 meeting was cancelled.

City Council Member Gary Ziemer asked if the petition would stall the city from

working on areas within the city. Larson said it would not and the city is moving forward with Short Elliot Hendrickson on the central corridor. The next council meeting will have a presentation on costs for work on that drainage area.

The meeting was closed so the committee could meet with attorney Daniel Marx to discuss pending litigation with the city of Glencoe and the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA).

Superintendent Sonju receives great review

By Karin Ramige
Publisher

The Glencoe-Silver Lake (GSL) School Board conducted a formal performance evaluation of Superintendent Chris Sonju.

The Personnel Committee met with Sonju prior to the July 11 board meeting.



Chris Sonju

Board Member Anne Twiss, who also is on the Personnel Committee, presented the following statement at the School Board meeting:

"Mr. Sonju continues to demonstrate very good overall job performance as the superintendent of District 2859.

"We are pleased with his progress in leading the district toward achieving its goals. Highlights include groundbreaking this spring with our building project that will improve our student-centered culture and expand additional opportunities for our students and staff.

"We are eager to begin a comprehensive science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) program this fall with the goal of better preparing our students for a successful future upon graduation.

"We look forward to partnering with Superintendent Sonju in accomplishing our

student achievement goals in the upcoming year. His dedication to promoting good community relationships is admirable. He is an excellent advocate for education at GSL. We appreciate his dedication and value working with him in the upcoming years."

In other staffing business, the Board:

- Transferred Amber Alsleben from a 6.5-hour-a-day paraprofessional in the special education program at Helen Baker Elementary to a 40-hour-per-week paraprofessional in the media center at the high school, replacing Sharon Gutknecht, who retired.

- Hired Amanda Kottke as a full-time science teacher at Lincoln Junior High, Sharon Iverson as a full-time English teacher at the high school, Cierra Bartol-Byers as a full-time fourth-grade teacher at Lakeside, Ingrid Wangaard-Tjornehoj as a full-time Title I math interventionist/technology teacher at GSL, Nichol Roskamp as a full-time Emotional and Behavioral Disorders (EBD) special education teacher at the high school, Josh Otto-Fisher as the eighth-grade girls' basketball coach and David Frasier as the junior varsity boys' soccer coach.

- Accepted the resignations of Dane Warming, Lincoln Junior High science teacher; Ahmi Alvarez, Early Childhood Special Education teacher; and Matt Foss, special education teacher at the high school.

Glencoe gets grant for airport master plan

The city of Glencoe was awarded a grant of \$221,895 from the U.S. Department of Transportation for the Glencoe Municipal Airport.

City Administrator Mark Larson said the grant will go toward the airport's master plan, which the Federal Aviation Administration requires to be updated every 10 years.

In May, the city entered into an agreement with Short Elliot Hendrickson for the master planning. The total cost will be \$243,330, with the grant covering most of the expense.

The city has been working on improvements to the airport for the past two years, including a new taxiway that was completed last year.

Open House Bridal Shower for *Maria Pieper* bride-to-be of **John Wolter** Immanuel Lutheran Church 700 Division St., Brownston **July 23 • 11 am** Registered at Target & Fleet Farm *Bring your favorite recipe!* *28-29Ca*

Emmaline (Rannow) Ehof 90th Birthday Open House Sat., July 23 1-5 p.m. Pine Grove Park W. Broadway & 10th St. NW in Little Falls No gifts please. *28Ca*

FILINGS OPEN FOR THREE CITY OFFICES

Notice is hereby given that filing for city offices in the City of Glencoe, Minnesota will be open on August 2, 2016 and close August 16, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. for the following offices:

One Councilor, Precinct One
One Councilor, Precinct Four
Mayor

Positions are four year terms. Terms expiring December 31, 2016 are the following: Council members Dan Perschau, Kevin Dietz and Mayor Randy Wilson. Affidavits of Candidacy for the above offices may be filed with City Clerk at 1107 11th Street East. Office hours are Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and no later than 5:00 p.m. on August 16, 2016.

Election is to be held on November 8, 2016.

Mark D. Larson
City Administrator
Dated: July 13, 2016

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The Super America bid was the low bid.

- Approved a 10-year long-term facilities management plan to be submitted to the Minnesota Department of Education and included with the preliminary levy information.

- Designated The McLeod County Chronicle as the district's official newspaper from July 1, 2016, through June 30, 2017.

The district will pay \$5 per column inch for legal notices and \$7.50 per column inch for non-legal business.

- Added a Title I teacher for the 2016-17 school year. The position would be half time at Helen Baker Elementary and half time at Lincoln Junior High.

The extra available dollars are a result of extra funding from the state and changes in the application process, which will now allow for services in the junior high.

- Added a junior high girls soccer coach. The numbers in girls soccer have increased and there will now be three teams.

Boys soccer will continue to have one team.

- Renewed membership in the Minnesota School Boards Association for a

total cost of \$6,024.

- Increased the pay rates for Community Education staff for the 2016-17 school year.

- Approved the 2016-17 employee handbook. No major changes were made.

- Approved the post-secondary enrollment options agreement with Ridegwater College for the 2016-17 school year.

- Approved an interagency agreement with Heartland Community Action Agency, Inc. Early Head Start/Head Start. The agreement establishes working procedures between the programs to provide services to children ages birth through 5 years old.

- Accepted the following donations with appreciation: Plato American Legion Post 641, \$100 for Minnesota All State Band; Silver Lake Lions' Club, \$100 for Minnesota All State Band; Stevens Seminary Foundation, \$10,000, College in the Classroom; Central Minnesota Manufacturers Association, \$500, SuperMileage; Silver Lake American Legion Post 141, \$100, band-Memorial Day; and Glencoe VFW Post 5102, \$200, band-Memorial Day.

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who appreciate the educational opportunities Extension provides."

Winter added that he has been pleased that the local Extension office is able to provide so many educational opportunities for local residents. He is most proud of the crop input seminars that have been started, work with the Master Gardener program and partnering with other agencies for opportunities. The crop input seminar, he said, draws over 100 farmers and agribusinessmen at each session.

And he is particularly

proud that he was nominated for, and received, the Minnesota Farm Bureau Extension Educator of the Year award.

"It proves that we do a good job of providing education to our citizens," Winter said of the award. "From tree questions to crop production, we try to find answers."

Winter said his current position as the Extension educator for McLeod and Meeker counties has been posted, and will likely be filled this month.

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Glencoe Lions host Music in the Park

The Glencoe Lions Club hosted the second of its Music in the Park concert series on Wednesday, July 6, at Oak Leaf Park. The father and son duo

Allen and Matt Carlson, shown above, provided the music for the evening. The duo played songs like "Country Roads" and "Tennessee Waltz."

Record

Glencoe Police

TUESDAY, JULY 5

10:07 a.m. — An officer assisted sheriff's deputies with a minor accident in the area of McLeod County Road 2 and 90th Street, just south of Glencoe.

11:07 a.m. — A bicycle was found on 13th Street E.

5:41 p.m. — An officer assisted with a medical on Queen Avenue N.

6:46 p.m. — Officers responded to a dog complaint on Greeley Avenue.

7:01 p.m. — Heavy rain caused street flooding. An officer blocked traffic in the area of 18th Street E and Loudon Avenue N until the water went down.

10:14 p.m. — Officers responded to a vehicle stuck in a ditch on Chandler Avenue N. The vehicle was towed out.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 6

2:01 a.m. — An officer assisted county deputies with suspicious activity in the area of Hennepin Avenue N and 15th Street E. A citation was issued.

6:02 p.m. — An officer responded to an animal complaint in the area of 12th Street E and Newton Avenue.

6:37 p.m. — An officer responded to a child custody issue on Greeley Avenue N. The reporting person was not sure if her ex-boyfriend had a car seat for their 2-year-old daughter that he had picked up.

10:55 a.m. — Officers responded to a noise complaint on 16th Street. They listened in a downstairs hallway and heard no noise.

THURSDAY, JULY 7

12:59 a.m. — An officer conducted a requested welfare check on Judd Avenue N. There were no vehicles at the residence and no answer at the door.

9:26 a.m. — An officer responded to suspicious activity on Greeley Avenue N.

9:33 a.m. — An animal complaint was received regarding a squirrel that fell out of a tree on 11th Street E.

11:54 a.m. — A kids' bike was found by a dumpster on Chandler Avenue N.

12:08 p.m. — An officer checked on a male going door to door on Judd Avenue N.

1:20 p.m. — A person came to the police department to report that her son's identity had been stolen.

1:43 p.m. — A contractor was reportedly going from door to door on Greeley Avenue. An officer contacted the company and informed it that a permit was needed from the city.

2:27 p.m. — An officer responded to a neighbor dispute on Baldwin Avenue.

5:11 p.m. — An officer checked on another door-to-door salesperson on Ives Avenue N, advising him and his supervisor that he needed a permit.

5:38 p.m. — An officer and the fire department responded to 16th Street E. A worker was soldering and that tripped an alarm. Everything was fine.

6:20 p.m. — An officer spoke with a person on Armstrong Avenue N about peddlers.

6:29 p.m. — An officer spoke with a salesperson about needing a permit in the area of 11th Street E and Greeley Avenue.

10:33 p.m. — A driver was cited for speeding at a traffic stop in the area of County Road 2 and 80th Street.

FRIDAY, JULY 8

12:07 a.m. — An officer checked on a couple on Ford Avenue N. They were looking for lost keys for their apartment, and the officer assisted in finding them.

1:47 a.m. — Officers assisted the ambulance with a medical on Baxter Avenue N. A person was having difficulty breathing.

5:52 a.m. — A driver was cited for not having a Minnesota driver's license at a traffic stop in the area of Highway 22 and 120th Street.

9:06 a.m. — A gas drive-off was reported at a station on 13th Street E.

10:14 a.m. — Officers responded to an assault on Eighth Street W.

1:05 p.m. — A report was received of roofing contractors going door to door.

3:35 p.m. — Officers spoke with a person from Legacy Roofing in the Edgewood Drive S and Sumac Lane area, and informed them that if they did not get a permit, they will be cited with the next complaint received from residents.

6:35 p.m. — An officer advised a person in the area of 13th Street W and Cedar Avenue N that he needed a permit from the city.

9:50 p.m. — A lock on a pop machine on Newton Avenue N was broken, and the change holder was removed. An unknown amount of money was taken.

10:32 p.m. — An officer responded to a noise complaint in the area of Eighth Street E and Ford Avenue N. The group was advised to turn down the music for the night.

SATURDAY, JULY 9

12:04 a.m. — Officers responded to a report of possible drug activity at a building on Morningside Drive. They were able to detect the odor of marijuana, but were unable to determine which room it was coming from.

12:05 p.m. — A complaint was received regarding a door-to-door roof repair business. The officer spoke to the people going door to door and told them they needed to get a permit.

7:44 p.m. — An officer responded to an animal complaint on 12th Street E. The dog's owner was not home, but a neighbor assisted in putting the

dog into the residence.

8:50 p.m. — A 20-inch box fan was reported stolen on 14th Street.

9:16 p.m. — An officer assisted the sheriff's office with a car-deer accident in the area of Highway 212 and Diamond Avenue, east of Glencoe.

SUNDAY, JULY 10

1:18 a.m. — Officers responded to a verbal argument on 13th Street E. The people were separated for the night.

2:43 a.m. — A vehicle with its lights on was reported sitting in a parking lot on 14th Street E. It was gone when the officer arrived.

4:09 a.m. — An officer assisted the sheriff's office with a one-vehicle accident in the area of Highway 212 and Dairy Avenue, east of Glencoe.

11:31 a.m. — An officer responded to a disturbance on Edgewood Drive S.

1:04 p.m. — Officers responded to an assault on Basswood Street W.

4:22 p.m. — An officer and the fire chief responded to a residence on 14th Street E for an activated carbon monoxide detector. The batteries were replaced and the alarm was reset.

9:22 p.m. — Officers assisted the ambulance with a fallen individual on Prairie Avenue. The person was taken by ambulance to the hospital.

MONDAY, JULY 11

2:13 a.m. — A fight was reported at the Casey's on 13th Street E. All of the people were gone when officers arrived.

2:05 p.m. — Officers responded to a trespassing issue on Edgewood Drive.

2:46 p.m. — A speeding citation was issued at a traffic stop on Highway 212 between Morningside Drive and Diamond Avenue.

3:20 p.m. — A seat belt violation citation was issued at a traffic stop on 13th Street W near Hennepin Avenue N.

3:38 p.m. — A driver was cited for driving after revocation at a traffic stop on Highway 212 near Chandler Avenue.

6:55 p.m. — An officer made contact with a driver who was supposedly involved in a gas drive-off at Little Duke's. The officer called Little Duke's to let them know they had reported the wrong vehicle for the drive-off.

7:42 p.m. — A phone scam was reported by a person on Eighth Street E.

10 p.m. — A report was received of a male on a skateboard who was almost hit by traffic in the area of First Street E and Hennepin Avenue N. The male was playing "Pokemon Go" and was staring at his phone. Officers spoke to him about safety.

10:26 p.m. — An officer assisted at a medical on Newton Avenue.

Filings for candidacy for school board, city seats open Aug. 2

By Lori Cople Editor

Those who would like to serve on the Glencoe-Silver Lake School Board or on a city council have a couple of weeks to think about it — filings for candidacy open Monday, Aug. 2, and close Tuesday, Aug. 16.

There are three Glencoe-Silver Lake School Board terms up for election in November. Currently, those seats are held by incumbents Jamie Alsleben, Kevin Kuester and Donna VonBerge.

In order to serve on the school board, a candidate must be an eligible voter, 21 years of age or more, be a resident of the school district for 30 days before the general election, and must not have filed for any other office.

School board terms are for four years, and start Jan. 2, 2017.

Candidates need to file an affidavit of candidacy with

the GSL District Office at Lincoln Junior High School, 1621 E 16th St., Glencoe. There is a \$2 filing fee.

In the city of Glencoe, the two-year mayor term will be open for election, as well as the Precincts 1 and 4 council seats. Randy Wilson is the incumbent mayor, Daniel Perschau is the incumbent in Precinct 1 and Kevin Dietz is the incumbent for Precinct 4.

In the city of Brownton, the mayor position, currently held by Norm Schwarze, and the city council seats currently held by Tim Olson and Brian Dressel are on the ballot.

All five seats on the Biscay City Council are open for election this year. To be elected are the mayor — which is currently Tom Urban, two four-year council seats and two two-year council seats. Incumbent council members are Gary Koch, Leroy Knoll, Dennis Schwanke and Dono-

van Dose.

Seats up for election in Silver Lake are those held by incumbent Mayor Bruce Bebo and incumbent council members Nolan Johnson and Brenda Fogarty.

In Stewart, Mayor Jason Peirce's seat will be voted upon, as will council seats held by Jim Eitel and Kevin Klucas, both four-year terms, and the two-year seat currently held by appointee Carol Altrichter.

In New Auburn, the terms of Mayor Doug Munsch and council members Dennis Kuehl and Becky Brockoff will be up for election.

And, in Plato, the terms of Mayor Bob Becker and council members Robert Pflipsen and Dennis Oltmann are up for election.

Those wishing to file for city seats may do so with their respective city clerks. The \$2 filing fee also applies to city candidates.

Fall school activities meeting July 25

Students wishing to participate in fall sports and the fall musical at Glencoe-Silver Lake Schools are required to attend an information and eligibility meeting Monday, July 25, at 6 p.m., in the high school cafeteria.

This is an opportunity to meet coaches and receive schedules and policies.

Activity fees will be collected starting at 4 p.m. on that day in the cafeteria. To avoid congestion, participants are encouraged to sign up online and pay fees on the GSL school website under the link Online Payments. Another option is to print off the Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL) eligibility statement and health information form from the website under Activities > Activity

Forms. They are also found on the GSL website under Activities > Athletics > Fall Sports.

Students may not begin practice until all the forms are filled out and activity fees are paid.

Those who need financial assistance or wish to make payment arrangements for the fees should contact Rebecca Dahl in the GSL District Office at 320-864-2494, or by email at bdahl@gs.lk12.mn.us.

There also will be neuro-cognitive baseline testing. The test establishes a baseline for comparison in the event an athlete suffers a concussion.

All testing will be conducted in the high school computer labs 121 and 122. The test-

ing schedule includes:

- Ninth- and 11th-grade football players, Monday, Aug. 15, 11:45 a.m.

- Ninth- and 11th-grade volleyball, Monday, Aug. 15, 2:45 p.m.

- Ninth- and 11th-grade boys and girls soccer, Tuesday, Aug. 16, 12:15 p.m.

- Ninth- and 11th-grade cheerleaders, Tuesday, Aug. 16, 12:45 p.m.

- Ninth- and 11th-grade tennis, Tuesday, Aug. 16, 12:45 p.m.

- Seventh-grade football, Tuesday, Aug. 23, 2 p.m.

The testing is conducted by Ridgeview Rehab Specialties. For more information, contact Marielle Gatenby at marielle.gatenby@ridgeviewmedical.org.

Kay, Randy Wilson cast in 'Fiddler'

Longtime performer, teacher and Glencoe resident Kay Wilson was cast as Golde in Dassel-Cokato Community Theatre's production of "Fiddler On The Roof," opening July 22. Glencoe resident and Mayor Randy Wilson is the vocal director, and playing in the orchestra pit is Cara Halvorson.

In the little village of Anatevka, a poor dairyman, Tevye, tries to instill in his five daughters the traditions of his tightknit Jewish community in the face of changing social mores and the growing anti-Semitism of Czarist Russia. Its universal theme of tradition cuts across barriers of race, class, nationality and religion, leaving audiences crying tears of sadness, laughter, and joy.

Minnesota award-winning director David Metcalf is the creative director for this production, which has grown to include 90 local and surrounding community members.

Six performances are scheduled over two weekends: Friday, July 22, at 7 p.m.; Saturday, July 23, at 7 p.m.; and Sunday, July 24, at 2 p.m.; Friday, July 29, at 7 p.m.; Saturday, July 30, at 7 p.m.; and Sunday, July 31, at

2 p.m. Performances will be held in the air-conditioned, 800-seat, Dassel-Cokato Performing Arts Center located at the D-C High School.

Tickets may be purchased online at <http://pac.dc.k12.mn.us/> or in person or by phone through the Dassel-Cokato Community Education office at 320-286-4120. Tickets will also be available

at the door, beginning one hour prior to each performance.

Dassel-Cokato Community Theatre is sponsored by D-C Community Education. For more information please call Abbey Lang, program coordinator, at the Dassel-Cokato Community Education Office, 320-286-4120.

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those who don't register.

"We have to start doing things smarter," said Junge. He added that the county attorneys association has asked the legislative auditor to audit the program. There has not been an answer yet.

In other statistics, Junge noted:

- That in 1982, when he was first elected county attorney, about 90 percent of crimes were committed by males, and 10 percent by females. Now the ratio is 75 percent male, 25 percent female.

- Forty percent of the cases his office prosecutes originate in Hutchinson, 24 percent from the sheriff's office and 15 percent from Glencoe, with the remainder coming from the other communities in the county.

- Besides prosecuting crime, the attorney's office works with Social Services on areas such as child support collections and the termination of parental rights.

Junge said the ultimate goal is to keep families intact, but there are times "when kids cannot afford to wait until

their parents grow up to be good parents."

About 75 percent of parental termination cases involve drug-related activity in the home, and some children are removed from "garbage homes" or who have parents with chemical dependency or mental health issues.

- A good statistic: crimes committed by juveniles is down by about half the 2006 statistic, or 295 cases as compared to 495 in 2006. Most are committed by 16- and 17-year-olds.



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The ongoing debate over fire sprinklers

Our view: Sprinkling systems save lives, prevent extensive damage

People, particularly in this area, have a strong aversion to government mandates. And with good reason — many times they ended up costing us more than the benefits they provide.

But sometimes, we don't mind so much when the government steps into our lives, especially if it involves protecting our lives and those of our loved ones.

On Friday, the Plato Fire Department and St. Paul Fire Inspector Jamie Novak provided us with the opportunity to see firsthand how residential sprinkling systems can save lives and minimize damage to property in the case of fire.

The past several years, fire officials in the state have been pushing legislators to enact a law that requires the installation of fire sprinklers in new homes.

Friday afternoon's demonstration showed us that, indeed, fire sprinklers can save lives of both residents and firefighters, and help protect property from major damage.

The fire department and Novak started a cigarette fire on beds in two rooms, one that contained a sprinkler head, and one that did not. The difference in the amount of damage between the two rooms was startling. In the sprinkled room, damaged was pretty much contained to one corner of a mattress, plus some smoke and water damage. The other room, in a span of just six minutes, was virtually destroyed.

As Novak pointed out, the repairs in the first instance would be far cheaper than repairs required in the second.

Novak also cited a real-life event in making his case for requiring sprinklers in homes. In St. Paul, a man confined to a wheelchair and using an oxygen tank was spared — unhurt — when a sprinkler extinguished an accidental fire in his apartment. The fire was out well before fire-

fighters arrived at the scene.

Of course, there are arguments against requiring sprinklers. First, it isn't cheap to sprinkle a home. It adds to the building cost. And most people live through their lives without ever having a fire occur in their own home or those they visit.

Second, there is the issue of personal choice. Many will argue that people should have the right to risk their own lives and property if that is their desire.

For most part, we tend to argue on the side of personal freedom as opposed to governmental intervention.

But in this situation, it is not only the homeowner and his or her family that are put at risk. Also at risk are potential rescuers, including law enforcement, fire personnel, neighbors and passersby.

As Novak pointed out Friday, our homes are not like our grandparents' homes. The recent trend in lightweight construction can cause floors to collapse earlier in a fire event than in previous generations, putting firefighters at risk.

And the stuff we fill our homes with isn't like that of our grandparents' generation, either. Today's furniture and electronics have a lot of polyurethane, synthetic material and tons of plastic. Most of that is created from petroleum-based products. As we all know, petroleum is a fuel.

A home's contents burn faster and hotter than in past generations, and create far more toxic fumes — again, risk factors for potential rescuers.

So, we would like legislators to consider residential sprinkling requirements for new homes.

And while we'd hate to see added expense make housing more costly for home owners, we also want everyone to be safe. In the long run, that's what really matters.

— L.C.



Glencoe City Council meeting cancelled

I scrambled outside, dodging the heavy rain, to get to my car on the street only to find out I had the wrong car key. Back I went as the heavy rains soaked through my light jacket.

I managed to make it back to the car, a bit more soaked than before, and headed to last week's Glencoe City Council meeting.

When I arrived, I was greeted by Mayor Randy Wilson, who promptly said the meeting had been canceled. Canceled?

It seems one council member was out of town, and two others decided not to leave their houses in such heavy rains. I thought the council meeting was indoors.

Perhaps the two council members were a bit skittish with our track record for flooding this time of the year.

That left two voting council members and the non-voting mayor, which by my math does not constitute a quorum. No quorum, no meeting.

It has been many years since that has happened. In fact, I can only remember one other time in 25 years I've been attending Glencoe City Council meetings that the Council could not muster a quorum. That time had nothing to do with getting wet.

But I do remember one City Council meeting in the old council chambers years ago that continued



Rich Glennie

despite the tornado sirens blaring a few yards away. Must have made council members differently back then.

So here's what you didn't hear at the July 5 meeting. There was no discussion about:

- Fire department space needs.
- A resolution to petition a report on improving Hennepin Avenue. It may have involved the sidewalks on the street, but since the meeting never happened, we don't know.
- NPDES permit public comment period. What? Not sure either because (same as above).
- Resolution to petition Buffalo Creek Watershed District for storm water improvements.
- A Lions Club donation.
- Updates on the Armstrong Avenue and Lincoln Park projects.
- The 2017 public improvements.

So we will have to wait until the July 18 City Council meeting to find

out. I assume this one will be held on a dry day.

Recently, The Chronicle reported that the major bid package for the Glencoe-Silver Lake school construction project came in \$3 million too high.

First question may be why bids were not awarded in March and April rather than June, or now July?

No wonder bids came in higher. Construction companies are already locked into jobs by this time of the year.

Apparently, the GSL Board does not have the option to wait until next year like the county courthouse project. Why? Because there is a gaping hole where the old tennis court once stood, and the connecting link between the high school and Panther Field House is gone.

So, cuts to the project are expected to make up the bid difference. So, just what are we getting for our \$26 million?

Speaking of the county projects, what happened to the new Judd Avenue? No work at that site has been seen in weeks. Did the contractor forget to come back?

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

You can
vote

online at www.glencoenews.com

Question of the week

Would you install a fire sprinkling system if you were building a new home?

- 1) Yes, it's a safety issue.
- 2) No, it costs too much as compared to the risk.
- 3) Yes, if my insurance company would give me a discount.

Results for most recent question:

Do you donate to the McLeod Emergency Food Shelf?

- 1) Yes, every time there is a food drive — 19%
- 2) Yes, at least once a month — 6%
- 3) Once in a great while — 35%
- 4) No, I don't — 39%

31 votes. New question runs July 13-19.

Letters to the Editor

Promises of our local state representatives

To the Editor:

I thought our local state representatives would fix the total transportation needs of the state with a

bonding and transportation bill, but all I hear is cutting taxes and gridlock! By the way, no special session.

Weren't our representatives sup-

posed to help us?

Jerry Belcher
Glencoe

Robeck was not being disrespectful to anyone

To the Editor:

In response to Mr. (Paul) Lemke's letter to the editor, I respectfully disagree that Mr. (Allen) Robeck was being disrespectful to anyone. I felt that Mr. Robeck was using humor and facts to enlighten the interested people of Glencoe on the discrepancies of how their money is being

used on a few pet projects that do not benefit many Glencoe residents.

Yes, we are restricted to limited use of the elm site, and I believe that there are people other than city employees who have keys to the elm site for their own private business or use.

By the way, Mr. Lemke, when did

U.S. citizens, including council members, lose their right to freedom of speech?

Quote from Will Rogers: "Everyone is ignorant, only on different subjects."

Mark Walford
Glencoe

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History

From the Brownton Bulletin archives

100 Years Ago

July 20, 1916
O.C. Conrad, Editor
 A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Otto Rennecke on Saturday, July 15.

Citizens of the village were somewhat shocked last Thursday when the report was spread about town possibly connecting Rudolph Klitzke with a murder in Minneapolis that took place the previous Sunday evening. Mr. Klitzke had been seen in the company of the girl, Miss Bertha Dirks, that evening and it is positively known that she either leaped or was pushed from a bridge crossing the Mississippi River. Mr. Klitzke does not deny being with the girl, but says he left her company about 10 p.m., and had no idea of her death until he read about it in the Tribune. After learning the police were looking for him, he immediately went down and gave his version of the deal. The matter is still under police investigation.

75 Years Ago

July 10, 1941
Milton D. Hakel, Editor
 Eight young people were con-

firmed at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in Penn Township. They were Lawrence Schuett, Loren Gaulke, Verlyn Rickheim, Raymond Harbarth, Rosie Becker, Linda Becker, Ella Osterman and Ruby Bussler.

50 Years Ago

July 14, 1966
Charles H. Warner, Editor
 Brownton High School Principal Vinton Zabel and high school instructor Terry Frazee were granted releases from their contracts by the Brownton School Board July 7. Zabel will be moving to Winthrop to be the high school principal, and Frazee will be the high school principal in Lambertton.

Luebbert Construction Company of New Ulm was awarded the general construction contract for the additions to the Brownton school. The overall bid was \$244,236.

20 Years Ago

July 10, 1996
Lori Copler, Editor
 A four-vehicle accident Friday at about 4:10 p.m., eight miles

west of Glencoe on Highway 212, claimed the lives of a Lakeville woman and her 14-year-old daughter. The accident also closed the highway for seven hours. An eastbound semi lost two tires and a westbound semi swerved to avoid the tires, but lost control, crossed the center line and rolled on top of a vehicle driven by Sharon Gulbrandson, 46, of Lakeville. A passenger was 14-year-old Jana Gulbrandson. One of the loose tires also struck another car.

10 Years Ago

July 12, 2006
Lori Copler, Editor
 The Stewart Fire Department was called to a shed fire at the Chuck Vacek farm site on 60th Street at about 1 p.m. Friday. Fire Chief Jeff Erkenbrack said a grass fire, possibly started by a lawn mower, spread to the shed. Damage was minimal. Tony Samuel of Ramsey recently bought Joe's Amoco, located on Highway 212 in Stewart.

From the Stewart Tribune archives

100 Years Ago

July 14, 1916
Lester Koepfen, Editor
 A business change took place here last Tuesday when Floyd Houck disposed of his barber shop fixtures to Frank O'Neil of Minneapolis. Mr. Houck's health has compelled him to withdraw from this business. Mr. and Mrs. O'Neil will arrive next week to make their home in our little city.

Construction of the Charley Theim residence is well under way and will be completed in a short time.

75 Years Ago

July 11, 1941
Harry Koepfen, Editor
 A.E. Ahlers was named the president of the local board of education at the July meeting last week. He succeeds Dr. C.F. Traholt, who has held the position for many years and who refuses to serve another term.

A quiet wedding took place at the Lutheran parsonage in Stewart last Wednesday afternoon when the Rev. C.H. Kowalske officiated at the ceremony which made Oliver Penk of Stewart and Miss Martha Dreyer of Gibbon man and wife. Following a wedding trip to northern Minnesota, the couple will make their home at the farm of the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Penk.

50 Years Ago

July 14, 1966
Kermit T. Hubin, Editor
 Two Gibbon men were rushed to the Glencoe hospital Monday evening after they were involved in a one-car accident on County Road 7, one mile north of Stewart. Carl Monson was the driver of a 1962 Chevrolet hardtop. He was accompanied by Frank Fischer. Sheriff Leon Odegaard said the car traveled about 180 feet on the west shoulder of the ditch, hit the driveway approach to the George Gehrke farm, and came

to rest 34 feet east of the driveway. The top was crushed level with the top of the seats, indicating that it had rolled over.

Winners in the Friday night cash drawings were Mrs. Ruben Beich, \$5; Ed Vollmer, Brownston, \$10, and Loretta Holtz, \$10. The \$20 prize was not claimed and will be held over to next Friday.

35 Years Ago

July 9, 1981
Douglas G. Seitz, Editor
 Corn was a much higher than knee high on the Fourth of July — much higher. Farmer Tom Maier was pictured standing in a field of corn that was head high, and tasseled. A refrigerator at Goodpaster's Café malfunctioned over the weekend, causing the loss of a large amount of food. The café was closed Saturday and Sunday for the holiday, so it is unknown when the malfunction occurred.

From the Silver Lake Leader archives

75 Years Ago

July 12, 1941
Delbert Merrill, Publisher
 Palms, ferns, hydrangeas and candelabra decorated the Presbyterian Church with a green and white motif carried out for the wedding of Miss Marjorie Chalupsky, daughter of Mrs. Blanche Chalupsky, and Mr. Robert Norman, son of Mr. and Mrs. J.L. Norman.

Out and around again and that's good news to the many friends of Frank Ondracek, who for over nine long months has been confined to the house and much of that time to his bed with an aggravating and painful attack of rheumatism.

Funeral services for Mrs. John Rozeski, 50, were set for July 11 at St. Adalbert's church in Silver Lake.

In a pretty ceremony performed by her uncle, the Rev. Jan Yarkovsky, Miss Oldriska Yarkovska became the bride of the Rev. J. Paul Tatter.

50 Years Ago

July 7, 1966
Wilbert Merrill, Publisher
 Friday night visitors at the Robert Syvertson home were there to celebrate his child Tammy's first birthday. New Sioux Trails Dairy Princess is pretty Linda Kottke, 18, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Kottke of Glencoe.

A.M. "Bud" Beihoffer of Glencoe has filed for the office of sheriff of McLeod County. He graduated from Glencoe High School.

Miss Conradine Mallak, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.J. Mallak of Winsted, was united in the Holy Sacrament of Matrimony with Mr. Satoru Yagi, son of Mrs. Tsuyuki Yagi of Japan, on Saturday, June 25, at St. Stephen's Catholic Church in Minneapolis.

25 Years Ago

July 11, 1991
Ken and Dorothy Merrill, Publishers

Pietsje v.d. Veen of Niebert, Netherlands, is spending five weeks at the Milton Totusek home as part of the Lions Clubs International Youth Exchange program.

A 25th wedding anniversary open house honoring Irvan and Margaret Posusta will be held on July 14.

10 Years Ago

July 13, 2006
Ken and Dorothy Merrill, Publishers

Brenda Jaskowiak, daughter of Duane and Penny Jaskowiak of Silver Lake, graduated from the College of St. Scholastica in Duluth on May 14 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in nursing.

Gene and Lynne Sritesky of Ogilvie announce the engagement of their daughter, Meghan, the granddaughter of Marjorie Sritesky of Silver Lake and the late Guy Sritesky, to Randy Baruth, son of Roger and Tena Baruth of Alpena, South Dakota. An Aug. 5, 2006, wedding is planned.

Letter to the Editor

Elect candidates who live by God's word

To the Editor:
 America, America, what has happened to thee? A once great nation now down on its knee. Where justice is served to a select chosen few. And God is no longer spoken, when you sit in the pew. America, America, is thy end near? From the events of this month this is what I do fear. We have to ask ourselves, what kind of country are we giving to our children? What have we allowed America to become? It has been said that God gives us the government we deserve. As we reject God in our everyday lives, we elect corruption into leadership. Our president, governor, Minneapolis mayor, Minneapolis police chief, Twin Cities media, and select pas-

sors are actively trying to create and deepen a divide in this country along racial, sexual, and economic lines. We have a local pastor who basks in the glory of living a lifestyle which God declared sinful in the Old Testament and reiterated in the New Testament. We have removed or are trying to remove the presence of God and Jesus in all aspects of public life by falsely claiming that the federal constitution claims "separation of Church and State," a statement which is not in the federal constitution. Therefore, when we allow these actions to take place, is it any wonder that we have forgotten who our neighbors are or that loving them does not equate to condoning their

sinful actions? Is it any wonder that we have a small group of people allowed to illegally detain others on a federal highway as city, state, and public safety leadership encourages it to happen? Is it any wonder that people have no faith in the judicial system when Hillary Clinton, the presumptive presidential nominee for the Democrat Party, skates by free for doing the same things that others have gone to jail for?

These are trying times and if we don't elect men and women who have based their lives on God's word then I am afraid that this is indeed the end of a once great nation called America.

Daryl Thurn
 Green Isle Township

Letters to the Editor

GSL Schools toward start of the new year

To the Editor:

It's hard to believe that we are in the middle of July and school will be starting up next month. With that said, we still have lots of the summer left and many days before we get back into the routine of school.

As a reminder, our first day of school is Aug. 29. Our annual open house in all of our schools will be Aug. 24 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Presently, we are working hard on preparing for the next school year and getting things ready for our first day. It will be an exciting year with all of the changes that are taking place. One area that is expanding for this upcoming year is our emphasis on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math). Starting this fall, Glencoe-Silver Lake (GSL) will be a fully accredited PLTW (Project Lead the Way) K-12 school. This program will give students more STEM learning opportunities and it

also integrates nicely into our other subject areas. Research shows that these skills are needed for our students' futures and the GSL Schools will be a leader in this field. For more information on PLTW go to PLTW.org.

Things are also changing in the physical appearance of the school. Things are moving along with the building project and you should start to see the building come into shape a little bit next month. The ground work continues, along with all of the plans and coordination that occur behind the scenes. It's amazing how much work goes into the project before you actually get to see the work happening. Our widow project for Lakeside and the High School will be starting soon and will be finished before the start of school.

I want to thank all of our stakeholders once again for your support of these projects and also thank you for your patience. We have had some

inconveniences so far — most notably to our field house — and expect that there will be more as we go through the school year. With a building project of this magnitude, it's hard to not have some. We will continue to work hard to make these inconveniences as limited as possible.

I also want to continue to remind people to use caution when around the school. We still have lots of trucks going in and out on a daily basis. This not only increases traffic around school, but also around town as the trucks are coming and going. As always, safety first and taking extra time is advised.

Once again, thank you for your patience and support. Continue to enjoy your summer and we will continue to work hard in preparing for another great school year at GSL. Take care.

Christopher D. Sonju
 Superintendent
 of GSL Schools

Blood need urgent at this time of the year

To the Editor:

At the time you read this letter to the editor, the Glencoe Community Blood Drive is two weeks away: Wednesday, July 27, from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m., at the Glencoe City Center Ballroom. The American Red Cross has set our goal for this drive at 131 units.

There is no fancy way to say it. I received a direct email from the St. Paul Red Cross division with the message: "Emergency request for blood donors! The Red Cross has a significant blood shortage and is issuing an emergency request for eligible blood and platelet donors. Every donation matters, as blood is being distributed to hospitals faster than donations are coming in. As a valued American Red Cross partner and donor, your support is needed more than ever."

The Red Cross notice continues: "Eligible donors with

types O, B negative or A negative blood are especially needed (and encouraged to give double red cells, if available). Type O negative donors are an important part of the Red Cross trauma team, because it is the universal blood type and can be transfused to patients of any blood type. Eligible donors with type AB blood are especially needed to donate platelets or plasma, where available, or whole blood."

If you are called by one of our volunteer callers, please consider making an appointment. If you have been called by one of our callers and made an appointment (or already have a July appointment made at the April blood drive), please keep the appointment. If you have not been contacted and wish to schedule an appointment, please call our Scheduling Coordinator Nelda Klaustermeier at 320-864-3475 to find an open time slot. We are

in short supply of eligible double red donors for this July drive (those who can give a "double dose"), so if you are able to give a double red, please call Nelda and make an appointment.

Each unit that we collect can help up to three patients who need this gift of life. Your donation can give hope to hospital patients in your community, including accident victims, heart surgery patients and those receiving treatment for cancer or sickle cell disease. Summer is a slow time for donations, and blood drives typically come up far short of their goals. The need this summer is urgent — please consider donating. Thank you.

P.S. reminder: Appointments always have priority over walk-ins.

Charleen Engelmann,
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People

Girl born to Zimmermans

Nathan and Marie Zimmerman of Plato announce the arrival of a daughter, Madeline Marie Zimmerman, born Monday, June 27, 2016, at Glencoe Regional Health Services. Madeline weighed 7 pounds, 8 ounces, and was 20 inches in length. She joins a brother, Brock. Grandparents are Neal and Sue DeMars of Winsted and Dean and Janel Zimmerman of Brownton.

Daughter born to Ortloffs

Mitchell and Amanda Ortloff of Glencoe announce the birth of a daughter, Mackenzie Claire Ortloff, born Wednesday, June 29, 2016, at Glencoe Regional Health Services. Mackenzie joins a brother, Mason. Grandparents are Duane and Lori Schade of Gaylord, Randy and Sheila Mielke of Glencoe and Dave and Joni Ortloff of Dassel. Great-grandparents are Don and Donna Schade, Dale and Sharel Hoops, Al and Sharon Mielke and Del and Karen Ortloff.

Daughter for Neumann family

Joseph and Amy Neumann of Glencoe announce the arrival of a daughter, Alaina Kaelynn Neumann, born Thursday, June 30, 2016, at Glencoe Regional Health Services. Alaina weighed 5 pounds, 9 ounces, and was 18½ inches in length. She joins siblings Dominic and Damian. Grandparents are Curtis and Cheryl Lueck of Silver Lake and Ted and Wanda Neumann of Glencoe.

Schuettes announce birth

Mike and Jenny Schuette of Vero Beach, Florida, announce the birth of a daughter, Harper Jade, born Saturday, July 2, 2016, at the Indian River Medical Center. Harper weighed 8 pounds, 1 ounce, and was 20½ inches in length. Grandparents are Brian and Elaine Schuette of Glencoe, Gerald and Sue Vasek of Silver Lake and Donna and Mike Engelen of Silver Lake. David and Darlene Ondracek of Hutchinson are great-grandparents.

Rose named to honors list

Julie Rose of Glencoe was named to the South Central College, Faribault and North Mankato, spring semester president's list. To be named to the list, a student must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale.

Locals on Normandale list

Yuliya Tkachenko of Glencoe and Mariah Dalos of Plato have been named to the Normandale Community College spring semester dean's list. Students must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or better on a 4.0 scale to be named to the list.

Stewart woman graduates

Kimberly Ann Bird of Stewart graduated with an Associate of Arts in Liberal Education from Normandale Community College on May 16. She graduated with high honors.

Locals named to U of M list

Area students named to the University of Minnesota Twin Cities spring semester dean's list include Stephany Beaulieu, Plato, a sophomore enrolled in the college of liberal arts; Zachery Jones, Silver Lake, a junior enrolled in the Carlson School of Management; Mathew Mickolich, Silver Lake, a junior enrolled in the college of science and engineering; and Lauren Schulze, Stewart, a sophomore enrolled in the college of liberal arts.



Submitted Photo

Glencoe High School Class of 1947 reunites

On May 27, 1947, 69 seniors completed the academic course of study prescribed by the Board of Trustees of Stevens Seminary and the Board of Education of the Glencoe High School. Recently, 13 members of the class, plus two guest spouses, gathered together at Unhinged! Pizza for their 69-year reunion. There are 31 classmates known to have passed away. Those in attendance came from St. Cloud, Minneapolis, Chaska, Hutchinson, Norwood Young America and Glencoe. Classmates enjoyed reminiscing and made plans

to celebrate their 70th at the same time and place in 2017. Picture above in the front row, from left, are William Harjes, Lorraine (Gaulke) Rudloff, Muriel (Oelfke) Panning and Dorothy (Aul) Granke; and back, Donald Exsted, Elaine (Stuedemann) Reynolds, La-June (Huser) Dibb, Etheline (Ahlbrecht) Classen, Gloria (Kroeger) Ruzicka, Carlene (Mayer) Tester, Elaine (Bandemer) Griesmann, Dolores (Klobe) Donnay and Ramona (Huepenbecker) Pieper.

Pola-Czesky Days fireworks will go on despite unanticipated increase in cost

By Karin Ramige
Publisher

It's hard to believe that Silver Lake's annual Pola-Czesky Days celebration is less than a month away.

The fireworks show is always a big highlight of the event, but came close to not happening.

First Community Bank and the city of Silver Lake have always sponsored the Saturday night fireworks.

The City Council had budgeted and approved spending \$1,500 towards the show at its May meeting. The bank has pledged \$1,000, for a total of \$2,500. Each contributed \$1,500 last year.

City Clerk Kerry Venier informed the Council at its July 5 meeting that the vendor would not do a show for less than \$5,000.

The Council decided since the fireworks show has been advertised as part of the 2016 event, the city must do what it has to raise the \$5,000.

Mayor Bruce Bebo, Venier and the Council have been reaching out to a number of organizations for additional

donations.

One option would be to use some of the funds that were given to the city from the disbanded Business Association.

The Council approved using up to \$1,000 from the Business Association funds and spending \$5,000 (with all of the donations) for the fireworks show.

In other business, the Council:

- Heard that the city has served notice for repairs for 121 and 125 Main St., where the building roof and common wall have collapsed.

McLeod County owns 121 Main St. W, which is a tax forfeiture. Terry Bakke of Hutchinson owns 125 Main St. W.

The owners have 30 days to respond to the notice before further legal action is taken. The 30 days will be before the next Council meeting on July 18.

- Approved a five-year extension of the sanitary service agreement with Waste Management with a 2 percent increase in years two and four.

The agreement includes

garbage collection at the city-owned facilities and parks, Pola-Czesky days and fall and spring clean up at no charge to the city.

Waste Management had proposed a five-year extension with 2.5 percent increases in years two and four.

The Council had asked Venier to ask for a 5-year extension with a 2 percent increase in the same years.

- Approved paying Rock Hard Concrete 30 percent of the cost of the sidewalk replacement project.

The request for 30 percent down was included in the bid, but not something that the city has had to do in the past.

The Council heard that not much progress has been to the project with concern that it will not be completed by the promised completion date of July 15. There was no penalty in writing for not completing by that date.

Bebo suggested that signed agreements for all projects would be a good idea.

The total cost of the project is estimated at \$9,900.

- Appointed election judges

for the Aug. 9 primary election and the Nov. 8 general election.

Judges are Venier, Kristy Mesenbrink, Joann Ardolf, Laurel Peterson, Mary Butler, Gary Jerabek and Donald Benz.

This year, the city will also have three student judges. They are Faith Rakow, Madison Posusta and Marisa Luchsinger.

- Approved the purchase of a 2017 Ford Explorer squad car for the police department for a total price of \$44,480.

The cost of the special order squad is \$37,361 from Nelson Auto Center of Fergus Falls.

The vehicle will come equipped with many of the extras the police department will need, but an extra approximately \$7,000 will be spent for the transfer of some of the equipment from the current squad car and some other things needed.

The Explorer will be ordered now for delivery after Jan. 1, 2017.



Submitted photo

Yuccas by the dozen

Kathy Villnow of Glencoe has 12 yucca plants growing in her garden. She said they took two to three years to bloom but will bloom every year now.

Engagement

Ballard — Johnson

Jeff and Lori Ballard of Litchfield wish to announce the engagement and forthcoming wedding of their son, Kyle Ballard, to Sierra Johnson, daughter of Mike and Carolyn Oswald Johnson of Black River Falls, Wisconsin.

Kyle Ballard is a 2010 graduate of Litchfield High School, a 2014 graduate of the University of Wisconsin – River Falls, and is currently in the doctorate of physical therapy program at the University of Minnesota.

Sierra Johnson is a 2010 graduate of Black River Falls High School, a 2013 graduate of the University of Wisconsin – River Falls, and a 2014 graduate of St. Thomas. She



Kyle Ballard and Sierra Johnson

is a certified public accountant at Grant Thornton in Minneapolis.

The couple is planning a July 15 wedding. They reside in St. Louis Park.

Silver Lake City Council

Regular Meeting

Monday, July 18, 2016, 6:30 p.m.

Agenda

Call to order.

Approve Agenda.

Consent Agenda:

- Approve minutes of the June 20, 2016, regular meeting.
- Approve minutes of July 5, 2016, quarterly meeting.
- Approve payroll 14, second-quarter and June ambulance.

- Claims to be paid.

Old Business:

- Review compensation plan.
- Cleveland Avenue sanitary main replacement project.
- Proposal to extend sanitary service agreement with Waste Management.
- Discuss order for repair correspondence for Main Street buildings.
- Sidewalk project update.
- Storm sewer study update.
- Storm water utility ordinance update.

New Business:

Department Reports:

- Public Works
- Community Development
- Administration
- Municipal Liquor Store
- Public Safety

21 Brownton seniors meet

Twenty-one Brownton senior citizens met Monday afternoon at the Brownton Community Center.

Winning at cards were Gladys Rickert, first, and Bernetta Alsleben, second, 500; Delores Rennecke, first, and Ordella Schmidt, second,

pinocle; and Lowell Brelje, first, and Pearl Streu, second, sheephead.

Norma Albrecht won the door prize, and also served refreshments.

The next meeting will be Monday, July 18, at 1 p.m. All area seniors are welcome.

Brownton Rod & Gun

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Thursday, July 14th, 2016

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Community Calendar

Wed., July 13 — Outdoor Worship Service and pie social, hosted by Immanuel Lutheran Church at Brownton City Park, 6:30 p.m.

Thurs., July 14 — AA Group mtg. next to Post Office in Stewart, 8 p.m., call 320-212-5290 for info.; Wedding Dress Revue, hosted by Grace Lutheran Church Women of the ELCA, Grace Lutheran Church 8638 Plum Ave., Brownton, 6:30 p.m.; Softball Fun Night, Brownton Rod & Gun Club, dinner @ 6 p.m., game @ 7 p.m., visit the club's Facebook page for more info.

Mon., July 18 — Tops Weigh-In mtg., 5-5:30 p.m.; Brownton Senior Citizens Club, Brownton Community Center, 1 p.m.; Brownton Lions; Stewart American Legion Post 125 & Auxiliary mtg., Stewart Community Center, 7 p.m.

Wed., July 20 — Yearly get-together of former Brownton School District 421 staff, Brownton Bar & Grill, 11 a.m.

Thurs., July 21 — AA Group mtg. next to Post Office in Stewart, 8 p.m., call 320-212-5290 for info.; Stewart Lions.

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City of Stewart's improvement project on hold after state snags

By Lori Copler
Editor

A couple of snags at the state level have put the city of Stewart's \$3.7 million utility and street improvement project on hold, probably until next year.

The Stewart City Council discussed options for proceeding Monday night after learning that it would not receive grant funding because the state Legislature did not pass a bonding bill, nor will it receive Public Facilities Authority (PFA) funding for the sewer (wastewater) portion of the project because the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) did not give its approval before the required June 30 deadline.

However, the PFA did approve funding for the water portion of the project, because the Minnesota Department of Health did meet the June 30 deadline for its approval.

City Clerk Ronda Huls said that even if the city does not do the project this year, it is still on the PFA's priority list.

"We can go for funding again next year," said Huls.

Andy Kehren of Bolton & Menk, the city's engineering consultant, said the bids received for the project expired Tuesday.

Kehren said the city could

approach the successful bidder and see if the firm will honor the bid when funding becomes available. Otherwise, the city may need to rebid the project again next year.

Asked if the city would need to go through the assessment hearing process again, Kehren said he didn't think so if the assessments were at the same level as currently proposed, or if they were lower. However, if the city were to propose higher assessments, it would need to hold the hearings again.

In other construction news, McLeod County Commissioner Paul Wright commended the city for landing a \$500,000 grant to help it construct a bypass road from County Road 7 to Form-A-Feed, located in the northwest part of the city.

The City Council asked Wright to look into whether the county would consider constructing a turn lane off County Road 7 onto the new bypass road, and if lighting could be installed at the new intersection.

Mayor Jason Peirce also reported that the city had successfully negotiated the purchase of most of the land for the project, but some will need to be purchased later after title issues are cleared

up.

Later in the meeting, the City Council approved depositing \$100,485 as earnest money toward the land purchase for the purchase of 32.2 acres to be used for the bypass road. The property will be purchased in two phases.

In other business, the City Council:

- Approved a \$250 donation to the McLeod County Historical Society for use for a records preservation project.

- Approved a final pay request for the 2013-14 street improvement project but, at the suggestion of Council Member Curt Glaeser, withheld \$4,000. Glaeser suggested reimbursing eight homeowners along the project \$500 each so that they could seed grass on ground disturbed by the project. Glaeser said that attempts by the contractor to reestablish the grass had failed.

- Approved a special liquor license and the leasing of the city softball field to Cactus Jack's II for a tournament Aug. 27 and 28.

- Approved the reservation of the city park and associated equipment for the National Night Out celebration on Aug. 2.



Chronicle photos by Lori Copler

Faith Presbyterian celebrates 140 years

Faith Presbyterian Church in Silver Lake celebrated its 140th anniversary Sunday morning. Above, several people took advantage of fellowship time to view memorabilia and old photographs from the church's history. Below, the church's bell choir opened a celebration program with several songs. Bell ringers are, from left, Laura

Pieper, Barb Wawrzyniak, Michaela Sylvester, Bonnie Sustacek, Deb Jensen, Jacki Rossi, Brittany Jensen and Ivy Nunvar. The program also included a history of the church, reports from various committees, a representative from the Presbytery, and some good old Czech music.



McLeod For Tomorrow sets Glow Run date

The McLeod For Tomorrow Leadership Program has set its second annual Glow Run 5K for Saturday, Sept. 10.

Event organizers are looking for sponsorships from organizations and businesses for the run. The suggested donation is \$300; however, any amount will be gratefully accepted. A July 18 deadline has been set for sponsors who wish to be listed on the event's posters, McLeod For Tomorrow website, Facebook page and the 2016 run T-shirts.

Additionally, as another donation opportunity, McLeod For Tomorrow is seeking donations of small "swag bag" items such as coupons, pens and pencils, mini-flashlights, lip balm, etc., which have business advertising on them. The organization is planning to fill 300 bags.

Those interested in sponsoring the run or donating items are encouraged to visit www.mcleodfortomorrow.com, or its Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/MFT5K>.

The Glow Run event is designed to be family friendly, geared for running or walking, and hopes to encourage people to be outdoors and active. Participants are invited to dress in their best glow apparel, and costume prizes will be awarded after the run, which will be held Sept. 10 at 8 p.m. in Hutchinson.

McLeod For Tomorrow originated in 2008, with a goal of professional development, communication, education and networking. Students of each year's graduating class then continue to be active in McLeod For Tomorrow by volunteering to help host family and community-inclusive events, including the Glow Run.

VFW Post 5102 donates \$4,500 to area causes

The Glencoe VFW Post 5102 recently made the following donations:

- Glencoe Fire Department, \$100;
- Swing for a Cure, \$200;
- BMX team, \$200;
- Flags for the city of Glencoe, \$800;
- VFW softball team, \$500;
- VFW youth baseball, \$2,000;
- Glencoe-Silver Lake High School Band, \$200; and
- Two scholarships of \$500 each.

Weather Corner

By Jake Yurek



After a very humid and rainy start to the week, things should calm and cool down as we head toward the second half of the week.

Canadian air has been allowed to filter in behind an early week system that brought flooding rains, severe hail and wind and plenty of humidity (at one point Monday I saw a dew point in Glencoe of 77 degrees!). Highs to end the week should stay in the 70s to around 80 with a slight ramp up Sunday. Humidity levels will come down as well, so it should feel much better than it did Monday.

Our next weather maker is a weak one, bringing only scattered showers Friday night into Saturday. A stronger system will push through late Saturday into early Sunday, so that would be our next best chance of rain and thunder.

It's looking like we might stay in the 80s into early next week as more normal July air finally builds in (average high should be around 83 degrees).

Have a great week, everyone; I can't believe it's already the middle of July!

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Wednesday night — Lows 58-64; partly cloudy.

Thursday — Highs 72-78, lows 54-60; partly cloudy.

Friday — Highs 73-79, lows 57-63; mostly clear, possible night shower?.

Saturday — Highs 75-81, lows 61-67; partly cloudy, late thunder.

Sunday — Highs 78-84; partly cloudy, scattered thunder.

Weather Quiz: How high does the dew point get in Minnesota?

Answer to last week's question (What is a bow echo?: A bow echo (or derecho) is a line of storms that forms over very unstable air and lasts an extended amount of time (much more than normal thunderstorms). They typically form along the boundary of cool air north and very hot/sticky air south. They'll travel right along the boundary as long as there is a supply of energy. The main one that comes to mind for Minnesotans is the Boundary Waters blow-down that occurred in 1999. Some areas saw winds up to 100 mph and the storm made it all the way to the Atlantic ocean! The normal shape of this storm resembles a bow, hence the name.

Remember: I make the forecast, not the weather!

Rain doesn't dampen Music in the Park event

The Silver Lake Music in the Park series drew over 174 people to the Silver Lake Auditorium on Thursday, July 7. Because of the rain, the event was held indoors rather than in the park.

Lowell Schubert and Nancy Buckentine will provide music Thursday, July 14, at 7 p.m., with the Silver Lake Women's Club providing lunch consisting of barbecues, chips, pickle, dessert and beverage.

The following week, Thursday, July 21, Cindy's Concertina Band will provide music and the Silver Lake American Legion Auxiliary

Unit 141 will provide a lunch of hot turkey sandwiches, chips, pickle, dessert and beverage.

There are prizes awarded throughout the evening.

Please bring your own lawn chair and join the festivities in the park on Main Street. In the event of inclement weather, activities will be moved to the Silver Lake Auditorium on Main Street and it will be announced on KARP radio after 5 p.m.

The Music in the Park series is a prelude to the Polaczky Days celebration Aug. 5-7.

Brownton loses one part-time officer, hires a replacement at council meeting

By Lori Copler
Editor

The Brownton City Council accepted the resignation of a part-time police officer and hired another part timer at its July 5 meeting.

Part-time officer Brandon Traxler has resigned, and the City Council voted to hire Kenny Peterson as a new part-time officer.

Peterson will complement the police department's part-time police chief, Ken Bauer, and full-time officer, Logan Anderson.

In other police business, Bauer reported that security cameras have been purchased for the Brownton Community Center. The City Council hopes that installation of the cameras will help deter some of the damage and vandalism that have been occurring during events at the center.

Also discussed was a continuing blight issue on First Avenue S. The city has been prosecuting the resident for blight, and Bauer said that new photos of the blight issue have been sent to the judge and city attorney. The city is still waiting to hear about its options, Bauer said.

The City Council also briefly discussed limiting or banning parking on some of the city's narrow streets, but no decision was made.

In other business, the City Council:

- Set a fee of \$150 per variance request to cover the costs of meeting notices, meetings, inspections and other items. The Council also is hoping that a fee per variance will help deter people from requesting multiple variances for a project.

- Reviewed its fence ordinance and made some changes. In particular, the city will now allow solid fences in the back and side yards, but front yard fences still will

have to meet limitations regarding height and open space.

- Tabled a discussion on purchasing trash pumps for the maintenance department. Supervisor Chad Draeger was not at the meeting because he was cleaning catch basins after the heavy downpour of the evening.

- Waived the liquor ordinance prohibiting consumption on public property for the BARK day activities Aug. 13

and the street dance downtown that evening.

- Appointed election judges for the primary and general elections. Judges are Ella Kruse, Cindy Lindeman, Diana Klabunde, Olive Evanson, Leone Kujas, Lorna Kaufmann, Delores Rennecke, Audrey Tongen and Jeannie VonBerge. The City Council also raised wages for the judges to \$9 per hour from \$8, and will pay the head judge \$10 per hour.

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Obituaries

Iven A. Alsleben, 83, of Silver Lake

Iven August Alsleben, 83, of Silver Lake, died Saturday, July 2, 2016, at his home.

Funeral services were held Friday, July 8, at Peace Lutheran Church in Hutchinson with the Rev. Gerhard Bode officiating.



Iven Alsleben

Dr. Joan DeVee Dixon was the pianist. Congregational hymns were "Amazing Grace," "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" and "In the Garden."

Casket bearers were Mason Nemitz, Mitchell Melberg, Benjamin Bethke, William Sandman, Josiah Schmidt and Ron Schmidt. Honorary bearers were his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Military honors were by the Hutchinson Memorial Rifle Squad. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Iven August Alsleben was born March 2, 1933, at his family's farm near Green Isle, the son of Charles and Ella (Winter) Alsleben. He was baptized as an infant on April 7, 1933, at Zion Lutheran Church in Arlington. At the age of 5, he moved to the farm five miles south of Hutchinson. He was confirmed in his faith as a youth on March 30, 1947, at Peace Lutheran Church in Hutchinson. He received his education at country School District 73 in rural Hutchinson.

He entered active military service in the U.S. Army on May 1, 1953, in Minneapolis, and served his country during the Korean War. On Oct. 16, 1953, he enrolled in parachute school and became a qualified parachutist. He received an honorable discharge on April 25, 1955, at Transfer Station Fort Lewis, Washington. He achieved the rank of corporal (CPL T). He was honored with the Parachutist's Badge, National Defense Service Medal, United Nations Service Medal and Korean Service Medal.

On July 27, 1960, Mr. Alsleben was united in marriage to Dorothy Schmidt (Ulrich) in Mason City, Iowa. Their marriage was blessed with two stepchildren, Teresa and Warren. The family resided in rural Silver Lake, and the couple shared almost 56 years of marriage.

Before entering the service, Mr. Alsleben was employed at Torrey's Direct Service Station (later became Hoel's Direct Service Station) in Hutchinson at the age of 15 years. He then worked at BBB Manufacturing in Plato, Green Giant in Glencoe, Kraft Foods in Hutchinson and Minneapolis Moline in Hopkins. After returning home from the service, he went back to work for Minneapolis Moline until he started working for 3M in Hutchinson on May 22, 1956, and where he remained for nearly 35 years. He retired on June 1, 1990. He was a member of Peace Lutheran Church

in Hutchinson.

Mr. Alsleben enjoyed spending time with his wife Dorothy. They worked together on the farm by Silver Lake and at 3M. He also enjoyed hunting, traveling and fishing with Dorothy. He cherished spending time together at their lake home by Detroit Lakes. He especially enjoyed spending time with his family, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and many friends.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy Alsleben of Silver Lake; daughter, Teresa (Gary) Olson of Cornville, Arizona; grandchildren, Jessica Henke and her fiancé, Corey Carpenter, and Justin Olson; great-grandchildren, Mason Nemitz, Kaylee Hable, Jada Henke, Donovan Olson and Anthony Olson; sister and brother-in-law, Shirley and Melvin Burmeister of Hutchinson; sisters-in-law, Mary Alsleben, Elsie Alsleben and Beverly Alsleben, all of Hutchinson; many other family members, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Ella Alsleben; son, Warren Ulrich; grandson, Travis Olson; brothers, Melvin Alsleben, Roy Alsleben and Earl Alsleben; sister, Rosella Hanson; and brothers-in-law, Vernon Hanson and William Sandman.

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

Margaret Mary Maiers, 95, of Stewart

Margaret Mary Maiers of Stewart died Wednesday, July 6, 2016, at St. Mary's Care Center in Winsted, having lived and loved for 95 wonderful years.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Monday, July 11, at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Stewart, with the Rev. Gerald S. Meidl officiating. Music was provided by Bev Wangerin as the organist, Bobbi Ludewig as the song leader, and Mrs. Maiers' granddaughter, Kimberly Maiers, singing "Watch Over Me."



Margaret Maiers

Casket bearers were Angela Solemsaas, Stephanie Conroy-Maxson, Paul Conroy, Jonathan Maiers, Jennifer Alberts and Ginger Ziemann. Honorary casket bearers were Kevin Funk, Jeffrey Funk, Kimberly Maiers, Nathan Maiers, Matthew Maiers, Kelly Krueger, Melinda Hortsch, Maria Wessman-Conroy, Brian Conroy, Daniel Kottke and Brandon Kottke. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Margaret Mary Maiers was born Feb. 10, 1921, in the city of Stewart, Collins Township, McLeod County, the daughter of Peter and Nora (Lambert) Forcier. She was baptized Feb. 20, 1921, at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Stewart, and was confirmed there on Nov. 4, 1936. She grew up in Stewart, and later moved with her family to Preston Lake Township in Renville County. She received her education at St. Boniface Catholic School, and graduated with the class of 1939 from Stewart High School.

On Feb. 27, 1946, she was united in marriage to Paul Maiers at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Stewart. They made their home in Round Grove Township, where they raised their family. The couple managed a busy life of farming and a dairy operation, and Mrs. Maiers loved her roles as a homemaker and a mother. They shared 62 years of marriage before Mr. Maiers died on June 22, 2008. Mrs. Maiers continued living independently on their farm until April of this year, when she moved into St. Mary's Care Center in Winsted.

Mrs. Maiers was an active member of St. Boniface Catholic Church in Stewart throughout her life, and was involved with the Christian Mothers organization. She also was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary in Stewart for 21 years.

She and her husband enjoyed traveling in their later years, visiting various states, with an especially fun trip to Hawaii. She enjoyed embroidery, gardening and also loved watching her birds. She was a great cook and baker, and was known for her apple pie and cinnamon rolls. Until this past year, she loved making rhubarb jam. Mrs. Maiers was well known for her Ole and Lena jokes, which were especially entertaining for her grandchildren. Her number one love and favorite pastime was spending time with her family. She will be dearly missed by her family.

She is survived by her children and their spouses, Mary and Bernard Funk of Cokato, Thomas and LaMae Maiers of Stewart, Peter and Brenda Maiers of Hutchinson, Paulette and Steve Conroy of Monticello and Nancy and Dwight Kottke of Stewart; 18 grandchildren, 38 great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Paul; infant son, Kevin John; sister, Rosella Schuelke; and brothers, Francis Forcier and Phillip Forcier.

Arrangements were with the Hughes-Hantge Funeral Chapel in Stewart.

Food shelf, Open Your Heart announce summer campaign

McLeod Emergency Food Shelf (MEFS) and Open Your Heart to the Hungry and Homeless announce the seventh annual Food Shelf Challenge Grant – Summer Cash Campaign.

Open Your Heart to the Hungry and Homeless will proportionally match donations to MEFS during the month of July, up to \$5,000. The more funds MEFS raises in July, the larger the matching grant from Open Your Heart to the Hungry and Homeless will be. In 2015, Minnesota food shelves raised over \$1.57 million with this grant and hope to raise even more this year.

Minnesota summers were made for trips to the cabin, boat rides on the lake, and farmers market outings, not food shelf visits. But that is the reality for thousands of Minnesotans. Children are home from school and the family budget is tight. McLeod Emergency Food Shelf helps provide nutritious meals and fruits and vegetables to these families and needs your help this summer. Donations given in July will be proportionally matched by Open Your Heart to the Hungry and Homeless to help end hunger throughout McLeod County.

Funds raised during July provide a necessary boost at a time when usage increases (up to 40 percent increase in the month of July compared to the rest of the year) and donations are traditionally low. Over the last four years, MEFS summer campaign donations averaged \$16,400. July 2015 totaled just over \$9,100 and generated an additional \$871 in grant funds.

Thinking of attaching a can to your cash?

Just about any food, toi-

etry or laundry care item is accepted. Drop donations on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., and Thursdays, 3 p.m. to 8 p.m., at either distribution site: Glencoe, 808 E 12th St., 320-864-2088; or Hutchinson, 498 Highway 7 E, 320-587-4796.

Since 1986, Open Your Heart to the Hungry and Homeless has targeted millions of dollars to strategically fight hunger in Minnesota. Open Your Heart funds the purchase and transfer of more than 1 million pounds of fresh produce, meat and dairy products to Minnesota food shelves every year.

Food shelves in Minnesota help individuals, families, and seniors get the nutritious food they need but cannot afford to purchase on their own.

Summer is especially stressful for both families with children and the food shelves that serve them. In 2015, there were 319,626 summer food shelf visits by children — a 2.1 percent increase over 2014. When kids are home for the summer, they are missing out on school meals and food shelves help fill that gap.

MEFS distributed nearly 150,000 pounds June through August 2015, which allowed at least 113,000 meals to be prepared. MEFS's grocery distribution, along with area summer feeding programs, Market Bucks and community meals, ensure that individuals of every age have access to quality food options all around McLeod County.

MEFS is a nonprofit 501c(3) agency which seeks to provide meal security to all residents of McLeod County through partnerships which maximize sharing of food, re-

sources and systems support. MEFS promotes quality standards in all areas of its distribution process, from food rescue collection to financial transparency and good governance of the organization. MEFS has obtained the "Smart Givers Seal of Approval" by the Charities Review Council and is listed as a Blue Ribbon Food Shelf by Hunger Solutions. Continued efforts to educate and advocate for the eradication of hunger are at the forefront of the board of directors' agenda as well.

Open Your Heart to the Hungry and Homeless has 30 years of experience as the only grant provider in Minnesota focused solely on alleviating hunger and homelessness. Open Your Heart helps food and shelter providers of all sizes get the resources they need to serve more people, including mattresses, freezers, fresh produce and roof repairs. It also supports homeless students by providing school supplies, activity fees, gym shoes, tutoring materials and other essentials that help them engage fully in school. For more information, visit <http://www.oyh.org/>.

Hunger Solutions Minnesota works to end hunger in our state. It takes action to assure food security for all Minnesotans by supporting programs and agencies that provide food to those in need, advancing sound public policy, and guiding grassroots advocacy. Hunger Solutions connects food shelves with funding and technical assistance to support the 9,000 daily food shelf visits. For more information visit hungersolutions.org or follow @hungersolutions on Twitter.



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Silver Lake music in the auditorium

Rainy weather drove Silver Lake's music indoors last week. Music was provided by Alice Nowak and the Ol' Boys, above. At left, junior ambassadors Ella Nowak and Avril Kosek, and helper Chelsea Bandas, help Sharon Bandas distribute prizes. This Thursday's event will feature Lowell Schubert and Nancy Buckentine.



Deaths

James W. Reed, Glencoe

James W. Reed, Glencoe, died March 30, 2016.

An interment service will be held Sunday, July 17, at 1 p.m., in the Glencoe City Cemetery.

Following the interment, a celebration of life will be held at Dubbs Grill & Bar in Glencoe. A light lunch will be served. Please RSVP to jdreed1961@aol.com or call Dana at 352-989-7966.

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Pastor's Corner

Pastor Robert Nowak
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Glencoe

Fear and Worry

Fear and worry, these two seem to go hand in hand. What is on your mind today? What keeps you awake at night? What do you find yourself thinking about as you drive along Highway 212? What occupies your mind to such an extent that you can't eat?

Each of us has our own list of worries and fear – the crop will be ruined, the medical tests will come back positive, my job will be phased out or the company will close this location, the car won't make it 'til winter, the children are going to get hurt or sick! Of course worry doesn't change or eliminate the problem. It remains. What shall I do? The Psalmist gives an answer, "...call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you and you will honor me" (Psalm 50:15).

The question is "Have You?" Have you called upon Him? My guess is you have. But what then? Have you let go, have you taken Him at His word, that He will deliver you? Do you believe and trust that He will? Trust seems to be the hardest part doesn't it, but trust is so important. Trust is saying, "It's yours, Lord. I can't handle this on my own. Worry hasn't changed anything, but You can, and often in ways I cannot even imagine."

I currently have power of attorney for my 95-year-old aunt in California. She is in hospice care in a nursing home. I think of her every day and often get calls from the nursing home asking for permission to administer this or that drug. I sometimes worry that I have made the right decision. I wonder what I can do to make her last days here on earth more comfortable. I worry, what if her money runs out before she is called home? What then? In the end all my worrying has accomplished nothing. I have taken a major step in all of this, I have put it all in God's hands, asking Him what to do what is best for her, and to bless all the decisions I have made on her behalf. It is a wonderful thing that has happened. I have stopped worrying. I am trusting God to take care of her, and it is all because of His promise, "...call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you and you will honor me." This gracious promise is meant for you too. It is a way to end worry, as well as fear.

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Sun., July 17 – Adult Sunday school, 8 a.m.; worship, 9:30 a.m.
Tues., July 19 – Men's Bible study, 8 a.m.
Wed., July 20 – Women's Bible study, 9 a.m.

CHRIST LUTHERAN
1820 N. Knight Ave., Glencoe
Katherine Rood, pastor
320-864-4549

Wed., July 13 – Televised worship on Channel 10, 2 p.m.
Thurs., July 14 – Rachel Circle meets for project; care giver support group, 10:30 a.m.
Sun., July 17 – Worship with the Rev. Dan Buendorf preaching, 9 a.m.; fellowship meeting after worship.
Mon., July 18 – Televised worship on Channel 10, 3 p.m.
Tues., July 19 – Ladies fellowship at Gert & Erma's, 10 a.m.; splash party at Gaylord pool, leave at 12:30 p.m.
Wed., July 20 – Televised worship on Channel 10, 2 p.m.

CHURCH OF PEACE
520 11th St. E., Glencoe
Joseph Clay, pastor

Sun., July 17 – Worship at Friedens, 10 a.m.

ST. PIUS X CHURCH
1014 Knight Ave., Glencoe
Anthony Stubeda, pastor

Wed., July 13 – No Mass; area faith community year of mercy pilgrimage to New Ulm.
Thursday, July 14 – Glencoe Regional Health Services Long Term Care Mass, 10:30 a.m.
Fri., July 15 – Morning prayer, 8 a.m.; Mass, 8:20 a.m.; Mass in Spanish, 5:30 p.m.
Sat., July 16 – Council of Catholic Women (CCW) rummage sale drop off, 9 a.m.-noon; presentation of Ariana Medina, 10 a.m.; sacrament of reconciliation, noon; Jennifer Campos Quinceañera, 2 p.m.; Mass, 6 p.m.
Sun., July 17 – CCW rummage sale drop off, 9 a.m.-noon; Mass, 10 a.m.; Mass in Spanish, 11:30 a.m.; Mass at Holy Family, 11:30 a.m.
Mon., July 18 – No Mass; Region VI CCW summer board meeting at St. Anastasia in Hutchinson.
Tues., July 19 – CCW rummage sale drop off, 5 p.m.-8 p.m.; evening prayer, 5:10 p.m.; Mass, 5:30 p.m.; Knights of Columbus meeting, 7 p.m.
Wed., July 20 – No Mass; CCW rummage sale drop off, 9 a.m.-noon; rummage sale set-up; evening prayer, 5:10 p.m.; Mass, 5:30 p.m.

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Michael Fritz, interim pastor
E-mail: firstcongochurch.org
Facebook: First Congregational Church, Glencoe
320-864-3855

Wed., July 13 – Praise group, 6:30 p.m.
Sun., July 17 – Worship, 9:15 a.m.
Tues., July 19 – Bible study, 10 a.m.; trustees meeting, 6 p.m.
Wed., July 20 – Praise group, 6:30 p.m.

FIRST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN
925 13th St. E., Glencoe
Daniel Welch, senior pastor
Ronald L. Mathison,

Wed., July 13 – Office staff meeting, 9 a.m.; worship with communion, 7 p.m.

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Ted Stroming, DCE

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Wed., July 20 – Office staff meeting, 9 a.m.; worship with communion, 7 p.m.

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Robert Taylor, pastor
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320-587-5104 (church)
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Sun., July 17 – Worship, 9:30 a.m.

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Tyson Mastin, pastor
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Sun., July 17 – Worship, 9 a.m.

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Sun., July 17 – Worship, 9 a.m.; Bible study, 10:10 a.m.

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Sun., July 17 – Worship, 10 a.m.

IMMANUEL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN
New Auburn
Bradley Danielson, pastor
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Sun., July 17 – Worship with communion, 9 a.m.; fellowship, 10 a.m.
Wed., July 20 – Midweek worship with communion, 7 p.m.

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Dr. Tom Rakow, pastor
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www.silverlakechurch.org
Thursday, July 14 through Friday, July 15 – Vacation Bible school, 6:30 p.m.-9:10 p.m.
Sat., July 16 – Men's Bible study, 7 a.m.; women's Bible study, 9 a.m.
Sun., July 17 – "First Light" broadcast on KARP 106.9 FM, 7:30 p.m.; prayer time, 9:15 a.m.; worship, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday school time, 10:35 a.m.
Mon., July 18 – Church board meeting, 7 p.m.
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Thurs., July 14 – Mass, 9 a.m.
Sun., July 17 – Mass, 8:30 a.m.

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Fr. Paul Schumacher, Associate
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E-mail: office@holyfamilysilverlake.org
Wed., July 13 – Mass, 8 a.m.; year of mercy pilgrimage to New Ulm.
Thurs., July 14 – Rosary at Cedar Crest, 10:10 a.m.; Mass at Cedar Crest, 10:30 a.m.
Fri., July 15 – Mass, 8 a.m.
Sat., July 16 – Reconciliation, noon; Mass, 4 p.m.
Sun., July 17 – Mass, 8 a.m.; Council of Catholic Women (CCW) coffee and rolls; Mass, 8 p.m.
Mon., July 18 – No Mass; Region VI CCW summer board meeting at St. Anastasia in Hutchinson.
Tues., July 19 – Mass, 8 a.m.; eucharistic adoration, 8:30 a.m.-8 p.m.; Knights of Columbus (KC) meeting, 7 p.m.
Wed., July 20 – Mass, 8 a.m.

FRIEDENS COUNTY LINE
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Joseph Clay, pastor
Sun., July 17 – Worship at Friedens, 10 a.m.

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Al Fiene, pastor
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E-mail: prairielp@gmail.com
www.prairielp.org
Wed., July 13 – Adult choir practice, 7:30 p.m.
Sun., July 17 – Worship, 8:30 a.m.; Sunday school for all ages, 9:30 a.m.
Tues., July 19 – Church council, 7 p.m.
Wed., July 20 – Adult choir practice, 7:30 p.m.

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Travis Loeslie, pastor
Wed., July 13 – Office hours, 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
Thurs., July 14 – Office hours, 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
Sat., July 16 – Prayer group, 9 a.m.
Sun., July 17 – Divine service, 9 a.m.; Bible study, 10:15 a.m.
Mon., July 18 – Office hours, 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
Wed., July 20 – Office hours, 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

BETHEL LUTHERAN
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Sat., July 16 – Worldwide Mission Movement, 5:30 p.m.
Sun., July 17 – Outside worship, 9 a.m.; confirmation of Victor Mertz and Cameron Bolf.
Mon., July 18 – Prairie Arts Council book club, 7 p.m.

associate pastor
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www.firstglencoe.org
E-mail: office@firstglencoe.org

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Philippians 4:13

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Glencoe Area Ministerial Assoc. Monthly Meeting
(The First Tuesday of each month except June, July and August)



Chronicle photos by Lori Copler

Fire investigator Jamie Novak is filmed by a Channel 9 cameraman as he talks about the damage done in a room that was not protected by sprinklers.

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Friday's training started first with a comparison of fire spread in a room that has a sprinkler head, and a room that does not.

Both rooms were bedrooms and contained a bed, chair and other typical bedroom furniture.

Novak installed a sprinkler head in one bedroom, which was fed water from a Plato fire truck. He then lit the mattress on the bed on fire.

Once the room temperature reached about 140 degrees, Stotts explained, a glass tube in the sprinkler head gave way, allowing water to flow into the room.

Once the fire was extinguished by the sprinkler, the only damage was to about a quarter of the mattress, water on the floor and some smoke damage.

"You could theoretically throw out the mattress, clean up the water and begin using this room again tonight," said Novak.

Novak then lit a fire on a mattress in a neighboring room that was not sprinkled. The fire was allowed to burn about six minutes before firefighters put it out with traditional fire suppression.

In that short six minutes, the fire flashed over, and the room and its contents were virtually destroyed.

Novak said the flashover happened so quickly because of the construction of the furniture.

"This isn't your grandparents' furniture, with cotton batting and wood," said Novak. Instead, he said, most furniture is made of manmade materials, mostly plastic composites. And most of those products are petroleum-based.

"They burn faster and they burn hotter," said Novak.

And that six-minute time frame isn't much time for a fire department to respond.

"Once you get people to the fire hall, trucks on the road and equipment set up at a fire, a house could be half gone," said Novak.

Novak said that there has been a battle over requiring



Fire investigator Jamie Novak shows the minimal damage done to a bed that was set on fire with a burning cigarette. The fire was extinguished by a sprinkler.

fire sprinklers in the Legislature. Part of the concern is the cost, and part is a misperception that sprinklers can cause as much water damage as a fire department using hoses.

Novak said the cost to sprinkle a house is about \$2 per square foot, which can add significantly to building costs.

On the other hand, he said, "people don't seem to mind spending thousands on sprinkling systems for their yards, but they don't want to spend it on their homes."

And sprinkling systems can save both lives and repair costs.

Novak said that contrary to popular belief, an activated sprinkler system does not mean that every sprinkler head in a building will go off. In fact, it will only be one or two in the immediate area of the fire. Once the fire is extinguished, the sprinkling sys-

tem can be shut off by a home owner or the fire department to avoid further water damage.

Novak said that the room that was sprinkled could probably be rehabilitated and liveable within a week. The other room, which was not sprinkled, could probably displace a family for up to six months while smoke, water and room damage were repaired.

After the sprinkled vs. non-sprinkled demonstration was complete, firefighters lit more training fires in other upstairs rooms. On Sunday, fire investigators from across the state visited the house and trained on determining fire origins.

In a couple of weeks, the department will continue training in the house for other tactics before it is finally burned down.



Plato Fire Chief Jay Wood and state fire investigator Scott Newman watch as a Plato firefighter ventilates a window at a controlled house burn Friday afternoon.

Twiss serves as justice at state

By Rebecca Mariscal
Staff Writer

Katharine Twiss of Glencoe-Silver Lake High School served as an associate supreme court justice during the Girls Legion State Meet June 12 through June 18.

Several participants were elected to local, county and state offices at the meet, designed to show how government works. Almost 400 girls attended the meet from around the state.

Twiss was initially going to run for a local or county position, but was encouraged by her experience in mock trial and Business Professionals of America (BPA), as well as her roommate, to run for the justice position.

"I thought that being part of the judicial system would be a good fit for me," Twiss said.

To be elected, Twiss had to win both a primary and general election.

As a justice, Twiss presided over mock trials that were held on the group's trip to the state capitol. Trials were held in the same courtrooms that official Minnesota Supreme Court cases are held.

"I got to sit on the same



Submitted photo

Katharine Twiss, left, attended Girls American Legion State with fellow Glencoe-Silver Lake representatives Dini Schweikert and Brandi Pikal. Twiss was nominated as an associate supreme court justice during the meet, which ran June 12 through June 18.

bench they (Minnesota justices) did, which was neat," Twiss said.

She also had the opportunity to meet and speak with a Minnesota Supreme Court representative.

"We had opportunities at the capitol that other girls didn't," she said.

Twiss said the opportunities the meet gave her were

great and she hopes the program continues in the future.

"I want to encourage anyone who is interested to look into it," Twiss said.

Overall, Twiss said the meet and her justice position were a great experience.

"It was a fantastic experience that can't really be compared to anything else," she said.

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- None of these contractors have received a solicitor's permit from the City of Glencoe.
- Do not sign a contract until you have talked to your insurance agent as you may not actually have hail damage to your property.
- Wait until your insurance company's adjuster confirms damage.
- There are quality contractors in the local community that can do the work for you if you do have hail damage.
- If you are solicited, please ask the contractor for his City permit.
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