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Koepp gets 20 years probation

Plus pay \$367,475 in restitution to victims as part of sentencing

By Lori Copley
 Staff Writer

Former Glencoe businessman Bryan Koepp will serve 360 days in the McLeod County Jail, 20 years of probation to the Department of Corrections and was ordered to pay restitution at a sentencing hearing Friday afternoon in McLeod County District Court.

Koepp, 49, owner of the former Glencoe Garden Center, was sentenced on four felony charges of theft by false representation for allegedly obtaining \$367,475 in loans from 15 separate parties over a two-year time span; loans which were never repaid.

Koepp had originally faced eight felony

charges, but in a plea agreement, entered Alford pleas on four of the eight in May. An Alford guilty plea is one in which a defendant maintains innocence, but admits that evidence would likely result in a guilty verdict by a reasonable jury.

At Friday's sentencing hearing, Judge Thomas McCarthy actually sentenced Koepp to state prison time on each count, ranging from 21 months to 45 months to be served concurrently, but then stayed execution of the sentences and placed Koepp on probation for 20 years.

McCarthy also ordered Koepp to begin serving his 360-day jail sentence in the McLeod County Jail on Monday, giving him the weekend to make arrangements with his employer and the jail in-

gard to potential work release.

In staying execution of the prison sentences and placing Koepp on probation, McCarthy said he had to weigh punishment against Koepp with restitution for the alleged victims.

McCarthy said that ordering restitution would help make the alleged victims at "least partially whole."

If Koepp went to state prison, McCarthy said, "he won't be able to make payments" because he would no longer be employed.

As an inmate of the McLeod County Jail,



Bryan Koepp

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 by Rich Glennie

Concert in the outdoors

Three members of the Froemming Family — Elsie, 13, Faith, 16, and Ruth, 18, above, — performed gospel and bluegrass music for residents and guests at Grand Meadows Senior Living Thursday evening. Enjoying the toe-tapping music were, at left, Lois Engelman, Betty Milbrett and Mary Berscheit. Other members of the singing group were the girls' mother, Anna, and brother Carl, 11.



County Board approves bids on storage facility

By Alyssa Schauer
 Staff Writer

After a few years of discussion, the McLeod County Board finally moved forward to construct a new vehicle storage facility east of Silver Lake at a cost of \$1.291 million.

Highway Engineer John Brunkhorst said five bids were received for the project. The low bid was \$1,208,000 and the high bid was \$1,483,900.

"Ram General Contracting, Inc. of Winsted was the low bid, and the highway department recommends awarding the project to them," Brunkhorst said.

He added that there were six alternates attached with the bids regarding translucent window panels, concrete masonry walls, break room/locker room ceilings, an exterior canopy, metal lockers and galvanized steel frame columns.

"The alternate was to eliminate the translucent window panels, but we recommend keeping them because we should realize an energy savings provided by the natural light," Brunkhorst said.

Regarding the second alternate of the concrete walls, Brunkhorst said the base bid was "poured concrete

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Despite some flooding, storm ponds worked

By Rich Glennie
 Editor

At the center of Monday night's Glencoe City Council meeting was the north central holding ponds, or Willow Ridge Ponds. Did they do the job or not?

The conclusion is the ponds did exactly what they were supposed to do on Sunday, June 23, when the Glencoe area was pounded with 4.3 inches of rain in 90 minutes. That left some neighborhoods, and basements, flooded throughout the community.

The ponds held back millions of gallons of water as the city's sewer system attempted to catch up after the deluge, city officials told the handful of people in the audience on Monday. Or flooding would have been a lot worse.

Mayor Randy Wilson asked the city's consulting engineers to determine what else can be done to prevent such flooding in the future.

Gary Schreifels, public works director for water and wastewater, said the rains actually started on June 20 and ran through June 23, and rain totals were closer to seven inches.

He said the holding ponds were already rising when the early Sunday morning torrential rains hit.

Schreifels said there was massive

flooding about 5 a.m., Sunday, and he could not get around Glencoe in his pickup truck. A front-end loader was used instead, he added.

The Willow Ridge Pond system was at capacity by then, Schreifels said, but it was preventing a lot of runoff from entering the city's storm sewer system.

He said the valve at the pond was shut off to allow the flooding in the streets to subside. By 1 p.m., Sunday, the streets were clear and the water drained away, Schreifels noted.

The pond system has a two-system release, Schreifels explained. The first is a manual valve. The other is a bypass structure that allows the water to be redirected east to a wetland area near the ponds, once filled, the water then heads farther east past the high school to another wetland and, when filled, then goes into drain tile east of County Road 15 that eventually takes water to the east ditch system.

That area is part of the Morning-side Avenue extension project and improved storm water drainage is part of those plans.

Wilson asked if the planned drainage improvements there would

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New Auburn to host its July 3-4 celebration

High Island Lake will be the site of New Auburn's July 3-4 celebration.

On Wednesday, July 3, the New Auburn Fire Department Relief Association will host its smoked pork chop dinner from 4:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Also, there will be free music provided by the Goettl Band.

On Thursday, July 4, the High Island Lake Conservation Club and Immanuel Lutheran Church will host the car/truck/bike show from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. All makes and models are welcome, and there is no registration fee. Judg-

ing will be at 3 p.m.

A chicken dinner will be from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. with games for children sponsored by the New Auburn Lions Club.

Bingo will be from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. and again from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

There will be a \$1 raffle drawing for a Pheasants Forever print.

The fireworks will wrap up the evening beginning at dusk. The fireworks display is sponsored by New Auburn VFW Post 7266 and the New Auburn Fire Relief Association.

Weather

Wed., 7-3 H: 82°, L: 62°	Thur., 7-4 H: 84°, L: 66°	Fri., 7-5 H: 88°, L: 70°	Sat., 7-6 H: 90°, L: 71°	Sun., 7-7 H: 87°, L: 67°

Looking back: The monthly high was 89 on June 20; the low, 43 on June 3; the June rainfall total: 8.84 inches.

Date	Hi	Lo	Rain
June 25	88	65	0.00
June 26	88	71	0.00

June 27	86	70	0.00
June 28	79	66	0.26
June 29	77	63	0.00
June 30	80	57	0.00
July 1	80	61	0.00

Temperatures and precipitation compiled by Robert Thurn, Chronicle weather observer.

Chronicle News and Advertising Deadlines

All news is due by 5 p.m., Monday, and all advertising is due by noon, Monday. News received after that deadline will be published as space allows.

Happenings

Legion changes meeting date

The July meeting of Glencoe American Legion Post 95 will be held on Thursday, July 11, at 7 p.m. in the basement of Glencoe VFW Post 5102. This change in meeting date is due to the first Thursday in July falling on July 4. All members are encouraged to attend. Lunch will be served.

VFW Auxiliary to meet July 8

The Glencoe VFW Auxiliary to Post 5102 will hold its regular meeting at 7:30 p.m., Monday, July 8, at the Glencoe VFW Club. It will be the Auxiliary's annual picnic.

Alzheimer's support group

The next meeting of the area support group for adult children, spouses, and friends caring for a loved one with Alzheimer's disease or a related memory loss will meet at 6 p.m., Tuesday, July 9, at First Lutheran Church, 925 E. 13th St., Glencoe. "This is a safe and welcoming place to meet others who are affected with similar issues, gather information/resources and to receive support throughout the various stages of this journey," said Kristal Ehrke, Alzheimer's Association volunteer facilitator. Call her at 320-583-1551 for more information. The support group is open to the public and free of charge. Information about Alzheimer's disease and other area support groups, call 1-800-272-3900 or go to www.alz.org/mnnd.

Kingdom Rock VBS slated

Members and friends of the Grace Bible Church in Silver Lake invite kids ages 3 and up to Kingdom Rock vacation Bible school to be held July 15-19 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:10 p.m. each day. Kingdom Rock is filled with Bible learning, crafts, team building games, Bible songs, and tasty treats. There is a cost for the entire week per child with a family maximum. Also, there is an adult class. Grace Bible Church is located in Silver Lake at 300 Cleveland St., next to the city water tower. For more information call Beth at 320-327-2266, or the church office at 320-327-2352.

GHS class of 1946 to reunite

The Glencoe High School graduating class of 1946 will hold its 67-year reunion at 11:30 a.m., Friday, July 19, at Dubbs Grill and Bar. All members and spouses are urged to attend. For more information, call 320-864-6562.

Abundant Table set July 3

The Abundant Table community meal will be held on Wednesday, July 3, at Christ Lutheran Church's basement fellowship hall, 1820 Knight Ave., Glencoe. The meal is free and open to families and children, the elderly and all seeking friendship or in need of a helping hand. Doors open at 4:30 p.m., and the meal is served at 5 p.m. The menu includes a summer picnic of hamburgers and hot dogs, salads, fruit and dessert. Call 320-864-4549 if one plans to attend.

Big Hitters Classic set July 12

The 10th annual Big Hitters Golf Classic, sponsored by the Glencoe Area Chamber of Commerce, will be held on Friday, July 12, at the Glencoe Country Club. The fundraiser supports the chamber's scholarship program for graduating Glencoe-Silver Lake students. The 18-hole scramble tournament begins at 1 p.m. with registration beginning at noon. The tournament fee also includes a golf cart and dinner. Contact the chamber office for more information.

Glencoe seniors to meet

The Glencoe Senior Citizens group will meet at 12:30 p.m., Tuesday, July 9, at the senior room in the Glencoe City Center. The group will play 500 and Sheephead, and all area senior citizens are invited to attend.

Cobs & Pods golf tourney set

The Nicollet/Sibley County Corn and Soybean Growers are hosting its 13th annual Cobs & Pods Golf Tournament on Wednesday, July 10, at the Winthrop Golf Course. Three rounds of nine holes will be held at 9:30 a.m., noon and 3 p.m. Meals are provided with a pork chop meal being served at 5:30 p.m. This is a "best ball tournament" with various prizes on various holes. Win a 4-wheeler by getting a "hole-in-one" on hole No. 5. Call Sue at 507-237-4100 for more information.

County seniors meet July 17

The McLeod County senior citizens potluck picnic will be held Wednesday, July 17, at noon, in the Glencoe City Center. Please bring a dish to share. The meeting will follow and the oldest lady and oldest man, who haven't held the title previously, will be crowned queen and king for a day. The city center is handicapped accessible. Enter through the east door. Cards will follow the meeting. Come for an afternoon of fun and prizes.

Chief Little Crow ceremony

The McLeod County Historical Society will host a Chief Little Crow observance program and ceremony at 1 p.m., Saturday, July 6, at Masonic West River Park in Hutchinson. If weather is inclement, the ceremony will be held in the county museum meeting room. This marks the 150th anniversary of Chief Little Crow's death near the border of Meeker and McLeod counties.

To be included in this column, items for Happenings must be received in the Chronicle office no later than 5 p.m. on Monday of the week they are to be published. Items received after that will be published elsewhere in the newspaper as space permits. Happenings in Glencoe, Brownton, Stewart, Plato, New Auburn, Biscay and Silver Lake take priority over happenings elsewhere.

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walls, and the alternate was concrete block walls."

"The concrete block walls would have cost an extra \$2,500. We recommended the poured walls," Brunkhorst said.

The project also is saving \$5,000 by looking into cheaper alternatives for the metal lockers.

The alternate for the break room/locker room ceilings was to paint the exposed structure, but Brunkhorst recommended staying with the base bid, which consisted of acoustic tile ceiling.

The removing of the exterior canopy from the building also was an option, but Brunkhorst recommended keeping it because not only is it "aesthetically pleasing," but he said it provides protection over the entry door and some shade for the window.

The final alternate specification for the base bid included "hot dipped galvanized steel frame columns," and Brunkhorst recommended staying with the base bid of primed and painted columns.

Brunkhorst said the facility construction costs total \$1.203 million, less the metal lockers, from Ram Contracting.

"Is that all-inclusive then? Electricity and plumbing, etc.?" Commissioner Ron Shimanski asked.

"Correct. That's all of the construction, only it doesn't include the costs of the septic system," Brunkhorst said.

He said he received four or five quotes for the septic sys-

tem. "Most say that will cost between \$10,000 and \$15,000, so we estimated on the higher end," Brunkhorst said.

The total cost for the engineering and architectural fees to date is \$63,000, and an additional \$10,000 is estimated for the construction engineering fees, for a total project cost of \$1.291 million.

"This project has been a long time coming. I always said if it's over \$1.2 million I wouldn't approve, but it's close enough," Commissioner Paul Wright said.

Brunkhorst said that extra \$91,000 will be paid 50/50 between highway department capital funds and general reserves.

The Board also discussed options for the Silver Lake and Lester Prairie highway department shops after the new facility is complete.

"Silver Lake City Council is interested in the Silver Lake facility, and there are potential agreements to discuss that option," Brunkhorst said.

He said he has not heard from the city of Lester Prairie, but "I heard Bergen Township is also interested in the Lester Prairie facility," Brunkhorst said.

Bergen Township representative Francis Burch said the township is interested in upgrading its town hall site and looking at options to relocate.

"We're looking pretty hard at expanding our present site," Burch said.

Commissioner Sheldon

Nies asked Brunkhorst for a layout of the facilities. He said there has been discussion on using the Lester Prairie site for recycling efforts, and he is curious if the county and potential buyers could share the lot.

He said more information could be gathered by August, but Burch said, "That might be too late."

He said a township meeting is set for September where the board will discuss options and present construction costs to voters. "There are a lot of variables to look at," Burch said.

Wright asked Burch about the amount of interest in the highway facility.

Burch said the township has looked into building a new facility, too. "It's all part of the discussion. The present building is a little bit small for us," Burch said.

He said the township would compare costs of upgrading

the current facility site to the costs of building new.

"We'll review this as soon as possible as to the needs the county may have there. I don't want to see us having to buy something in the future," Nies said.

"We should find a use for them before winter, unless we can find a way to winterize them," Wright said.

"I agree or they'll be a burden on our checkbook," Nies said.

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White Squirrel Festival set July 14 at Plato

The annual White Squirrel Festival will be held on Sunday, July 14, at Plato City Park.

The activities begin at 8:30 a.m. with an omelet brunch.

A community church service will be held at 9:30 a.m. with the Minnesota Adult and Teen Challenge Choir. The church offering goes to the choir.

From 8:30 a.m. to noon, St. Paul's United Church of Christ will host a silent auction.

The Hutch Clown Club

will be in the park beginning at 10:30 a.m.

The annual duck races begin at 1 p.m. with proceeds going to the Lions Gift of Learning fund.

At 2 p.m. the Plato Blue Jays host the Winsted Wildcats in a Crow River Valley League baseball game.

From 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., hamburgers and hot dogs will be on sale in the park.

The celebration is sponsored by the Plato Lions Club, and all proceeds go to help fund local projects.

4 bloodmobiles slated around county in July

The American Red Cross has scheduled four blood drives in McLeod County in July.

The first is Friday, July 19, at Shalom Baptist Church, 1215 Roberts Road SW, Hutchinson, from noon to 5 p.m.

The second is set for Tuesday, July 23, at Cactus Jack's II in Stewart from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

The third is at Cross Roads West Church, 10478 Bell Ave., near Plato, on Thursday, July 25 from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.

The fourth drive is in Glencoe from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m., Wednesday, July 31, at the Glencoe City Center.

Whether someone is among the 39 percent of the U.S. population with type O positive blood or the 2 percent with B negative, the American Red Cross is looking for eligible donors of all types to give blood this summer to help avert a shortage.

Those with O negative, A negative and B negative are especially urged to donate, as

their blood types are often in high demand because they can potentially be transfused to both Rh negative and positive patients. O negative is the universal blood type and can potentially be transfused to any patient.

Vacations, activities and holidays contribute to a decrease in donations during the summer, but patients do not get a break from needing blood.

To donate blood, simply call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit redcrossblood.org to make an appointment.

A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age (16 with parental consent in some states), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

Glencoe VFW Post 5102 notes its recent donations

The Glencoe VFW Post 5102 made the following donations recently:

Education Center, Washington, D.C., \$50.
Glencoe-Silver Lake clay pigeon league, \$500.
Steak tickets for the Glencoe Expo, \$40.
Glencoe Fire Department,

\$100.
Swing For a Cure, \$200.
Legion golf tournament, \$100.
Veterans assistance fund, \$350.
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Council OKs final plans for street improvements

By Rich Glennie
Editor

Glencoe City Council Monday night approved the final plans for the 2013 street improvements and authorized its city engineer to seek bids for the \$2.2 million project.

The work, mainly sealcoating, overlay and partial reconstruction of streets in the west third of Glencoe, is expected to begin in late summer.

An Aug. 1 bid opening was approved, and the bids will be discussed at the Aug. 5 City Council meeting.

One alternative was included in the bid package, and that is for the municipal liquor store parking lot.

The vote was 4-0 with council member Kevin Dietz absent.

In another street matter, John Rodeberg, city consulting engineer with Short Elliott Hendrickson (SEH), explained a new water line testing service that could save the city and homeowners money.

The new trenchless technology allows the city's water lines to be tested without opening up the street. It also allows the city to line waterlines rather than replacing

them. That would allow the life of the water pipes to be extended.

Rodeberg said, if the city wants to pursue it, the new technology could be used in its street improvement project planned for 2015.

He said the technology allows the city to find the right repair needed for the water lines, "and not do what you don't have to."

About eight-tenths of a mile of city water lines have been identified, Rodeberg said, most in the southwest sector of Glencoe surrounding Lincoln Park.

He stressed, however, that if the water lines are undersized, like four- and six-inch lines, they will be replaced regardless.

The cost of the testing is estimated at about \$34,000, Rodeberg said. The testing, if approved, could begin in August.

"It's accurate," Rodeberg said of the technology, and he estimated the savings would pay for the cost and more over the long run of not having to tear up the streets as much.

City Council made no decision.

In other matters, City

Council:

- Heard from Gary Schreifels, public works director for water and wastewater, that construction sites are showing up around town and motorists are reminded to slow down.

- Manhole repairs are underway on Highway 22 through Glencoe, he said, and should be completed soon.

- Schreifels also thanked the city staff for doing a "great job" coping with the June rain events.

- He also cautioned that there may be some sink holes that appear around the community after the heavy rains, and he asked the public's help in being notified of these holes. "We only have so many staff eyes," Schreifels added.

- Heard that the initial indications about a hotel study indicated some positive results, City Administrator Mark Larson said. He said Cobblestone, the developer, is looking at possible sites in Glencoe and for possible investors as well.

- Closed the Council meeting to discuss negotiations over the former Mark's Economart property.

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have helped ease the flooding in central Glencoe, and Justin Black, city consulting engineer with Short Elliott Hendrickson (SEH), said it would have helped by "reducing the back up (of water)."

City Administrator Mark Larson said a lot has been done since the 1991 floods. The north central ponds were constructed in 1997 as part of the Willow Ridge development.

Larson said it was hard to test the pond system until a rain event like Sunday's occurs.

He said there are three watersheds north of Glencoe that have to come through the city in order to drain into Buffalo Creek.

The west watershed is about 900 to 1,100 acres and drains into the west ditch system; the central area is about 1,200 acres and drains through the center of Glencoe; and the east watershed is not as big of an issue as the other two, Larson said, and has not been as extensively studied.

"The first major test of the (north central pond) system was successful," Larson said. "It held the water back."

That water must come through a 30-inch storm sewer at the corner of 18th Street and Newton Avenue on its way through the community, he said.

Wilson said city staff met Monday morning, June 24, to determine what happened as far as flooding and "what's the fix?"

Black said the 100-year rain event statistically has a 1 percent chance of occurring, "but it could happen any year." That 100-year event is determined as 6.1 inches of rain over a 24-hour period.

But combined, the one-inch rain on June 21, followed by a two-inch rain on June 22 followed by over four inches on June 23, it turned into a 100-year rain event. "That's a lot in a short period of time," Black said.

He said city sewers are normally designed for the 10-year rain event, which is 4.3 inches over a 24-hour period.

To build a sewer system to address the 100-year event "would be cost prohibitive," Black said. Those sewer pipes would have to be four to six feet in diameter and too large to completely bury, he added.

The storm holding ponds are designed for the 100-year events, he said.

Black stressed the need to "manage storm water" in order to control downstream flooding. The storm holding ponds are one part, but he said the city also must deal with Buffalo Creek Watershed District (BCWD) as well as state and federal agencies on how to address runoff from the watershed outside the city

limits. Glencoe currently has 30 storm ponds, Black said, the largest being the north central ponds with a 38 million gallon capacity.

Wilson asked if there is more tiling going on in the watersheds north of Glencoe.

Larson said because most of the watershed lies outside the city limits, the city cannot control that. He said that is an issue for BCWD.

Black said the city's storm water system design was successful, but with a "super storm" there was overflow.

One of the overflow issues is when the central ditch system fills, the water backs up, Black said, and that is when flooding was reported near the county's North Complex and near the hospital.

"The rain event was more than what (the system) was designed for," Black added. He said the streets also are designed to catch and maintain the emergency overflow, but that also caused residential flooding.

Wilson asked about the flooding of four homes in the 14th Street and Judd Avenue area and in the First Lutheran Church and school. He asked if anything can be done to improve the system?

Black said that is possible, and added the same issue occurred on First Street and Andrew Drive. "The (sewer) pipe was literally full. The water can't go anywhere, but overflow."

Black also said Buffalo Creek continued to rise even days after the rain event. He said the watersheds that drain into Buffalo Creek take time to drain out. The same is true with the holding ponds that remained at high levels for days.

Asked how fast the water leaves the holding ponds, Black said it is 35 cubic feet per second or about 15,000 gallons a minute.

Police Chief Jim Raiter also described what he encountered on the morning of June 23, and that included stranded motorists at flooded intersections.

He said his discussions with FEMA indicated the city fell short of qualifying for federal disaster assistance.

But he said the city's losses were combined with county losses, and the county is now waiting to hear from state and federal authorities about getting assistance.

Countywide, the loss needs to total about \$7.2 million to qualify for disaster relief. "It's wait and see," Raiter added.

After the 1991 floods, Larson said the city came up with a storm water management plan, "and has accomplished most of those priorities. A lot of issues have been correct-

ed." He pointed to how quickly the water went away after the flash flood on June 23 compared to the hundreds of homes in 1991 that had to deal with sewage backups.

One ongoing issue, however, is the inflow and infiltration (I&I) problem that again nearly overwhelmed the wastewater treatment plant with storm water getting into the sanitary sewer system.

Larson said that puts a lot of pressure on the wastewater treatment plant. "The plant is like a huge sump pump, and we can't have it fail."

Larson also commended the Light & Power staff for keeping the power on throughout the rain event.

Kendall Picha, who lives on Ford Avenue, was the only member of the audience to speak.

"I feel sorry for a lot of people, and I'm surprised this room (council chambers) isn't full."

Picha said he is looking at water in his yard after every three-inch rain, "and we're getting tired of it."

"It's frustrating," Wilson admitted. But he said City Council has tried to address the issues, but it also needs to live within its means."

Record

Police Report

Police were called after a report of three juvenile boys swimming in Buffalo Creek behind the swimming pool at 4:33 p.m., Tuesday. An officer advised them it was not safe to swim in the creek with the fast current. The boys left.

A man flagged down an officer at 2:29 a.m., Wednesday, saying he picked up a woman walking on Highway 22 ... barefooted. The officer saw the woman walking south on Hennepin Avenue from 10th Street. She said she walked from Hutchinson to Biscay, and she was walking to Sibley County "to find her husband." She was taken to the law enforcement center and her sister-in-law picked her up.

Police were called concerning two boys throwing items off the Hennepin Avenue bridge at 5:57 p.m., Wednesday. The two were stopped, denied throwing anything, but did admit to spitting off the bridge. The officer advised the boys, "it was not a good idea to be spitting off the bridge."

At 10:24 p.m., Wednesday, an officer observed a vehicle turn east on 13th Street from Chandler Avenue and pull away rapidly. It also accelerated quickly at Hennepin Avenue and was clocked at 53 mph in a 30 mph zone near Loudon Avenue on 13th Street. The vehicle was finally stopped on Owen Avenue at 15th Street.

Two juvenile girls were seen laying in the roadway at 12th Street and Pryor Avenue at 10:40 p.m., Wednesday. They were advised "to not lay in the road and to go home for the night."

A resident on 8th Street reported at 11:44 p.m., Wednesday, that she could not get into her home, "because of four skunks under her deck," and that her dog had been sprayed.

At 1:59 a.m., Thursday, an officer was filling his squad car at Super America and noticed that the pumps were set at \$1 a gallon. The owner was contacted and advised of the situation.

Police assisted at a medical emergency on Birch Avenue at 3:39 a.m., Friday, another at 12:29 p.m., Friday, at a residence on 10th Street. and at 6:21 p.m., Friday, a third medical was reported at Grand Meadows Senior Living where a woman fell in the bathroom and complained of a sore hip.

A traffic stop at First Street and Fairway Drive at 9:43 p.m., Friday,

resulted in citations for minors in possession of alcohol and tobacco.

A theft was reported at Super America at 1:13 p.m., Saturday, when a driver tried using a card at the pump, got gas, went inside to use the restroom and then left without paying. The vehicle was eastbound on Highway 212 when stopped in Norwood Young America. The driver was followed back to Super America where she paid for the gas.

A traffic stop on Highway 212 at Falcon Avenue at 2:59 p.m., Saturday, resulted in citations for a passenger seatbelt violation, possession of 1.5 or more grams of

marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. The vehicle was left on Highway 212 and two individuals were transported to Coborn's.

On Sunday, at 11:22 p.m., an intoxicated man fell on Hennepin Avenue and 10th Street. He needed to be transported by ambulance.

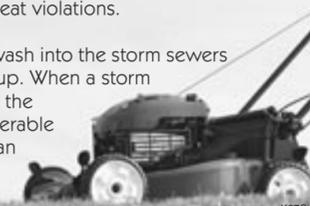
A domestic disturbance was reported at 12:07 a.m., Monday, at the 16th Street apartments. Also called to the scene were sheriff's deputies and the Glencoe Ambulance.

Police were called to assist with an out-of-control man at the county jail at 9:51 p.m., Monday.

-----NOTICE-----

The City of Glencoe would again like to remind the city's residents and property owners not to discharge lawn clippings from their lawn mowers onto a city street when mowing the boulevard. City ordinance prohibits this and establishes a fine for repeat violations.

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Not much you can do when the rain falls that hard, that fast

Our view: Despite flooded basements, property damage, past city improvements are working

Flooding in Glencoe seems to be as common as mosquitoes in Minnesota, and the endless annual 100-year rain events have tested the patience of city officials and homeowners alike.

The early Sunday morning, June 23, deluge of over four inches of rain in 90 minutes is just the latest example of the frequency of the weather events to hit the area. Since the 12-inch rains in September 1991, followed by the 24-inch Halloween snowstorm less than two months later, that has been the local benchmark to determine severity.

Since that time, city property taxpayers have invested millions of dollars into upgrading the city's storm sewer collection system throughout the community; hundreds of thousands more in upgrading the wastewater treatment plant and eliminating storm water from its sanitary sewers through the inflow and infiltration (I&I) program; and spent countless hours and dollars on studying "problem" areas still remaining in the city.

The facts are clear: There is no system big enough, and still affordable, that can handle the volumes of rain that inundate Glencoe and the surrounding area on a regular basis.

Mother Nature simply has the upperhand regardless of what us mere mortals think.

So cut city officials some slack. In fact, give them a well-deserved pat on the back for minimizing the impact on the community as a whole.

While some of us sustained more damage to our property, in particular basements and foundations, than others, the sewer system, as it is designed, did its job.

The holding ponds held a large volume of water back from immediately getting into the storm sewer system; the pond water was redirect-

ed to drainage ditches as designed; the gates leading to Buffalo Creek were closed when the water level was higher than the outlets and prevented creek water from backing into the system and making flooding worse; and city emergency staff did a commendable job in getting a handle on the situation as quickly as possible.

The amazing fact is several hours after the flooding conditions arrived, they were gone again, making one wonder later that afternoon if anything actually happened.

In other words, given time, the sewers cleared the streets.

The streets themselves also did what they were designed to do, for the most part. They are designed to pond and collect water along the curbs and gutters and into the streets themselves, keeping water out of basements as long as possible.

So everything done up to now worked as designed. Except the ferocity of the storm that dumped copious amounts of rain in such a short time. There is no control over that.

Despite best efforts, the city officials also realized there is more that can be done and needs to be done in the future. There are serious flooding issues in all areas of the city — east, west and in between.

That will require more investment of tax dollars to make those improvements. That also takes time and will to get it done.

So before casting an accusing finger at your council members and city staff, take a deep breath and think of how worse it would have been had past improvements not been done.

Think of September 1991 and you will know what "flooding" really means.

— R.G.



We must be a millennium ahead, eh?

As I trudged up and down my basement steps for the umpteenth time recently, I had a thought. Let's ban all basements in Minnesota. Well, not all of Minnesota. Just anywhere south of International Falls!

You see, I am going through an all-too-familiar ritual of cleaning out my basement, one sogging piece at a time, after the latest 100-year rain event. Or is it the latest 500-year rain event?

Who cares! I've lost count, but I figure since the 1991 epic storms of September and October, we should be about a millenium ahead.

My basement received about 10 to 12 inches of backed up water this time. The time before, 2002 to be precise, it was more like 18 inches.

While my freezer floated in 2002, the same freezer stayed put this time. That is a mark of success.

The city's multi-million investments improving sewer lines since the early 1990s has allowed my freezer to stay put ... by inches. That's progress.

Not so lucky were my washer and dryer, which took a hit again. Only way to get new appliances seems to



Rich Glennie

be by filling my basement with rain water.

Thankfully, it was all clean water, I think. That's what I thought until I saw the port-a-pots floating across the street on Judd Avenue near First Lutheran Church. Not sure if anyone used them during the previous day's Glencoe Day Parade; I was a bit busy photographing parade participants.

Anyway, back to basements.

While my immediate neighbors to the north and east, and I, were not the only ones hit hard by the four plus inches of rain in a 90-minute span on Sunday, June 23, we seem

to be one of the "problem" areas remaining in town.

I suspect many neighborhoods consider themselves "problem" areas after this latest deluge.

But the low-lying area of 14th Street and Judd Avenue seems to be a natural catch basin. Water comes from three directions and then heads south to Buffalo Creek.

But if it comes too fast, it has to wait its turn. That, in turn, pushes the water back where it came from and into nearby low spots like — basements.

City Council is debating what to do with these "problem" areas.

My solution, which received endorsement from my neighbor with four feet of water in his basement, is for the city to buy our properties and build another holding pond right in the 14th Street and Judd Avenue intersection. It seems to be a natural collection spot.

Hey, while we are at it, why not ring the pond with a roundabout?

I think I'll just relocate to higher ground ... like the Spruce Ridge landfill pile!

Guest column:

Coming together for state's farmers

By U.S. Sen. Amy Klobuchar, D-Minn.

Whether it is a cold and wet spring, a punishing drought, or foreign countries unexpectedly shutting down their markets to American products, Minnesota farmers and ranchers must contend with a wide range of unpredictable variables that can threaten their livelihood. The U.S. Congress should not be one of them.

Unlike the forces of Mother Nature that brought us the poor planting weather this spring or the drought this past summer, lack of congressional action on the Farm Bill is entirely preventable.

That's why as a member of the Senate Agriculture Committee I worked with my colleagues to craft a five-year Farm Bill that passed the Senate with strong bipartisan support.

The Senate Farm Bill builds on the successes of the 2008 Farm Bill, strengthening crop insurance, eliminating direct payments, reducing our deficit by \$24 billion, promoting a strong energy title, and protecting conservation and nutrition programs.

The Farm Bill also includes important provisions I fought for to

provide beginning farmers and ranchers greater access to crop insurance and more land for grazing, and to help protect pork and poultry producers from catastrophic losses.

I also worked with North Dakota Senators John Hoeven and Heidi Heitkamp to boost agricultural research, address the backlog of Rural Development loans, support the Rural Energy for America Program, and enhance regional conservation efforts like those in the Red River Valley.

To open up new markets to Minnesota producers, the Farm Bill includes my provision instructing the U.S. Departments of Agriculture and Transportation to evaluate rural transportation, including "captive shipping," to ensure that farmers and rural businesses can move their products as quickly and affordably as possible.

Last year America exported \$136 billion in farm products resulting in a trade surplus of \$32 billion. As the sixth largest agricultural exporting state, Minnesota contributed more than \$6.8 billion in 2012.

Finally, the new Farm Bill provides something very simple to Minnesota farmers and rural communi-

ties: certainty. It puts an end to the unpredictable and volatile federal farm policy that currently exists without a strong five-year plan.

This is the second time in the last 354 days that the Senate has put forward a long-term Farm Bill that helps producers, consumers and our entire economy. Last year, the Senate passed the bill, but the House of Representatives failed to act.

I have heard from countless Minnesota farmers and ranchers who need the support and certainty that this bill provides, and if the House fails to act again, they do so at their own risk.

Congressman Collin Peterson has been working hard to move the Farm Bill forward in the U.S. House, and I will work with him as he pushes the House leadership to take up and pass a five-year Farm Bill.

Minnesota farmers are some of the hardest workers in the United States. They produce the highest quality, lowest cost food in the world, and they represent a proud part of our state's heritage and history. Minnesota farmers deserve a Farm Bill, and I will not stop fighting until it is signed into law.

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Question of the week
Former Glencoe businessman Bryan Koepf was recently sentenced to 20 years probation, a year in jail and ordered to pay \$367,475 in restitution for theft by false representation from family, friends and businesses. Should he have gone to prison?
1) Yes
2) No

Results for most recent question:
Should Edward Snowden be considered a traitor or a patriot for releasing classified information of the U.S. government's secret surveillance programs?
Traitor — 47%
Patriot — 27%
Neither — 27%

124 votes. New question runs July 3-9

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Guest column:

Remember how to make policy, Congress

By Lee H. Hamilton

I've noticed a recurring question as I talk to people about Congress. What can be done, they wonder, to get Congress back on track? Is our national legislature capable of serious policy making?

At a time when polls say that jobs and the economy are Americans' chief concern, Congress has not passed a single piece of economic legislation. Instead, it's focused on investigations. It's an institution with very little to show for its efforts.

There's a reason for this. Few legislators know how to make it work any more — respect the legislative process and know it intimately, have mastered the substantive and procedural details, and have the political savvy and skill to move a bill to enactment.

How can Congress improve? A few procedural fixes might help, but the real answer is actually pretty simple: change the way members of Congress work.

First, they need to put in more time legislating on the major challenges facing the country. Only twice this year has Congress been in session for four weeks straight. Its members spend too much of each week at home campaigning and meeting with

constituents, and don't use their limited time in Washington well: much of it goes to meeting lobbyists, legislating on minor if not trivial matters, making the rounds of receptions, and raising funds.

Members have few occasions to get to know one another except in the confrontational settings of committee rooms and the floor of their chamber, and as a result they don't know how to work together.

Just as dispiriting, they know even less about what we sent them there to do: crafting and enacting legislation. It takes skill and perseverance to create meaningful policies that forge common ground among competing interests and ideologies. The time-consuming, difficult work of legislating on complex issues is becoming a lost art.

To begin restoring it, members have to remember that they are a separate, co-equal branch of government. They've allowed Congress to become a reactive body. It takes its cues from the president — either in deference to him or in opposition to him, but always with reference to him. Capitol Hill should be an engine of creative policymaking and inquiry, not the

place that dynamic lawmakers withers.

This can't happen, however, if members of Congress continue putting politics ahead of policy making. Many of the bills passed today in one chamber or the other are not even taken up by the other body. They are posturing, not legislating.

I'm not naive. Politics is always going to be important, but it ought not dominate lawmakers' actions. They can be politicians at election time, but once they reach Capitol Hill our Constitution expects them to be policy makers and legislators.

So do ordinary Americans. The partisan maneuvering, the compulsion to send a message rather than legislate, and the lack of solid accomplishment have driven Americans' disdain for Congress to record highs.

If lawmakers want to reverse this, they need to reorder their priorities. They'll rein in their partisan instincts. They'll spend less time asking for money — often from the people affected by the bills they're voting on — and more on building friendships and relationships among colleagues, especially of the opposite party, who can help them enact legislation.

They'll ignore trivial bills that give the appearance of action but accomplish little, and learn how to do rigorous oversight, with truth-seeking hearings that are fair and balanced.

They'll master the legislative process, rather than delegating bill-writing and even strategy to staff. They'll send their polite regrets to the invitations that pour in for receptions, dinners, media appearances, and all the other distractions that keep a member of Congress busy, and bear down on the work their constituents sent them to pursue: crafting legislation, debating bills, deliberating with their colleagues, and reaching consensus on the serious problems confronting the country.

Here's the most important part: they don't need legislation or constitutional amendments or procedural fixes or even years of seniority to start. They just need to go to work and make the Congress and our representative democracy effective at serving the best interests of the country.

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.

Record

Building Permits

The following building permits were approved by the Glencoe City Council on Monday, July 1:

- Ronald Brown, 205 Andrew Drive, reroof.
- Randal Wilson, 102 Wacker Drive, reroof.
- Ken Bauer, 1218 Baxter Ave., reroof.
- Kevin Grimm, 1120 E. 16th St., mechanical permit.
- Dale Engelmann, 2108 E. 9th St., deck.
- Allen Conklin, 2001 E. 14th St., reroof.
- Bryan Burr, 1429 Hennepin Ave., reroof.
- Kelly Miguel, 329 E. 15th St., fence.
- Hugo Vega, 115 E. 9th St., re-

side.

- Jeremy Geib, 360 Edgewood Drive, mechanical permit.
- Mike King, 2306 E. 9th St., sign permit.
- Evan Denney, 302 Wacker Drive, window replacement.
- Shopko, 3225 E. 10th St., remodel, mechanical permits.
- Glencoe Regional Health Services, 1805 Hennepin Ave., window replacement.
- Shopko, 3225 E. 10th St., sprinkler heads.
- Kristi Moser, 227 E. 10th St., repairs.
- Kirk Becker, 1708 Birch Ave., repairs.
- William Clark, 1610 Judd Ave., reroof.
- Joseph Fountain, 102 DeSoto Ave., window replacement.

Guest column:

R.I.P., Boy Scouts of America

By Matt Barber

"What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul?" (Mark 8:36)

It's a sad day for both Scouting and for freedom. Indeed, it's a sad day for America. The century-old Boy Scouts of America (BSA) — created in 1910 to "prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes" — has betrayed its own constituency, mission, oath and law.

On May 23 approximately 1,400 adult BSA delegates gathered in Texas and decided, in a disgracefully lopsided vote, to welcome into its ranks, "open and avowed" homosexuality (boy-on-boy sexual attraction and behavior), thereby disavowing the "morally straight" Scout Oath its members are sworn to uphold.

They voted unwisely. History will reflect that on this day the BSA turned from morally straight to immorally bent — that this once great organization — founded on "honor," "reverence" and biblical morality — was crushed beneath the worldly weight of pagan idolatry.

Whereas, for over a century, millions of boys have raised their right hands, swearing "on my honor" to "do my duty to God and my country" — on this day, hundreds of adult delegates likewise raised their right hands, shook their fists at God and flipped their middle fingers at both the boys they serve and the parents who trusted them.

While endeavoring to "gain the world," this once honorable institution has forfeited its soul.

Scripture admonishes: "The wages of sin is death." (Rom. 6:23). This was a catastrophic miscalculation. It was sin, and, tragically, through this sin, the BSA has now effectively sealed its own fate. It has set into motion its own demise.

Even by its own estimates, BSA leadership admits that the decision will likely result in a mass exodus from Scouting. They anticipate that as many as 400,000 Scouts and Scouters will leave the organization (acceptable casualties in the war on morality, I guess). Still, as devastating as this number is, it too represents a gross miscalculation.

Consider, for instance, that when Canada's version of the Boy Scouts voted in 1998 to

welcome open homosexuality, its membership rolls plummeted by over half in just five years, forcing camp closures, staff layoffs and huge budget cuts. Looking north of the border for clues, then, we can expect that, with current membership at around 2.6 million, it's more likely that roughly 1.5 million Boy Scouts and troop masters will walk.

Then again, we're talking about "progressive" Canada. This is the good ol' USA. With over 61 percent of Scouts, Scouters and parents opposing the homosexualization of Boy Scouts, and over 70 percent of U.S. Scout groups sponsored by churches and religious organizations, it's not unreasonable to expect that defections will even exceed this estimate.

In short, BSA's betrayal may well result in near-total ruin. The wages of sin is death.

Here's the reality: Reality has not changed. Objective truth did not suddenly and miraculously reverse itself on May 23, 2013. As BSA has always acknowledged (until Thursday), homosexual behavior remains empirically disordered and immoral. The only thing that has changed is politics.

Ultimately, this decision had nothing to do with "tolerance" or "inclusivity." Neither did it concern the best interests of the boys who make up Boy Scouting. Instead, this decision was rooted in pure evil. It had everything to do with money.

"For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs" (1 Timothy 6:10).

And wandered from the faith they have.

Now come the many griefs. Really, three things drove this decision: Fear, greed and politics. A number of high-dollar corporate donors threatened to pull funding from BSA if they maintained the existing policy on sexual morality. Additionally, a number of extremist pressure groups, aided by a sympathetic left-wing media, brought tremendous pressure to bear.

But the pressure's not going away. The BSA made a critical error in judgment. It showed weakness. This has only whipped these radicals into a heightened frenzy. Within moments of the "gay"

announcement, Nancy Pelosi called the move "an important first step." The Human Rights Campaign demanded "the new policy doesn't go far enough," and Mother Jones, a liberal online publication, posted an article titled, "Boy Scouts: You Can Be Gay Until You're 18."

Sin is never satisfied. The homofascist thirst for absolute affirmation is unquenchable.

What's the next step? Activists now demand that adult men who desire sex with other males ("gay" scout masters) be allowed to take your sons camping overnight. Soon they'll be insisting that "transgender boys" (girls who wish they were boys) be allowed to join as well.

What a camping trip. Imagine the pup tent. Your son and Jimmy — who's got a crush on him — along with Billy and Billy's boyfriend Bobby, all snugly warm in the middle of nowhere. But make room for Sammy (formerly Suzie) and Sammy's boyfriend Gary (formerly Gertrude).

Don't forget to hang the disco ball.

And "always be prepared." You think there won't be new membership stagnation? Who wants to sign their boy up for the "Gay Scouts"?

What's a kid gotta do to earn his "tolerance badge?" Parents, you might want to get out while the gettin's good. As one Eagle Scout told me, "I'm not leaving the Boy Scouts, the Boy Scouts left me."

It's only a matter of time until BSA caves on these demands as well. They'll admit "gay" men and girls soon. They have no choice. Now that they've opened the door, they've waived the only legal defense they once had: religious and moral conviction.

But here's the good news. I and dozens more will be convening for a coalition meeting of pro-family leaders next month in Louisville, Ky., to discuss the creation of a moral alternative to the Boy Scouts. Nature abhors a vacuum. We intend to fill it.

Still, until then, please join me as we mourn the loss of this once honorable organization. The Boy Scouts of America: Born Feb. 8, 1910 — Died May 23, 2013.

May it rest in peace.

Matt Barber is an attorney concentrating in constitutional law. He serves as vice president of Liberty Counsel Action.

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From the Brownton Bulletin archives

100 Years Ago

July 4, 1913
O.C. Conrad, Editor
 The special election at the schoolhouse Tuesday evening brought out the largest vote ever cast in the district. The election was called for the purpose of cancelling the vote, action and business of the special held on April 5, at which time the district voted the sum of \$25,000 with which to build and equip a new school house. Immediately after the April election, a number of the opposition got busy and circulated a petition which was presented to the State Board of Investment and which had the effect of holding up the issuing of the bonds for the district. At a later date, a delegation of Brownton businessmen and others appeared before the State Board and demanded to know on what grounds the bonds were being withheld inasmuch as the Attorney General had ruled that the election was valid. It would seem the interview had some effect and that there was a possibility that the bonds would be issued to the district, which was the cause of bringing on Tuesday's election. The vote was decisive for reconsideration, standing 150 for and 90 against. The Bulletin positively refuses to go into detail in this matter as it is firmly believed that the less said, the better.

Creameryman Olson is rushed to death this week trying to take care of ice cream orders for the Fourth of July.

During the fierce electrical storm Thursday evening, lightning struck the barn on the Peter Rasmussen farm, killing one of his best horses. The mate of the killed horse, standing in the same stall, was somewhat

stunned but soon recovered. Louis Gaulke, residing about nine miles south of town, died on Monday of this week. Funeral services were held Wednesday forenoon at the Penn Lutheran church.

75 Years Ago

June 30, 1938
Percy L. Hakes, Editor
 Symbolic of summer was the wedding Friday, June 24, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gustave Peik, when their daughter Gladys Ruth became the bride of Wallace Leroy Ewald, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Ewald. Carl Henry Wilhelm, 75, died of heart trouble Monday afternoon, June 27. He leaves to mourn three sons, Otto, Christ and Martin, all of Brownton, and three daughters, Mrs. William Polsfuss, Minneapolis, Mrs. Eddy Grunewald, Brownton, and Mrs. Albert Schmidt, Minneapolis. He was preceded in death by his wife and four sons.

The house on the August Klopffleisch farm, which is occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Trippel and family, burned to the ground Sunday afternoon. It is thought the fire started from an oil stove explosion, but no one was around at the time.

50 Years Ago

July 4, 1963
Charles H. Warner, Editor
 Delano "Butch" Wacker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Milo Wacker of Stewart, was killed instantly by a lightning bolt Friday afternoon, June 28. He was working for Green Giant in a field near Atwater. A spring graduate of St. Cloud State College, Delano had accepted a position as a teacher-coach at Evansville High School

near Alexandria. Besides his parents, he is survived by brothers Roger and Tyrone, and sisters Linnea and Audrey in Arizona, and JoLene, a sophomore at Stewart High School.

Monday, July 1, at noon, lightning struck the Masonic Hall, which houses the U.S. Post Office, Dr. Bauer's office and the Brownton Bulletin. Within four minutes, lightning struck again some 100 yards away — this time the chimney of the Brown-ton Cooperative Creamery.

20 Years Ago

June 30, 1993
Lori Copley, Editor
 Harold Trettin, 87, a retired Stewart-area farmer, died Tuesday June 22, 1993, at his home. The annual Stewart Summerfest celebration was held this past weekend. Louise and Jess Jaeger were this year's grand marshal for the Summerfest parade.

10 Years Ago

July 2, 2003
Lori Copley, Editor
 Stewart Fire Chief Jeff Erkenbrack sat with State Trooper Jeff Goldsmith on Renville County Road 20 Tuesday night, watching the tornado that touched down in Buffalo Lake, devastating the community and leaving \$12 million in damage in its wake. "Too close for comfort," said Erkenbrack.

About a dozen kids and their parents gathered at the Brownton Rod & Gun Club Saturday for its first youth angling seminar, with support from the McLeod County Sheriff's water patrol and the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

From the Stewart Tribune archives

100 Years Ago

July 4, 1913
A.F. Avery, Editor
 An important business change took place this week with the sale of the Boehlke Mercantile's stock and business to Martin Johnson of Hitterdal, Clay County. Included in the deal are some acres in Clay County, to which Mr. Boehlke will move immediately to take the crop thereon, which he also receives. Mr. Johnson has a wife and son who will move here with him.

The Red Corner Store shines resplendent in a new coat of paint applied exteriorly last week.

Miss Emma Cayott is now clerk in the Post Office, succeeding Miss Mabel Bliss.

75 Years Ago

July 1, 1938
Harry Koepfen, Editor
 Plans of the contractors called for the starting of putting plaster on the walls at the new school building as of yesterday. All walls are now in and the only outside work remaining to be done is the roof over the gymnasium-auditorium.

A number of local young ladies gathered at the ball park Monday evening to play kittenball and start the organization of a girls' kittenball team for Stewart. Any young ladies interested in joining such a team are asked to contact Miss Aletha Ryan at once.

John Ludowese, injured in an accident at his farm home about two weeks ago, has been at a New Ulm hospital since Tuesday, where he submitted to an operation made necessary by the accident. His condition is said to be good.

50 Years Ago

July 4, 1963
Kermit T. Hubin, Editor
 Death came to Delano "Butch" Wacker about 2 p.m. Friday, June 28, during an electrical storm, as the result of a lightning strike. At the time, he was operating a Green Giant pea harvester near Atwater. He attained the age of 21 years, 10 months and seven days. He is survived by his parents, Milo and Vera Wacker, and five siblings.

In a ceremony at St. Boniface Catholic Church Saturday morn-

ing, Miss Mary Ann Schilling, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Schilling, became the bride of Mr. Paul Etzell, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Etzell of Clarissa.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Rubischko (Maureen Maiers) announce the birth of a daughter, Michelle Ann, on June 25.

35 Years Ago

July 6, 1978
Kermit T. Hubin, Editor
 A new business began operation in Stewart on Monday. Frogg's, managed by Jessie Ann (Mrs. Bob) Ludowese, will feature Hallmark cards, gifts, crafts antiques and ice cream. Stewart's Centennial celebration will get under way Friday afternoon and continue through Sunday, July 9.

George Runke Jr., a crop sprayer of Sky Ag, Inc., of Cosmos, is in serious condition with burns over 50 percent of his body, at Ramsey Hospital Burn Center. Runke was spraying crops about a mile north of Corvuso Friday when his plane burst into flames and crashed. He will be hospitalized about six weeks.

10 Years Ago

July 2, 2003
Rich Glennie, Editor
 Buffalo Lake was battered by a more than one-half-mile-wide tornado that stalled over the city on July 1, leaving in its wake downed power lines, destroyed buildings and uprooted trees. None of the city's 760 residents was seriously injured, only six or seven people were taken to the hospital with minor injuries. Nearly 160 buildings were damaged, including businesses and homes, with 15 others being completely destroyed. The rural area around Buffalo Lake also sustained severe damage. 3,600 acres of corn and soybeans, 828 acres of beets, 644 acres of vegetable crops and 368 acres of small grains were damaged.

The gold-medal-winning entry in the advanced wedding cake division at the 2003 Minnesota Bakers Association Convention was Kathy Dosch of Glencoe, whose "Cakes by Kathy" business opened in July 2002.

males. There were 15 juveniles between the ages of 14 and 18.

20 Years Ago

July 7, 1993
Rich Glennie, Editor
 Donald and Carol Dammann had another tree fall on their house. This is the second time a tree has fallen on their home, the first being in 1980 and again on July 1. No one was at home at the time. There was extensive damage to the roof and the bedroom. No other rooms received significant damage. Also another tree fell on a shed owned by Warren and Eloise Horton. Tim Lepel and Jim Peterson of Johnson Motor Company in Glencoe each received the bronze award from Chrysler for their achievements in new car sales. This was Peterson's fourth consecutive year and Lepel's third for the award.

of 17 has been performing on the concertina for many years. He began to show his talent as soon as he received a button box accordion for his fifth birthday. He has played on stage in Branson, Mo., and at many other venues. Parents are encouraged to bring children to the concerts and expose them at an early

From The Chronicle archives

30 Years Ago

July 6, 1983
Bill Ramige, Editor
 The Glencoe City Council accepted the resignation of Municipal Liquor Store Manager Charles Petrich. Petrich will stay on as manager, while the Council determines what to do with the liquor operation, which has lost money for the city in recent months. One option being considered is to sell the current on-sale operation, including the building, and move the off-sale to another location. The District 422 Board of Education re-elected Donald Grunehagen as chairman of the board and elected the following officers at its organizational meeting: vice chairman, Lyle Chastek; clerk, Mary Lustman; and treasurer, Russell Bacon. Use of the new McLeod County Jail was 81 percent for the three-month period March through May. The total number confined was 234. Of the total, 36 were females and 198 were

Recital series begin at Peace Lutheran July 26

On July 26, the Wednesday noon recital series at Peace Lutheran Church will present young concertina artist Blake Klaustermeier. The half-hour recital begins at noon in the sanctuary at 400 Franklin St. SW in Hutchinson, just a few blocks from downtown. Klaustermeier is from Lester Prairie and is the age

Planners consider sketch plan

By Lori Copley Staff Writer

In a brief meeting June 26, the McLeod County Planning Advisory Commission gave preliminary approval to a sketch plan that will divide an 8.9-acre parcel owned by Scott Haag, on the west side of Lake Marion, along Tagus Avenue in Collins Township, into two parcels.

The division will create a separate, buildable parcel from the current building site.

County Zoning Administrator Larry Gasow said there should be no problem with the preliminary sketch plan, which will now be forwarded to the County Board for its approval.

Once the preliminary sketch is approved, Haag will need to do soil borings for a potential septic system, have the property surveyed for a final sketch plan, and obtain an easement to share a driveway with the original building site.

The sketch plan will be on the County Board's July 16 agenda.

19 Brownton seniors met on Monday

Nineteen Brownton senior citizens met Monday, July 1, at the community center.

Cards were played after the meeting with the following winners: 500, Audrey Tongen, first, and Norma Albrecht, second; pinochle, Betty Katzenmeyer, first, and John Huebert, second; and sheephead, Harriet Bergs, first, and Elva Wendlandt, second. Elmer Maass served refreshments. Ordella Schmidt won the door prize.

The next meeting will be Monday, July 8, at 1 p.m. All area senior citizens are welcome.

2 'Preserve Your Harvest' workshops set for July 16

Two "Preserve Your Harvest" workshops are scheduled for Tuesday, July 16, with class instructor Debbie Botzek-Linn of the Minnesota Extension Service.

The workshops are scheduled for 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the North Complex, 2391 Hennepin Ave., Glencoe, and from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., at the McLeod County Fairgrounds Commercial Building meeting room.

Learn how to safely preserve garden produce by canning, pickling and freezing.

There is a \$3 fee to cover the cost of materials, and the class is sponsored by the Heart of Hutch Eat Committee and the community garden project.

E-waste, appliance pick up set July 12

If you had appliances and or e-waste damaged, due to flooding this past weekend, you may contact the McLeod County Solid Waste department for collection, according to Ed Homan, county solid waste director.

Residents may dispose of their appliance or e-waste at 1065 SE Fifth Ave., Hutchinson or sign up for a pre-paid collection for curbside pick-up scheduled Friday, July 12, at 8 a.m.

Pre-paid application forms will be available at the McLeod Environmental Services/Planning and Zoning office. The cost for curbside collection will be \$10 per unit and a \$5 collection

fee, regardless the number of items.

Residents have until July 10 to submit their pre-paid application.

"Items not pre-paid or not on our inventory collection list, will not be picked up," Homan said. All appliances with a door must be removed for safety reasons.

If you have any questions, please contact McLeod County Solid Waste at: M c L e o d . Solid@co.mcleod.mn.us, or go to www.co.mcleod.mn.us/solidwaste. Click on appliance/e-waste curbside program, or call 320-484-4300 or 1-800-335-0575.

Community Calendar

Thurs., July 4 — 4th of JULY; AA Group mtg. next to Post Office in Stewart, 8 p.m., call 320-212-5290 for info.

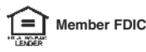
Mon., July 8 — Tops Weigh-In mtg., 5-5:30 p.m.; Brownton Senior Citizens Club, Brownton Community Center, 1 p.m.; Stewart City Council, 7 p.m.; Edward Ewald Post 143 of Brownton & Auxiliary, Brownton Community Center, 7:30 p.m.

Tues., July 9— Narcotics Anonymous, Brownton Community Center, 7 p.m.

Thurs., July 11 — AA Group mtg. next to Post Office in Stewart, 8 p.m., call 320-212-5290 for info.





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Rager family announces birth

Randy and Abby Rager of Stewartville announce the birth of their son, Ryder Lee, on June 5, 2013, at Rochester. His two sisters are Carleen and Claire. Grandparents are Keith and Jane Tongen of Brownton and Gail and Roger Rager. Great-grandparents are Audrey Tongen of Brownton and the late Delores Decker of Hutchinson.

Students among UMD grads

Two area students were among the spring graduates at the University of Minnesota-Duluth. They were Marc Wawryzniak of Silver Lake, who graduated cum laude and received a bachelor of applied science degree, teaching mathematics, and Naomi Martin of Lester Prairie, who graduated with a bachelor of applied science degree in psychology, magna cum laude, and bacheor of arts degree in criminology, summa cum laude.

Christensens announce birth

Jon and Annie Christensen of Hutchinson announce the birth of their daughter, Ella Marie, on June 19, 2013, at Ridgeview Medical Center in Waconia. Ella weighed 8 pounds, 5 ounces, and was 19 inches in length. Grandparents are William and Gayle Christensen of Hutchinson, Marcia Millbrandt of Elmore and the late Irvin Milbrandt. Great-grandparents are Leroy and Elinor Christensen of Hutchinson and the late Esther Christensen, and Loretta Dostal of Hutchinson and the late Irvin Dostal, the late Ruth and Kenneth Olson of Forest City, Iowa, and the late Ruth and Wesley Milbrandt of Elmore.

Son born to VonBerge family

Bill and April VonBerge of Stewart announce the birth of their son, Edwin William, on June 20, 2013, at Glencoe Regional Health Services. Edwin weighed 8 pounds, 11 ounces, and was 20-1/2 inches in length. His older siblings are Paisley and Gabbi. Grandparents are Earl and Dellas VonBerge of Glencoe and Dean and Cindy Schlueter of Hutchinson.

Scharpe, Axt announce birth

Kelli Scharpe and Chris Axt of Glencoe announce the birth of their son, Garrett Earl Axt, on June 25, 2013, at Glencoe Regional Health Services. Garrett weighed 5 pounds, 15 ounces, and was 19-3/4 inches long. His older brother is Devin Axt. Grandparents are Dennis and Denise Scharpe of Glencoe, Steve and Rita Wendlandt of Litchfield and Kevin Axt and Kathy Dwinell of Eden Valley.

Son born to Foster, Garcia

Courtney Foster and Javier Garcia of Glencoe announce the birth of their son, Alejandro Javier Garcia, on June 25, 2013, at Glencoe Regional Health Services. Alejandro weighed 6 pounds, 9 ounces, and was 19-1/4 inches in length. Grandparents are Lisa and Tim Kaczmarek of Glencoe and Virginia Torres and Francisco Garcia of Laredo, Texas.

Son to Sturges, Schlueter

Charity Sturges and Brad Schlueter of Glencoe announce the birth of their son, Jaxon Lee Schlueter, on June 26, 2013, at Glencoe Regional Health Services. Jaxon weighed 9 pounds, 6 ounces, and was 21 inches in length. His older siblings are Paige and Mackenzie Sturges. Grandparents are Cathie Sturges of Glencoe, Richard Sturges of Silver Lake and John Schlueter of Winsted.

Engagements

Nelson — Schlueter

Deb Nelson and Ryan Schlueter, both of Pequot Lakes, announced their engagement. A July 13 wedding is planned.

Parents of the couple are Larry and Peggy Nelson of Grand Rapids and Stan and Kathy Schlueter of Glencoe.

Nelson is a science teacher in the Pine River/Backus school district.

Schlueter is self-employed with Affordable Home Im-



Deb Nelson
Ryan Schlueter

provements and works part time with Glencoe Regional Health Services.

First Congregational to host kids event in July

First Congregational United Church of Christ in Glencoe invites children to Sky: Everything is Possible With God (Mark 10:27).

Sky, a summer vacation Bible school kid's event, will be hosted at First Congregational UCC from July 14 through July 18.

At Sky, faith and imagination soar as kids discover that everything is possible with God. Kids participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, dig into yummy

treats, experience electrifying Bible adventures, and collect Bible Memory Buddies to remind them to trust God.

Plus, kids will learn to look for evidence of God all around them through God sightings.

Sky is for children from age 3 to those who have completed fifth grade and will run from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. each day.

For more information, call 320-864-5651 or 320-864-3009. Stop by the church at 1400 Elliott Ave. to pick up a registration form.



Submitted photo

Confirmation

Rachel Reichow was confirmed on May 5 at St. John's Lutheran Church (Helen Township) of Glencoe. The Rev. Dennis Reichow officiated.

Glencoe Days pedal tractor pull results

The results of the Glencoe Days pedal tractor pull on June 22 were:

Three-year-olds — Tobias Kraemer, Glencoe; Macey Thoele, Arlington; and Caiden Voigt, Hutchinson.

Four-year-olds — James Conklin, Glencoe; Quin "Buster" Swanson, Waconia; and Lora Stegeman, Winthrop.

Five-year-olds — George Stockman, Pine River; Seth Mathews, Glencoe; and Brady Otto-Fisher, Glencoe.

Six-year-olds — Jacy Rolf Harrell, Winthrop; Tyler Neubarth, Norwood Young America; and Claire Lienhard, Woodbury.

Seven-year-olds —

Nicholas Schauer, Glencoe; Hunter Schmitt, Glencoe; and Jaxon Edwards, Glencoe.

Eight-year-olds — Devin Zellman, Norwood Young America; Raina Randall, Glencoe; and Morgan Thoele, Arlington.

Nine-year-olds — Madeline Eckel, Eagle Bend; Keegan Lemke, Glencoe; and Andrew Kettner, Glencoe.

10-year-olds — Brett Poppler, Waverly; Dylan Zellmann, Norwood Young America; and Ebony Schuch, Glencoe.

11-year-olds — Bennett Weber, Waconia; Arayah St. John, Gaylord; and Cody Wise, Glencoe.

Glencoe VFW Auxiliary sets its picnic for July 8

The Glencoe VFW Post 5102 Auxiliary met June 10, and President Angela Johnson presided over the meeting with 20 members present.

After the opening ceremony, roll call, minutes and reports were read and approved, a prayer and moment of silence were held for all POWs/MIAs.

Margaret Koester gave an update of the poppy luncheon on May 17. The Auxiliary served 316 meals; 152 ate at the VFW Club and 164 were take-outs and for the workers.

The state VFW convention was in St. Cloud June 13-16.

The club made a \$100 donation to the Glencoe Regional Health Services Friends of Sharing.

The July club meeting also will be the annual picnic to be held Monday, July 8, at 6 p.m. Chicken will be served with the potluck.

The club audit will be held in July.

The lunch committee for July 8 will be Jean Schmidt, Jean Klitzke, Sandy Herrmann and Amy Rannow.

2 July blood drives set for Biscay, Hutchinson

While Independence Day will surely ignite many fireworks extravaganzas, the American Red Cross is counting on volunteer donors to spark the nation's blood supply.

The need for blood is constant, especially around the summer holidays, when eligible donors have even less time in their busy schedules to give.

Two blood drives are planned for McLeod County in July. The first is Wednesday, July 3, from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m., at Neisen's Bar & Grill in Biscay.

The other is at Peace Lutheran Church, 400 Franklin St. SW., Hutchinson, Tuesday, July 9, from noon to 6 p.m.

As part of the Red Cross Summer of Stories campaign to increase donations when they historically drop, all presenting donors between July 1-15 could win one of five \$3,000 American Express gift cards.

Donors are also encouraged to visit redcrossblood.org/summer to share their

summer blood donation stories and watch videos of patients whose lives were touched by donors.

To learn more and make an appointment to donate blood, visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS.

Menu

July 8-12
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Monday — Swedish meatballs, paprika potatoes, spinach, bread, margarine, ice cream, low-fat milk.

Tuesday — Liver or pepper steak, buttered boiled potatoes, peas, bread, margarine, apricots, low-fat milk.

Wednesday — Chef salad with turkey, ham and cheese, lettuce with dressing, tomatoes, cucumbers slices, muffin, margarine, brownie, low-fat milk.

Thursday — Roast beef, mashed potatoes, carrots, dinner roll, margarine, pudding dessert, low-fat milk.

Friday — Pork chow mein, rice, chow mein noodles, oriental vegetables, mandarin oranges, cookie, low-fat milk.

Deaths

Delores Decker, 90, Hutchinson

Mass of Christian Burial for Delores Decker, 90, of Hutchinson, will be held at 11 a.m., Wednesday, July 3, at St. Anastasia Catholic Church in Hutchinson.

Mrs. Decker, wife of Harold Decker, died at her home on Saturday, June 29, 2013.

Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church on Wednesday. Interment will be at Oakland Cemetery.

Memorials should be directed to St. Anastasia Catholic Church in Hutchinson.

Arrangements were with the Dobratz-Hantge Funeral Chapel in Hutchinson. An online guestbook is available at www.hantge.com. Click on obituaries/guest book.

Ronald Kraemer, 66, of Hutchinson

Memorial services for Ronald Kraemer, 66, of Hutchinson, will be held at 11 a.m., Wednesday, July 3, at Grace Lutheran Church in Brownton.

Mr. Kraemer died on Friday, June 28, 2013, at his Hutchinson home.

A gathering of family and friends will be held from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., Wednesday, at Grace Lutheran Church. Interment will be in First Lutheran Cemetery in Glencoe.

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Keith Carlson, 63, of Hamburg

Memorial services for Keith Carlson, 63, of Hamburg, will be held at 3:30 p.m., Saturday, July 6, at Zion Lutheran Church in Cologne.

Mr. Carlson died on Sunday, June 30, 2013, in Nevada.

A gathering of family and friends will be held from noon to 3:30 p.m., Saturday, at the church. Interment will be in the church cemetery.

Arrangements are with the Paul-McBride Funeral Chapel in Norwood Young America. An online guest book is available at www.hantge.com.

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Obituaries

Frank Edwin Papke, 72, of Glencoe

Memorial services for Frank Edwin Papke, 72, of Glencoe, were held Saturday, June 29, at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Helen Township. The Rev. Dennis Reichow officiated.



Frank Papke

Mr. Papke died Tuesday, June 25, 2013, at his home in Glencoe.

The organist was Brent Nolte, and the congregational hymns were "Old Rugged Cross," "On Eagle's Wings" and "In the Garden."

Military honors were provided by Glencoe American Legion Post 95. Urn bearer was Christopher Ross. Honorary urn bearers were his grandchildren, Stephanie, Grace, Sophia, Caitlin, Mikayla, Nick and Rebecca. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Mr. Papke was born June 23, 1941, in Gaylord, to Frebert and Florence (Olson) Papke. He was baptized as an infant on July 6, 1941, and confirmed in his faith as a youth on May 22, 1955, both at First Lutheran Church in Winthrop.

Mr. Papke received his ed-

ucation in Winthrop and was a graduate of the Winthrop High School class of 1959. He furthered his education by attending Mankato State University in Mankato for two years.

He entered active military service in the U.S. Army on Jan. 15, 1964, and served his country during the Vietnam era. He received an honorable discharge on Jan. 14, 1966.

On April 11, 1970, Mr. Papke was united in marriage to Sharon Ehlers at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Helen Township. They made their home in Glencoe. The Papkes were blessed with three children, Teresa, Jeff and Eric, and one stepson, Mark. They shared over 43 years of marriage.

Mr. Papke held employment at Green Giant in Glencoe for 31 years as a foreman, retiring in 1996. He was a member of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Helen Township, serving as an elder and secretary for the church council. He also was a member of the Jesus Cares Ministry. He was a member of the Glencoe American Legion Post 95.

Mr. Papke enjoyed fishing, playing cards and naps with his dog, Abby, which was the "light of his life." He also enjoyed sitting outside and visiting with friends and family.

He loved his family, especially those grandchildren.

Survivors include his wife, Sharon Papke of Glencoe; children, Teresa (John) Ross of Glencoe, Jeff Papke of Glencoe, and Eric (Jenny) Papke of Hutchinson; stepson, Mark (Suzie) Buchkosky of St. Louis Park; eight grandchildren, Christopher, Stephanie, Grace, Sophia, Caitlin, Mikayla, Nick and Rebecca; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Harold Klement of Gibbon, Pearl Hicks of Clarksville, Tenn., Cecelia Aikala and her husband, Robert, of Marquette, Mich., and Jerome Ehlers and his wife, Kathy, of Glencoe; special companion, Abby, his dog; nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends.

Preceding him death were his parents, Frebert and Florence Papke; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Elford and Mabel Ehlers; brother, Frederick Papke; sisters, Gloria Klement and Helen Swenstad; sisters-in-law, Aurelia Larson and her husband, Stan, and Janet Brueschoff.

Arrangements were by the Johnson-McBride Funeral Chapel of Glencoe. Online obituaries and guest book are available at www.hantge.com. Click on obituaries/guest book.

Leo P. Albrecht, 83, of rural Brownton

A Mass of Christian Burial for Leo Peter Albrecht, 83, of rural Brownton, was held Friday, June 21, at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Stewart. The Rev. Zachary Peterson officiated.



Leo Albrecht

Mr. Albrecht died Tuesday, June 18, 2013, at Methodist Hospital in St. Louis Park.

Music was by Marjorie Navara and the St. Boniface Choir. The songs were "Ave Maria," "Amazing Grace," "Be Not Afraid," "You Are Mine," "Song of Farewell" and "Here I Am, Lord."

Pallbearers were Nicholas Sleight, Zachary Sleight, Jesse Albrecht, Jacob Albrecht, Elijah Albrecht and Lucas Albrecht. Interment was in Calvary Cemetery in Mankato.

Mr. Albrecht was born Jan. 26, 1930, in New Ulm, to Hilmert and Lauretta (Wech) Albrecht. He grew up in Stewart, and attended country school and St. Boniface

Parochial School through eighth grade. He graduated as co-salutatorian with the class of 1948 from Stewart High School.

Mr. Albrecht received his religious education in the Roman Catholic faith, and was baptized as an infant at the Cathedral of the Holy Trinity in New Ulm and confirmed at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Stewart.

Mr. Albrecht met Pat Leftault at the Mankato Ballroom. They shared an enjoyment of polka music, fell in love and were united in marriage on July 11, 1964, at St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Mankato. They made their home in Brownton, and were blessed with two children, Theresa and Michael. The family lived in Brownton for 16 years until making their home in Penn Township.

Mr. Albrecht farmed throughout his lifetime. He also held various positions of employment, first with Sam's Tire in Glencoe, and then as a driver for the Glencoe Cleaners. He was employed with and retired from Telex after 23 years. He started out driv-

ing truck and then worked as a receiving clerk in the warehouse.

He loved to garden, read and play the concertina. He was a collector of caps, Hot Wheels and coins. Mr. Albrecht was a member of St. Boniface Catholic Church in Stewart and a member of the Knights of Columbus.

Survivors include his wife, Patricia Albrecht of rural Brownton; children, Theresa (Erik) Sleight of Port Orchard, Wash., and Michael (Heidi) Albrecht of Grove City; grandchildren, Andrea (Jose) Carvalho, Natasha Sleight, Nicholas Sleight, Zachary Sleight, Jesse Albrecht, Jacob Albrecht, Elijah Albrecht and Lucas Albrecht; great-granddaughter, Leila Carvalho; other relatives and many friends.

Preceding him in death were his parents and sister, Isabella Albrecht.

Arrangements were with Hughes-Hantge Funeral Chapel in Stewart. An online guest book is available at www.hantge.com. Click on obituaries/guest book.

Dorothy F. Mifek, 99, of Silver Lake

A Mass of Christian Burial for Dorothy Frances Mifek, 99, of Silver Lake, was held Friday, June 28, at Holy Family Catholic Church in Silver Lake.



Dorothy Mifek

Mrs. Mifek died Tuesday, June 25, 2013, at Glencoe Regional Health Services long-term care facility.

Interment was in St. Joseph Cemetery. Pallbearers were great-grandsons Bryan Posusta, Brent Posusta, Tyler Posusta, Nicholas Posusta, Jesse Posusta, Nathan Posusta, Justin Posusta and Trevor Posusta.

Dorothy Frances Telecky was born April 7, 1914, in Hutchinson Township, McLeod County, to William and Frances Mikesh Telecky.

She attended Komensky School.

She also was a nanny for the Hudrecek family, and was a proprietor of a café in downtown Silver Lake.

Mrs. Mifek enjoyed fishing and gardening. She also enjoyed cooking and once worked at Lindy's Café in Glencoe. She made great fried chicken, sugar cookies, pies and kolaches.

Mrs. Mifek was a very loving and giving person and a very hard worker. She especially enjoyed spending time with her family and sharing her life stories. She had a very positive attitude!

She lived in her own home until age 97. She was a faithful member of Holy Family Catholic Church in Silver Lake.

Survivors include her daughter, Avis (Anthony) Posusta of Silver Lake; five grandsons, Ron (Brenda) Posusta, Mike (Wanda) Posusta,

Ralph (Mona) Posusta, Jim (Chris) Posusta and Roger (Sandy) Posusta; 12 great-grandchildren Bryan (Daina), Brent (Molly), Tyler (and friend Ashlynd), Nick (and fiancé Roseann), Jesse, Candace (and fiancé Chad), Nathan, Miranda, Justin, Shauna, Rachael and Trevor; six great-great-grandchildren, Madison, Brittin, Kinley, Levi, Destiny and Gabriella; a sister, Marietta Jarcho of Cottonwood; other relatives and friends.

Preceding her in death were husbands, Joe Reml on Nov. 4, 1959, and Ted Mifek on Oct. 4, 1978; a grandson, Larry Posusta; her parents, William and Frances Telecky; and an infant sister, Violet.

The Maresch Funeral Home in Silver Lake served the family. Online condolences may be made at www.mareschfuneralhome.com.

Rose M. Graupmann, 86 of Mankato

Rose Marie (Jensen) Graupmann, 86, of Mankato, formerly of Hutchinson, died Tuesday, June 25, 2013, at Pathstone Living in Mankato.



Rose M. Graupmann

A memorial service was held Sunday, June 30, at Peace Lutheran Church in Hutchinson. The Rev. Gerhard Bode officiated.

Burial was in First Lutheran Cemetery in Glencoe.

Rose Marie Jensen was born Feb. 20, 1927, to Alfred D. and Mildred C. (Stetson) Jensen in Little Falls. She graduated from Little Falls High School and attended St. Cloud State University. She was employed by Waterman-Waterbury Co. of Minneapo-

lis.

One Fourth of July, friend Eldora "Dody" (Graupmann) King took Rosie, the city girl, home to the family farm, where she met Dody's brother, Hillard Graupmann. They were married Jan. 28, 1950, in Little Falls. They had three children.

The Graupmanns farmed together in Glencoe for many years. They were active in the local community and Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, which they helped to found. After retiring from farming, they moved to Hutchinson, where they were members of Peace Lutheran Church.

Mrs. Graupmann participated in Bible study, Ladies Guild, McLeod County Extension and Rip-and-Tear, a group of young women who gathered, at first, to do the mending and became lifelong friends.

Mrs. Graupmann was a

kind, gentle and generous person. She loved and supported her family and was a friend to all.

Survivors include her children, Jane (Earl) Haarstad of Darwin, Gail (Robert) Ihrig of Mankato and Paul (Julie) Graupmann of Jackson; grandchildren, Shawn Haarstad of Norwood Young America, Tim Haarstad (Carla Bariotto) of Maple Grove, Heidi Ihrig (Tim Wesley) of New York, N.Y., Alexandra Graupmann of Minneapolis and Taylor Graupmann of St. Paul; and great-grandchild, Benjamin Haarstad.

Preceding her in death were her parents; brother, Dr. Warren D. Jensen; and husband, Hillard Graupmann.

Northview-North Mankato Mortuary handled funeral arrangements.

Jennifer Hamlin, 31, North Syracuse

Jennifer Marie Hamlin, 31, of North Syracuse, N.Y., died on Sunday, June 23, 2013, with her parents by her side.

She was a 2000 graduate of Coxsackie-Athens High School and received her bachelor of science degree in zoology from SUNY Oswego.



Jennifer Hamlin

Hamlin was currently a professional pet groomer at Pet Express in Cicero, N.Y.

She had a tender, genuine love for animals, riding her motorcycle, Charlie Brown and Harry Potter collectibles and, most of all, spending and enjoying precious time with her abundance of friends and family.

Surviving to cherish her memory are her parents, Raymond and Sandra (Scharpe)

Hamlin; sister, Rebecca Hamlin; maternal grandmother, Dorothy M. Scharpe; aunts and uncles, Sandra (Sherman) Wood III, William Hamlin and friend, Ronald Bovie, Cyndy Hamlin, LuAnn (Charlie) Kroeger, Deborah Aritt, Brenda (Steve) Lynner; cousins, Samantha Wood and Sherman Wood IV, Justin Kroeger and Tara Kroeger, Elizabeth Aritt, Michael and Kate Lynner, Eric and Kaitlynn Lynner, Matthew Lynner,

Nicholas Scharpe and Nathan Scharpe (Jennifer's Godchild); second cousin, Zoey Lynner; and her loving pet ferrets, aka furry children, Delilah and Elenore.

She was predeceased by her paternal grandparents, Raymond and Elizabeth Hamlin Sr.; maternal grandfather, Leslie Scharpe; and uncle, David Scharpe.

The Maurer Funeral Home Moyers Corners, 3541 State Rt. 31, Baldwinville, N.Y., handled arrangements.

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GSL seeking input on bond, building 'ideas'

By Rich Glennie
Editor

A small gathering of school staff and Glencoe-Silver Lake School Board members attended the first in a series of meetings Friday afternoon to explain the next attempt to push a school referendum building bond.

Gathering in the high school auditorium, the group heard that the cost of a new building bond has increased from 2011, when the proposed \$18.6 million, 15-year bond referendum was rejected twice by district voters. It will require a \$25 million, 30-year bond this time.

The aim of the building bond is to consolidate pre-kindergarten through third grades at the Lincoln Junior High building, along with connecting the junior and senior high facilities to form one campus. The only grades not in the Glencoe plans are grades 4-6, which would remain at Lakeside Elementary in Silver Lake.

In an effort to address some of the concerns of the two failed referendum attempts, GSL Superintendent Chris Sonju, along with architect Paul Youngquist and administrative staff, has offered other "ideas" in redesigning the building configuration.

But Sonju stressed at Friday's open house meeting they "were only ideas," and added the original building plans remain "solid" in addressing the space needs of the district.

The latest "idea" would move the seventh and eighth grade students to a new addition on the east side of the school to better utilize the high school facilities for the junior high students.

The new idea also would look at a two-story addition to the east wing of Lincoln

facility to house the complete PK-3 elementary school. The Early Childhood Family Education/Special Education (ECFE/ECSE) programs would be housed in a west wing currently being constructed at the Lincoln campus.

The plans also would close the Helen Baker Elementary School, where space is at a premium and where updates to that facility would cost millions of dollars and still not address overcrowding in that facility, according to school officials.

Sonju said safety also has been an issue, and the building plans address that in a variety of ways by limiting public accesses into the combined campus with better monitoring and safer drop off and pick up sites for students.

Under the new design, Sonju said the main entry into the Lincoln-high school campus would be on the north side of the building near the current Panther Field House.

Sonju said the alternate "idea" being discussed would lower the square footage of the building project, but would require a \$25 million bond to complete.

The original bond referendum called for a 15-year bond, but the next referendum would seek a 30-year bond, Sonju said.

The aim is to keep the property tax impacts as low as possible. A building bond, unlike an operations levy referendum, impacts all properties in the district, including base farm land.

"We knew the price was going to go up," Sonju said of any building project, because the cost for materials has increased.

"The interest rates are still favorable," Sonju said, but the project cost is up 20 per-



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Ground breaking

The groundbreaking ceremony for the new Early Childhood Family Education/Special Education addition to Lincoln Junior High was held last week. Participating in the ceremony were members of the chamber of commerce, school district and ECFE/SE program. They included, from left to right, Laurie Gauer, Nicole Gepson, Deb Schiroo, Sofia Nohling, Micaiah Nohling, Shoshanna

cent to 25 percent since 2011. "It will be a lot more expensive."

Michelle Sander, district business manager, said the 2011 plans used \$153 a square foot in figuring costs. In the latest design, the cost has risen to \$197 a square foot for new construction.

Sonju said the original building plan, as well as the alternative being discussed, "both meet our needs."

How to get a building bond approved, however, is the major hurdle.

Sonju said regardless of the building bond referendum, additional safety measures will be implemented next school year.

• At Helen Baker, the east door will be closed to the public and anyone from the public coming into the building will need to use the south door facing 16th Street.

• At Lakeside Elementary in Silver Lake, the public will now be "buzzed in" instead of walking directly into the office area of the school.

Sonju also said the coat hooks in the hallways at

Nohling, Janet Mackenthun (on top holding sign), Teagan Aldrich, Susie Larson, Maria Larson, Ella Dahlke, Emma VanDamme, GSL Superintendent Chris Sonju, Debbie Mathews, Myranda VanDamme, Mary Jo Schimelpfenig and Britta Aldrich (holding her baby, Esmae Aldrich).

Helen Baker are no longer being allowed because the state fire marshal indicated it "restricts the hallways" in an emergency.

Also, no lockers can be placed in the hallways of Helen Baker, according to the state fire marshal.

• Sonju also said because the new ECFE/ECSE addition is connected by a hallway, it is considered a separate building from the Lincoln School.

While the new ECFE/ECSE addition will have a sprinkler system, the

Lincoln building need not be "sprinkled" until the referendum bond is approved, Sonju said. To "sprinkle" Lincoln would cost another \$250,000, he added.

The ECFE/ECSE project also is allowing the school to be upgraded with a handicap bathroom in the former junior high locker room area, Sonju said. He added that has been long overdue.

Sonju said more public meetings will be held in order to get more public input. He said these meetings are open

Slow cooker for those good ribs

I love ribs, but I have only tried to make them once and it was a lot of work. I had to bake them for hours, adding sauce often, then they needed to be grilled. Too much work for me. Easier to order them in a restaurant.

I have heard of making them in the slow cooker. Now that is my kind of cooking and of course I had to try it out.

I used about a three-pound rack of pork ribs. I cut them into three parts so they would fit into the slow cooker.

I rubbed the ribs with a mixture of salt, pepper, cayenne pepper, paprika and garlic powder. I didn't measure them, but used a fair amount.

I sliced onions and placed them at the bottom of the slow cooker. Placed the first section of meat in, covered it with a layer of onions and barbecue sauce, then repeated for the remaining pieces of meat, covered it and set the slow cooker on low for eight hours.

The result was fabulous barbecue ribs. My husband said they were good, but I got the ultimate compliment on the ribs when I received a text from my mother-in-law asking for the recipe for the awesome ribs he had told her about! This one was a winner!

Slow Cooker Barbecue Ribs

- 3 pound rack of ribs
- Onions
- Salt
- Pepper
- Cayenne pepper
- Garlic powder
- Your favorite barbecue sauce
- Slow cooker
- Extra napkins

I am getting hungry writing about these ribs. I think we will be having them for dinner again soon.



My Turn Now

By Karin Ramige Cornwell

I served the ribs with my favorite twice baked potatoes. I make them often since they are so quick and easy.

The Ultimate Twice Baked Potatoes

- 4 large baked potatoes, slightly cooled
- 8 slices cooked bacon, crumbled
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1/4 to 1/2 cup milk
- 4 tablespoons butter
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 1 cup shredded Cheddar cheese, divided
- 8 green onions, sliced, divided

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Remove the skin from the potatoes and place them in a bowl. Add the sour cream, butter, salt, pepper, 1/2 cup cheese, 1/2 the green onions, 1/2 the bacon and milk (start adding the milk but a little at a time, until you have the consistency you want. You don't want them too runny).

Mix until well blended and creamy. Place into an oven-safe baking dish. Top each with remaining cheese, green onions and bacon.

Bake for another 15 minutes at 350 degrees. (<http://www.the-girl-who-ate-everything.com/2010/06/ultimate-twice-baked-potatoes.html>)

The original recipe says to carefully remove the potato flesh from the skin, then place the mixed back in the skin to bake. It seems like a lot of extra work to me, so I have always baked them in a baking dish. I'm always trying to keep it as simple as possible.

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Koepp sentencing Continued from page 1

Koepp may qualify for work release which will allow him to continue working at a meat-processing plant, where he is currently putting in 70 to 80 hours per week.

McCarthy ordered Koepp to begin paying \$1,000 a month to the court administration office, which will then disperse it among the alleged victims in repayment. Once a \$1,060 monthly payment to a bankruptcy trustee ends in March 2014, Koepp will need to pay \$2,000 per month toward restitution.

Before sentencing, McCarthy heard statements from five alleged victims, public defender Fran Eggert, who represented Koepp, prosecuting attorney Mike Junge, and from Koepp himself.

McCarthy also noted that there were about 30 letters in support of Koepp and several more written statements from alleged victims.

The people who spoke talked about the financial and emotional impact of Koepp's actions on their lives, from the postponement of retirement dreams to a loss of trust in their fellow mankind.

"It's created a cold spot in hearts (for helping others)," said one alleged victim.

Another said she has had to postpone her retirement for four years because her loan to Koepp was never repaid.

Yet another said her loan to Koepp cost her "two years of wages for me and my business."

Junge, the McLeod County attorney, summarized the four ways that Koepp allegedly defrauded his victims — from providing faked titles on collateral to false documents that he would receive a Small Business Administration loan (it was later proven that Koepp had never applied for such a loan).

Junge also likened Koepp's actions to that of a sex abuser.

Koepp, Junge contended, told his victims "not to tell anyone" about the loans he was seeking, a ploy often used by sex abusers.

And, like sex abuse victims, many of Koepp's alleged victims "were too ashamed to come forward," said Junge.

Junge also said that Koepp "has yet to show any sign of remorse, any disappointment in himself. He said he was a bad businessman; no, he was a con artist."

Junge also said Koepp was "delusional. He failed to face a reality."

Eggert, in his statement, said that Junge's assertion that Koepp was delusional probably best summed up the situation.

Eggert also contended that the money Koepp borrowed was invested back into his business, and did not buy "Rolexes" or "a Mercedes."

"He was putting that money back into his business and not paying attention to the end of the month," said Eggert.

Eggert also said that sending Koepp to prison, without the opportunity to work, would greatly reduce the alleged victims' chances of getting their money back.

"The victims seem to feel that restitution is a key part of this," said Eggert.

Eggert also said that Koepp is currently in the care of a psychiatrist and therapist, care that he probably would not receive in prison.

"Prison does not equal rehabilitation," said Eggert.

In his statement, Koepp said he "never meant to do harm or bad to anybody," and that he prays for the alleged victims "every day."

Koepp also said that "I've said many times I was sorry for how this went — it just wasn't publicized because I was told that wasn't the way to do this."

McCarthy said there "is a lot of pain in this room today; I can feel it up here."

He seemed to agree with Eggert that restitution would go a long way to helping the alleged victims heal, but also felt that Koepp should be punished.

"I'm torn," said McCarthy.

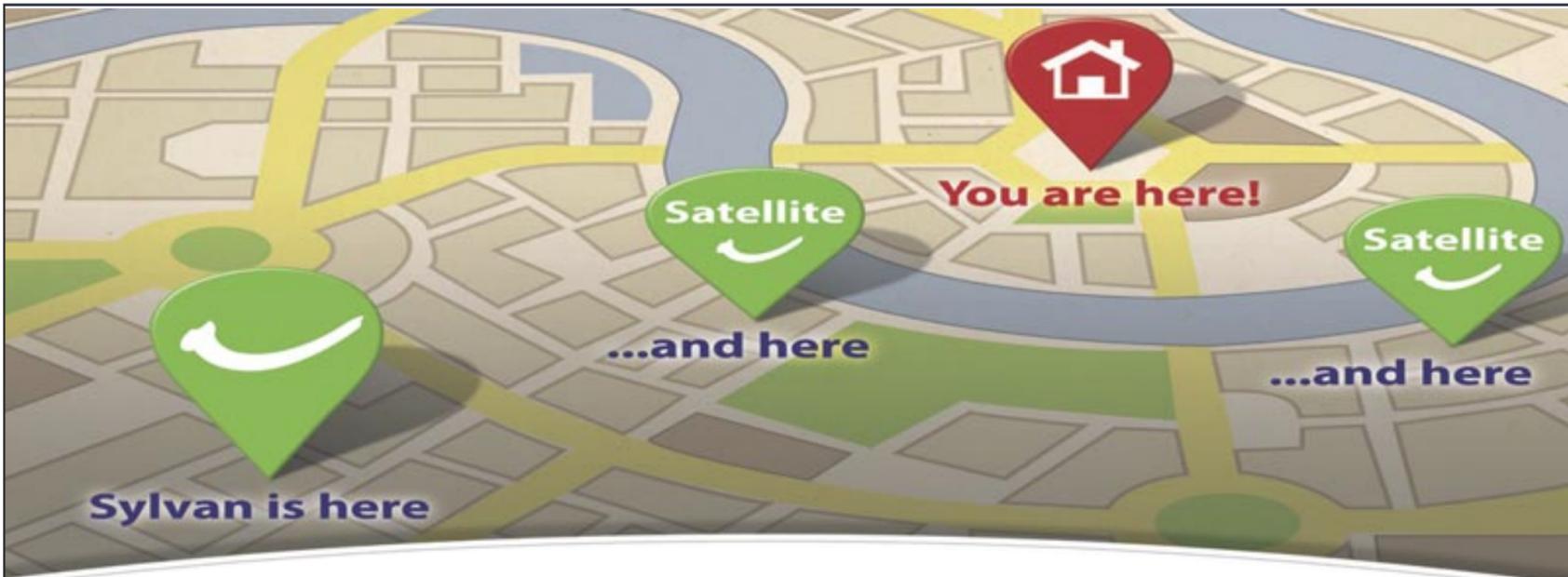
In the end, McCarthy imposed stay of execution of prison sentences on each count, and placed Koepp on probation for 20 years, ordered him to pay restitution in the total amount of \$367,475, and to continuing counseling and psychiatric care.



Chronicle photos by Rich Glennie

Dairy Day

Noah Brinkmann, 16-month-old son of Tom and Jennifer Brinkmann of Glencoe, tried to get up close to several baby pigs at Thursday's Glencoe Dairy Day activities at Oak Leaf Park. Local 4-Hers also showed calves as well. At right are Dairy Ambassador Sarah Eggert, Dairy Princess Katie Eggert and Dairy Ambassador Cheyenne Schmidt, dishing out free root beer floats in the park shelter house. The Glencoe Lions also sold food during the day, and Midwest Machinery showed equipment while the Glencoe Fire Department offered hands-on video demonstrations of how to properly use a fire extinguisher.



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