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County kicks in additional \$38,820 for museum parking lot

By Lori Copley
Editor

The McLeod County Historical Society had two funding requests approved at Tuesday's meeting of the McLeod County Board.

The County Board agreed to spend \$38,820 to cover coverage costs in the replacement of the parking lot at the historical society's museum in Hutchinson.

The county had originally contributed \$100,000 for the project from its capital fund.

However, once the original concrete was removed and the project was under way, numerous subsurface issues were discovered.

Dave Horrmann of Hutchinson,

who sits on the historical society's board of directors, said the subsurface of the parking lot was wet, black dirt, rather than Class 5 material. In addition, there were drainage issues and there was no reinforcing rod in the original concrete.

Horrmann said the contractor had to excavate the parking lot from two to four feet deep to pull out all the poor base material, which then had to be replaced. Drainage line also was installed to address the water issue.

"Of course, we didn't know about this until we dug into it," Lori Pickell-Stangel, the society's director, told the County Board.

The total overrun was \$46,323.

The museum applied for, and received, a \$7,500 grant from Knife River, which cut the overrun costs to \$38,823. The County Board agreed Tuesday to contribute that amount, again taking the money from its capital fund.

In another topic, the historical society is seeking an additional contribution of \$6,725 from the county to help fund a partnership director position. The society also will seek donations from the cities of Hutchinson and Glencoe.

Pickell-Stangel said the McLeod County Historical Society, the Glencoe Historic Preservation Society and Historic Hutchinson had formed a partnership organization, McLeod

County Historical Partners, in order to capture more grant funding on a regional basis.

"It opens up another way to apply for grants," said Pickell-Stangel.

The newly formed partnership received a grant of \$50,000 to start up the partnership. Part of that grant will fund the new partnership director position.

Pickell-Stangel said the county historical society doesn't have the staffing necessary to both manage the museum's grants and those of other historical groups in the county. The new position will help not only the county, Glencoe and Hutchinson groups individually, but can also apply for joint grants that could benefit all of them.

The Heritage Partner Program grant will only fund the position for one year, said Pickell-Stangel, but the hope is that the new position will capture enough additional grant funding in the future to keep the position going.

The County Board agreed to the funding request on a one-year only basis.

"There's no guarantee that you'll have it (the additional funding) the next year," said Commissioner Sheldon Nies. "All we can do legally is look at 2016."

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Chronicle photos by Rebecca Mariscal

Pola-Czesky Days another great success

The crowning of the Silver Lake Ambassadors (above) is always a highlight of the annual Pola-Czesky Days celebration. From left to right are Arissa Nowak, Stephanie Hoffman and Sarah Bandas. At left, Ron Pulkrabek was a member of the Color Guard that led off Sunday's parade. More photographs from the three-day celebration can be found on page 8.



Glencoe Fire Relief Association pension fund is fully funded

Report presented to City Council

By Karin Ramige Cornwell
Publisher

Glencoe Firefighters Steve Millard and James Voigt presented the recent actuarial study done by the Fire Relief Association to the City Council on Monday, Aug. 3.

The study, done every two years, shows the Fire Relief Association fund is over 100 percent funded at over \$1.1 million.

The Fire Relief Association provides retirement benefits to members of Glencoe's volunteer fire department. Benefits are currently \$2,300 per year of service. A member is fully vested after 10 years of service, and eligible for benefits after 20 years of service.

Through changes in investments and increased city contributions, the association has been able to increase its fund over \$200,000 over the last couple of years.

The association made a request of the city council to continue its contribution of \$68,795 annually. A request was also made to increase the individual amount to \$2,500 per year of service.

City Administrator Mark Larson said the city had increased its contribution about 10 years ago to help the association become fully funding with the hopes that, at some point, a city contribution would not be needed.

Council Member Kevin Dietz asked if the numbers included proceeds from the association's annual fund raiser Heat in the Street.

Millard reported that so far any

proceeds have been put back into the next Heat in the Street. He also said that based on the promoters' estimates with the bands that performed on July 25, 5,000 people were projected to attend, but only 3,600 tickets were sold. The association hopes to break even on the event this year.

The council approved the annual contribution of \$68,795 and the \$200 annual increase.

The Council also:
• Discussed council and mayoral compensation. City Attorney Jody Winters advised the Council that there have been no increases in the Council's compensation since 2003. The mayor's compensation hasn't been increased since 2005.

Currently, the mayor receives \$425 per month and council members receive \$350 per month.

Larson said the city has discussed going back to a per diem amount as many council members have to take time off from work to complete council responsibilities.

Council Member John Schrupp made a motion to have the finance committee review the compensation and make a recommendation to the council.

Any increase or change would not take place until after the next regular election, in this case Jan. 1, 2017.

• Approved a motion, based on a

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Ray Wilkens family raises \$11,000 for veterans

Golf tournament honors memory of Plato veteran

husband, father, grandfather and proud veteran, Ray Wilkens' legacy lives on through his family.

After his death in November of last year, Ray's family, consisting of his wife, three children and their spouses and six grandchildren, hosted

a memorial golf tournament in his honor on June 26.

In past years the family has held similar events to raise money for Relay for Life, but this time around things were more personal.

"This year we wanted to do something the same for his remembrance," son Bryan Wilkens said. "But I think this being for our dad, being more personal, we went above and beyond."

The event brought in \$11,000, more than doubling what daughter Jen Heuer hoped to raise.

"That was above and beyond my expectations," she said.

The money was donated to the McLeod County Veterans Association Assistance Fund. The family chose this organization specifically because of Ray's military service.

"He was proud to be a veteran so if we can help out them in any way we can, we're more than happy to," Bryan said.

Ray himself was always willing to help out in the community and was an active member of the Plato American Legion Post 641.

"He was always there to help anyone," Heuer said. "With a smile on his face."

This time it was others who came out to show their support for Ray. They shared the joyful energy he always had when helping others, smiling throughout the day.

"Everyone was laughing," Heuer said. "It was more of a proud and happy day because everyone was just having fun."

It was this laughter and energy that made the day a success for Ray's family.

"To have that many people come to support us and him and to share his love with everyone, it was awesome," Heuer said.

The memorial was planned almost solely by family, echoing the values Ray and his wife Bonnie instilled in their children and grandchildren during their 43-year marriage.

"Together they taught us what family's about," Heuer said. "No matter what you don't turn your

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Weather

Wed., 8-5 H: 85°, L: 63°	Thur., 8-6 H: 84°, L: 63°	Fri., 8-7 H: 81°, L: 59°	Sat., 8-8 H: 81°, L: 59°	Sun., 8-9 H: 80°, L: 60°

July highlights: High temp: 92 on July 17; low temp: 50 on July 8; total rain: 4.19 inches.
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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

Health board workshop set

The Meeker-McLeod-Sibley Community Health Services Board will hold a work session Monday, Aug. 10, from 9 a.m. to noon, in the large meeting room at the Southwest Initiative Foundation Building, 15 Third Ave. NW, Hutchinson. The workshop is open to the public.

Brownton corn feed Friday

The Brownton Lions Club is sponsoring its annual sweet-corn feed Friday, Aug. 7, at the Brownton Community Center. Serving is from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. or until the corn is gone. The corn feed will be followed by a kids pedal-tractor pull with registration at 6:30 p.m. and the pull at 7 p.m. Volunteers are needed to help husk corn at the Brownton City Park Friday at 1 p.m.

Abundant Table meal today

The monthly Abundant Table meal at Christ Lutheran Church in Glencoe is set for today (Wednesday, Aug. 5) in the church basement fellowship hall, 1820 Knight Ave. The meal is free and open to everyone, including families and children, the elderly, and anyone seeking fellowship or a helping hand. The menu includes a taco bar with all the fixings, fruit and Abundant Table bread and dessert. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. for fellowship; the meal will be served at 5 p.m. Please let the church know to prepare for you by calling 320-864-4549.

GHS class of 1959 to reunite

The Glencoe High School class of 1959 will meet for its 56-year reunion at the Glencoe Country Club on Tuesday, Aug. 25, at 2 p.m. Please let your friends know.

GHS class of 1948 reunion

The Glencoe High School class of 1948 is planning a reunion for Saturday, Aug. 15, at noon, at Dubbs Grill & Bar in Glencoe. Call Dubbs at 320-864-3062 for a reservation.

Caregiver group to meet

The Glencoe Caregiver & Discussion Group will meet Thursday, Aug. 13, at 10:30 a.m., at Christ Lutheran Church in Glencoe. Please note the new date and time. The topic will be caregiver guilt.

VBS set at Good Shepherd

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 1407 Cedar Ave. N, Glencoe, has set its vacation Bible school program for Sunday, Aug. 9, through Tuesday, Aug. 11, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. For more information, call 320-864-6157, or register online at www.gslglencoe.org.

FLS registration dates set

First Lutheran School in Glencoe has set the following registration dates and times for the 2015-16 school year: preschool through third-grade registration, Tuesday, Aug. 25, 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.; fourth- through eighth-grade registration, supply drop-off and school pictures, Thursday, Aug. 27, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Legion Post 95 set to meet

The Glencoe American Legion Post 95 will meet Thursday, Aug. 6, at 7 p.m., in the basement meeting room of the Glencoe VFW.

Plato Lions golf tournament

The Plato Lions Club is having its annual golf tournament Monday, Aug. 10, with an 11 a.m. registration and a 1 p.m. shotgun start, at the Glencoe Country Club. The registration fee includes a cart, dinner and prizes. To register, call Ron Templin at 320-238-2285, or e-mail Ken Franke at kmfranke@embarqmail.com.

Food packaging set Aug. 5

Food For Kidz will have a food packaging event Wednesday, Aug. 5, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., at Cactus Jack's II, Highway 212, Stewart. Volunteers are welcome. Food packaging events are held the first Wednesday of each month.

Blood drive in Hutchinson

There will be an American Red Cross blood drive at Peace Lutheran Church, 400 Franklin St. SW, Hutchinson, on Tuesday, Aug. 11, from noon to 6 p.m.

SL to spray for mosquitoes

The city of Silver Lake will spray for mosquitoes Tuesday, Aug. 11, after sundown. In the event of rain, spraying will be postponed one day. For more information, contact Clark Environmental Services at 800-715-2159.

Degree of Honor 182 to meet

Degree of Honor 182 will have its regular business meeting Tuesday, Aug. 11, at 1 p.m., in the Silver Lake Auditorium. A catered meal will be served at 4 p.m.

Glencoe seniors meetings

The Glencoe Senior Citizens meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 12:30 p.m. in the seniors room at the Glencoe City Center. Sheephead is played on Tuesdays, and both sheephead and 500 are played on Thursdays. All seniors over 55 are invited. For more information, call 320-864-3799 and leave a message.

Gun safety classes to begin

Minnesota Firearms Safety and Hunter Education classes will start Wednesday, Aug. 19, at 7 p.m., at the Stewart Community Center in Stewart. Call Kevin Klucas at 320-583-2047 to register. Students must be at least 11 years old or older.

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.



Ray Wilkens' family presented a check for \$11,000 to the McLeod County Veterans Association Assistance Fund during a meeting on July 27. Pictured in front row, from left are Willow Wilkens, James Wilkens, Katelyn

Heuer, Johnathan Wilkens and RaeAnn Heuer; middle row from left are Janelle Wilkens, Bonnie Wilkens, Natalie Wilkens and Jen Heuer and back row are Bryan Wilkens, Ben Heuer, Chad Wilkens and Paul Heuer.

Submitted photo

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back on family and you're always supporting each other." Though the planning was a family affair, the community showed its support. The tournament featured 33 teams with 4 players each. More than 35 different businesses and people donated to be hole sponsors, which required a donation of at least \$100. Many more people and busi-

nesses donated items for raffle and door prizes. The family said they are "more than grateful" for all the support. "We can't really say thank



Ray Wilkens

you enough to everyone who helped out to make it such a huge success," Heuer said.

All in all, the day was a success for both the fundraising campaign and for the memory of Ray.

"Definitely he was proud up in heaven," Bryan said. "No doubt."

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Commissioner Doug Krueger voted in favor of the parking lot request, but voted no in regard to the new posi-

tion. During the meeting, Krueger said he was struggling with why a new group

had to be formed, rather than just putting all of the groups under the county historical society's umbrella.

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recommendation from Larson, to become the exclusive bar provider through Glencoe Wine and Spirits.

The city provides the bar services for the majority of the events at the City Center. There are one to two staff members in addition to the bartenders on staff at larger events, but they are finding at larger events, they are short staffed.

With the move, bartenders, who are city employees, would assist the City Center staff when needed.

Council Member Gary Ziemer reported that the City Board is in favor of the move with the feeling that events run more smoothly when the city staff runs the bar.

• Approved a motion to adopt the first reading of a

perpetual ordinance stating that the city ordinance follows the most current state building code instead of adopting a new ordinance every time a there is a code change.

Winters said many communities are approving perpetual ordinances.

Council Member Al Robeck said he feels like the city gives up some administrative authority by adopting the code and giving the authority to MnSpect and Scott Qualle, the city's designated building inspector.

In Robeck's opinion, the council should maintain more control and loses some of the checks and balances, adding that there are unique things that the city does, or did when Robeck worked for the city's

public works department, that weren't breaking the code just not inspected, citing only the plumbing code.

Qualle explained that the ordinance remains the same just is to ensure that the ordinance is always current.

Robeck continued to explain that he didn't agree with the codes. Schrupp suggested that the Council meeting was not the place to discuss specifics of the code or state regulations and that Robeck take it up with the state if he disagrees.

Robeck voted against the motion.

Mankato man injured in 2-vehicle accident

A Mankato man was injured in a two-vehicle crash at the intersection of Highway 22 and Highway 212, just west of Glencoe, on Tuesday, July 28, at about 10:20 a.m.

According to the Minnesota State Patrol, Richard R. Sheely, 68, of Mankato, was northbound on Highway 22 in a 1998 GMC Sonoma, had stopped at the stop sign, and then pulled out on Highway 212 in front of an eastbound 1995 Oldsmobile Ciera driven by Megan R. Hahn, 18, of Brownton.

Sheely was taken by ambulance to the Glencoe hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. Hahn was not injured. Both drivers were wearing their seatbelts.

Both vehicles sustained moderate damage and were taken to Kevin's Auto in Glencoe.

Responding were the Minnesota State Patrol, Glencoe Fire Department, Glencoe Ambulance and the McLeod County Sheriff's Office.

GSL activity passes now available

Glencoe-Silver Lake (GSL) activity passes for the coming school year are now available.

The passes are good for all GSL home regular season activities, including concerts, plays and games. The only exceptions are the Band-O-Rama and section games.

The passes are available in the Lincoln Junior High School office at any time — see Lori Harms. They also will be available at the first couple of home events: volleyball on Sept. 1 and 14, football on Sept. 4 and 11, and soccer on Sept. 1 and 8.

A student pass costs \$35; senior citizen, \$30; and adult, \$75.



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The event was a huge success and would have not been possible without your support. All the proceeds were donated to the McLeod Veterans Association Assistance Fund, making a difference in the lives of many local veterans and active military members.

Thank you for your support and generosity.

The family of Ray Wilkens

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City Council discusses blight issues

By Karin Ramige Cornwell Publisher

Unmowed property and discarded furniture were points of discussion for the Glencoe City Council at the Monday, Aug. 3, meeting.

Council Member Allen Robeck brought up a couple of blight issues in the city.

The first issue was the unmowed property between 13th Street West and Highway 22 on the west end of town. The land is considered a state highway access way and has some trees on it.

Part of the land is cut and baled by a farmer, but the area in question is not due to the trees. The city has asked MnDOT. Other parts are maintained by the homeowners. The area in question had been maintained by residents who were present at the meet-

ing, but say they are too old to maintain it anymore.

The state treats the area as a ditch and mows it once or twice a year. Robeck asked the city to "get after the state," suggesting a blight letter be sent stating it will be billed.

Robeck said that there are noxious weeds, such as thistles.

He said there are other areas that are technically state land that are maintained by the city. Park and Street Department Superintendent Mike Drew said the areas that are maintained by the city are by prior arrangements with the state.

After a little more discussion, Council Member John Schrupp made a motion to have the city start mowing this ditch in question. The

motion was seconded by Robeck.

Council Member Gary Ziemer asked to have the area clarified "from where to where?"

Schrupp amended the motion to say the ditch will be cut from Fir to Armstrong and the motion was passed.

Schrupp also thanked the residents who have mowed the area for many years.

The second issue Robeck brought up was furniture left on curbs. Robeck asked if the police could take note of what was laying around and have it taken care of, citing a couch that was on 13th Street all winter.

Police Chief Jim Raiter said while officers try to watch for these things, it isn't a blight issue until someone complains.

Once a complaint is received, the police department attempts to make contact with the residents. A blight letter is then sent giving the owner 10 days to remove the items.

McLeod County Commissioner Doug Krueger asked during the public comment time if items could be marked, adding that a lot of discarded furniture and electronics end up in the county's ditches and removal costs the county a lot since it doesn't know where the items come from.

Council members asked if a time frame could be added to the blight ordinance. They also asked City Attorney Jody Winters to check to see if furniture is specific in the blight ordinance.

Hoopla Train coming to Glencoe

Some of the finest comedic actors and directors from the Twin Cities will be in Glencoe Thursday, Aug. 6, and Friday, Aug. 7, to perform The Hoopla Train with Yard Master Yip and his Polkastra at The Pla-Mor Ballroom. Show time is 7 p.m. both evenings.

Randy Wilson, mayor of Glencoe, will be a guest member of the cast.

This family-friendly Vaudeville-style variety show is on a 14-city tour, performing in historic ballrooms across the state. The show includes a live talent contest for audience members and an opportunity to dance to upbeat polkas and waltzes that made ballrooms famous, accompanied by The Chmielewski Funtime Band.

The Hoopla Train cast of actors has performed on the stages across the country, including the Guthrie Theater, The Children's Theater Company, Ten Thousand Things Theater, Berkeley Repertory Theater, The Shakespeare Theater in Washington D.C., and Off-Broadway. The project is produced by Sod House Theater and is spearheaded by actor/director Luverne Seifert, a senior teaching specialist at the University of Minnesota, and actor/director Darcey Engen, chair of the Theater Arts Department at Augsburg College in Minneapolis.

"It's an original show fea-

turing acts performed by our touring cast and we also bring local talent into the production," says Engen. "Our cast is superb and we're thrilled to be performing in historic ballrooms and other venues across Minnesota, where live music and dancing originated

and many of our parents fell in love."

Purchase tickets at Brown PaperTickets.com or at the door. Seating is limited. Call 612-414-2032 for more information.

The production is made possible in part by a grant

provided by the Minnesota State Arts Board through an appropriation by the Minnesota State Legislature from the state's arts and cultural heritage fund with money from the vote of the people of Minnesota on Nov. 4, 2008.



Cast members of the Hoopla Train, who will be at the Pla-Mor Ballroom Thursday and Friday evening, are, from left, Luverne Seifert, Elise Langer, Nathan Keepers, Kimberly Richardson, Darcey

Engen and Jim Lichtscheidl, front. Not pictured: Andrea Wollenberg. Glencoe Mayor Randy Wilson will be a guest member of the cast.

Record

Glencoe Police

TUESDAY, JULY 28
1:37 p.m. — A person came to the police department to file a report regarding identity theft.

4:11 p.m. — An officer responded to a residence on DeSoto Avenue for an animal complaint. The resident admitted to having three dogs and three cats, and said she would get rid of the cats and one of the dogs. Blight issues also were discussed.

8 p.m. — A citation for driving after suspension was issued at a traffic stop in the area of Highway 212 and Chandler Avenue.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29
11:31 a.m. — A male wanted charges pressed against his court-appointed attorney. "He was advised that there was little that can be done and to contact the courts," according to the police report.

12:46 p.m. — A male who was having difficulty breathing was taken by ambulance to the hospital from an address on Eighth Street W.

1:37 p.m. — A minor two-vehicle accident was reported on 10th Street. There were no injuries.

1:52 p.m. — A female who was not feeling well was taken by ambulance to the hospital from an address on Cedar Avenue N.

THURSDAY, JULY 30
9:13 a.m. — A witness reported seeing a vehicle hit another while pulling into a parking stall at the Glencoe medical clinic. The owner of the car that was hit was not concerned about a scuff mark on the bumper, and the officer was unable to make contact with the owner of the other car because they were at a medical appointment.

8:36 p.m. — A person on 12th Street E reported receiving unwanted phone calls, possibly threatening.

11:07 p.m. — A verbal warning was given for improper registration and a citation issued for no insurance at a traffic stop in the area of 13th Street W and Cedar

Avenue N.

FRIDAY, JULY 31
2:02 a.m. — A loose dog was brought to the police department. A voice mail was left for the owner.

2:15 a.m. — Officers assisted the Brownston Police Department and McLeod County Sheriff's Office with a burglary alarm and stolen vehicle in Brownston.

1:47 p.m. — Officers and the Glencoe Fire Department responded to the first of three false fire alarms at a business on 11th Street E.

4:29 p.m. — A vehicle was reported stolen from the parking lot at Fleet Supply, but it turned out to be an issue of mistaken identity. The person who took the vehicle had one very similar in appearance, and drove off in the wrong vehicle. Both vehicles were left with the keys in the ignition. The person who took the wrong vehicle returned. Both drivers were advised not to leave their keys in unattended vehicles.

6:03 p.m. — An officer assisted with a child custody exchange on 16th Street W.

9:03 p.m. — An officer responded to a report of people on the construction equipment on Seventh Street E, but they were gone before he arrived.

9:41 p.m. — An officer and the Glencoe Ambulance responded to a request for a lift assist on Ranger Drive. The person declined transportation to the emergency room.

SATURDAY, AUG. 1
6:48 a.m. — A hit-and-run accident was reported on Ford Avenue N. It appeared a semi possibly entered the city limits and then struck two vehicles that were legally parked on the road. A neighbor reported hearing something between 2 a.m. and 3 a.m.

8:05 p.m. — A citation was issued for driving after suspension and given a verbal warning for illegal window tint at a traffic stop on Highway 212 between Morningside Drive and Hamlet Avenue.

8:19 p.m. — An officer responded to a requested welfare check of a person on 15th Street

E. The person voluntarily went to the emergency room to be evaluated.

10:38 p.m. — Citations were issued for no Minnesota driver's license and no insurance, and a verbal warning given for unsafe tires, at a traffic stop in the area of Hennepin Avenue N and Reeds Lane. The vehicle was towed to the city impound lot.

11:11 p.m. — An officer responded to a request for a welfare check of a person on Elliott Avenue N, who was fine.

SUNDAY, AUG. 2
6:45 a.m. — An officer came upon a vehicle parked on 11th Street E with no license plates or temporary permit. The resident of the house said they had just bought the vehicle, and agreed to move it off the street.

6:57 a.m. — An officer put a 24-hour notice on a van with flat tires and expired tabs that had been parked on 15th Street E for several days.

9:11 a.m. — A driver was cited for no proof of insurance and given a verbal warning for failing to move over at a traffic stop at Highway 212 and Morningside Drive.

11:43 a.m. — A caller reported a dog in a truck on Cedar Avenue N. The responding officer found that two windows were open on the truck, it was parked in the shade and there was a breeze. The dog was not in distress.

12:09 p.m. — A person on 20th Street W reported that a ball may have been stolen from his trailer hitch during the night.

1:59 p.m. — The Glencoe Ambulance and an officer responded to a medical on 10th Street E for a pregnant female who said her water had broken.

5:02 p.m. — An officer stood by during a child custody exchange on 10th Street E.

5:18 p.m. — A person with arm numbness and shortness of breath was taken by ambulance to the emergency room from Newton Avenue.

8:34 p.m. — A citation was given for no trailer registration and verbal warnings issued for no

trailer lights, no trailer breakaway cable and trailer brakes not in working order at a traffic stop on Highway 212 east of town.

8:53 p.m. — A citation was issued for failing to move over for an emergency vehicle and a verbal warning given for no proof of insurance in the area of Highway 212 and Diamond Avenue.

9:23 p.m. — Officers responded to a verbal domestic on Greeley Avenue N.

MONDAY, AUG. 3
4:21 a.m. — Officers responded to a report of a runaway juvenile on 14th Street E.

11:31 a.m. — Officers responded to a minor two-vehicle accident in the hospital parking lot. The owners exchanged insurance information.

12:15 p.m. — Officers spoke to a resident at a home which had a couch sitting out by the curb. The home owner said the couch would be moved into the garage by the end of the day.

6:01 p.m. — An officer mediated a child custody issue on Judd Avenue N.

7:13 p.m. — Another child custody issue was addressed on Ash Street.

7:49 p.m. — A theft was reported on Chandler Avenue N.

Building Permits

The following building permits were approved by the Glencoe City Council Monday, Aug. 3:

- Bill Gould, 1702 Judd Ave. N, foundation wall anchors.
- Devin Nicholson, 1810 Hennepin Ave. N, foundation wall anchors.
- Chad Sauter, 200 Interwood Dr., shed.
- Robert Scheidt, 420 Ninth Street E, mechanical permit.
- Paul Adelmann, 220 12th St. E, re-roof.
- Ken Polifka, 2103 Judd Ave. N, fence.
- Fred Werth, 104 Interwood Dr., re-roof.

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State funding for roads in small cities

Our view: Legislative appropriation should be a start to a long-term plan

The latest state legislative session included an appropriation of \$12.5 million as state aid for roads in small cities. "This is no substitute for a long-term transportation plan, but a good first step, and a way to help our small cities who are too often left behind in favor of road fixes in larger areas," said state Rep. Glenn Gruenhagen, R-Glencoe.

Gruenhagen is right in calling it a "first step." This is the first time that smaller cities, such as Silver Lake, Brown-ton, Stewart, Plato, New Auburn and Biscay, are receiving a share of state transportation funding for local roads. Larger cities, including Hutchinson and Glencoe, have already been receiving some funding.

The amounts received by each city may seem small. The amounts allotted to area cities include: Biscay, \$7,489; Brown-ton, \$14,816; Lester Prairie, \$22,048; Plato, \$10,465; Silver Lake, \$15,054; Stewart, \$13,710; Winsted, \$28,595; and New Auburn, \$13,255.

We assume the disparate amounts awarded each city is based either on population, square acreage or lineal feet of road.

And while we agree with Gruenhagen that this a good

first step, more needs to be done.

A street is a street, regardless of whether it is in Biscay or Minneapolis. One would assume that the fixed costs of excavation, subsurface work and a top coat would be comparable for a street in either city.

There are those who contend that state aid for schools should be based on both student population and the fixed costs that come with each school district, regardless of enrollment. It costs the same to heat, cool, light and maintain a classroom of comparable size in every district, regardless of the number of students in the room.

The same could be same of our city roads and bridges. Should the aid be based in part upon population? Of course: a greater population equates to greater usage of the roads.

Should it also be based on fixed construction and maintenance costs. Again, of course: those costs will be similar for similar streets, regardless of the community in which they are located.

Hopefully, in 2016, the state Legislature will continue to build on its "first step." All of the cities in Minnesota have needs, and they all deserve help, regardless of population.

— L.C.



Jumping on Cecil's media band wagon

You've probably heard more than enough about Cecil the lion. I know I have. And yet I can't seem to just ignore it.

Just in case you were on Mars or in the African plains and haven't heard, a wealthy Minnesota dentist shot and killed a beloved icon of Zimbabwe, a lion named Cecil who lived on a wildlife preserve.

Apparently, the hunter's guides lured the lion out of the preserve by dragging meat behind their vehicle.

This isn't intended to be a commentary on big-game hunting and whether or not it's a legitimate sport.

What bothers me is the media feeding frenzy over the issue. I don't think I've seen this much coverage of an event since Princess Di was killed in a car accident.

In these days of Facebook, Twitter and other social media, it's sometimes surprising what issues capture the public's attention. The Cecil incident has, as they say nowadays,



Lori Copler

"gone viral."

The coverage has spun out of control.

That's one thing, but what bothers me is our public official's knee-jerk reaction to the incident which, in case it isn't obvious, occurred on a different continent.

Federal officials are calling for the Fish & Wildlife Service to take action. At least one state legislator has asked the Minnesota Department of

Natural Resources (DNR) to investigate.

Really? The DNR doesn't have enough to contend with at home? It needs to delve into issues in Africa?

I don't want the DNR to investigate this unfortunate event. I want it to address poor lake water quality, invasive species, the decline of the fish population, a lack of deer to be shot in the upcoming season.

I feel bad about Cecil, just as I would feel bad about an American Eagle that had been shot. A national icon is a national icon, and its demise should be mourned and, perhaps, even spark some outrage.

But it shouldn't create the national — even international — media storm that the Cecil incident has created. This is just way overboard.

Rest in peace, Cecil, if you can with all the clatter and chatter your unfortunate death has generated.

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Question of the week

After a decade of no increases, the Glencoe City Council is considering a pay hike for council members and the mayor. What do you think?

- 1) Give them a raise; they put in a lot of work.
- 2) Don't raise wages; it saves the city money.
- 3) I don't care.

Results for most recent question:

Do you believe sports teams, including the Vikings, should have the right to sell the naming rights to the stadiums in which they play?

- 1) Yes, it helps with their share of the funding — 27%
- 2) No, the names should be chosen by the public — 35%
- 3) I don't care — 38%

55 votes. New question runs Aug. 5-11.

Letter to the Editor

Drive collects 114 units; volunteers appreciated

To the Editor:

Thank you to all of the donors who took time out of their day on Wednesday, July 29, to donate at the Glencoe Community Blood Drive.

The American Red Cross set our goal for this summer drive at 130 units; we collected 114 units. Fifteen double-red donors were able to give 29 units and 85 donors gave single units. Blood donations decline during the summer when vacations may cause some donors to be less available to give. Many schools where blood drives are held are out of session during the summer months, which makes the summer an especially difficult time to collect enough blood to meet the needs of hospital patients.

Blood is needed for a variety of

reasons: accident and burn victims, heart surgery patients, organ transplant patients, and those receiving treatment for leukemia, cancer and sickle cell disease all need blood. Volunteer blood donors are the only source of blood and platelets for those in need of lifesaving transfusions. The 114 units you donated may support up to 342 people who truly need this gift of life.

Very many volunteers give behind-the-scenes and up-front support for the community blood drives, including community support from Coborn's, Security Bank & Trust, The McLeod County Chronicle and Glencoe City Center. We thank all of you for your efforts; without you we couldn't fulfill our lifesaving mission to the American

Red Cross. We also thank Thrivent Financial Action Team for financial support for the drive. I especially want to thank Noreen Schuette for her day-long assistance to my co-chair Nelda Klaustermeier during my absence at this drive. It was so very much appreciated!

The next scheduled Glencoe Community Blood Drive is set for Wednesday, Nov. 18, from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m., at the Glencoe City Center. Mark your calendars. Make (and keep) an appointment. The life you save may belong to someone you love. Thank you for your continued support.

Charleen Engelmann,
Coordinator
Glencoe Community
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History

From the Stewart Tribune archives

100 Years Ago

Aug. 6, 1915
Koeppen Brothers, Editors
Matt Tanata, 12-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Tanata of Preston Lake, this morning suffered the loss of the first finger of his right hand when it became caught in a pulley in the loft of his father's barn.

Work commenced yesterday on the construction of the new village power house, which will be built just west of the old house and will be of concrete and brick. When completed, the new place will add greatly to the appearance near the water tower and will also be up to snuff in every particular. A new electric motor will be purchased for pumping purposes, although the old gas engine will be kept for emergencies.

Two more dogs suffered from the dog poisoner's work the first of this week. Henry Dols' white one died, but by careful attention, Charley Gunther saved the life of his pointer. Needless to say, both men would like to get hold of this blot upon the face of the earth who is laying this poison.

75 Years Ago

Aug. 2, 1940
Harry Koeppen, Editor
Herb Fleisch, well-known and

prominent Round Grove farmer, last Monday journeyed to Glencoe and there deposited the regular filing fee required by law to run this fall for the office of state representative from McLeod County. He will be opposed in the primary election by Herman Dammann of Plato, the incumbent, and Art Polak of Glencoe.

50 Years Ago

Aug. 5, 1965
Kermit T. Hubin, Editor
With the sale of 200 shares of stock last week, the Oakdale Country Club near Lake Allie was organized, and given the go-ahead on the construction of a nine-hole golf course. A grounds committee to work with the architect includes Leo "Buzz" Nelson as the chairperson, with Lester Green of Hector, Bob Ludowese of Stewart, and Robert Putzier, Max Meehan and Robert Jakobitz working with them. Appointed to the clubhouse committee were Clayton Barnes, chairman; and Howard Evenson, Hector, and Viggo Sorenson, Gordon Williams, Henry Krant and Adrid Hagberg of Buffalo Lake.

Miss Eldonna Alsleben, daughter of Mrs. and Mrs. Arthur Alsleben of Brownton, and Walter Roepke, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Roepke, spoke marriage vows at a double-ring

ceremony June 26, 1965, at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Fernando.

Miss Nancy Lee Doerr, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Doerr of Stewart, was united in marriage to Mr. Dale Redetzke on Friday evening, July 30, at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in Fernando.

35 Years Ago

Aug. 7, 1980
Douglas G. Seitz, Editor
The Stewart Fire Department was called to the Stan Maiers farm to extinguish a tractor fire Friday afternoon, but the fire had been put out before the department arrived. Mark Maiers, 14, was spreading manure when he noticed fire coming from around the engine area of the tractor. He ran home to get help, and he and his father put the fire out with fire extinguishers. A call was put in to the fire department to make sure the fire would not reignite.

Mr. and Mrs. James Burke wish to announce the birth of a baby girl, Jean Paula, born July 24. She has one brother, David.

Funeral services were held Wednesday for Darryl Katzenmeyer, 23, formerly of Stewart, who was killed in a motorcycle accident July 26 near Virginia.

From the Chronicle archives

30 Years Ago

Aug. 7, 1985
Bill Ramige, Editor
The Copper Still bar in Plato, owned by Duane Mathews of rural Glencoe, was gutted by fire early Monday morning. Damage from an explosion and fire was estimated by McLeod County investigator Dan Murphy to be in excess of \$100,000. Plato firefighters were called to the scene on Main Street in Plato at about 4 a.m. The building was engulfed in smoke and flames when they arrived.

The Glencoe Brewers earned a berth in the region tournament by beating the St. Peter Saints in a 5-4 victory. The win put Glencoe into the Ara Wilson League championship series.

20 Years Ago

Aug. 9, 1995
Rich Glennie, Editor
A lightning strike Sunday

evening may have set back the Pamida construction project another two weeks. Lightning struck a corner of the partially completed wall, causing about \$25,000-\$30,000 damage. At least 50 feet of the cement block wall and about 25 feet of footing block will have to be demolished. The demolition will involve about 2,000 blocks.

After more than a year and a half in the study stage, the proposed \$3.6 million community center was jolted to the next stage when the Glencoe City Council, on a 4-1 vote, approved a motion for the site near Oak Leaf Park.

Drugs, sex and booze are a vast majority of the cases that McLeod County Attorney Mike Junge sees during the year. Junge told this to the county board, and said that those three areas make up 75 to 80 percent of his caseload. While the county has a smaller population than Carver County, McLeod County has a higher number of felony sen-

tences.

10 Years Ago

Aug. 10, 2005
Rich Glennie, Editor
The Glencoe-Silver Lake Board of Education selected Rozeboom Miller Architects of Minneapolis as its architectural firm for the proposed new elementary school.

For nearly two decades, The Guillotine has been edited, published and circulated by Besheys. Jim and Jeri purchased the specialty publication in 1987, and with help from their now-grown children, Mark, Jeff and Dawn, have been presenting Minnesota's amateur wrestling community news stories, advertisements and columns on their favorite topic once a month each school year ever since. But now, it is time to hand off The Guillotine to a younger Beshey. On July 1, son Jeff became sole owner and publisher of the Minnesota wrestling publication.

From the Brownton Bulletin archives

100 Years Ago

Aug. 6, 1915
O.C. Conrad, Editor
Dr. and Mrs. E.L. Maurer left Sunday for the big fair at Frisco, where they will remain for several weeks. Dr. D.W. Bolles came up from Minneapolis Saturday and will look after the doctor's practice in his absence.

At the expiration of its present license, the Biscay saloon will go out of business. The Supreme Court has handed down a decision that the roadhouse law passed in the recent legislative session is valid.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Louis Ewald of Sumter on Tuesday of this week.

The local garage now has its building completely finished on the interior and it presents a decided improvement. The walls and ceiling are covered with galvanized steel, making it practically fireproof. The full shipment of shop tools has not arrived, but the shop is in shape to handle almost any kind of repair job.

On Monday of this week a daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Bartels of Round Grove.

75 Years Ago

Aug. 1, 1940
Milton D. Hake, Editor
The memory of one of Brownton's pioneer women will be honored Friday when funeral rites are held for Mrs. Albert E. (Isabel) Smith. She suffered a heart attack Sunday morning and passed away Tuesday at the age

of 78. She is survived by her husband and one daughter, Mrs. Charles (Nina) Zimmerman.

Funeral services are being held today (Thursday) for LeRoy E. Newcomb, Sumter Township farmer who passed Monday afternoon at his home near Lake Marion. He had reached the age of 66 years.

50 Years Ago

Aug. 5, 1965
Charles H. Warner, Editor
Edward "Barney" Tadsen sustained an extremely painful injury Friday afternoon when he fell from a ladder at the home of his brother-in-law, Clarence Reimers. Barney was climbing up to the hay mow when the mishap occurred. He was taken first to the Brownton Clinic, then to the Glencoe hospital for treatment of a badly broken elbow.

Eldonna Alsleben and Walter Roepke were united in marriage Saturday, June 26, at 2 p.m., in a double-ring ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Alsleben of Brownton and Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Roepke of Stewart are the parents.

Around 6:10 p.m. Sunday, the fire siren blasted, summoning the fire department to the junction of U.S. Highway 212 and State Highway 15, where a truck trailer carrying a large barrel of fuel oil was on fire. The fire was quickly extinguished with damage confined to the trailer and the hose connections. The back of the truck rack was slightly scorched.

20 Years Ago

Aug. 2, 1995
Lori Copley, Editor
Immanuel Lutheran Church's centennial celebration drew standing-room only crowds as parishioners, former members and guests paced the sanctuary, chapel and basement for worship services Sunday.

On Sunday, at about 4:55 p.m., the Renville County Sheriff's Department received a call about a possible drowning on Lake Preston. Rescue workers from Buffalo Lake, Hector, Brownton, Stewart and Hutchinson spent that evening and all day Monday searching for the body of Romeo Picazo Jr., 18, of Buffalo Lake. His body was finally found at about 6:20 p.m. Monday.

Ellan "Bud" Kottke, 77, former mayor of Stewart, died July 22, 1995.

10 Years Ago

Aug. 3, 2005
Lori Copley, Editor
The Shade Tree Retirement Center in Brownton celebrated its 15th anniversary Saturday night with food, music and clowns.

Jacob and Jennifer Knick of Brownton announce the birth of their daughter, Cadance Cathleen, on July 10, 2005, at the Hutchinson Community Hospital. Her older sister is Jasmine. Grandparents are Ron and Jill Knick of Brownton, Kathy Brede of St. Louis Park and Henry Brede of Hutchinson.

From the Silver Lake Leader archives

75 Years Ago

August 3, 1940
Delbert Merrill, Publisher
Albin Ruzicka of Glencoe, former Silver Lake businessman and resident of this community, was killed in an auto collision Wednesday. Funeral arrangements have been set for Saturday morning, Aug. 3, at the Church of St. Joseph in Silver Lake.

Joe P. O'Hara of Glencoe filed for the Republican nomination for Congress from the Second Congressional District.

Mr. and Mrs. J.H. Jerabek of Silver Lake announce the engagement of their daughter, Lucille Lillian, to Frank Lacey of Alameda, California. Miss Jerabek is on the nursing staff at Fort Miley hospital.

Joe Lowy's Quality Store has a birthday this week; may not seem so but it's 20 years since Joe Lowy and his father bought the general store.

50 Years Ago

August 5, 1965
Wilbert Merrill, Publisher
Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Stibal of Silver Lake, at St. Mary's Hospital in Winsted on Tuesday, July 13, a boy, Brian Harold, weight 5 pounds, 1 3/4 ounces.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Kosek of Silver Lake, on Wednesday, July 28, a boy, weight 8 pounds, 1 ounce.

Sister Mary Robert Ann SSND, made her first vows of poverty, chastity and obedience as a member of the Congregation of the School Sisters of Notre Dame in Mankato on July 17.

25 Years Ago

August 2, 1990
Ken and Dorothy Merrill, Publishers
Leanne Lhotka, daughter of

Ray and Joyce Lhotka of Silver Lake, graduated from Bemidji State University with an associate in arts degree in liberal education.

The marriage ceremony of Jodi Penas and Ron Phillips took place at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Silver Lake on June 30, 1990, at 1 p.m., with Father Douglas Schleisman officiating.

10 Years Ago

August 4, 2005
Ken and Dorothy Merrill, Publishers
Brian and Janelle Webb of Cokato are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Leah Aspen, born on Friday, July 22.

Candidates for Pola-Czesky Queen are Amy Lueck, Rose Weiers, Tina Mickolichik, Britany Rannow, Stephine Hopkins, and Karmen Dostal.

Australian Darwin mayor visits Darwin, Minn.

DARWIN — Lord Mayor Katrina Fong Lim of Darwin, Australia, recently visited Darwin, Minnesota, according to the Dassel-Cokato En-

terprise-Dispatch. The visit came several months after the Minnesota Darwin mayor, Josh Johnson, was featured on a Darwin, Australia, radio

talk show. The two mayors met and chatted during that show, culminating in Lim's visit to Minnesota.

Tracing Roots

By Ron Pulkrabek



Those good old school days

I attended District #6 Riverside Country School near Koniska, six miles north of Glencoe, in the first and second grades in 1943 and 1944. As the crow flies the school was only three-fourths of a mile away, but due to the Crow River wandering through the neighborhood I had to walk one-half mile south on our driveway, one-half mile west across the Koniska bridge, and one mile south.

A ride to school? Never! One time my dad came to pick me up with horses and a manure sleigh. A few of the other kids going in that direction preferred to walk. I wonder why?

Another time during a snowy winter, I took a shortcut behind the barn, through a wooded pasture, through open pasture, across thin ice on the Crow River and while crossing through a barbed wire fence the snaps on my lunch bucket got caught on the barbed wire and opened. Digging my sandwiches out of the snow and heating them on the old school stove didn't help much.

It seems strange but my parents never seemed to worry about my taking a short cut, even in winter by myself and only 6 and 7 years old years old. Or course, our clothes were not like they are now; overshoes, not insulated boots. Hand-me down coats; some too big, some too small. A neck scarf was a must but

it soon became wet when pulled up to cover our nose and frozen ice crystals formed on it and onto our eye lashes. Only our eyes were exposed to the cold and wind.

One time in the first grade the teacher caught me throwing spitballs. Miss Esther Steinhilber made me come up front and sit on her lap while she taught the other kids. I was embarrassed and never threw spitballs again. During recess we played "king on the hill" on a six-foot high mound of wood ashes. One spring we played on half-melted spongy ice in one of the nearby sloughs and slid on the nearby Crow River.

It seems there were never enough balls and bats so another sport was shooting at each other with sling shots using acorns for ammunition. Wow! Did that ever sting! Lenny Noga was the best shooter. No one lost an eye, but may have ended up with a swollen lump on the forehead.

In the spring the snakes came out. One brave brother would tease his older brother who was deathly afraid of snakes. One time he secretly put several small snakes inside the handle bars of his brother's bike. As his brother was pedaling full speed, they started to come out. He landed in the ditch, tipped over and then started chasing and swearing at his brother while we all had a good laugh.

By 1948, there was only

one kid left. Mrs. Trick, the teacher who lived nearby, could usually get all the lessons done in a few hours and she and the single student sometimes came to school only two days a week. The last year for District #6 was 1948.

Non-school-related incidence in about 1949 at age 13: Our rented farm didn't have electricity at that time. Our driveway was a half-mile long and often drifted in by snow. At various times we parked the car by the main road and our family of five walked over the snow drifts to the farm yard. My dad carried the car battery to the house and placed it behind the stove. When we were ready to take a trip to town my dad would put the car battery into the little 8N Ford tractor (we only had one battery) and we would all pile onto it. My dad driving, my mother standing on the little tractor running board, my little sister and brother sitting on the fenders and I with my brand-new zipper overshoes stood on the back drawbar. Unfortunately the exhaust pipe came out near my overshoe and soon we all started to smell burned rubber. It blistered a hole in the overshoe toe. Thereafter I walked around with a one-inch square inner tube patch on my toe. I was very embarrassed to wear my, new, once proud, zipper overshoes.

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Obituaries

Audrey Lorraine Lipke, 88, of Glencoe

Audrey Lorraine (Rose) Lipke, 88, of Glencoe, died Saturday, July 25, 2015.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Aug. 1, at First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Glencoe with the Rev. Daniel Welch officiating. Peggy Hatlestad was the organist. Soloist RaNaye Odegaard sang "Bless the Lord, O My Soul." Congregational hymns were "The Lord is My Shepherd" and "Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me."

Casket bearers were Mrs. Lipke's grandchildren, Christopher Susag, Peter Susag, Lisa Rolf, Beth Rehffuss, Mike Tschida, Becky Niznik, Megan Brandt and Geoff Schatz.

Interment was in the Glencoe City Cemetery.

Audrey Lorraine (Rose) Lipke was born Feb. 25, 1927, in Winthrop, the daughter of William and Bertha (Buboltz) Rose. She was baptized as an infant on March 20, 1927, by the Rev. J. Weise in Winthrop, and was confirmed in her faith as

a youth on March 17, 1941, by the Rev. H. Winter at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Gaylord. She attended country school in Penn Township.

On March 16, 1947, she was united in marriage to Lloyd Lipke by the Rev. E. Stahlke at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Gaylord. The couple made their home in Glencoe, Pequot Lakes and Pine River before moving back to Glencoe in 2004. Their marriage was blessed with four daughters, Sandra, Patricia, Lila and Julene. Audrey and Lloyd Lipke shared 68 years of marriage.

Mrs. Lipke was a hard-working woman who always put faith and family first. She worked at various places over the years, including Plieiseis Store in New Auburn, Busch Brothers in Gaylord, Northwestern Bell and then at Lee's Super Valu in Glencoe. She was a member of First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Glencoe.

She loved being outdoors fishing and gardening. She enjoyed golfing, bowling, dancing, playing cards and traveling, especially to Texas. She especially cherished spending time with her family, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She is survived by her hus-

band, Lloyd Lipke of Glencoe; children, Sandra (Richard) Susag of Alexandria, Patricia (Michael) Gavin of Glencoe, Lila (Paul) Tschida of Pierz and Julene (Tom) Schatz of Glencoe; grandchildren, Christopher (Kirsi) Susag, Peter (Noreen) Susag, Lisa (Clifford) Rolf, Beth (Bill) Rehffuss, Mike (Cara) Tschida, Becky (Brent) Niznik, Megan (Eric) Brandt and Geoff Schatz; great-grandchildren, Noortaj Susag, Will Rehffuss, Ryan Tschida, Luke Tschida, Ellianna Tschida, Daniel Niznik, Lydia Niznik, David Niznik, Nicholas Brandt and Hannah Brandt; stepgrandchildren, Casey Gavin, Michael (Tracy) Gavin and Katharine Hanold; nephews, nieces, other relatives and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, William and Bertha Rose, grandson, Mark Tschida; infant granddaughter Susag; infant great-grandson, Jacob Brandt; and sister and brother-in-law, Rubie and Orville Uecker.

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

Rodney Curtis Horton, 61, of Plato

Rodney Curtis Horton, 61, of Plato, died Saturday, July 25, 2015, at his home.

Memorial services were held Friday, July 31, at First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Glencoe with the Rev. Ronald Mathison officiating. Luke Dahl was the organist. Congregational hymns were "How Great Thou Art," "Abide With Me" and "Rock of Ages." Military honors were by the Glencoe American Legion Post 95.

Rodney Curtis Horton was born Jan. 23, 1954, in Glencoe, the son of Warren and Elouise (Rettmann) Horton. He was baptized as an infant on Aug. 15, 1954, by the Rev. A.H. Fellwock, and was confirmed in his faith as a youth on May 25, 1969, by the Rev. M.S. Pohl, both at First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Glencoe. He received his education in Glencoe and was a graduate of the Glencoe High School class of 1973. He fur-

thered his education by attending Hutchinson Vo-Tech in Hutchinson and received welding and auto mechanics degrees.

On Aug. 24, 2012, he was united in marriage to Stacey Schuette at the McLeod County Courthouse in Glencoe. They made their home in Plato.

Mr. Horton had previously worked for Meyer Transport and Plato Woodwork, Inc., in Plato. He was a member of First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Glencoe. He served in the National Guard for 20 years and was able to travel to Norway, Alaska and numerous states as part of the National Guard, often as an instructor. He also was an instructor for winter survival in the National Guard and trained all branches of the military at Camp Ripley in Little Falls.

The Hortons also hosted foreign exchange students

from Brazil, South Korea, Kazakhstan and Sweden.

Mr. Horton enjoyed snowmobiling, riding motor bike, traveling, working on his old truck and projects around the house and yard. He loved spending time with his family and friends.

He is survived by his wife, Stacey Horton of Plato; mother, Elouise Horton of Glencoe; sisters, Debbie Green of Sauk Rapids and Connie (DJ) Wilson of Apache Junction, Arizona; brother, Keith (Eileen) Horton of Glencoe; nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his father, Warren Horton; and brother, Douglas Horton.

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

Alice M. Moritz, 87, of Severn, Md.

Alice Marie (Molitor) Moritz, 87, of Severn, Maryland, formerly of Stewart, died Nov. 24, 2014, in Maryland.

A graveside service will be held Tuesday, Aug. 11, at 11 a.m., at Round Grove Lakeside Cemetery in Stewart with the Rev. Andrew Hermodson-Olsen officiating.

Alice Marie (Molitor)

Moritz was born Nov. 17, 1927, in Bird Island. She attended high school at St. Mary's High School in South St. Paul. She was employed at Telex for 20 years, then the American Legion Post 34 for seven years, and later with Post 276 for 17 years. She was also a member of the Women's Auxiliary Post 276. She enjoyed baking, gardening and mysteries.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 50 years, Albert O. Moritz.

She is survived by her son, David A. (Alma) Moritz of Severn, Maryland; two

granddaughters, Stefanie (Caleb) Payne of Verona, Virginia, and Angela Moritz of Baltimore, Maryland; two great-grandchildren, Benjamin Toro and Natalie Payne; and three siblings, Virgil, Larry and Alvina Molitor, all of Coon Rapids.

The family requests memorial contributions in her name to the American Legion Post 276, 8068 Quarterfield Road, Severn, Md., 21144.

Arrangements are with the Hughes-Hantge Funeral Chapel in Stewart. An online guest book is available at www.hantge.com.

Rev. Norman Sifferath, 81, Hutchinson

The Rev. Norman A. Sifferath, 81, of Hutchinson, died Tuesday, July 28, 2015, at the Hutchinson Health Hospital.

The funeral service was held Saturday, Aug. 1, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Stewart with the Rev. Mahlon Bekedam officiating. Adline Kotke was the organist.

Casket bearers were Tanner Sifferath, Jack Grimm, Leeland Sifferath, Quentin Schmierer, Paul Grimm and Karly Sifferath.

Interment was in the church cemetery.

The Rev. Norman A. Sifferath was born Nov. 1, 1933, in Round Grove Township, McLeod County, to William and Emilie (Bartels) Sifferath. He was baptized Nov. 26, 1933, and confirmed in his faith on July 6, 1947, both at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Stewart. He grew up in rural Winthrop and attended country school in District 52 until the sixth grade. He was a graduate of the Buffalo Lake High School class of 1951. He furthered his education at Wartburg College in Waverly, Iowa. He then attended Wartburg Seminary in

Dubuque, Iowa; he graduated and was ordained in 1959.

His first call was to a two-point parish in Wisconsin — Cicero Lutheran in rural Black Creek and St. Mark's Lutheran in Navarino. St. Mark's was eventually realigned and the second congregation was Our Savior's Lutheran in rural Pulaski.

Rev. Sifferath next served at Our Savior's Lutheran in Stanley, Wisconsin. He was called to a two-point parish in Montevideo — Jevnaker Lutheran and Mandt Lutheran — and served there until his retirement. Upon retirement, he joined St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Stewart, where he remained a member until his death.

During his lifetime, he had a number of interests. He was an avid stamp and coin collector, enjoyed photography and making wine. He enjoyed flying and was a licensed pilot. As an accomplished woodworker, he created many beautiful pieces for family members. He enjoyed listening to music and playing the organ. He also loved technology and spent many hours on his computer con-

verting his music into a digital format, as was evidenced by his massive music files. At his residence at Prince of Peace Retirement Living, he enjoyed competing in the Wii bowling league (he even scored a perfect 300 game!) He also enjoyed puzzles, but most of all, he enjoyed the time he spent with his family.

He is survived by his brother, Gary (Nancy) Sifferath of Burnsville; nephews, Tim Sifferath (fiancee Tammy Ronning) of Hutchinson, Gordy Sifferath of Eagan, and Guy (Sheila) Sifferath of Grand Marais; niece, Mary (Ken) Coy of Inver Grove Heights; sister-in-law, LaVon Sifferath of Stewart; many great-nieces and great-nephews, other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, William and Emilie Sifferath; stepmother, Irene Sifferath; and brother, Lloyd Sifferath.

Arrangements were with the Hughes-Hantge Funeral Chapel in Hector. An online guest book is available at www.hantge.com.

Maurice A. Pokorny, 82, of Merrifield

Maurice "Morrie" A. Pokorny, 82, of Merrifield, died Monday, July 27, 2015, at Crosby Care Center in Crosby.

A memorial service will be held Tuesday, Aug. 18, at 1 p.m., at Huber Funeral Home, 520 Second St., Excelsior. Family and friends are invited to gather one hour prior to the services and to enjoy a lunch at the American Legion following the service.

Mr. Pokorny was born Dec. 11, 1932, in Silver Lake, to Albin and Eleanor (Posusta) Pokorny. He worked for Red

Owl as a mechanical engineer for 32 years, while also operating his auto salvage business and helping his father on the farm.

He was united in marriage to Mary Henning on Sept. 4, 1964, in Mitchell, S.D. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, watching wrestling and fixing cars. Mr. Pokorny also loved his dogs. He loved spending time with his family and was especially proud when he and his wife built their home on Horseshoe Lake in Merrifield and moved there permanently in 2004.

Mr. Pokorny is survived by his wife, Mary, of Merrifield; sons, Rick Pokorny (fiancee Laura Higgins) of Excelsior, Jim Pokorny of Emily and Michael Pokorny of Princeton; daughter, Patricia; two grandsons, Jason and Ian; sisters, Elaine and Rita; and brother, Roger.

He was preceded in death by his parents; daughter, Wendy; grandson, Shane; and brothers, Milo and Wayne.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to the American Lung Association.

22 Brownton seniors met on Monday

Twenty-two Brownton senior citizens met Monday, Aug. 3, at the Brownton Community Center.

Cards were played after the meeting with the following winners — 500, Audrey Tongen, first, and Gladys Rickert, second; pinochle, Ordell Klucas, first, and Ruby Streich, second; and sheephead, Elva Wendlandt, first, and Lowell Brelje, second.

Eleanora Lamp won the door prize. Marie Dols served refreshments.

The next meeting will be Monday, Aug. 10, at 1 p.m. All area seniors are welcome.

BARK Day Saturday at Brownton ball field

Brownton Area Resources for Kids (BARK) has set its seventh-annual human football and bean bag tournament for Saturday, Aug. 8, at the softball field near the Brownton Area Civic Center.

The day will begin with a 5K fun run/walk starting at 8 a.m., with a kids' dash to follow.

The day will again feature a human football tournament, which was a new activity last year.

Registration for the bean bag tournament starts at 9

a.m., with competition starting at 10:30 a.m.

Other activities include a buffalo chip toss throughout the day; inflatable bounce houses, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Clown Town, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.; pony rides, 2 p.m.; 4 p.m.; paint ball, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.; and an exhibition football game for kids 14 and under at noon.

The day will be capped with a street dance in front of the Brownton Bar & Grill from 8 a.m. to midnight, featuring Zeew Factor.

Community Calendar

Wed., Aug. 5 — Food for Kidz packaging event, Cactus Jack's II, Hwy. 212, Stewart, 4-8 p.m.

Thurs., Aug. 6 — AA Group mtg. next to Post Office in Stewart, 8 p.m., call 320-212-5290 for info.

Fri., Aug. 7 — Brownton Lions Club Sweet-Corn Feed, Brownton Community Center, 5-7 p.m.

Mon., Aug. 10 — 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., Aug. 11 — American Red Cross Blood Drive, Peace Lutheran Church, 400 Franklin St. SW, Hutchinson, 12-6 p.m.

Thurs., Aug. 13 — AA Group mtg. next to Post Office in Stewart, 8 p.m., call 320-212-5290 for info.

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Weather Corner

By Jake Yurek

Thank you, Canada! We saw another blast of cool Canadian air to start the week, giving air conditioners another break. Temperatures won't go up a whole lot this week, but moisture will be on the increase. Highs should stay in the 70s with lows in the 50s to lower 60s.

A frontal system that marks the barrier between hot and cold will inch toward the area Wednesday, touching off showers and thunderstorms Thursday. It will take its sweet time moving on, so I'm thinking we won't clear out until Friday at the earliest.

As we move towards the weekend, we'll have a lingering chance of scattered showers or thunder but there won't be anything organized. A couple computer models are hinting at a chunk of warmer air making it up to our neck of the woods next week, but so far this year we've escaped the bulk of the heat as areas to our south have been in a constant oven. Have a great first week of August, everyone!

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Wednesday night — Lows 54-60; showers.

Thursday — Highs 70-78, lows 58-64; showers and thunder.

Friday — Highs 72-78, lows 54-60; partly cloudy with a chance of scattered showers.

Saturday — Highs 74-80, lows 57-63; partly cloudy.

Sunday — Highs 78-84; partly cloudy.

Weather Quiz: How many days in a typical summer will we see highs at or above 90 degrees?

Answer to last week's question (What are some of August's weather extremes?): Highest temperature, 103 degrees on Aug. 15, 1936; lowest temperature, 39 degrees on Aug. 19, 1967; most precipitation, 7.28 inches on Aug. 30, 1977. August is the last month I won't have to mention snowfall ... it's coming!

Remember: I make the forecast, not the weather!

People

St. Thomas announces grads

Kyler Anderson and Danielle Bielke of Glencoe and William Kasal of Stewart graduated from the University of St. Thomas in spring 2015. Anderson earned a bachelor of science in biochemistry; Bielke, a bachelor of arts in financial management; and Kasal, a bachelor of arts in operations management.

Daughter to Henderson family

Dean and Brickael Henderson of Brownton announce the birth of their daughter, Brooklyn Grace Henderson, born July 14 at Hutchinson Health. Brooklyn weighed 6 pounds and was 19 inches long. She is welcomed home by big brother Landon. Grandparents are Ron and Dawn Henderson of Ramsey and Ron Hale of Red Lodge, Montana.

Football registration

Registration for the 2015 Silver Lake Lions fifth- and sixth-grade football program began Monday, Aug. 3, at the Hutchinson Recreation Center. Sign up ends Aug. 19.

The Hutchinson Recreation Center hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The team will play in either the lightweight or heavy-weight division. When registering, please indicate that you are a Silver Lake Lions player. The Silver Lake Lions will sponsor one-half of the registration fee per player. Equipment pickup (hel-

rets and pads) is scheduled for Aug. 20 at 7 p.m. at the Hutchinson Recreation Center. Players are to provide their own football pants (black pants as there are new uniforms) and shoes (tennis or soccer). Pants and mouth guards will be available on equipment night. Practice is tentatively scheduled to start Aug. 24, with the first games on Thursday, Sept. 10.

Coaches are Brian Micklechek and Gary Kosek. Lions member contact is Sandy Posusta, 320-510-1937.

July 29 blood drive

The American Red Cross blood drive in Glencoe on Wednesday, July 29, resulted in 114 units of blood being donated. The goal for the drive was 130 units. These donors met new goals:

- 1 gallon: William Husted, Scott Becker, Lloyd Thurn.
- 2 gallons: Michael Bergs, Nicholas Sohns.
- 3 gallons: Janet Giese, Randall Carrigan, Gail Rach, Ronald Lewendowski.
- 4 gallons: Francis Chapman, Phyllis Christenson, William Ziegler.
- 5 gallons: Virgil Richter,

- Roger Krueger.
 - 6 gallons: Sandy Olson, Lee Carrigan.
 - 7 gallons: Marne Long, Cherrie Grack, Colleen Benjamin.
 - 9 gallons: Mary Ann Thalmann, Shirley Nowak, Arnold Brinkman.
 - 11 gallons: Bruce Donnan.
 - 12 gallons: Connie Jutz, Norbert Hemmann.
 - 13 gallons: Leslie Engelmann.
 - 14 gallons: Gary Vogt.
- The next Glencoe blood drive is Wednesday, Nov. 18.

Thank You
I would like to say thank you to the nurses and doctors at the Ridgeview and Abbott hospitals for their wonderful care. Thank you to my husband and my entire family for all their visits.
All the trips to and from the hospital to visit. All the cards, phone calls, flowers, gifts, visits and food. Also, a big thank you for helping me when I came home. I am very grateful for all your help.
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Senior king and queen for day

The McLeod County Senior Citizens held their potluck picnic and meeting on Wednesday, July 15, at the Silver Lake Auditorium. Crowned King and Queen for the day were Bernie Kaczmarek of Silver Lake and Pearl Streu of Brownton. Cards were played after the meeting.



Chronicle photo by Rebecca Mariscal

Lions host final Music in the Park this year

Glencoe's Music in the Park series came to an end Wednesday, July 29 with a performance by Jason and Chuck Thiel of the Jolly Ramblers, pictured above. About 120 people were

entertained by the duo's polka-centered performance. The Glencoe Lions Club served dinner and held a raffle.



Chronicle photo by Rebecca Mariscal

'Moo! Trunk Show' at Glencoe library

The "Moo! Trunk Show" made a stop in Glencoe at the city center's ballroom Thursday, July 30. Based on the chil-

dren's book "Moo!" the show featured illustrator Mike Wohnoutka and author David LaRoche, pictured above.

SL held final music in the park

The Silver Lake music in the park series concluded Thursday, July 30, with over 380 people enjoying the weather as well as the music of Jim's Brewers. Jim Wen-

dolek was joined by fellow musicians Jerome Kadlec, August Makovsky, and Mike Wendolek.

Lunch was served by the Holy Family Council of

Catholic Women. Numerous prizes donated by individuals, organizations and businesses were awarded to attendees young and old.



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Thurs. Aug. 6		
8:30 AM	Luverne	Sterling's Café
11:00 AM	Slayton	Pizza Ranch
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Pola-Czesky Days

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Friday night's toilet bowl races proved to once again be a popular event at Pola-Czesky Days. Members from a variety of community organizations com-

peted, including John Marvan and Eric Inselmann of the Silver Lake Fire Department.



The 5K Run and Walk participants were up bright and early Saturday morning for the beginning of the race at 8 a.m. Pictured above, the pack of runners

and walkers take off at the sound of the horn. Isiah Herout, in blue, finished first in under 12 minutes.



Dane Westom winds up for the shoe toss on Saturday.



Kyler and Ayla Pokornowski dressed as surgeons and pulled their patients behind them in a wagon during the kiddie parade Saturday afternoon.



The kiddie pedal pull drew quite the crowd of children of all ages Saturday afternoon. Pictured above, Noah Popelka, 5, focuses on going the distance.



Sawyer Kaczmarek has his hands full on his leg of his team's pizza race on Saturday afternoon.



The heat didn't keep crowds from lining Main Street for the parade Sunday afternoon. Shown above, Silver Lake Aquatennial Ambassador Becca Green waves to the crowd as she rides through the parade.

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by
Rebecca Mariscal and
Lori Copler



Oliver Peterson rode in to save the day during the kiddie parade Saturday.

