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White Squirrel Festival

The annual White Squirrel Festival in Plato was held Sunday morning at the Plato City Park. The event began with an omelet breakfast sponsored by the Plato Lions and a community worship service featuring the Minnesota Adult and Teen Challenge Choir. The festival also included face-painting and balloon-making activities by clowns Bubbles and Fanny May of the Hutchinson Clown Club. Above, Leah Otte, Oscar Otte

and Victor Otte enjoy hot dogs and burgers in the park. At the bottom left is Logan Bruch, who was a little unsure of getting his face painted. To the right is Doug Stuedeman preparing omelets for breakfast lovers. The Plato Fire Department also held juvenile fire safety lessons throughout the day and the big celebration ended with the traditional “duck races.”

GSL hires 4 new special ed paras, explains why

By Alyssa Schauer
Staff Writer

The Glencoe-Silver Lake School Board on Monday approved a request to hire four additional para-professionals to work in the special education program at Lakeside, and Superintendent Chris Sonju explained the detailed thought process and need in hiring the additional employees.

He referred to an editorial written by Editor Rich Glennie published in the McLeod County Chronicle last Wednesday about the district’s deficit-spending budget and the continuing staff changes at GSL, particularly numerous additions of para-professionals.

Sonju said the district is not “just adding paras to add paras. We are doing so because of students’ needs. They (the hirings) are *needs*.”

Helen Baker Principal Bill Butler explained the students’ needs are outlined in their IEPs, or individual education plans, which follow stu-

dents district to district and quite often require additional paraprofessionals to help students reach their full potential in learning.

Board Member Donna VonBerge described the workload of paras and said the paras help students in the classroom day-by-day. “They help kids with their learning processes in the classroom, every day,” she said.

“What is the consequence for not following a student’s IEP?” board member Jamie Alsleben asked.

“You break a relationship with a student, plus there can be legal consequences, and the kids are probably going to get hurt in the long run,” he said.

“I think you’d have a variety of consequences. The law states students need everything in their IEPs to be able to access the general curriculum,” Butler added.

Alsleben asked Business Manager Michelle Sander about the funding

School Board

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GSL strategic plan OK’d, survey data discussed

By Alyssa Schauer
Staff Writer

During Monday evening’s meeting, Superintendent Chris Sonju presented the district’s strategic plan to the Glencoe-Silver Lake School Board for approval and updated the board members about the work of the district advisory group (DAG).

The DAG met on June 30, and Sonju said it was a “very good meeting” in which the group reviewed survey results, discussed school improvements and the continuing need to “communicate with each other on improving the school district.”

He said representation in the group was from all facets of the community, and “it was a very productive meeting.”

Sonju distributed surveys earlier in the year to families who participate in the open-enrollment program and found that the vast majority said their reason for open-enrolling their kids was “geography.”

Sonju said an online survey for community members to take also was available and surveys were distributed to parents regarding a range of topics, from school facility improvements to class sizes, etc.

He said the survey included an overall rating of the school district on a scale of one to five, with five being “excellent,” four being “good,” three being “average,” etc.

“We found that 85 percent viewed our school district as average or

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Cenex station up and running at Silver Lake

By Alyssa Schauer
Staff Writer

After nearly three years of sitting empty, the old Marathon Station on Highway 7 in Silver Lake is now up and running as Cenex gas station owned by the Hutchinson Co-op.

Mike Conner, general manager, said the Hutchinson Co-op purchased the station in early January and had hopes of opening the store on June 12 before Winstock.

“Naturally, with all of the rainy weather, we encountered a number of delays ... We aren’t fully ready yet, but we knew the people of Silver Lake were anxious to have gas supply after the store sat empty for about three years, and we were anxious as well to get things up and running,” Conner said.

“It has really been a challenge getting the store up and running, but I keep reminding

myself that the greatest challenges have the best rewards,” Conner said.

The Silver Lake station is the third addition to stores owned by the Co-op — the other two are located in Hutchinson on Highway 7 and Adams Street near 3M.

The store not only offers gas supply, but a number of convenience items and other amenities as well, and Conner said he is hoping everything is up and “ready” by Aug. 1.

Lee Thunstrom, who has worked for the Co-op for five years and managed the store on Adams Street, will manage the Silver Lake station.

“Lee does such a nice job in the manager position. He is so good with the people he hires. He sets high expectations and really

Cenex opens

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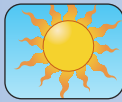
After over two years of being abandoned, the old Marathon Station on Highway 7 in Silver Lake is now up and running as a Cenex gas station. The store is open 5



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a.m. to 11 p.m. and also offers basic groceries, convenience items and soon will be serving Hot Stuff Pizza items.

Weather



Wed., 7-16
H: 72°, L: 58°



Thur., 7-17
H: 74°, L: 60°



Fri., 7-18
H: 80°, L: 64°



Sat., 7-19
H: 82°, L: 65°



Sun., 7-20
H: 81°, L: 64°

Looking back: After another inch of rain last week, fall-like temperatures struck on Monday.

Date	Hi	Lo	Rain
July 8	75	59	0.00
July 9	79	56	0.00

July 10	86	57	0.00
July 11	81	66	0.96
July 12	74	65	0.14
July 13	77	60	0.00
July 14	64	56	0.01

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

Plato blood drive set July 24

The Plato Lions Club is sponsoring a Plato area blood drive on Thursday, July 24, at Discover Church on Highway 212 near Plato. The American Red Cross blood drive will run from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. To make an appointment to donate, call Ken or Myra Franke at 320-238-2370.

Legion Auxiliary to meet

The Glencoe American Legion Ladies Auxiliary will meet at 7 p.m., Monday, July 21, at the Glencoe Fire Hall. Lunch will be served.

Quarterly seniors meeting set

The quarterly meeting for the McLeod County Senior Citizens Club will be held Wednesday, July 16, beginning at noon with a potluck picnic lunch, at the Brownnton Community Center.

Plato Lions set golf outing

The Plato Lions Club will host a four-person scramble golf tournament on Monday, Aug. 11, at the Glencoe Country Club. Registration begins at 11 a.m., and the shotgun start is set for 1 p.m. The entry fee includes a golf cart, dinner and prizes. Contact Ron at 320-238-2285 or e-mail Ken at kmfranke@embarquemail.com. Anyone not interested in golfing, but interested in sponsoring a hole or door prize also can contact the above people. All proceeds from the tournament go toward local projects.

‘Minnesota Railroads’ July 27

The McLeod County Historical Society and Museum will host “Minnesota Railroads: A Photographic History 1940-2012” at 2 p.m., Sunday, July 27, in the museum educational media center. Author Steve Glischinski will be the presenter. The museum is located at 380 School Road NW, Hutchinson.

GHS class of 1946 to reunite

The Glencoe High School graduating class of 1946 will hold its annual get-together at noon on Friday, July 18, at Dubbs Grill and Bar in Glencoe. All classmates, spouses and friends are invited to attend.

Music in the Park continues

The Glencoe Lions Club Music in the Park series continues on Wednesday, July 16, at Shelter No. 2 in Oak Leaf Park, Glencoe. Music is by George’s Concertina Band. On Wednesday, July 23, Jim and Mike Wendolek will provide the music as the outdoor music series continues. A meal of a pulled pork sandwich, chips, dessert and beverage will be available both evenings, from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. with music from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Bring a lawn chair and enjoy the music and the food. Proceeds will go toward Lions community projects. Call 320-864-5237 with questions.

GHS class of 1948 to meet

A get-together of the Glencoe High School graduating class of 1948 will be held at 11:30 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 16, at Dubbs Grill & Bar. The gathering will celebrate the class’ 66-year reunion. Lunch is at noon. To make a reservation, call 320-864-3062.

Polka services set July 20

Polka services are set for Sunday, July 20, at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., at First Lutheran Church of Glencoe. Music will be led by Chuck Thiel and his Jolly Ramblers. Songs will include familiar hymns and polka tunes with worshipful lyrics. The Men’s Club also will host a freewill offering breakfast from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. The entire community is invited.

No seniors meeting July 17

The Glencoe Senior Citizens Club will not meet on Thursday, July 17, but will resume at 12:30 p.m., Tuesday, July 22, in the Glencoe City Center Senior Room for socializing and games. All senior citizens are invited to attend. More information can be obtained by calling at 320-864-3799 or 320-510-1551.

St. Peter ice cream social

St. Peter Lutheran Church of Lester Prairie will host its annual ice cream social, country store, bake and crafts sale on Sunday, July 27. Serving time is 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The menu includes hamburgers, hot dogs, barbecues, baked beans, potato salad, homemade pies, ice cream and root beer floats as well as other refreshments. St. Peter Lutheran is located at 77 South Second Ave., Lester Prairie.

Home Educators’ book sale

The Crow River Home Educators are planning a book sale on July 21-22, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Discover Church, 10478 Bell Ave., Plato, which is right on Highway 212 just west of Plato. For more information, contact Kay Diers at kay@diers.us or 763-221-9530 or Wanda Miho at wmiho@frontiernet.net or 507-326-5045. Even if you do not homeschool, this is a great way to pick up some excellent learning materials for your family.

Fun Horse Show set July 19

The McLeod County Riders 4-H Club will be hosting a Fun Horse Show at the McLeod County Fairgrounds on Saturday, July 19, beginning at 9 a.m. All are welcome to participate or watch. Lunch will be available on site.

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

Solar energy generation farm planned

By Lori Copler
Staff Writer

A solar panel “farm” may soon be located north of Lester Prairie along Highway 7, near Balow’s Auto Salvage, Inc., the McLeod County Board of Commissioners heard at its July 8 meeting.

Nathan Franzen, director of solar energy of Geronimo Energy, gave the Board an overview of the project, explaining that it is a statewide effort by Xcel Energy to provide additional electrical generation during peak hours.

Franzen said the Lester Prairie solar site, to be located on about 30 acres of land, is one of about 25 throughout Minnesota being developed by Geronimo Energy for Xcel. The solar project has been named “Aurora” by Geronimo.

The Lester Prairie site will generate about 2.5 megawatts of electricity.

Because of the scope of the project, Franzen said the state will be in charge of the permitting process, rather than the county.

“If this was an independent project, we would be coming to you for a conditional use permit,” Franzen told the board. Instead, the project will be permitted by the Public Utilities Commission and the state.

However, Franzen said,

Geronimo feels it is important to make local governments and residents aware of the project, which was the reason for his presentation to the County Board.

Franzen said Xcel had sought other sources of power production through a request for proposals (RFP) process, and other potential plants were considered, such as natural gas generation and wind energy. Xcel chose Geronimo’s Aurora proposal to fill its needs.

The solar power plants will directly feed “local communities, businesses and farms,” said Franzen, rather than putting the generated power “out on the grid. That way we can avoid building additional transmission lines.”

The Lester Prairie site will feed to a local Xcel Energy substation, and then to the Lester Prairie area.

The solar panels to be installed have the ability to track the sun, and will move throughout the day for the best collection of solar power. Franzen said there would be no storage of electrical power; it will go directly into the local transmission system.

He said the solar field will be fenced, and probably not be very noticeable because the panels’ height is about five to six feet from the ground. A ground cover will be planted underneath the panels, Franzen

added.

Franzen said the solar farm will add to the county’s tax base, because the property will need to be rezoned to commercial-industrial from agricultural.

Franzen said the permitting process will take six to nine months, after which construction can begin.

In other business July 8, the County Board:

- Voted to hire Schatz Construction of Glencoe to install an emergency exit door in the northwest part of the North

Complex as part of the security upgrades for the building. The cost will be \$6,288, and Schatz’s quote was the lower of two the county received.

Building Supervisor Wayne Rosenfeld said the door will only provide an emergency exit through a panic bar; no one will be able to come into the building through the door.

- Agreed to spend up to \$7,000 to upgrade the county’s card reader system. The employee identification cards are scanned at entrances to county buildings to allow them access.

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The proposed 2015 Armstrong Avenue Street and Utility Improvement will be presented and discussed at a neighborhood open house to be held Monday, July 28, 2014, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. and from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the South Grand Ballroom of the Glencoe City Center. This is an “Open House,” so come when you can, and stay as long as you’d like. This neighborhood open house is intended to provide you with an opportunity to hear about the details of the proposed project and answer questions you may have about the project prior to formal presentation of the engineer’s report to the city council at their second meeting in August. It will also give you the opportunity to make city staff and the engineer aware of any special problems the project could address.

The streets included in the proposed project are:

- Armstrong Avenue from 13th Street to 7th Street
- 8th Street from Armstrong Avenue to Chandler Avenue
- 7th Street from Armstrong Avenue to Chandler Avenue

The project includes consideration of sanitary sewer, sanitary sewer services, water main, water services, storm sewer, concrete curb and gutter, sidewalk, bituminous trail, aggregate base, bituminous surfacing, turf restoration, and miscellaneous items required to properly complete the improvements.

As the project is developed, your input is important. We need to hear your concerns and comments regarding the proposed project.

If you cannot attend this meeting or would like information concerning the proposed project, you can contact Justin Black of Short Elliott Hendrickson Inc. (SEH®) at 800.838.8666 or jblack@sehinc.com.

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The streets included in the proposed project are:

- 9th Street from Chandler Avenue to Greeley Avenue
- 8th Street from Chandler Avenue to Greeley Avenue
- 7th Street from Chandler Avenue to Ford Avenue
- DeSoto Avenue from 10th Street to 6th Street
- Elliott Avenue from 10th Street to 6th Street
- Ford Avenue from 10th Street to mid-block between 7th Street and 6th Street

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The Minnesota Adult and Teen Challenge (MnTC) Choir was a feature during the community worship service at Plato's White Squirrel Festival on Sunday. The choir is composed of teens and adults recovering from drug and alcohol addictions and several of the members gave testimonies about their struggles and their hope in the MnTC program. Anthony Bass (left), a former defensive back for the Minnesota Vikings, now works for the program as a church relations manager and spoke about the missions and goals of MnTC.



Teen Challenge Choir offers hope

By Alyssa Schauer
Staff Writer

The community hall in Plato was full Sunday morning for the community worship service featuring the Minnesota Adult and Teen Challenge (MnTC) Choir.

The MnTC Choir is an inspiring choir comprised of teens and adults recovering from drug and alcohol addiction who performed many contemporary gospel and praise hymns. Several of the members also gave testimonies of their struggles for the attentive audience.

Minnesota Adult and Teen

Challenge was established in 1983 and has been “restoring hope to people of all ages struggling with drug and alcohol addiction,” according to Anthony Bass, MnTC church relations manager.

The MnTC choir has performed at over 225 churches in the last year and is one of the largest and most affordable programs available for those struggling with drug and alcohol addictions.

There are campuses located in Minneapolis, Brainerd and Duluth.

The program offers a long-term faith-based recovery

program and a short-term licensed treatment program, “Life Renewal,” which serves individuals with a broad spectrum of addiction issues, including those seeking treatment for the first time and those who have been struggling for many years.

Groups of MnTC residents visit regional churches every Sunday where they share songs and personal stories of their recoveries from addictions.

For more information on MnTC, contact Sheryl Mortenson at 612-238-6116.

Strategic plan

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above, and that’s a good thing. It’s very encouraging,” Sonju said.

He said he noticed an overall theme from comments about the district’s staff being “very caring and supportive.”

“That came up a lot, so we commend them (staff) for their hard work,” Sonju said.

He said there also were comments on the district’s facilities, about what to do to improve and what to keep the same.

“There were also comments about technology and class sizes. Overall, it was a very good opportunity for us to get some data and tweak our strategic plan,” Sonju said.

He said the Board can utilize the survey to make improvements to the strategic plan.

Board member Jamie Alsleben said it would be a good idea to also collect data from graduates and alum of GSL.

“I think it’d be a benefit to survey them,” he said.

Alsleben said surveys could be distributed to students who immediately entered the workforce, those who attended a two-year school and those who went on to attend a four-year university.

He said the survey could find whether GSL prepared each of those students who did enter the workforce or enroll in a two-year or four-year school.

He suggested tapping into class reunions to reach the students, and Sonju said it was a “great idea.”

Sonju asked the Board to approve the 2014 and beyond strategic plan as a “working document” for the DAG to continually review, make ad-

justments, and “have something to work off of.”

The Board approved it, and Alsleben acknowledged all of the people, including Sonju and staff members, who have contributed to putting together the strategic plan and provided input.

Fare For All changes, more people sought

By Rich Glennie
Editor

It is one of those programs that has been around of years, but few people even know it exists. It is called Fare For All.

Whether you have heard of it or not, the program is changing. And if more people do not sign up for the program, it may disappear, according to local program coordinator Mary Ann Forcier of Glencoe.

Forcier has been with the program for 25 years as the main organizer and delivery person in the Glencoe area. Fare For All peaked at about 130 “share holders,” but is now down to about 30 participants a month, Forcier said.

At one time there was a two-hour community service requirement, but that has been eliminated, she added.

Fare For All is a nonprofit, pre-order, pre-pay food program that has been a monthly staple for participants in Glencoe and other sites throughout Minnesota, for decades.

Every fourth Saturday, program volunteers travel to the Twin Cities to pick up pre-ordered boxes of groceries, bring them back to Christ Lutheran Church and dole them out.

But these out-state sites are being phased out as of Aug. 23 and will be replaced by pay-as-you-go Fare For All Express sites, all of which are in the Metro area. There are other distribution points, and the closest is at Crown of Glory Lutheran Church, 1141 Cardinal St., Chaska.

Fare For All, sponsored by the Emergency Foodshelf Network of Minneapolis, is closing all 50 pre-order, pre-pay sites around the state, including Glencoe and Hutchinson.

Under the current program, participants can save up to 40 percent on fresh fruits and vegetables and frozen meats from a prepared list of offerings. The program is open to anyone, regardless of income.

The Express site model now allows people to come to the Express sites “and buy,” just like grocery shopping, Forcier said.

The key to the program’s success is bulk purchasing

that allows Fare For All to offer the food packages at less cost.

Forcier said the recent change to Express sites has resulted in far greater participation with the pre-boxed package options of either produce only, meat only, a regular package of combining produce and meat or the “mega meat package” of seven to nine frozen meat items.

There are special packages available at Thanksgiving and Christmas, Forcier added.

The Express sites take cash, debit cards, credit cards and EBT cards, but no personal checks.

The problem with the change is that many people who use Fare For All are limited in their ability to travel — either they are elderly, do not have transportation available, or cannot afford it. Often it is a budget decision between food or fuel.

That is where Forcier has offered to step in. She and her helpers, including husband Vernon, are willing to travel to the Chaska Express site to pick up the food packages and bring them back for the Glencoe participants, just like they do now, if enough people are interested.

“If we stay at (the current

level) or more, it will work out,” Forcier said. “If it (participation) goes down, then we will have to fold up, and everyone is on their own.”

She said she is willing to continue to pick up food boxes from the Chaska Express site until the first of the year “and see if it is working.”

Forcier said she got into the program 25 years ago, when her children were young, and the food budget needed some help.

“Fare For All really helped,” Forcier said of stretching the food dollar farther.

She found out about the program from an aunt who lived in Grove City, and then discovered a closer site in Hutchinson.

She was eventually talked into starting a site in Glencoe. She and her husband did the pick ups, using a grain truck when participation was as high as 130, but now they use their pickup truck.

She said many of the current 30 participants are long-time Fare For All users, but there are some newer ones as well.

“It’s a community association thing,” Forcier said of Fare For All. “Anyone can join.”

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## Water solutions will require cooperation of many agencies

Our view: Mother Nature is reclaiming that which belonged to her — a path to the creek

There are numerous views on how to correct the water problems in Glencoe after the torrential rains of the past, including the latest deluge of 10 to 11 inches in less than half a day on June 19.

Homeowners throughout the community are tired of bailing water from their wet basements and having to battle insurance companies over coverage for lost or damaged personal property.

It has grown old.

So who is to blame?

Perhaps no one, or everyone depending on one's perspective.

Mother Nature is fickle at best. It seems to be reclaiming its natural water ways as water comes down from the north and directly through the community. It comes from the north and inundates the west side and central portions of Glencoe. It also floods the south side of Glencoe from a swollen Buffalo Creek and runoff from farmlands south of Glencoe.

As one astute observer pointed out, when Glencoe was named by pioneer settlers over 150 years ago, they picked an appropriate name. Glencoe is synonymous with a Scottish valley or low-lying area near water.

Thus water flows to the lowest spot on its way to Buffalo Creek, and that happens to be where residences, businesses and churches are now located.

In other words, the community was built in a low-lying area.

But the water seems to be coming into the community at a faster rate as farmers to the north and south continue to add more and bigger drain tile lines under their fields. That gets the water off their lands faster, and onto someone else's property. Out of sight, out of mind, it appears. Not a farmer's problem once it leaves his property.

But as one area farmer pointed out, you cannot stop water from running down hill. That's the law in Minnesota. At least not until the state gives you permission.

Years ago, Glencoe had ditches running straight through the commu-

nity leading to Buffalo Creek. Much of the land around the community was still prairie and grassland, and the heavy runoff often got absorbed before reaching the creek.

But years of building new homes, garages, businesses and streets often closed the ditches and that made way for underground culverts and storm sewers. Some critics claim the sewer lines were not built big enough, including one that runs underground between the post office and the Glencoe City Center through the central portion of the community.

But how big is big enough? And can we afford it?

And the ditch systems through the community were often neglected and ill maintained as well. Who owns what also has been disputed.

So what is the answer to our flooding problems?

It may be a multi-faceted solution, one that has been on-going since 1991. Expand the sewer system, eliminate unwanted inflow and infiltration into the sanitary sewers, build more or bigger holding ponds, address the repairs and maintenance needs of the west, central and east ditch systems with expensive upgrades and possibly a diversion channel on the north end of the city.

After the massive 1991 floods, study after study determined that new development should not be located on the north end of town because of the watershed lying north of the city.

Where did most of the new housing go? The north side of the city, right in the path of the watershed drainage.

As one can see, there is plenty of blame to go around. The solution(s) will require both a long-range look at the problem, and what can be done in the interim to address specific needs. Both are currently under way.

All will cost money, a lot of money. And it will require the cooperation of a variety of local, county, state and federal agencies to try to stem Mother Nature's attempt to regain what it once possessed: A more direct path to Buffalo Creek.

— R.G.



## Gardening, the retiree's hobby from hell

I was on all fours amid the zinnias, marigolds, green pepper and tomato plants. I was getting up close and personal with the weeds that had taken over my garden. And they were plentiful and very healthy looking.

For some reason, my wife, who started the weed pulling, thought I needed to help. Something about if you're going to eat what comes out of the garden, you're going to weed as well.

I like to eat.

My wife was so serious that she even bought us new gardening gloves. No sense getting dirty, I guess. But isn't that the idea, getting your hands dirty so it looks like you are actually doing something?

Apparently, gloves are the thing. Mine were blue. In several minutes, they were black and wet.

Thank goodness for gloves, because it was a mess in the garden after another "brief shower" of over an inch of rain on Saturday.

The weeding took place Sunday, one of those few idyllic days of Minnesota summer. What a way to spend a beautiful day!

I should have known this was not going to go well. When I tried to get



Rich Glennie

over the three-foot fencing around the garden, one foot went over while the other got caught up.

There I was hopping on one foot trying not to make this any worse than it already looked. My toe was hooked on the fence. Ten years ago, no problem; now I was just trying to avoid a "face plant" into the tomato cage.

Although not real graceful, I finally entered the garden that looked more like a weed patch.

After what seemed hours in the garden and hot sun (probably a half hour), I tried to stand up. The only thing missing was the creaking door sound effects.

Before that it was going along

fairly well until my neighbor spotted me and noted, "You know, for every one you pull out, 10 more replace it."

Thanks for the encouragement!

"Don't forget this one," my neighbor added, pointing to his garden across the alley.

"I'll be lucky to stand up after this one," I yelled back.

"You can crawl," was his quick retort.

It's nice to know your neighbors are looking out for you.

In essence, I was giving my retirement plan a trial run. A lot of retirees take up gardening for a hobby.

After waking up Monday morning, I'm not sure hobby is the proper word. Strenuous, painful workout might be a better description.

I hurt all over. My hands hurt from the strangleholds I had on the weeds as I was pulling, tugging and cursing; my back hurt from the unnatural position of bending over or crawling on all fours in the dirt; and my derriere muscles ached ... I suspect from never having been used in such a manner lately, or ever.

And they call this a hobby? I think I'll stick with doing crossword puzzles.

## Letters to the Editor

### Object to suggestion current GSL Board 'is casual' with finances

To the Editor:

Thank you again for your keen interest in the Glencoe-Silver Lake School District, and your special interest in our budget.

Your editorial ("GSL's deficit-spending budget next year caught our attention," July 9) seems designed to stir up a fear of something of which you say you are not afraid of right now: Statutory Operating Debt.

The budget reserve is healthy, as you say. The Board instituted a fund balance policy to keep this reserve healthy. This balance may ebb and flow within the mandated policy to ease the operation of our district.

When the state decided to borrow from us through a shift of our allotment, we had plenty to cash flow and did not have to resort to short-term borrowing.

When we decided to build the ECFE addition, we had some capital to contribute and did not have to use bonds for the entire project.

In the future, when a roof needs a repair or replacement, we have a fund on which to draw.

The Board understands very well that we need to be cautious with our budgets, and that spending, especially on salaries, leads to long-term financial commitments. We will continue to provide the best possible education for all students with the resources that we have.

I most certainly object to your suggestion that anything is casual with our finances, and that you throw that word in quotation marks to emphasize its meaning.

Anne Twiss  
Parent, taxpayer  
and school board member

## Letters to the Editor

### Glencoe Red Cross blood drive set for July 30

To the Editor:

The Glencoe Community Blood Drive on Wednesday, July 30, is approaching quickly and is scheduled from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the air-conditioned Glencoe City Center ballroom.

This is our second community blood drive of the year, and the American Red Cross has set our goal at 122 units. Many slots on the July donor schedule have already been preserved at our last blood drive in April. The volunteer callers are in the process of filling other appointment slots for the day.

If you have not been contacted or did not preset an appointment at our April blood drive and wish to donate, please contact our scheduling coordinator, Nelda Klaustermeier, at

320-864-3475. Walk-ins are also welcome, but be aware that scheduled appointments have priority over walk-ins.

Summer is a time when blood donations drop. Unfortunately, the need for blood and platelets does not. You can help prevent a summer shortage simply by scheduling a donation time and rolling up your sleeve.

The need is constant and your contribution is important for a healthy and reliable blood supply. And you'll feel good knowing that by donating one unit, you've helped change up to three lives.

One final plea: If you have a scheduled appointment, please try your best to keep the appointment.

At all our previous blood drives,

an average of 23 percent of people who made appointments were "no-shows!"

We were still able to meet the blood drive goals set for us by the American Red Cross with the donors who kept their appointments.

But imagine what we could do as a community if all who made an appointment, kept it!

Help us meet the goal set for us again at this July drive. Your commitment is appreciated, most of all by the patients who are the recipients of your donation.

Charleen Engelmann,  
Coordinator  
Glencoe Community  
Blood Drive



## Letters to the Editor

### Helpful information on Emerald Ash Borer

**To the Editor:**

As of today we have received no confirmed reports that Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) has been found in the Silver Lake area. The city is preparing an EAB preparedness plan, which contains steps for indentifying, containing, and destroying trees that may become affected by the EAB. Another part of that plan is to provide public education on the EAB.

Connie Kratzke, a local forestry enthusiast, has pro-

vided me with the following information and resources to help understand and identify:

There is a wide variety of ash tree issues that can cause death and decline that have nothing to do with EAB. Ash Flower Gall and Anthracnose can disfigure the trees and there are also some unexplained decline issues that can look very much like EAB damage.

If people have actually found the “D-shaped” exit holes or any other sure sign

of borer activity, it REALLY needs to be reported to the Minnesota Department of Agriculture. Here is a link to the “Arrest the Pest” hotline, <http://www.mda.state.mn.us/plants/pestmanagement/invasivesunit/rapidresponse.aspx>.

Our city forest is an invaluable asset to Silver Lake, and we are taking steps to manage this asset in a proactive and responsible manner.

**Kerry Venier,**  
City Clerk

### Santelman responds to co-op criticism

**To the Editor:**

I wish to respond to last month’s letter from the Renville-Sibley Fiber Co-op board against me (“RS Fiber Board refutes Santelman’s claims” June 28). It was disappointing to see their leadership resort to personal attacks and inaccuracies.

Presently, I’m asking the Minnesota Attorney General to determine if the RS Fiber Co-op or the RS Fiber Joint Powers Board:

- Used your taxpayer money or resources to attack a private citizen;
- Violated Open Meeting Laws; and
- Shielded conflicts of interest related to this project.

As such, I hope the Attorney General will issue a cease-and-desist for all RS Fiber activities until this is sorted out. Meanwhile, here is what I have been working on since filing for County Commissioner:

**Rural high-speed Internet:** On Tuesday, July 22, I’ll

moderate a panel discussion of elected officials and internet providers to create an action plan for getting secure, low-cost, high-speed Internet to everyone in rural Sibley County who cannot get it now from a provider. Everyone should have access within 12 months and without using taxpayer money or issuing bonds.

**Washington Lake drainage:** In 1975, the Sibley County Commissioners and the Washington Lake Township supervisors worked together to solve a difficult CD1A drainage issue for Washington Lake and Erin (Mud) Lake off trunk Highway 25 near Green Isle.

Since about 2010, three state agencies complicated what for 35 years was a great solution.

I’ve been briefed by affected farmers, environmental services, and state Rep. (Glenn) Gruenhagen.

In 2015, I’ll work with them along with other com-

missioners and the Washington Lake Township supervisors to help landowners get back their property rights.

**Curran Lake drainage:** Curran Lake in Green Isle Township drains into County Ditch 29. Like the Washington Lake controversy, again we have the DNR restricting how much water flows in a section of ditch.

I’ve been briefed by environmental services and Commissioner Joy Cohrs on this matter. If this remains an issue in 2015, I will work with both the commissioner and the landowners to resolve this in favor of our ag producers.

Regardless of attack letters, I will keep studying the issues and fighting for our citizens.

**Mark Santelman**  
Winthrop  
Candidate  
Sibley County  
Commissioner District 5

Guest column:

## Are we doomed to polarization?

**By Lee H. Hamilton**

We Americans are trapped in a political dilemma. We all like representative democracy, but we don’t much like the way it’s performing.

The reason for this dissatisfaction is clear. Polls in recent years detail a polarized nation, divided both ideologically and politically. This is, as the Pew Research Center put it recently, “a defining feature of politics today.” In the public’s eye, Washington gets most of the blame for this.

Yet Congress and the political world around it reflect the rest of the country more than we’d like to believe. Our nation is divided ideologically. It’s also segregated politically, with many Americans preferring to associate with and live near people who share their views; gerrymandered districts and closed primaries intensify the effect.

Our media is more partisan than it used to be. Interest groups — many of them funded by ordinary Americans who want their voices magnified — are more engaged than they were a generation ago. And though we deplore negative politics, we respond to it and even encourage our favorite partisans to engage in it.

Anyone who becomes President today does so with nearly half the country opposed to him the day he takes office. Moreover, we face a long list of issues where decisive action may be impossible: abortion, gun control, climate change, a host of budgetary and economic problems, the death penalty, tax reform, immigration, drug laws. These issues don’t just divide Congress; they divide the nation, with no clear path forward.

Our admired political system, in other words, is not working well. In Pew’s survey, the extremes make up just over a third of the American public, but because they’re disproportionately active they drive our politics. The larger, more diverse center can’t agree on a direction for the country, but its members are united by their distaste for the tone of politics and the unwillingness of politicians to compromise and break the stalemate. We are not getting the politics we want.

So how do we resolve our dilemma?

There are many procedural steps that can ease the gridlock on Capitol Hill. Among them, the House and Senate could schedule themselves so that they’re in session at the same time. Congressional leaders and the President ought to meet at least once a month. Congress needs to work the same five-day week that the rest of us do, and reduce its centralized leadership by empowering committees.

Open primaries would help moderate the nation’s politics, as would bipartisan redistricting commissions capable of doing away with gerrymandered districts.

Increasing voter participation and improving the integrity of our elections would also help.

Limiting the Senate filibuster and allowing minority parties in both chambers more of an opportunity to offer amendments, would open up debate and forestall endless stalemates.

But resolving our dilemma is unlikely to happen quickly. It’s hard to see either side in this partisan divide winning or losing decisively in the

elections immediately ahead. Even if one party wins both houses in Congress, it’s not easy to move when the White House is in the control of another party.

With the need for 60 votes in the Senate, the minority party can always find ways to slow things down.

Still, it’s worth remembering that American politics is dynamic, not static. Change occurs, sometimes quickly, but more often slowly. We won’t forever be this evenly divided, because public opinion will eventually evolve and the system will respond.

Which raises my final point. Even when our frustration with division and discord spills over into impatience with the system itself, our obligations as American citizens remain the same.

We face complex problems that don’t have simple solutions. They demand a willingness to exercise the values of representative democracy: tolerance, mutual respect, accepting ideological differences, working to build consensus.

Our core values accept that the differences in opinions among us will continue, but also compel us to find a way through them so the country can move forward.

By accepting the challenges that come with living in a representative democracy and renewing our confidence in it, we can lay the groundwork for change. In the end, we created our political dilemma and are responsible for working our way through it.

**Lee Hamilton is director of the Center on Congress at Indiana University. He was a member of the U.S. House of Representatives for 34 years.**

areas of McLeod County.

Erickson will be working on the concept of connected communities, the News reported.

### Rains halt rail operations

**GAYLORD** — The Gaylord Hub reported that operations of the Minnesota Prairie Line Railroad was disrupted for five days because of the June flooding.

Victor Meyers, vice president of operations, said there were 21 washouts along the 94-mile rail line from Norwood Young America west to Hanley Falls. The railroad runs through Sibley County, and some of the washouts were around Arlington and between Gaylord and Winthrop.

The tracks also washed out between Morton and Redwood Falls.

The Minnesota Prairie Line, a subsidiary of Twin Cities & Western Railroad in Glencoe, is now back to operating at normal levels, Meyers said.

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#### Question of the week

If the Republican primary election for a gubernatorial candidate were held today, who would you favor?

- 1) Marty Siefert
- 2) Scott Honour
- 3) Kurt Zellers
- 4) Jeff Johnson
- 5) David Thompson
- 6) Brian DuVall-Gambino
- 7) Rob Farnsworth

Results for most recent question:

The ‘Great Recession’ began about 2006. Are you financially better off now than before the recession?

- Yes, definitely — 26%
- No way — 46%
- About the same — 28%

68 votes. New question runs July 16-22



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History

From the Brownton Bulletin archives

100 Years Ago

July 17, 1914  
O.C. Conrad, Editor  
A baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. C.E. Schlueter on Saturday of last week.

The potatoes on some folks' tables these days look as if they have gone into mourning. Tell the women folks that if they peel their potatoes and let them soak in cold water a couple hours before it is time to boil them, they will find them nice and white — and they will taste better, too.

Adolph Redman met with an accident in Podratz' furniture store Monday forenoon that put him out of commission for a short time. Adolph was replenishing a rack of large floor rugs when the fastenings from the ceiling and side wall gave way, and one of the two by fours struck him a glancing blow on his forehead, causing a wound several inches in length. He was taken to Dr. Maurer's office, who found it necessary to use five stitches to close the wound. Adolph said he's got a mighty sore head but is glad he escaped as luckily as he did. Had the full force of the rack hit him squarely on the head, it would have doubtless killed him.

75 Years Ago

July 13, 1939  
Milton D. Hakel, Editor  
The children and grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wendland (Christine Meier) surprised them with a party at their home Sunday, honoring their 60th wedding

anniversary. The Wendlands have eight children, 27 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Erich Schatz of Brownton sustained considerable damage to his automobile Wednesday when he collided with a cream truck driven by Frank Lipke of New Auburn. The two vehicles tangled at the corner a mile north of the Penn church. Neither of the men had serious injuries.

Albert Wolf, proprietor of the bakery set to open in the Hellmer building in Brownton, announces that he will be ready to start baking on Wednesday or Thursday of the coming week.

50 Years Ago

July 16, 1964  
Charles H. Warner, Editor  
Robert A. Zimmerman, 72, of the village's foremost business and civic leaders for over 50 years, died at his home Tuesday morning. A former Brownton mayor, Zimmerman was associated with his brother, Otto, in Zimmerman & Co., the community's dry goods and grocery store. Later, his son, Robert F., bought out Otto's interest and the father and son operated the store until Robert A. Zimmerman retired. The Board of Education of Brownton Public School had its organizational meeting Monday. Burton Zimmerman is the chairman; Delford Wendlandt, treasurer; Herbert Zaske, clerk; and Ellsworth Bartels, Roy Wagner and Burton Kucera, directors.

20 Years Ago

July 13, 1994  
Lori Copler, Editor  
Michael Larry Bipes, 23, of Brownton, was killed, and two others injured, in a two-vehicle crash Friday about 2:40 p.m. at the intersection of 100th Street and Nature Avenue, northeast of Brownton. Injured were Timothy Allen VanHove of Arlington, who was in the Bipes vehicle, and Gail Marie Schwartz-Rach of Glencoe, the driver of the other vehicle.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Stewart is gearing up for a two-day celebration Saturday and Sunday in observation of its centennial anniversary.

A referendum regarding McLeod County's courthouse expansion plans was defeated 1,872 to 1,450 on Tuesday. The referendum would have authorized the County Board to issue a \$5.8 million bond to finance the expansion.

10 Years Ago

July 14, 2004  
Lori Copler, Editor  
The Stewart City Council almost cheered Monday night when it heard the news that the city is now on the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) water treatment project list. The city is seeking funding to build a treatment facility to treat excess arsenic in its drinking water.

Nordquist, Kaping new to UWMC Board

United Way of McLeod County Board President Dave Schwedler announced that Chad Nordquist and Blake Kaping have recently been elected to serve three-year board terms. "With the addition of these new directors, we feel that we are making substantial progress in recruiting talented board members from throughout McLeod County, which is a key to our organization's growth," said Schwedler. "It is essential that we add outstanding individuals like Chad and Blake, who bring added expertise and experience." A Minot, N.D., native, Nordquist has spent the last eight years employed by 3M. In 2011, he shifted to production management as a team adviser with responsibility for engineers, shift supervisors, and production operators. Nordquist received his bachelor's and master's degrees in mechanical engineering from the University of North Dakota. Upon completing college, he moved to Hutchinson for a full-time job

at 3M. He has served as a process engineer in different areas within the operations in the North Building of the site. Nordquist is a graduate of the Hutchinson Leadership Institute training program. Additionally, he has been actively involved in the community as an Engineering Week Volunteer, and FIRST Robotics mentor at Hutchinson High School. Kaping has worked at Midwest Machinery Co. (MMC) in Glencoe for the past four years, and is currently the location manager. The rural Hutchinson native worked as sales representative at MMC's Paynesville location for 2-½ years, prior to transitioning to his current role. His duties at MMC include, overseeing a staff of 22, and the day-to-day operations and management of the parts, service and sales departments. He graduated from South Dakota State with a major in ag systems technology, and a minor in ag business. Additionally, he has been

actively involved in the community spending his free time coaching youth volleyball and wrestling. The United Way of McLeod County is looking for a diverse group of people, who as board members would make policy in areas of finance, personnel, fundraising, campaign, special events and community impact initiatives. Regular meetings of the Board of Directors are held on the second Tuesday of every month at noon in the Hutchinson Area Chamber of Commerce offices. Board members may not be funded agency representatives, or persons with strong conflicts of interest relating to the United Way of McLeod County. Persons interested in becoming a member of the Board of Directors for the United Way of McLeod County should contact Executive Director Paul Thompson at 320-587-3613 or via e-mail at unitedw@hutchtel.net.

People

Donnay, Keenan graduate

Alex Donnay and Mitchell Keenan, both of Glencoe, were among the spring graduates of the University of Wisconsin-River Falls. Donnay received a bachelor of science degree in agricultural engineering technology. Keenan received a bachelor of science degree in agricultural business.

Son born to Medrano, Zavala

Monica Medrano and Jesus Zavala Jr. of Glencoe announce the birth of their son, Isaac Zavala, on June 30, 2014, at Glencoe Regional Health Services. Isaac weighed 7 pounds, 13 ounces, and was 21 inches long. His older brother is Jayden Zavala. Grandparents are Jose and Maria Medrano of Glencoe, Jesus Franet of Eagle Pass, Texas, and Rosalba Zavala of Gaylord.

Polzin named to dean's list

Kyle Polzin of Glencoe was named to the spring semester dean's list at the University of Northern Iowa at Cedar Falls.

Son born to Heuer, Franet

Dylan Heuer is proud to announce the birth of his little brother, Bentlee Kenneth Heuer, on May 25, 2014. Bentlee weighed 6 pounds, 14 ounces and was 20 inches long. Parents are Josh Heuer and Roberta Franet. Grandparents are Sandy and the late Gary Heuer of Silver Lake and Vickie and the late Kenneth Franet of Cokato.

Extends bar closing to 2 a.m.

ARLINGTON — The Artlington Enterprise reported that Arlington City Council voted 3-2 to extend bar closings in the community to 2 a.m. from the current 1 a.m. Council members James Jaszewski, Jennifer Nuesse and Jason Ruehling voted in

favor, while council members Curt Reetz and Galen Wills opposed. The main concern was over additional law enforcement time. Prior to the final vote, a motion to deny the extended hour was defeated 3-2. Voting was along the same lines.

From the Stewart Tribune archives

100 Years Ago

July 17, 1914  
Koeppen Brothers, Editors  
Postmaster Reimers got busy this week with a scythe and has cut all the long grass and weeds around the post office and drug-store. Ferdinand says the much-improved appearance of the place more than makes up for the blisters he accumulated and we agree with him.

Wednesday night's rains forced two local mail carriers to fall back on their old reliable horses. Carrier Henry Wick and substitute Ray Headley had been making their rounds on their Excelsior and Indian motorcycles.

75 Years Ago

July 14, 1939  
Harry Koeppen, Editor  
Stewart and community were saddened Friday by the death of Mrs. Herman C. Loeffers (Ella Kiehn) of near Lakeside, who died at the Hutchinson Community Hospital. Deceased has been at the hospital for two weeks prior to her passing. She was just

past 46 years of age. Funeral services were held Monday at the Lutheran church in Stewart.

50 Years Ago

July 16, 1964  
Kermit T. Hubin, Editor  
A district court jury awarded Allyn and Esther Ahlers \$7,000 in a personal injury lawsuit that stemmed from an automobile accident Sept.. 26, 1962, on Highway 212, two miles west of Brownton, at the intersection of County Road 54. Mrs. Ahlers was proceeding west on Highway 212 when a gravel truck driven by Darwin Totman allegedly drove directly into the path of the Ahlers car. Miss Renee Suzanne Lade was united in marriage to Eugene Alfred Precht on June 13, 1964, at St. Paul's American Lutheran Church in Stewart. Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. August Lade of Stewart and Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Precht of Hector.

Six local men employed by Green Giant Company in spraying by helicopter operations have all suffered ill effects from a

chemical used on vegetable crops. The six men are Floyd Larson, Steve Twite, Ralph Larson Jr., Allen Hahn, Jerry Vacek and Doug Proehl. Five of the six — with the exception of Proehl — were hospitalized in Glencoe. The six men helped direct the spraying operation from the ground.

35 Years Ago

July 19, 1979  
Anthony G. Blum, Editor  
Members of the Stewart School Board had their annual organizational meeting Monday. Four of the six members were at one time or another nominated to be the chairperson, with Richard Navara finally getting the position after a third vote. Ben Schuft was elected treasurer and Robert Streich was named the clerk. Paulette Maiers, daughter of Paul and Margaret Maiers of Stewart, was united in marriage to Stephen Conroy of LaCrosse, Wis., son of Charles and Helen Conroy of LeSueur, in a double-ring ceremony at St. Boniface Catholic Church in June 2.

From The Chronicle archives

30 Years Ago

July 18, 1984  
Bill Ramige, Editor  
James A. Hartl, 24, of Glencoe suffered only minor injuries when his 1979 freightliner semi-trailer collided with a Milwaukee Road coal train. It took about two hours to clear the tracks to permit the train to complete its run. The collision occurred at the Hennepin Avenue crossing.

Marcia Theis was featured as the Cook of the Week. Here is her recipe for Doral Country Club Key Lime Pie: 2 15-ounce cans sweetened condensed milk, 5 egg yolks, 1 pinch salt, 1 dash vanilla, 1-cup lime juice, 9-inch baked pie shell. Blend milk and yolks until well incorporated, using hand whip or electric mixer at medium speed. Add salt and vanilla and blend in lime-juice slowly until mixture is uni-

form. Pour into prebaked pie shell and chill. When firm, top with whipped cream. Serves 10.

20 Years Ago

July 20, 1994  
Rich Glennie, Editor  
A referendum that had county voters voting on four different issues — Glenhaven, the highway funds, the courthouse parking lot and expansion — failed with only the city of Glencoe voting yes.

The Glencoe School Board approved a plan to spend over \$48,000 to remodel a science lab in the high school for the coming school year. The problem is, the board only budgeted for \$25,000. Superintendent Warren Schmidt said the work would be paid for through either a transitional levy or from the district's health and safety budget

Marcella Cohrs, the longest continuous employee at Telex Communications in Glencoe, called it quits after 33 years with the company. She was honored at a luncheon on July 13.

Sarah Graupman, 11, of Plato captured the National AAU karate gold medal in kumite during competition July 10 in Chicago.

Grace Litzau, one of the Glencoe residents featured in the

movie "God's Country," celebrated her 100th birthday on July 5, at Glencoe Area Health Center.

10 Years Ago

July 21, 2004  
Rich Glennie, Editor  
Sarah Ahlfs of Glencoe was one of 32 college students selected for this year's American Psychological Association (APA) Summer Science Institute (SSI) held at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn. New Auburn's 150th celebration weekend on July 16-18 was a bigger success than organizers had expected. A crowd of nearly 3,000 attended the combine demolition, and the bands on Friday and Saturday nights were also well attended. About 200 attended the all-school reunion and Sunday's parade had more than 120 units. Former GSL teacher/coach John Shelp finished ninth in his (M30-34) age group and 33rd overall in the 2004 Ironman USA Coeur d'Alene to qualify for the Ironman World Championships in Kona, Hawaii, in October. For the second straight summer, the Glencoe Brewers are regular-season champions of the Crow River Valley League's North Division.

Corrections & Clarifications

In last week's Chronicle, there was a mistake in the Silver Lake City Council article concerning the tree commission. It was misreported that City Clerk Kerry Venier said there are levels of emerald ash borer in the community. There are no reported cases of the tree disease in

Silver Lake. \*\*\*\*\* The McLeod County Chronicle strives for accuracy in its reports. If you find an error, bring it to our attention. Call 320-864-5518 and ask for Rich Glennie, editor.



Chronicle photo by Rich Glennie

90th birthday

Donna Lemke was honored at the Millie Beneke Manor last week for having a July birthday — her 90th. Her birthday is July 18, and Lemke said she has about 40 relatives coming to Glencoe to help her celebrate.

Volunteers needed for Region 7C tournament

The Brownton Bruins are hosting the Region 7C amateur baseball tournament the weekends of July 31-Aug. 3 and Aug. 8-10. Volunteers are needed to help with concessions, etc. Anyone interested in volunteering may contact Brownton Baseball Association President Brandon Draeger at 320-583-0981.

25 Brownton seniors meet

Twenty-five Brownton area senior citizens met Monday, July 14, at the Brownton Community Center.

Cards were played with the following winners: 500, Audrey Tongen, first, and Lucille Rickert, second; pinochle, John Hubert, first, and Archie Diehn, second; and sheephead, Pearl Streu, first, and Elmer Maass, second.

Theola Fors was the door prize winner, and Ordell Klucas served refreshments.

The next meeting will be at 1 p.m., Monday, July 21.

MEDICAL BENEFIT DINNER



for Todd Martin, who is battling cancer  
Thurs., July 24  
4:00 – 8:00 pm  
@ Legion Club, Gaylord

Please join us for some great food (free will donation) and a Silent Auction

All money raised will help the Martin family with medical bills and expenses.  
Sponsored by Immanuel Lutheran Church.  
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Community Calendar

Thurs., July 17 — AA Group mtg. next to Post Office in Stewart, 8 p.m., call 320-212-5290 for info.; Stewart Lions.

Sat., July 19 — McLeod County Riders 4-H Club Fun Horse Show, McLeod County Fairgrounds, 9 a.m.

Mon., July 21 — 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.

Tues., July 22 — Narcotics Anonymous, Brown-ton Community Center, 7 p.m.; Bloodmobile, Cactus Jack's II, Stewart, 1-6 p.m.

Thurs., July 24 — AA Group mtg. next to Post Office in Stewart, 8 p.m., call 320-212-5290 for info.



# Silver Lake Area News



Chronicle photos by Lori Copler



## Music in the Park continues

Last Thursday, the George Palma Band entertained in Silver Lake at Music in the Park. Above, in the front, from left to right, are George Palma and Marvin Bulau. In the back are Gus Makovsky, Gail Schuch and Nancy Buckentin. To the left, Sarah Bandas and Chad Thompson assist in registering for prizes.

# Over \$26,000 donated toward Silver Lake auditorium remodel

By Alyssa Schauer  
Staff Writer

At its regular meeting last Monday evening, the Silver Lake City Council received an update about auditorium improvements and costs. It learned over \$26,000 has been donated toward auditorium improvements, including donations toward floor repairs.

City Clerk Kerry Venier presented councilors with a breakdown of costs for repairs to the front exterior, upstairs bathroom and bar area, the wheelchair lift and miscellaneous electrical costs.

The actual costs for all improvements, minus the front exterior repair, totaled \$56,816 and the approved total was \$87,756.

The expected cost for the front repair is \$23,835. Councilor Eric Nelson asked about the schedule to complete front exterior improvements, and Venier said Schauer and Sons Construction was planning on starting July 7. "I hope they get going on it," Venier said.

Nelson said scaffolding has been up to begin the project,

but there are no safety measures being taken.

Venier said he will talk with the company and public works to set up safety fences.

Venier also presented a list of donations received towards auditorium improvements and floor repairs including:

Silver Lake Lions, \$5,000.  
Silver Lake Civic Association, \$5,000.

Silver Lake Pool and Parks Organization, \$500.  
Silver Lake Sportsmen's Club, \$1,000.

Silver Lake Knights of Columbus, \$1,000.

Silver Lake Legion, \$1,000.

Degree of Honor No. 182, \$300.

Silver Lake senior dining, \$200.

Silver Lake Legion Auxiliary, \$1,000.

Al and Pearl Branden, \$500.

Helen Piehl, \$150.  
Joleen Nowak, \$100.

Robert Ardolf, \$300.  
Harry and Rita Bebo, \$10,000.

Mayor Bruce Bebo said over \$6,000 has also been donated from Cosentino to-

wards the new Silestone counter tops in the auditorium kitchen.

In other matters, the Council:

- Reviewed year-to-date expenditure and revenue reports to find the city "is looking good" financially.

Venier said there are higher expenses in some of the funds, but nothing unexpected.

"The things we're spending more money on we've kind of expected to spend more money on. Nothing sticks out, except the snow and ice removal fund is at \$32,000, and we budgeted \$37,000," Venier said.

Venier said that fund is expected to go over if there is any kind of snow before the year ends.

- Hired Robert Cripps as a part-time police officer.

- Approved the bylaws for the fire department.

- Approved a solicit license application for Mellissa Sherman of Farmers Insurance.

- Approved to retain Municipal Liquor Store Manager Jon Jerabek with step increase.

## Over 300 at Music in the Park event

Under cloudy skies with the rain holding off, over 300 people enjoyed the third of six Thursday evening Music in the Park events leading up to Pola-Czesky Days in Silver Lake.

The George Palma Band provided music and other band members included Nancy Buckentine, Marvin Bulau, Gus Makovsky and Gail Schuch.

Silver Lake American Legion Auxiliary members served lunch and in addition to enjoying the music, attendees enjoyed socializing and drawings were held for prizes.

Music in the Park is held on Thursday evenings in the Silver Lake Legion Park on Main Street from now through July 31 with lunch available beginning at 6 p.m. and music starting at 7 p.m.

The Jim's Brewers Band will provide music this Thursday and the Silver Lake Women's Club GFWC will serve barbeque sandwiches, chips, pickle, dessert and beverage. A special invitation is extended to all Red Hat Society members to attend.

Next Thursday, July 24, music will be provided by Cindy's Concertina Band with lunch served by the Mariner's Club Faith Presbyterian Church. Bring your lawn chairs for an evening of food and music. Prizes awarded throughout the evening.

In case of inclement weather, "Music in the Park" is held in the Silver Lake Auditorium on Main Street. Please listen to KDUZ or KARP radio for the announcement.

## Upcoming Events

### Legion picnic slated July 20

On Sunday, July 20, the Silver Lake Legion is hosting its annual potluck picnic at noon in the back room of the Silver Lake Legion. All Legion and Auxiliary members and Sons of the American Legion and junior Auxiliary members are invited to attend. Refreshments and meat will be provided for the meal.

### Motorcycle Sunday July 27

Members and friends of Grace Bible Church in Silver Lake invite all area motorcycle enthusiasts to their annual Biker's Sunday Service scheduled for Sunday, July 27, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Dress is casual, and those who attend are encouraged to wear their favorite biker clothes. Weather permitting, after the service, there will be a short ride - followed by an all church potluck. The public is invited to attend. The church is located in Silver Lake at 300 Cleveland St., next to the city water tower. Visit [www.silverlakechurch.org](http://www.silverlakechurch.org) for more information.

### Roundtable discussion Aug. 3

A Polish, Czech, Silver Lake heritage "fun discussion" is set for Sunday, Aug. 3, during Pola-Czesky Days after the parade and will be held in the back room of the Silver Lake American Legion beginning at 3 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend the event. Bring an old item to "show and tell" or just come to tell things you remember about Silver Lake, your relation, your travels to the homeland or the "old days." The event includes two couples dressed in ethnic costumes who will perform a few dances. Drinks can be purchased at the Legion. For any questions, call Ron at 320-864-3668.

## Sportsmen's Club donates to auditorium remodel

The Silver Lake Sportsmen's Club recently donated an additional \$1,000 toward the Silver Lake auditorium remodel project, for a total donation of \$2,000 toward

the entire project.

They had donated \$1,000 earlier in the year to be used toward repairing and painting the floors.

**Craft Fair/Flea Market  
WANTED:**  
Displayers and Customers on  
Sat. & Sun., Aug. 2 & 3  
Silver Lake Main Park  
during Pola-Czesky Days.  
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Hobbies/interests: \_\_\_\_\_

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Silver Lake, MN 55381

**by July 20<sup>th</sup>**

Judging night will be

**Wednesday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
at the Silver Lake Auditorium.

Call Joan at 320-327-2800 with any questions.

**Open House**  
85<sup>th</sup> Birthday  
honoring  
**John  
Lewandowski**  
Sunday,  
July 27  
1-5 p.m.  
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Legion  
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Submitted photo

## Silver Lake class of 1954

The Silver Lake High School graduating class of 1954 gathered for its 60-year reunion recently at the Silver Lake American Legion Club Room. Attending the reunion were, in the front, from left to right, Evelyn (Vorlichek) Esping, JoAnn (Rozeske) Ardolf, Doris (Hepner) Heil, Eileen (Skerik) Emberly, Yvonne (Jilek)

Nowak and Dariel (Trutna) Posusta. In the back are LeRoy Penas, Robert Reed, Clifford Ruzicka, Donald Lhotka and Daryl Ruzicka. Unable to attend to the reunion were Lanny Taylor and Darlene (Pokornowski) Baugus. Deceased class members are Jackie Picha and Charlotte (Reed) Prochaska.



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# Here’s to the reliable ol’ Jeep

As much as I write about the troubles of the Jeep, I don’t give it enough credit when it *does* get me to where I’m going.

I like to travel and it’s especially enjoyable when the weather is favorable. It’s also better traveling when I can trust the Jeep, and though it has been shaking uncomfortably lately when I get up to 60 miles per hour on County Road 2 en route to Glencoe for work, we’ve managed to get from Silver Lake to Minneapolis Thursday for yet another Trampled by Turtles concert, to Plato for White Squirrel Festival and to the Mall of America in Bloomington where I met my brother to go to a concert in Minneapolis Sunday.

I get around. I noticed the Jeep shaking last week and having been given several diagnoses from friends and coworkers. I found it could be the rotors, brakes, drive shaft or a missing wheel weight and maybe even mud or dirt packed onto the axle. Any other suggestions?

This is almost a “Dear Abby” column in reverse where *I’m* asking for advice. Oh, jeez. Oh, Jeep!

I know I need to get my tires rotated and thought that might be an issue, but found it doesn’t always shake, so I contemplated the concrete road terrain contributing to the vibrations.

I also know a mechanic would be the *best* source of information, but by the time I remember to make an appointment, it’s the weekend and the shops are closed and it’s just me, the ailing Jeep and that old TV in the back seat.



## The Travel Section

By Alyssa Schauer

It’s times like these I really miss being close to my dad as he was always the guy to help me out with any issue I had in my collection of vehicles.

He would diagnose the problem, and we’d go to Menards or Napa or O’Reilly’s or sometimes the junk yard for parts and head home with a great plan to “fix ‘er right up.”

We’d stay up late in his shop, our heads buried under the hood, replacing spark plugs and checking fluids.

I’d lay next to him on the grimy, dirty cardboard under the autos, and hold the portable shop light and hand him pliers and wrenches and screwdrivers, watching in fascination as he always knew what to fix.

If I were in Wisconsin, I know our weekend plans would be spent in the shop under the Jeep.

But until I make an appointment or break down beforehand, I have to give the Jeep credit for getting me to and from all my destinations safely, so far.

I was very thankful we didn’t get stranded in the traffic jam on Highway 62 on my way to my best friend Sarah’s place before going to Trampled by Turtles last Thursday, and I’m so happy we didn’t make a scene in Plato for the White Squirrel Festival on Sunday.

I had only been to Plato a few times, and I was excited

to photograph the event and meet friendly faces in the town who were quick to introduce themselves and ask me about my job with The Chronicle and time in Silver Lake.

One said he heard there was a rumor that Bohemians and Poles populate Silver Lake and I said, “You’re sitting right next to one!”

I loved meeting and getting to know the community of Plato, and not to mention, enjoying an egg omelet stuffed with mushrooms, onions, green peppers, crispy bacon and chopped ham with a side of fruit, sausage and blueberry muffin thanks to the Plato Lions.

After capturing the face-painting and balloon-making activities, the Jeep and I headed to the Mall of America and, on a prayer, made it safely there with little to no shaking involved.

And this time, at the mall, I took a picture of the parking ramp and level so I wouldn’t forget exactly where I left the Jeep. After spending an hour searching five different levels last time for the gray rig with its yellow Sven and Ole’s bumper sticker, I learned my lesson.

Since our trek Sunday, the Jeep has actually been running pretty well and knock on wood that I can hold off on any repairs until my next visit home to Wisconsin.

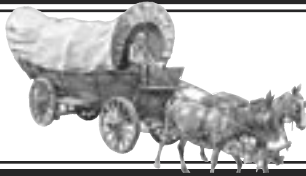


Chronicle photo by Alyssa Schauer

## Rollerblading stunts

The warm summer weather seems to bring everybody outside from cyclists to runners to walkers to park goers. These Silver Lake ladies took to rollerblading on Tuesday evening and were quite brave attempting jumps and other stunts around

town. From left to right are Brittin Posusta, Gia Venier and Tess Chap speed skating a concrete ramp to attempt a jump off the curb. The girls were pretty successful and only came away with a couple of skinned knees.



## Silver Lake History

Compiled by Alyssa Schauer

### 75 Years Ago

July 22, 1939

Delbert Merrill, Publisher

Wednesday night’s concert by the Silver Lake band was the last for the next two weeks due to the fact that many of the players expect to be busy with threshing, harvesting and berry picking.

Two young men broke out of jail at Willmar, stole a car in that city and drove as far as Hutchinson recently. Leaving Hutchinson, they ran out of gas, abandoned the car and made off with a car from the Ed Zedlik farm on No. 7 during the night.

John Navratil, owner of our local Red Owl Agency store, has just installed a new 40-cubic-foot capacity display refrigerator for storage of meats, vegetables and fruits.

Aug. 2 is the date set for the annual firemen’s dance at Swan Lake. Jerry Dostal and his orchestra have been engaged to furnish music, and Chief William Halva and the department are going ahead with final preparations.

Funeral services were held at Hopkins, Thursday, for Frank A. Wraspir. He was 56 years of age, a former resident of Silver Lake, and at one time conducted business at the City Hotel here.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Telecky on July 15.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Habisch (Opal Krasean) at Winsted, July 19.

### 50 Years Ago

July 16, 1964

Wilbert Merrill, Publisher

The Silver Lake High School class of 1948 held a reunion and present were Willard Dolezal,

Frances Fasching (Vlcek), Wayne Pokorny, Arlene Wendolek (Cox), Roger Friauf, James Navratil, Margaret Jerabek (Miller), Richard Banke, Kathryn Hackel (Lyman), Jack Nuwash, Elvera Hofmann (Hepner), Dan Hlavka, Marcella Pokornowski (Schermann), Joseph B. Hlavka, Elaine Hlavka (Pokorny), Leo Ardolf and Superintendent H.J. Smith. Unable to attend were Jane Yurek (Sopkowiak), Marilyn Hager, Leonard Pavlish and John Navratil.

The Silver Lake High School class of 1959 held a five-year reunion on July 11 at the Silver Hi Drive In. Present were Mr. and Mrs. Howard Smith, Henry Schultz, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Petersen, Audrey Dusoski and Mike Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Benz (Margaret Vasko), Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Kaczmarek (Laura Schermann), Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Penas (Jeannie Ardolf), Mr. and Mrs. Mike Splitzgerber (Dorothy Stibal), Roger Ostlie and Elaine Fiala, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Mickolich (Luane Pawlicki), Mr. and Mrs. Ray Ernhart (Juanita Kelly), Janet Jilek and Francis Meyer, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Wraspir, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Cuhel, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Krejci, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Humlicek, Raymond Fiala, Joann Nowak and Joyce Shuar.

Daryl Cacka, a junior classman at Silver Lake High School, and the son of Mrs. Delphine Cacka, placed first in the individual judging at the Hubbard Milling Company contest at Mankato Wednesday, and 170 boys competed in this event of swine judging.

The public is cordially invited to attend the wedding dance honoring the marriage of Sharon

Jacques and Mirian Mallak on Saturday, July 18, at the Blue-Note Ballroom in Winsted.

Edward Dvorak died on June 12 in Orlando, Fla., on his 83rd birthday. He succumbed to a stroke after a short illness.

### 25 Years Ago

July 20, 1989

Ken and Dorothy Merrill, Publishers

A Mass of Thanksgiving will be offered at St. Joseph’s Catholic Church on Sunday, July 23, to celebrate Sister M. Rosalyn’s (Marcella Hlavka) 50 years in the sisterhood.

Bradley Nixa, son of Kathy Zandlo of Silver Lake, was in the Aquatennial parade July 15. He had been junior vice commodore in 1987 for Aquatennial.

The Silver Lake Legion softball team has boosted its summer record to 3-1. Its third victory came when it defeated Fabriccare Cleaners of Hutchinson 16-6. Highlights of the game were a three-run double by Micki Wanous in the fourth inning and a three-run homer by Brenda Swartzter in the fifth inning. The winning pitcher was Jenny Mikolich (with two strikeouts and just one walk).

William John Wemhoff, 15, of Winsted, the son of Gerald and Patricia Wemhoff, was fatally injured in a bicycle-car accident on Saturday, July 15, at 9:13 p.m. He was pronounced dead at the scene. The vehicle, a 1979 Oldsmobile, owned by Robert Frank Shamla of Silver Lake, was driven by Bradley Francis Shamla, 21, of Silver Lake. The matter is still under investigation.

## Tracing Roots

By Ron Pulkrabek



## John Huss and one-eyed Zizka

The John Huss Church, “Spolek Cesko Nedelina Skola,” or “Czech Sunday School Society” was located five miles northwest of Silver Lake, three miles north of the Bohemian Hall. It was built on the Joseph Telecky farm in Section 23 of Hutchinson Township.

In 1414, the John Huss religion in the Czech lands was crushed, but not extinguished. Sparks of life remained and turned into flame in 1722 when a few Moravian Hussites eventually arrived in America.

Many years later, in 1890, local Czechs organized the “John Huss Affiliate Church,” northwest of Silver Lake. For 40 years, until 1930, this congregation was a flurry of social activity.

The Czech language was taught to the children; Czech reading clubs were formed; Czech educational clubs were established; and Czech plays were performed. The church grew to 60 members from 25 families.

It closed in 1930 when the remaining parishioners joined the Czech Brethren Presbyterian Church in Silver Lake.

John Huss (Jan Hus) was a Bohemian Church reformer. Born in 1373, he was burned at the stake in 1415. His true friend Jerome was burned at the stake five months later. Martin Luther would follow along the same lines 100 years later.

One-Eyed John Zizka was a great Bohemian army general who took up John Huss’s cause.

Disillusioned over a number of issues, John Huss broke away from the church and started preaching on his own. He became quite popu-

lar with the local people, but had many years of disagreements with the church.

Finally in 1415, he was guaranteed safe passage to meet with church council leaders in Constance, Germany, to plead his case. When he arrived, he was put in prison, fed only a meager diet, was dragged in chains, and after many weeks, was allowed to voice his opinion.

In a weakened condition, he pleaded his case. In a week, the council found 39 charges against him. He could go back to Bohemia, but must promise never to preach again. Their decision was “Recant or Die!”

He said he would rather be consumed by fire than to remain silent. He was tied to a stake in a brush pile and set on fire. Curious on-lookers and 800 soldiers witnessed the occasion. His ashes were thrown into the Rhine River. It was July 6, 1415. He was 42 years old.

John Huss’s religion didn’t die. The burning at the stake infuriated the Bohemian people. The Hussites of the little countries of Bohemia and Moravia, even though somewhat divided themselves, were ready to take on the world. They needed an army leader and found one with the name of General John Zizka.

John Zizka (Zizka means one eye in Bohemian) was born in an open field. He lost one eye early in life while fighting many battles and rose through the Army ranks. He believed in the Hussite cause.

He assembled a rag-tag army of 40,000 followers, many of them farmers with only pitch forks, flails or other primitive weapons.

They were often outnumbered by government soldiers and Crusaders 20-to-1. They won many battles by fighting savagely and smart maneuvering by Zizka.

Innocent looking wooden wheeled farm wagons (battle wagons) with a small amount of hay were driven into the opposition’s ranks. Suddenly the sides of the wagons would open up, the peasants would jump out, and the Hussites attacked their enemy!

They would attack in small groups and then fade off into the woods. One day a stray arrow pierced John’s other eye. He was totally blind! They led the blind leader into battle explaining what was going on. He gave fighting and battle instructions.

He was finally stricken by a plague and died. Some say his body was skinned; his skin stretched over a drum and beaten during battle to spur the troops into action.

Finally, after many years of “off and on” fighting, in 1620 the few remaining Hussites were defeated at the Battle of White Mountain. King Ferdinand had 27 of the leaders executed in the main Square in Prague. Their heads were cut off and hung on the Charles Bridge in Prague.

All these years of fighting reduced the Czech population from two million to 800,000. The country was in shambles!

In 1911, 300 years later, a 30-foot diameter, 100-ton, massive monument, with John Huss’s statue on it, was erected in the Old Town Square in Prague. It remains there to this day along with 27, fairly large, white crosses painted on the cobblestones nearby.

## Kiddie parade registration information

The GFWC Silver Lake Women’s Club will again be sponsoring the annual kiddie parade during Pola-Czesky Days on Saturday, Aug. 2, at 10 a.m.

Entrants are to come to the front of the Silver Lake Auditorium to register between 9:30 a.m. and 10 a.m. Pre-

registration is not required, but it is helpful and pre-registration forms for the parade can be found at First Community Bank in Silver Lake.

Categories for the parade remain the same as last year: “Movie/TV,” “Original” and “Storybook.”

First and second prizes will

be awarded for each category. Each child who enters will receive a goodie bag and beverage at the end of the parade.

In case of rain, the parade will be held under the big yellow tent at 10 a.m.

For any questions, please call 320-327-2783 or 320-327-2249.

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## Obituaries

### Robert Lee Zellmann, 54, of NYA

Funeral services for Robert Lee Zellmann, 54, of Norwood Young America (NYA), were held on Saturday, July 12, at Emanuel Lutheran Church, Hamburg, with the Rev. Don Andrix officiating.



Robert L. Zellmann

Serving as pallbearers were Dr. Bill Kloempken, Tom Kloempken, Bill Zellmann, Jon Zellmann, Mary Yaeck and Jackie Pijahn.

Mr. Zellmann was born May 6, 1960, in Arlington to Robert J. and JoAnn (Dreier) Zellmann. He was baptized on May 29, 1960, at Emanuel Lutheran Church in Hamburg by the Rev. Wohlfeil and confirmed in the faith at Emanuel on May 4, 1975, by the Rev. Meyer.

Mr. Zellmann was united in marriage with Roxanne Rolf on Nov. 26, 1983, at Emanuel

Lutheran.

A graduate of Central High School in Norwood, Mr. Zellmann attended Willmar Community College. He had worked in construction mainly as a cement finisher for a number of local contractors. He also took on many side jobs for friends and neighbors.

For the past few years, he has been a sugar beet truck driver during the harvest in North Dakota.

Mr. Zellmann enjoyed his time hunting and fishing, especially trips with the guys. His biggest love was baseball and being around the ballpark. He had played Legion, VFW, high school, college and town team baseball and most games, he was either behind the plate or on the mound. He volunteered his time doing field maintenance and managing the concession stand for the Norwood Indians.

Mr. Zellmann will be remembered for his big smile and joking personality, who was always willing to help others. He cherished the time spent with his sons and attending all of their activities.

Survivors include his loving family of sons, Bobby (Emily) Zellmann of Oakdale, Andy Zellmann and special friend: Callie Young of Shakopee; parents, Bob and JoAnn Zellmann of NYA; sisters and brother, Cathy (Charlie) Storms of NYA, Jim Zellmann and special friend, Nikki Peterson of NYA, Connie (Doug) Bonk of Victoria; nieces and nephews, Christy Storms, Corey (Cassie) Storms, Cara Storms and fiancé, Jordan Voigt, Haley Peterson, Meaghan Peterson, Jordan Bonk and Callie Bonk; great-niece and great-nephews, Cidney Storms, Easton Storms and Carter Storms; uncles, Bill Zellmann and Roger Dreier; aunt, Janet Dreier; dog and good friend, Maggie Mae; as well as cousins; and many close friends.

Preceding him in death were his grandparents Ernst and Ella Dreier and Otto and Della Zellmann.

Arrangements were with the Johnson Funeral Home in Waconia. Go to www.johnsonfh.com.

## Deaths

### Albert Droege, 99, of Glencoe

Funeral services will be held for Albert Droege, 99, of Glencoe and formerly of Plato, at 11 a.m., Wednesday, July 16, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Plato.

Mr. Droege died on Wednesday, July 9, 2014, at United Hospital in St. Paul.

Interment will be in the church cemetery in rural Plato.

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

### Christel Wallat Navratil, 76, of Vancouver, Wash.

Christel Wallat Navratil, 76, passed away at her home in Vancouver, Wash., on Tuesday July 1, 2014.



Christel Navratil

She was born in Germany to Franz and Anna Wallat on April 10, 1938.

She married Don Navratil of Silver

Lake in St. Mary's Cathedral in Fargo, N.D., on Oct. 10, 1959.

She was an avid gardener and a constant volunteer at St. Joseph's Church in Sliver Lake.

She is survived by her son Tom Navratil of Vancouver, Wash.; sister, Margot Wallat Iszler of Fargo, N.D.; nieces, Hannelore Wallat and Margrit Becker of Germany; and nephews, Tom and Mike Wallat of Seattle, Wash.

## 3rd trimester GSL honor rolls

Glencoe-Silver Lake High School recently released its third trimester academic honor rolls for 2013-14. The following students were named to the lists:

#### A Honor Roll

**Grade 9:** Jordan Breidenbach, Tyler Ehrke, Jacob Fehrenbach, Devin Fleck, Luke Frahm, Shawna Goettl, Elsie Graupmann, Erica Hecksel, Amanda Husted, Jordan Kaczmarek, Hannah Kunkel, Cora Kuras, Morgan Mathews, Brittney Medina, Madison Monahan, Maggie Petersen, Rachael Popp, Faith Rakow, Rachel Reichow, Nicholas Schmidt, Dini Schweikert, Robin Swift, Katherine Twiss and Teanna Vorlicek.

**Grade 10:** Paige Anderson, Kirsten Barott, Rachel Bonderman, Krista Boraas, Braxton Eggersgluess, Darrin Emery, Bodee Ewald, Layne Herrmann, Madison Kalenberg, Courtney Konen, Madeline Kuehn, Katelynn Kunkel, Payton Lillienthal, Jenna Lokensgard, Mark Lueders, Lilianna Mallak, Moriah Maunu, Erika Mielke, Emily Muetzel, Garret Novak, Taylor Novak, Emily Oberlin, Ryley Oliver, Alfredo Pena, Theodore Petersen, Mitchell Pinske, Quinten Proehl, Erika Ribar, Alexander Romano, Mitchell Rothstein, Michael Schaefer, Dylan Schuth, Gabe Schweikert, Alexis Stradtman, Michaela Tichy, Travis Uecker, Yesina Vega, Lindsay Wedin, Stephanie Welch, Danielle Wemhoff and Ethan Wolff.

**Grade 11:** Ashley Alsleben, Keaton Anderson, Michael Boesche, Aaron Boraas, Mark Broderius, Oakley Clark, Piper Davis, Stephanie Elsing, Patrick Fehrenbach, Ellie Forcier, Jenna Jochum, Jessica Klitzke, Scott Landes, Christopher Lemke, Hannah Lemke, Ellie Lepel, Tate Lillienthal, MicAnna Maresh, Ashley Miller, Rachel Rusten, Olivia Scharpe, Robyn Siewert, Chandler Swift, Jacob Wawrzyniak,

Samantha Welch and Alyson Winn.

**Grade 12:** Kelly Arnold, Mathew Brelje, Eric Dahlke, Samantha Dahlke, Adam Eberhard, Zachery Jones, Cortney Kressin, Colton Lueders, Danielle Mathews, Carter Pinske, Emily Popelka, Christopher Ross and Joshua VonBerge.

#### B Honor Roll

**Grade 9:** Kelli Bailey, Sarah Bandas, Ashley Bandemer, Mitchell Boesche, Deanna Bondhus, Mollie Cacka, Cameron Chap, Marlaina Chelman, Blake Dahlke, Daria Fegley, Austin Field, Brandon Fronk, Hunter Glaeser, Julia Gomez, Miranda Grack, Marissa Kirchoff, Dalton Kosek, Jayden Lachermeier, Ashley Lawrence, Jacob Litzau, Leah Litzau, Lizbeth Castillo Lopez, Marisa Luchsinger, Isabell Mallak, Grayson Maresh, Michael Meyer, Brandi Pikal, Kole Polzin, Mitchell Rolf, Matthew Sanchez, Sarah Schmieg, Axel Schulz, Peyton Sell, Jacob Simons, Ashlyn Stuewe, Joseph Torgerson, Alexander Troska, Jacob Vasek, Ashley Voelz and Samantha Voigt.

**Grade 10:** Mitchell Beneke, Christina Bonillo, Grei Butterfield, Anmorisa Chandler, Shelby Clouse, Jordan Doolittle, Shane Ehrke, Alexander Endres, Aaron Giesen, Hannah Heuer, Mitchell Kettner, Autumn Lindback, Alyssa McCain, Fabian Medina, Brooke Noeldner, Thalia Otero, Jacob Popelka, Trevor Posusta, Jordan Rolf, Tanner Rosckes, Nathan Schmidt, Alex Schrader, Andrew Varland, Tristan Weber and Hannah Yurek.

**Grade 11:** Garret Ardolf, Kyle Beck, Thomas Becker, Bennett Bielke, Skyler Bulau, Samantha Cornell, Matthew Dahlke, Brent Duenow, Tanner Grack, Elizabeth Gran, Becca Green, Mariah Chiarello-Guldemann, Allison Johnson, Zachary Jungclaus, Alexis Kerslake,

Kallyssa Klatt, Jamie Kosek, Eric Kruschke, Patrick Kunkel, Ana Marentes, Peyton Alberts-Miska, Garrett Ober, Sadie Paumen, Blake Pieschke, Callie Raduenz, Brandon Richter, Benjamin Rockswold, Stephanie Ross, Samantha Roush, Alexis Salgado, Josie Schmitt, Mary Schmitt, Ariel Simons, Morgan Streich, Kaitlyn Susdorf, Noah Tankersley, Jenessa Urban, Vanessa Villarreal, Emily VonBerge, Reed Wawrzyniak, Richard Wilson, Claire Wrspir, Kailey Yurek and Courtney Zajicek.

**Grade 12:** Ethan Bass, Laura Becker, Stephanie Colon-Chastek, Michael Donnay, Tyler Donnay, Elisabeth Hild, Louis Iacona, Jennifer Illg, Samantha Johnson, Stephanie Klockmann, Samantha Lange, Amanda Meyer, Erin Nowak, Derek Ortloff, Cole Petersen, Ashley Schaefer, Cassidy Schrader, Casey Schulz, Luke Syvertson, Jessica Tschudin, Lucia Duran Vega and Kayla Schwarze-Williams.

## Silver Lake City Council

Regular meeting agenda  
Monday, July 21, at 6:30 p.m.

Call to order:

Approve agenda

Consent agenda:

1. Approve minutes of the June 16 and July 7 regular meetings.

2. Approve payroll No. 13 and June ambulance.

3. Approve claims for payment.

Old business:

1. Review Ordinance 81: Creating a tree commission and an ordinance to manage the city's tree resources.

New business:

1. Doug Hughes to discuss issues regarding his property.

2. Resident request concerning water service repairs.

3. Mosquito control options.

4. Received petition to vacate an alley running east-west between Oliver and Nimms avenues and Center and Frank streets.

Department business:

1. Liquor Store.

2. Public Safety: annual review for Police Chief Forrest Henriksen

3. Public Works.

4. Community Development.

5. Administration.

Open Discussion:

## 1 rotisserie chicken = 2 meals

I had a fun weekend with my mom, sister and almost 2-year old nephew at the cabin. I left a couple of meal options for my husband. One being a rotisserie chicken from the grocery store.

He found other options, and the chicken was still in the fridge.

I always see posts online for numerous things to do with a rotisserie chicken, so I dug a little further. I found a lot of great recipes. Here are a few I tried this week. I am excited to try some more.

#### Chicken Mushroom Stroganoff

4 tablespoons butter  
1 large onion, sliced  
1/2 pound button mushrooms, sliced  
1 teaspoon salt  
1 teaspoon pepper  
1 teaspoon dried oregano  
1 teaspoon garlic powder  
1 teaspoon mustard powder  
1 teaspoon dried rosemary  
2 cups chicken stock  
3/4 cup sour cream  
1/2 package egg noodles  
1 teaspoon dried thyme  
1 tablespoon fresh parsley (I used a teaspoon of dried.)  
2 cups cooked shredded chicken

Cook pasta according to package instructions.

Heat frying pan over medium heat. Melt the butter. Add the onions and saute for five minutes until the onions have softened and appear translucent.

Add the mushrooms and saute for five more minutes. Add salt, pepper, oregano, garlic and mustard powders and rosemary to the onions



## My Turn Now

By Karin Ramige Cornwell

and mushrooms and mix well.

Add the chicken stock and turn heat higher to get a simmer. Then add the sour cream and stir to combine. The sauce should start to thicken. If you want a thicker sauce, add a teaspoon of flour and mix.

Add the chicken and stir to combine. Continue the simmer for a couple of minutes to heat the chicken.

Add parsley and thyme to the drained noodles.

Serve the chicken mushroom stroganoff over a bed of the noodles.

#### Chicken Alfredo Roll-Ups

6-8 lasagna noodles, cooked according to package  
2-1/2 cups alfredo sauce (jarred or home-made)  
2 cups cooked, shredded chicken  
2-1/2-3 cups shredded mozzarella cheese

Spray eight-inch baking dish with non stick cooking spray. Spread about 1-2 tablespoons of sauce on each noodle. Spread an even amount of shredded cheese and chicken on each noodle. (About 1-2 tablespoons each ingredient) Roll up lasagna noodle carefully and place seam side down in prepared dish. Pour remaining alfredo sauce on completed roll ups in pan. Top with remaining cheese.

Bake in a preheated 350-degree oven for 30 minutes or until cheese is melted.



## Weather Corner

By Jake Yurek

It will be an almost perfect work week in terms of weather as highs stay in the 70s with no rain until, unfortunately, the weekend.

Our cool weather is due to a very large low pressure center that moved over the Great Lakes late this past weekend. Some media outlets are referring to it as the "polar vortex," like we were dealing with this past winter.

Although similar, it is not the same thing as the air masses build in different ways, this is just a strong push of cold air (but thanks for reminding us all about the never ending winter we had).

Highs Monday only made it to the mid 60s, which is more typical of early May or October, but have no fear, I bring good news.

Temperatures will rebound mid week into the 70s as the low breaks down and moves away. We will stay dry until at least the weekend as the cold air ushered out all of the moisture that had built up.

The weekend forecast is a bit hazy, but by the looks of it, we should continue to warm up into the 80s, with rain chances increasing late Saturday into Sunday. This will not be a weekend-ruining storm, but keep up to date on forecasts if planning anything. Hopefully, it does indeed come through over the night time hours.

The weekend forecast is showing hints of that warm block of air out west trying to move our way again, but it has been doing that for some time now, so I will not count my chickens until they have hatched.

Have a great week all, get out and enjoy the pleasant May/June-like weather!

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Wednesday night — Lows 52-58; clear.

Thursday — Highs 73-79; lows 55-61; clear.

Friday — Highs 75-81; lows 59-66; mostly clear.

Saturday — Highs 77-83; lows 59-66; mostly clear/night thunder.

Sunday — Highs 78-84; partly cloudy/early shower.

Weather Quiz: Will this cooler-than-normal start to summer lead to a warmer-than-average end to summer?

Answer to last week's question: I lost the article which talked about this, but I want to say the last time we went this long before our first 90-degree high was 1993. Side note: this is typically our hottest week of the year, and we will be about 10 to 15 degrees below normal.

Remember, I make the forecast not the weather!

In Loving Memory of

**Gert Noga**

who passed away

1 year ago, July 17, 2013

God saw her getting tired, and a cure was not to be; so He put His arms around her and whispered, 'Come to Me.' With tearful eyes we watched her suffer, and saw her fade away; although we loved her dearly, we could not make her stay.

A golden heart stopped beating, hardworking hands put to rest. God broke our hearts to prove to us He only takes the best.

Sadly missed by  
Husband, Leonard;  
children, grandchildren  
and great-grandchildren

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In hope, to reap his family's needs.

With patience, he waited for the harvest to come

To gather the fruits of his labor home.

Ever turning seasons, the years shed past

Til the final harvest came at last

Then claimed anew by beloved sod

He was gathered home to be with God.

Sadly missed by JoAnn & Larry Ardolf & family;  
Al & Betty Rozeske & family; RoseMary and Harry Stibal & family

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# Beep baseball reset for July 27 on old Allen Field

By Rich Glennie  
Editor

The June monsoons that wreaked havoc on Glencoe Days, forcing the postponement of the annual community event, are gone, but local organizers are attempting to reschedule a portion of the annual event.

One of the events is the Beep baseball game pitting the Minnesota Millers blind baseball team against a local team that will play blindfolded.

Gary Koch, organizer of the Glencoe Lions-sponsored event, said the game has been rescheduled for 1 p.m., Sunday, July 27, on the former Allen Field, just west of Coborn's grocery store and Lit-

tle Duke's car wash.

Koch said Coborn's also will provide food for the event with the Glencoe Lions providing the servers. Fans should bring their own lawn-chairs.

The local roster of players set for the original game in June has been revamped, Koch said, because many of the local participants cannot make it to the July 27 event.

"We're looking for about half a roster," Koch said.

Proceeds from the game will go to the Millers, who will play in the Beep baseball World Series set for Rochester later this year.

Last year, the event raised about \$1,500 for the Millers to travel to the Beep Baseball

World Series.

The aim of Beep baseball is to hit the ball while blind or blindfolded. The pitcher, who is sighted, calls "ready, set, pitch" from 10 feet away and the batter has to time the swing accordingly.

Once hit, either third base or first base is activated with a beeper and the runner must reach the base before the ball is fielded.

Blind or blindfolded players in the outfield are aided by two sighted players to help find the beeping ball.

The Millers are a nationally sanctioned Beep Baseball team and travel around the country playing games.



Greg Copas was the sighted pitcher for a blindfolded teammate in last year's inaugural Beep baseball game at Vollmer Field. This year's event was canceled due to the

June rains, but has since been rescheduled for 1 p.m., Sunday, July 27, at the old Allen Field near Coborn's.

File photo by Josh Randt



Chronicle photos by Rich Glennie

## Glencoe Music in the Park

Chuck Thiel, above, his son, Jason, and two grandsons, Noah, left, and Jacob, right, performed at the first Glencoe Lions Music in the Park last Wednesday. Jacob, nearly 6, performed on the drums while Chuck played the accordion and sang vocals. Jason played the organ and also sang, while Noah tooted his own

horn. The first in a series of July performances drew a large crowd on a beautiful evening. The next Music in the Park will be Wednesday, July 16, with George's Concertina Band performing from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., at Shelter No. 2 at Oak Leaf Park. The Lions also provide a meal for sale while listening to the music.

## School Board Continued from page 1

for mandated paraprofessionals, and she said for the special education program, reimbursements are later and return to the district for salaries.

She said GSL receives 62 percent of funding from the state, and that transportation and additional materials are also reimbursed.

"So there's some funding that goes along with these IEP requirements," Sander said.

Board member Clark Christianson asked how many paras at GSL are tied to student IEPs, and Sonju said only five or six paras are "not attached to a revenue stream" or don't have additional funding "attached" to them, such as paras hired for students' IEPs and the Title I and Title III programs that receive federal funding for para costs.

Sander said the paras "not attached to a revenue stream" include the library paras in the high school, Lincoln Junior High, Helen Baker and Lakeside, and the two paras working in the Title I and Title III programs.

"So not very many (aren't attached with additional funding)," Sander said.

Sonju said he appreciated Glennie's editorial for starting the conversation. "It's important for us to share the dialogue we go through in this whole process (hiring paras). It's a balancing act we go through every day, trying to assess students' needs and being fiscally responsible," Sonju said.

He said that is the difficulty in working in a public school system, "which has opinion attached to it." He said some speak up and say the district is spending too much on some things or not enough on others.

Alsleben said one thing to do as a Board is to "continue a dialogue of these actions openly" so that the media can report on the background in-

formation of the decisions.

In other matters, the Board:

- Heard a presentation from Spanish teacher Terri Windschitl and students Mark Broderius, Oakley Clark and Riley Oliver about their trip to Peru.
- Windschitl said seven GSL students spent eight days in Peru, visiting Cuzco, Lima and Machu Picchu.
- Heard an update about the reconstruction of the tennis courts. Sander said the pavement is done, but needs 24 days to set and dry, which could take up until Aug. 1.
- Accepted the bid of \$4.20 per column inch from McLeod Publishing Inc. through June 30, 2015, for legal notices in The McLeod County Chronicle.
- Called for fuel bids for the 2014-15 school year. A notice will be placed in the newspaper and letters will be sent to local bidders.
- Renewed membership to Minnesota School Boards Association (MSBA) from July 1 through June 30 for a total cost of \$5,780.
- Adopted the resolution to establish dates for filing affidavits of candidacy for the general election on Nov. 4.

The period for filing affidavits of candidacy for school board member will be from July 29 through Aug. 12.

At that election, three members will be elected to the school board for terms of four years each. School Board members whose terms are expiring are Directors Christianson, Jason Lindeman and Anne Twiss.

- Corrected the 2013-14 school calendar for a total of 171 student school days and 182 teacher contract days.
- Approved the district employee handbook for the 2014-15 school year.
- Approved a two-year contract for Technology Director Jeff Jenson from July 1 through June 30, 2016.

- Approved a two-year contract for Mike Morris, desk-top support specialist, from July 1 through June 30, 2016.
- Approved a contract for physical therapy services with Hutchinson school district during the summer months and 2014-15 school year.
- Heard a report on the formal evaluation of Sonju from Twiss. The personnel committee met with Sonju and reviewed the board evaluation with him, and Twiss said Sonju "continues to demonstrate very good overall job performance as the superintendent."

She said "his dedication to the students of GSL is unmatched," and "he has worked well with his administrative team to remain focused on placing students' needs first."

"He is commended for his strong communication skills and the increased effort he has placed on connecting with people through the district advisory group, school surveys, Twitter, school reach calls and e-mails, community schools meetings and local media submissions."

She continued: "We are pleased with his positive leadership style and look forward to working collaboratively with him in the upcoming years."

- Accepted the following donations:
  - Heart and Hands Home Improvement in Howard Lake, \$50, robotics.
  - McLeod County Pheasants Forever, Inc., \$200, robotics.
  - Kaz's in Silver Lake, \$100, SuperMileage.
  - Hueser Grain in Glencoe, \$50, SuperMileage.
  - Steile Construction in Silver Lake, \$100, SuperMileage.
  - Sam's Tire Service in Glencoe, \$50, SuperMileage.
  - L&P Supply of Hutchinson, \$50, SuperMileage.
  - McLeod County Corn and Soybean Association, \$400, SuperMileage.
  - Plato Youth Gift of Learning, \$20, ECFE program.
  - Brownston Lions Club, \$440, Lakeside Lions Quest.
  - Silver Lake Lions Club, \$500, Lakeside Lions Quest.
  - Coborn's, \$111.42, FACS World Foods class.

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