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## Judge convicts driver on 1 of 3 charges in car-bicycle accident

Crash claimed life of Glencoe woman

By Lori Copley  
Editor

A driver facing charges in the April 2015 death of Glencoe resident Penny Verdeck in a car-bicycle accident has been convicted of careless driving.

District Judge Timothy Looby found her not guilty on two other charges — felony vehicular homicide and a misdemeanor charge of using a cellphone while driving.

Looby filed his findings on the case last week. The case went to a court trial, which is heard by a judge, rather than a jury, in late June.

Prosecutors had alleged that Emily Givens, 26, of Prior Lake, had been reading two text messages in the seconds before she hit Verdeck on a county road just north of Glencoe on April 26, 2015.

According to court documents, Givens claimed that she was not reading messages when the accident occurred, but had unlocked her

phone to change a Pandora radio station.

Givens said that she last used the messaging app while parked in her grandmother's driveway in Hutchinson. However, the app automatically opened on the screen when the phone was unlocked.

The judge, in his findings, said that experts for the prosecution noted that when the messaging app opened, the messages were assigned a "read" receipt.

The judge said those experts conceded that "a 'read' receipt does not mean the defendant physically read the messages."

Looby said that the prosecution could not prove beyond a reasonable doubt that Givens was distracted by the text messages.

The judge did note that Givens had at least 17 seconds to see Verdeck on her bike, but may not

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## County hears request to rezone property west of Glencoe on Hwy. 212

By Lori Copley  
Editor

The McLeod County Planning Advisory Commission is recommending approval of rezoning request that may lead to the establishment of a used implement dealership next to Midwest Machinery on Highway 212, east of Glencoe.

Jerad Huepenbecker and Kenneth Hartung appeared before the commission Wednesday, Sept. 21, asking for a rezoning of a 10-acre parcel to highway business from agricultural.

If the rezoning is finalized by the County Board, plans are to construct a new building for shop and office use with an outdoor display area for the equipment. The site will share highway access with the existing John Deere dealership.

Neighbors Janet Willand and Vern Lindeman raised concerns about drainage, noting that the area is prone to flooding.

Because of the water issues, Hartung said he has increased a drainage tile to 12 inches from 6 inches from the highway right-of-way.

"That won't be able to accommodate a 100-year rain, but it definitely helps," said Hartung. "We may need to assess that tile line again."

McLeod County Commissioner Ron Shimanski, who sits on the planning commission, said that the topic before the commission was the rezoning. Any conditions placed on the property concerning

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## King Austin, Queen Madison

Glencoe-Silver Lake's homecoming week kicked off Monday night with the coronation ceremony. Crowned king was Austin Field, son of Holly and Troy Smedley, and the queen is Madison Posusta, daughter of Daina and Bryan Posusta (pictured at left). The full royalty court is pictured above. In the front are crown bearers Taten Frahm and Angelina Arandia. From left to right behind the crown bearers are Elsie Graupmann, Tyler Ehrke, Molli Cacka, Ben Donnay, Field, Posusta, Luke Frahm, Rachael Popp, Peyton Sell and Madison Monahan. There will be daily activities throughout the rest of the week, capped by a pepfest Friday at 2:25 p.m., the homecoming parade Friday at 5:30 p.m. (from Helen Baker Elementary to the high school), and the varsity football game Friday night, when the Panthers host Watertown-Mayer at 7 p.m.



## Commissioner candidates talk taxes, trails, recycling at forum

By Lori Copley  
Editor

Candidates for McLeod County commissioner expressed their views and opinions at a forum sponsored by the Greater Minnesota Republican Women Tuesday, Sept. 20.

Candidates included incumbent Paul Wright and Rob Raiche, running in District 3; incumbent Ron Shimanski, running unopposed in District 1; and, in District 4, Jeff Nies and Rich Pohlmeier, who both filed for candidacy, and write-in candidate Ane Fitzgerald.

The forum started with each candidate having a couple of minutes to introduce themselves:

• Wright — An eight-year incumbent, Wright is a lifelong resident of McLeod County and farms south of Hutchinson. Wright said he became involved in county issues first in

1997 as the county considered a feedlot ordinance, and later was asked to serve on the Solid Waste Advisory Committee, board of adjustment and the fairgrounds committee. He ran for commissioner after the previous commissioner, Grant Knutson, retired.

Wright said his goal is to make McLeod County a place a great place for people to live and raise their families.

• Raiche — A Marine Corps veteran who saw combat in Iraq, Raiche said he and his wife moved to McLeod County for its quality of life and relatively low cost of living. Raiche, a businessman, said he has noticed "a disturbing trend of wasteful spending and an overall lack of true representation of all people in McLeod County." He said that was why he threw his hat in the ring.

• Shimanski — Shimanski also is a lifelong resident of the county, residing on the family farm near Silver Lake, where he maintains an apple orchard. Shimanski said he has been involved in politics for the past 10 years, running for the state legislature after then representative Scott Newman chose to seek another position.

• Pohlmeier — A resident of Brownton, Pohlmeier said he is a nearly lifelong resident of the county, having moved here with his family as an infant. He grew up on a farm in Hassan Valley, attended Hutchinson High School and is currently self-employed. He served on the Biscay City Council for six years, and has been a sports official for 35 years.

"I've learned how to listen, how to observe, and how to take the inci-

dental things out of the equation when making a decision," said Pohlmeier.

• Fitzgerald — Fitzgerald and her husband purchased the Mabel Brelje farm on the Lake Marion road, northeast of Brownton, where they grow organic crops. A licensed marriage and family therapist, as well as an ordained minister, Fitzgerald said she can bring a unique perspective to helping with workplace issues and facilitating decisions in McLeod County.

• Nies — Nies is the son of current commissioner Sheldon Nies, who will retire at the end of his term.

Nies said he has dedicated his life to service, as a paramedic, firefighter, and director of emergency services.

He also said he is not a clone of

his father.

"There are some things that I would vote on the way he would, and some things not," said Nies. "The big thing is to listen to all sides and decide what is best for the county."

A wide variety of topics were brought to the forum, including:

### Budget, taxes


Moderator Tony Kielucki molded two questions regarding the budget and taxes into one: "County government seems to be getting more expensive: what are going to be your priorities, and what is your view on taxes in the county?"

Fitzgerald said she feels a priority has to be roads and infrastructure.

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### Weather

				
Wed., 9-28 H: 64°, L: 46°	Thur., 9-29 H: 68°, L: 71°	Fri., 9-30 H: 71°, L: 48°	Sat., 10-1 H: 71°, L: 49°	Sun., 10-2 H: 71°, L: 55°

Looking back: Same old story: damp, cloudy, rainy and raw.

Date	Hi	Lo	Rain
Sept. 20	83	52	0.00
Sept. 21	73	61	0.46
Sept. 22	69	59	0.00

Sept. 23	64	57	0.81
Sept. 24	81	62	0.09
Sept. 25	68	52	0.65
Sept. 26	68	47	0.00

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As a farmer, she said good roads "are essential to deliver our products."

Fitzgerald added that it is essential that the county do the best it can to leverage state and federal funds for roads.

Raiche said he moved to McLeod County because of the low taxes. But now, he said, it seems the county caters to a few, rather than the majority.

"We need to prioritize on a want vs. need basis," Raiche said.

Wright noted that just that morning, the County Board had approved a preliminary levy increase of 5 percent for 2017, which he said would be dedicated toward investments in the county's employees.

Prior to that, the levy grew just 9 percent over the past 10 years, a rate of less than 1 percent per year.

"I challenge anyone to find a county that does better," said Wright. "I think we're doing pretty well with the level of services we're offering."

Shimanski said priorities should be "based on essential services, such as roads and law enforcement." He said much of the budgets for so-

cial services and public health are driven by the state and federal governments.

Shimanski also noted that the 5 percent proposed levy increase was to "try to bring some fairness to our employees, and to be competitive with our neighboring counties."

Nies said he agreed with Fitzgerald that infrastructure was "essential to bring businesses to McLeod County."

Along with looking for opportunities to share jobs among current county employees, Nies said he would like the county to explore the possibility of sharing jobs with neighboring counties.

Pohlmeier said he would like to keep taxes at the current level, and felt that "maintaining roads, bridges and waterways" should be the county's priority.

### Wages

The county is currently undergoing market and classification studies.

Raiche said that he doesn't feel that the county can compete with the metro area, but should be in line with counties of similar size.

Wright said the compensation study was long overdue.

"We're seeing a turnover

rate that we don't need to see," said Wright. "We can't compete dollar for dollar (with the metro area), we know that, but we need to be somewhat competitive if we're going to retain employees."

Shimanski said that there is a misconception that the market study will result in raises for all county employees.

"There's a perception that there will be a blanket raise across the board, and that's just not true," said Shimanski. "Some employees are underpaid, and some are paid very well. We're not just going to open the checkbook; that's just not what's going to happen."

Nies said he agreed that competitive wages are essential to keeping employees.

"If people are happy, they aren't going to leave," said Nies. "We can retain our employees instead of being a training ground."

Pohlmeier also agreed that wages need to be competitive with neighboring counties and cities in order to retain employees.

### Wheelage tax

A few years ago, the county implemented a wheelage tax of \$10 per vehicle for county residents, with proceeds dedicated solely to county road projects.

Raiche, Shimanski and Pohlmeier all feel that a wheelage tax is unfair.

Raiche said it hurts low-income families, and that he has not seen successful re-

sults from initial investments, particularly the Tagus Avenue project, which tried a new technology. The county is now fixing that project.

"I voted against it," said Shimanski. "It's a regressive tax." He said that revenues from gas taxes and license fees help fund roads.

Pohlmeier called it a "double tax on anyone who owns a vehicle. I would be happy to rescind that tax."

Wright said he wavered on his vote on the wheelage tax "up to the last day." The tax had already been an option in the metro area, with another option of imposing an additional one-half percent sales tax. Although the wheelage tax brings in less revenue than the sales tax, Wright said he liked it because the revenue could only be used for county projects, and not go to the state or federal governments.

Nies agreed. "All the monies must be spent in McLeod County. It doesn't go to St. Paul."

### Trails

Candidates were asked both about the 2012 vote to contribute \$500,000 to the Luce Line, and to approve the recently adopted McLeod County Trails Plan.

Shimanski said he was "quite upset" with the vote to contribute to the Luce Line, saying the Department of Natural Resources had "adequate resources" without help from the county and cities.

"It should have been main-

tained as a crushed limestone trail," said Shimanski.

Shimanski said he did vote for the trail plan because it provides a long-range framework for the county's trail system.

Pohlmeier said he is not opposed to trails, "but we need to monitor our dollars. Ten years from now, will people still be using them (the trails)?" He also said trails need to be multi-use.

Raiche also said he is not opposed to trails, but they need to be multi-use. He said he feels that from the planning level on down, the trail issue "has been catering to a very small group of people, and I don't think that's fair."

Nies said he does not think he would have voted for the \$500,000 contribution to the Luce Line, although he is an avid trail user. However, he added, the trails plan will help leverage grant dollars for trails, a position that Fitzgerald agreed with.

"I'm not a trail user by any means," said Wright, who voted both for the 2012 contribution and the trail plan.

He called the 2012 plan to pave the Luce Line "one of the most collaborative efforts that ever came together in this county." Wright said that not only did the county contribute, but so did the cities of Hutchinson, Silver Lake and Winsted. He said the effort was needed to access some bonding revenue.

Wright said trails were "not a priority, but still a factor in

the quality of life in the county, and we need to consider that."

### Recycling

A question submitted by an audience member suggested that more waste is going to the landfill with the new single-sort recycling as compared to the previous five-sort method.

Wright said that tonnage collected in the recycling program has more than doubled since the implementation of single-sort.

Unfortunately, he added, the contamination rate also has increased, from about 1½ percent to somewhere around 9 and 10 percent.

Wright said that people are putting items into their recycling bins that do not belong there, including lawn mowers, guns, diapers and clothing.

Nies agreed that residents need to be educated on what can be recycled. "I've seen a lot of different things that should not have been in there," said Nies.

Raiche said that while recycling is a positive habit, he has been disturbed by what he said was a steadily increasing cost to switch to the single-sort system.

"We're spending dollars and nickels are being made," said Raiche. "That makes no sense to me."

The commissioner races will be voted upon at the Nov. 8 general election.

## Happenings

### American Legion brunch

Glencoe American Legion Post 95 will host its annual Sunday Brunch at the Glencoe City Center Sunday, Oct. 9, from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The menu includes juice, ham, eggs, applesauce, pancakes, coffee and milk. Tickets are available from Legion members, at Hite Hardware and at the door. Proceeds support veterans programs, Glencoe-Silver Lake scholarships and community programs. For more information, call Bruce Miller at 320-864-3219.

### Health board to meet Oct. 13

The Meeker-McLeod-Sibley Community Health Services Board will meet Thursday, Oct. 13, from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., in the large meeting room of the McLeod County Household Hazardous Waste/Solid Waste Management building at 1065 Fifth Ave. SE, Hutchinson. The meeting is open to the public.

### Silver Lake Lions fall brunch

The Silver Lake Lions will host their annual fall brunch Sunday, Oct. 9, from 8:30 a.m. to noon, at the Silver Lake Auditorium. The menu includes eggs, pancakes, sausage links, fruit cups, toast, coffee and milk. There is a cost for the meal. Proceeds support the Silver Lake Lions football program. Please bring an item(s) for the McLeod Emergency Food Shelf.

### County parks close Monday

McLeod County parks will officially close for the season Monday, Oct. 3. Gates will be closed, but anyone wanting to hike or walk through the area parks is welcome. The following parks will be closed: Buffalo Creek Park (Glencoe), Swan Lake Park (Silver Lake), William May Park (Winsted), Stahl's Lake Park (Hutchinson), Lake Marion Regional Park (Brownton), and Piepenburg Regional Park (Hutchinson). The tentative opening of the parks in the spring will be May 1, 2017.

### Brownton Legion, Auxiliary

The Brownton American Post and Auxiliary Unit 143 will meet Monday, Oct. 10, at 7:30 p.m., at the Brownton Community Center. Host and hostesses for the evening are Dave Wendlandt, Carol Beltz and Bev Janke.

### Fall barbecue set at Emanuel

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) of Emanuel Lutheran Church, Hamburg, will host a fall barbecue Sunday, Oct. 2, from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The menu includes a barbecue or hot dog, potato salad, baked beans, chips, pickles, dessert and a beverage. There is cost. Takeouts are available.

### St. John's pork chop dinner

St. John's Lutheran Church, Mountville, rural Gaylord, will have its fall harvest Windsor pork chop dinner, country store and Osborne Books fundraiser Sunday, Oct. 2, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Gaylord American Legion. The menu includes Windsor pork chops, mashed potatoes and gravy, vegetable, applesauce, bread, bars and beverages. There is a charge for the meal; takeouts are available.

### Glencoe seniors meetings

The Glencoe Senior Citizens meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 12:30 p.m. in the seniors room at the Glencoe City Center. Sheephead is played on Tuesdays, and both sheephead and 500 are played on Thursdays. All seniors over 55 are invited. For more information, call 320-510-1551 and leave a message.



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Candidates who participated in the county commissioner forum Tuesday, Sept. 20, were, from left to right, Paul Wright, Rob Raiche, Ron Shimanski, Rich Pohlmeier, Ane Fitzgerald and Jeff Nies. Wright and

Raiche are competing in District 3, Shimanski is running unopposed in District 1; and Pohlmeier, Fitzgerald and Nies are seeking the District 4 seat currently held by incumbent Sheldon Nies.

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## Kids day at Plato fire dept.

The Plato Fire Department hosted its annual kids day activities Monday, Sept. 19, with a hot dog dinner (above) and a variety of activities, including fire truck rides, a safety house, a fire extinguisher demonstration and displays by Allina Ambulance, the Minnesota State Patrol and the McLeod County Sheriff's Office. At left, firefighter James Krohn shows Brittney and Braden Ketcher how to spray water from a fire hose.

# County receives \$50,000 grant for foam recycling equipment

The Foam Recycling Coalition has awarded a \$50,000 grant to McLeod County, to help it expand its foam polystyrene recycling operation. McLeod County Solid Waste Management will buy a foam polystyrene densifier for the newly retrofitted county-owned material recovery facility (MRF) located in Hutchinson.

The McLeod County MRF, which now accepts single-stream recycling, will sort foam polystyrene products including cups, egg cartons, meat trays, and carry-out containers. The densifier bought with the grant money will compact these foam materials into condensed bricks that the county can easily ship to recycling markets in truckload quantities.

"McLeod County will be a great partner in advancing foam polystyrene recovery in the region," said Lynn Dyer, president of the Foodservice Packaging Institute, which houses the coalition. "McLeod County provides excellent service to the region, and the densifier will enable them to enhance that service and divert a large amount of foam from landfill disposal."

A waste characterization study commissioned by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency in 2013 showed that foam polystyrene comprises less than 1 percent of waste sent to local landfills. McLeod County Solid Waste management believes that its MRF, which accepts material from municipalities, haulers, businesses, nonprofits, and other recycling facilities,

recycling a region with a population of over 550,000, can serve as a resource to recover foam polystyrene currently destined for the landfill.

"No longer being limited to recycling only clean EPS, McLeod County now has an opportunity to save all types of foam polystyrene products and foodservice packaging," said McLeod County Solid Waste Coordinator Sarah Young. "Being able to add this commodity to our list of acceptable items, without excluding product types and its condition upon delivery, will save local landfill space and be another source of revenue to invest back into our recycling and waste programs."

The \$50,000 grant is made possible through contributions to the FRC, which focuses exclusively on increased recycling of post-consumer foam polystyrene. Its members include Americas Styrenics; Cascades Canada ULC; CKF Inc.; Chick-fil-A; Commodore; Convermex; Dart Container Corp.; Dolco Packaging; A Tekni-Plex Company; Dyne-A-Pak; Genpak; Hawaii Foam Products; INEOS Styrolution America LLC; NOVA Chemicals Corp.; Pactiv Foodservice/Food Packaging; Shell Chemical LP; and TOTAL Petrochemicals & Refining USA. Additional support of the coalition comes from the EPS Industry Alliance.

McLeod County is the second polystyrene foam recycling grant recipient of 2016. The FRC awards grants to communities and organizations that need equipment to

recycle foodservice polystyrene foam. More information about foam recycling and how to apply for a coalition grant is available at [www.recyclefoam.org](http://www.recyclefoam.org).

Founded in 1933, the Foodservice Packaging Institute (FPI) is the leading authority for the North American foodservice packaging industry. FPI encourages the responsible use of all foodservice packaging through promotion of its benefits and members' products. Serving as the voice of the industry to educate and influence stakeholders, FPI provides a legal forum to address the challenges and opportunities facing the foodservice packaging industry. Members include foodservice packaging manufacturers and their raw material and machinery suppliers, restaurants, grocery and convenience stores, distributors and nearly 50 school districts, colleges and universities. Learn more at [www.fpi.org](http://www.fpi.org).

The Foam Recycling Coalition (FRC) was formed under the Foodservice Packaging Institute in 2014 to support increased recycling of foodservice packaging made from foam polystyrene. FRC shares general information on foam recycling, provides technical resources and offers funding assistance to programs ready to start or strengthen post-consumer foam recycling. Members include stakeholders from throughout the foodservice packaging value chain. Learn more at [www.fpi.org/stewardship](http://www.fpi.org/stewardship).

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have seen her because a bicyclist presents a thin, low profile from behind, or other factors.

Although it was not proven beyond a reasonable doubt that Givens was reading text messages at the time of the accident, it does not mean she was not negligent, according to Looby's opinion.

"These inferences do not excuse the defendant's driving conduct, which was clearly negligent," the judge wrote. "Rather, they raise reasonable alternatives, and with

it reasonable doubt."

As to the criminal vehicular homicide charge, Looby said that question was whether "Ms. Givens' driving conduct that lead to the crash arise to the level of gross negligence."

The judge cited several precedent cases that noted that drivers convicted of criminal vehicular homicide were usually operating in manners that were more negligent than distracted driving, such as driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs,

driving in the wrong lane, running a stop sign or stoplight, speeding, or being bent over to retrieve a lost item.

Looby noted that Givens was not under the influence, was not speeding, and did not meet any of the other precedents.

The misdemeanor distracted driving charge carries a maximum sentence of 90 days in the jail, a \$1,000 fine, or both. A sentencing date had not been set when The Chronicle went to press.

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drainage, screening or other items would be topics for future meetings.

Larry Gasow, planning and zoning administrator, said that drainage issues would go through the Minnesota Pollu-

tion Control Agency and the soil and water conservation district.

Gasow said the rezoning is allowable under the county ordinance because the property is along a highway and is

adjacent to an existing highway business district within a two-mile radius of the city of Glencoe.

The County Board will take up the issue at its Oct. 4 meeting at 10 a.m.

## VFW Auxiliary offers scholarships for vets, active military members

The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Ladies Auxiliary of Minnesota is offering a one-time scholarship to eligible veterans and active military personnel to provide incentive and aid to Minnesota soldiers wanting to further their education and needing assistance.

Applicants must be:

- A Minnesota resident.
- Any veteran or military person who has honorably served, with active duty service and awarded a campaign or service ribbon, as verified with proper documentation. Scholarship awards will be sent to recipients' school of choice, and may be used for tuition, books, lab and/or similar fees for college, vocational or online courses.

Awards must be used in the current year in which they are awarded.

The deadline is April 1. To receive an entry form, contact your local Veterans Service Office or VFW representative. Applications must be sent to: Ladies Auxiliary VFW, Department of Minnesota, Veterans Services Building, 20 West 12th St., Floor 3, St. Paul MN 55155-2002.

Previous recipients of the scholarship may not apply. Questions can be directed to the department office, 651-291-1759.

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## 3 injured in 2-vehicle accident near Gaylord

Three people were injured in a two-vehicle accident on Highway 5 east of Gaylord Wednesday morning. The accident was reported at about 8 a.m.

According to the Minnesota State Patrol, a 2006 Dodge Caravan, owned and driven by Scott M. Janowski, 26, of Glencoe, was northbound on Sibley County Road 13 when it struck a 2000 Volvo V40, driven by Ginger Gorshe, 51, of Green Isle, which was eastbound on Highway 5.

Janowski had minor injuries, but was not transported to a hospital.

Ginger Gorshe and a passenger in her vehicle, Kayla Gorshe, 14, also of Green Isle, were both taken by ambulance to the hospital in Arlington for treatment of non-

life-threatening injuries.

Both drivers and the passengers were wearing seat belts, and the air bags deployed in both vehicles.

**St. John's Lutheran Church Mountville - Gaylord**  
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**Country Store & Usborne Books Fundraiser**  
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## Was justice served in verdict?

Our view: There were no winners in Givens, Verdeck case

A district court judge handed down his findings last week in the criminal case against Emily Givens, the driver charged in the car-bicycle crash death of Glencoe resident Penny Verdeck last April.

Givens was alleged to have been reading a text message when the accident occurred.

Many have expressed disappointment in the judge's findings. He found Givens not guilty of criminal vehicular homicide and use of a cellphone in a vehicle. She was found guilty on a misdemeanor count of careless driving.

There are those who don't feel justice was served here, and it's hard to believe that a simple charge of careless driving could be found in such a tragic death.

We don't want to second-guess the findings. First, we weren't at the trial where all the evidence was presented. Second, and more importantly, we weren't there when the accident happened. As Penny Verdeck's husband, Ryan, told the Minneapolis Star Tribune: "We thought there was plenty of evidence for a felony, but they raised reasonable doubt that she wasn't reading a text message," Ryan Verdeck said. "I wasn't in the car, so I can't say for sure she was or wasn't. Only she can tell us."

And Givens contended that she had unlocked her phone for the sole reason of changing the station on Pandora radio.

In issuing his findings, the judge said that there was reasonable doubt that Givens was reading text messages at the time of the accident. On the other hand,

he wrote, there was none of the usual extenuating circumstances, based on precedent cases, for finding her guilty of criminal vehicular homicide: she wasn't under the influence, she wasn't speeding, she wasn't in the wrong lane, she hadn't run through a stop sign or a stoplight.

But there also was evidence cited that showed that it was a clear, straight, flat stretch of pavement, that the sun was behind the car and not in the driver's eyes, and that the driver had at least 17 seconds to see the bicyclist on the side of the road here.

It's obvious that something went seriously, horribly wrong in that 17 seconds. And the judge has ruled that no one has been able to prove beyond a reasonable doubt just what that something was.

Maybe lawmakers need to look at making the definition of what constitutes gross negligence clearer.

Maybe cellular devices should be banned from driving compartments in vehicles regardless of what they are being used for: reading texts, checking the weather, changing radio stations.

Regardless of the judge's ruling, the real lesson of this tragedy is simply this: lives can be irrevocably changed in a heartbeat. We need to pay attention to what we're doing, and the potential consequences of those actions on the people around us.

Let's all make it a mission to drive more safely each time we head out on the road. Our friends and neighbors deserve that care.

— L.C.



## Letters to the Editor

### Hold on to your wallets, taxpayers of Glencoe

#### To the Editor:

Hold on to your wallets, taxpayers of Glencoe.

Monday night, Sept. 19, the council approved paying Short Elliott Hendrickson (SEH) \$71,600 for a pavement management survey and central storm sewer project study. The section of city included in this study includes the area north of Highway 212, east to Hennepin Avenue and west of Pryor Avenue. This study does not include pavement testing, pipe inspections and other important services. You can't expect much for \$71,600, but it does include the "evil" Minnesota State Statute 429 assessment draft roll. This is done so the city can charge assessments in this area, known as Project Area 2. Project Area 1 is the Lincoln Park, Armstrong Avenue

and Baxter Avenue areas. Look at what happened in those areas: we have young families making \$200 a month extra house payments and seniors just surviving.

The city has petitioned the Buffalo Creek Watershed to be the lead agency for this study. The watershed would assist us with flood control, storm water management, drainage and finding funding sources by determining benefits not only for the city, but also for the northern properties outside the city. It has a better record of solving water problems than we do. Doing this study before the watershed does it is like putting the cart in front of the horse.

We can eliminate Minnesota State Statute 429 like some other towns have done. We have to control spending on pork barrel projects. We

must insist that departments cut 5 percent off their budgets. The general fund could get cut more because it is a bloated animal that is self-serving.

On Wednesday, Sept. 28, at 4 p.m., the council will have two hit people explaining the huge benefits of Statute 429. I say bah, humbug, to this plan. The meeting is held at the city hall, west room, first floor. Anybody interested in city finances and salvaging your wallet should attend. You can't talk at the meeting, but you can clear your throat.

As always, talk to the mayor or your council person. If you don't agree; remember, the city elections are just around the corner.

Allen Robeck  
Glencoe City Council Member

### Where's the proof that paved trails are beneficial?

#### To the Editor:

Last April, proof was requested for the claims within the McLeod Trails Plan about the benefits of paved bike trails. To date, no response has yet been provided by either the city of Hutchinson or McLeod County.

After creating 53 miles of trails within Hutchinson, and an additional 20 paved Luce Line miles, paying artists to display their work along the trails, \$100,000 in unnecessary signs to show bike riders where to ride, and obtaining a bike-friendly award for the city of Hutchinson, exactly what are the benefits realized? Has even one company or one new employee moved here because of these "investments?" Who? If

paved trails are such an economic engine, perhaps Citizens Bank could step up to make its own "investment."

Hutchinson City Councilor Chad Czmowski has repeatedly been asked if his Outdoor Motion Bike Shop in downtown Hutchinson is growing. Can Chad please respond to this critical question? The silence is deafening. Frankly, if Chad's bicycle business, in the heart of Hutchinson, isn't booming by now, what businesses exactly are supposed to grow from all of the trail spending that Chad voted for?

Claims of improved health have been made for more paved trails. After considering the above trail "investments," there have been no re-

ports published on the improved health of Hutchinson residents from the increased exercise predicted by using these trails. Isn't there some measurable level of improved health since the trail-building era began or as compared to other areas of McLeod County without paved trails? Is there really no proof at all to justify these health claims after 10 years?

Lastly, since Bill Arndt promises that county trail maintenance costs are "overblown" and "minor;" how about Hutchinson makes a 20-year commitment to help pay for them?

In the meantime, please provide some proof to these claims.

Jim Bobier  
Acoma Township

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### Question of the week

Who has the edge after the first presidential debate between Trump and Clinton?

- 1) Donald Trump.
- 2) Hillary Clinton.
- 3) Nobody.
- 4) I don't care.

Results for most recent question:

How much will the injuries sustained by Teddy Bridgewater and Adrian Peterson hurt the Vikings?

- 1) Not at all, the Vikings have depth — 22%
- 2) There will be some impact — 40%
- 3) Might as well throw in the towel now — 7%
- 4) I don't care — 31%

58 votes. New question runs Sept. 28-Oct. 3



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## Glencoe High School class of 1942 reunites

The Glencoe High School Class of 1942 had a 74-year reunion Saturday, Sept. 17, at Orchard Estates in Glencoe. In the front row, from left, are Eunice (Vacek) Wosmek, Vivian (Grimm) Howe,

Caroline Schlaccht and Wilma (Grenke) Schmidt; and, in the back, are Esther (Oelfke) Michaelitz, Don Tift, Audrey (Bargmann) Thiele and Ruben Ernst.

## Importance of equipment safety

Source: Karen Johnson, Extension educator, McLeod and Meeker counties.

Last week, Lt. Gov. Tina Smith declared the week of Sept. 18 to be "Farm Safety and Health Week" in Minnesota. This declaration is designed to bring awareness to the rise in injuries and deaths in the agricultural industry. With many farmers burning the candle at both ends in the field, now is the time to acknowledge the necessary steps to stay safe this harvest season.

According to the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), Agriculture continues to rank amongst the most hazardous industries. Approximately 231 farmers and farm workers died from work-related injuries in 2013, resulting in a fatality rate of 22.9 deaths per 100,000 workers. The leading cause of death for farmers and farm workers was tractor overturns. Another reason why farm safety needs to be practiced every day is to prevent serious or fatal injuries on our farms.

Below are several suggestions for ways to stay safe around equipment this harvest season.

- Before operating, fully understand the equipment's capabilities and hazard potential.

- Use all modern safety features – such as rollover protection structures (ROPS), personal protective equipment (PPE), and seat belts.



## Farm Notes

By Karen Johnson

- **One Seat = One Person** – Not only do extra riders distract the operator, there is no safe place in the majority of farm equipment for an additional person.
- Understand all laws of center of gravity and centrifugal force to prevent rollovers.
- Follow all manufacturers' recommendations for pulling equipment with the hitch and/or using the hydraulic lifts on the equipment – including proper bucket position and hitch points.
- Use handholds and care when getting on and off equipment to avoid slips and falls.
- Ensure the equipment is properly maintained and cared for.

In conclusion, by utilizing these suggestions on an everyday basis, you can provide a safe and healthy workplace for yourself and your workers. We all need to keep farm safety in mind to ensure that a severe or fatal injury never occurs on our farms.

### Gardening calendar

Source: Karen Johnson, Extension educator, McLeod and Meeker counties. The Minnesota Gardening

calendar, produced by the University of Minnesota Extension and Minnesota Landscape Arboretum, is available for purchase at the McLeod and Meeker counties Extension offices.

This calendar is developed for home gardening and landscape enthusiasts across the state. Minnesota Gardening 2017 is the only calendar designed and written exclusively for Minnesota gardeners. The calendar not only includes gorgeous monthly photos taken at the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum, but also contains monthly gardening tips, planting guides, and other helpful gardening information for both new and experienced gardeners.

The University of Minnesota Extension offices in McLeod and Meeker counties now have the calendars for sale. Supplies are limited. If interested in purchasing one or more, please stop by the McLeod or Meeker counties Extension offices.

Karen Johnson is the agriculture and horticulture Extension educator for McLeod and Meeker counties.

## Record

### Glencoe Police

#### TUESDAY, SEPT. 20

12:14 a.m. — Officers seized drug paraphernalia and Coors beer at a traffic stop on Highway 212 near Ideal Avenue. A verbal warning was given for no muffler.

1:48 a.m. — Officers responded to suspicious activity involving a moped in the area of 12th Street E and McLeod Avenue. It was gone before officers arrived.

9:13 a.m. — Officers assisted the ambulance with a medical on Prairie Avenue. The person was taken to the hospital.

10:45 a.m. — A bicycle was reported to have been sitting beside a building on Stevens Avenue N for three weeks.

1:08 p.m. — Officers responded to a trespassing complaint on Hennepin Avenue N.

1:10 p.m. — Officers assisted the ambulance with a medical on Hennepin Avenue N.

2:53 p.m. — A resident on 12th Street E reported that a dog was in her yard. It was picked up.

4:32 p.m. — An officer responded to suspicious activity on Chandler Avenue N.

6:54 p.m. — An officer responded to a child custody issue on Chandler Avenue N.

7:19 p.m. — Officers responded to Greeley Avenue N on a report of a juvenile who took a vehicle and left without permission.

7:29 p.m. — A moped was reported stolen from an address on Ninth Street E.

9:36 p.m. — The moped reported stolen in the previous incident was recovered after the driver ditched it and fled on foot in the area of 10th Street E and Greeley Avenue. Officers were unable to find the driver.

#### WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 21

7:57 a.m. — A person on 15th Street E reported a harassment issue. An officer advised the person to block the number and possibly get a restraining order if there were further issues.

1:08 p.m. — An officer responded to a report of fraud on Loudon Avenue N.

2:14 p.m. — Officers responded to suspicious activity on 10th Street E.

4:54 p.m. — Officers responded to the hospital to assist with a patient who was attempting to leave.

7:05 p.m. — An officer checked on a suspicious person on Ninth Street E. The person was advised to move along.

10:15 p.m. — An officer

checked on a semi that was blocking traffic on Hennepin Avenue N near 13th Street. The vehicle had run out of diesel; a mechanic brought some fuel and the truck moved on.

#### THURSDAY, SEPT. 22

5:21 a.m. — Officers responded to a report of a suspicious person on Ninth Street E. They were unable to find anyone.

7:08 a.m. — A citation for no Minnesota driver's license was issued at a traffic stop in the area of Seventh Street E and Chandler Avenue N.

7:28 a.m. — Officers assisted the ambulance with a medical on Chestnut Street W. A person was having difficulty breathing.

7:29 a.m. — A two-vehicle accident was reported at the intersection of Hennepin Avenue N and 13th Street E. There were no injuries.

9:05 a.m. — Officers and the Glencoe fire chief responded to a smell of gas on 10th Street E. Casey's had just taken a delivery of gasoline, and some fumes may have escaped.

11:29 a.m. — An officer responded to a report of suspicious activity on Eighth Street E.

4:12 p.m. — Officers provided requested assistance at the hospital.

5:46 p.m. — An officer responded to a report of suspicious activity on 13th Street E.

8:14 p.m. — An unwanted person was reported at the Super 8 Motel on Morningside Drive, and was advised to stay away from the motel.

#### FRIDAY, SEPT. 23

8:43 a.m. — An officer assisted the ambulance with a medical on 14th Street E.

8:52 a.m. — Officers responded to a two-vehicle accident on 13th Street near Casey's General Store. There were no injuries. Involved were a 2008 Ford truck owned by Brandon Lang and driven by Michael Lang of Willmar, and a 2017 Volvo S80 owned and driven by Amy Gish of Glencoe.

9:21 a.m. — An officer responded to Ford Avenue N to assist a person who had fallen and was having difficulty getting up.

3:45 p.m. — Officers responded to a report of people arguing on the Hennepin Avenue bridge. Both persons were taken to the police department, where the situation was mediated.

6:23 p.m. — An officer checked on a van with an open door and no one around on Hennepin Avenue N. The officer secured and locked the vehicle.

8:15 p.m. — An unwanted person was reported at Go For It Gas on Chandler Avenue N. The person was asked to leave and not return.

#### SATURDAY, SEPT. 24

5:23 p.m. — An officer responded to an animal complaint on 11th Street E. The "party was advised on how to handle the situation better."

6:09 p.m. — A citation was issued for no Minnesota driver's license at a traffic stop in the area of Dairy Avenue and Highway 212.

7:57 p.m. — Citations for driving after revocation and no proof of insurance were issued at a traffic stop in the area of 11th Street E and Greeley Avenue N.

8:03 p.m. — Officers responded to a traffic accident with no injuries on Highway 212 near Morningside Drive. The incident was transferred to the Minnesota State Patrol.

10:03 p.m. — A person on Judd Avenue fell and hit her head, and was taken by ambulance to the hospital.

#### SUNDAY, SEPT. 25

2:13 a.m. — A citation for driving after suspension was issued at a traffic stop in the area of Highway 212 and 95th Street.

7:32 p.m. — An officer responded to a report of a person setting off fireworks on Stevens Avenue N. The officer made contact with the individual and asked them to stop.

11:25 p.m. — An officer served a warrant arrest on 10th Street E.

11:45 p.m. — Two vehicles were reportedly "keyed" at Main Street Sports Bar on Greeley Avenue N.

#### MONDAY, SEPT. 26

2:22 a.m. — A citation for a stop sign violation was issued at a traffic stop in the area of Hennepin Avenue N and 11th Street E.

7:38 a.m. — A theft was reported in the area of 11th Street E and Armstrong Avenue.

11:19 a.m. — Officers spoke with a person regarding a noise complaint on 13th Street W.

3:53 p.m. — A theft of money was reported on 11th Street W.

6:34 p.m. — An officer investigated a report of fraud on 11th Street E.

7:43 p.m. — A citation for no driver's license, and verbal warnings for failure to turn on headlights and a malfunctioning tail-light, were issued at a traffic stop in the area of 10th Street E and Owen Avenue N.



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## Glencoe Jr. Pioneers do well at state fair

Several youths from the Glencoe Jr. Pioneers 4-H club had the opportunity to attend the Minnesota State Fair Aug. 28-30 with their projects in the general exhibits area. 4-Hers must win a trip to the state fair by earning a top placing in their project at the county fair. At the state fair, youths earn awards ranking from purple (top placing), blue, red, or white. Some of the poster displays were proudly shared by the 4-Hers attending the state fair. Pictured from left to right, in addition to the project area and award they received are: Elise Betcher (crafts, blue), Emily Thalmann (quilting, purple), Grace

Garoutte, (health, blue), Adam Thalmann (lawn and landscape, purple), Eli Kuehn (health, purple), Zoe Ruschmeier (plant and soil science, red), Emily Britcher (youth leadership, red), Emily Ward (exploring animals, red) and Aaron Ward (exploring the environment, red). Not Pictured: Montana Sanchez (crafts, blue), Becca Olson (illustrated presentation, blue, and performing arts, blue) and Morgan Dahlke (photography, red). The club also received a blue ribbon on its Community Pride Exhibit in which it shared many of its community service activities it has done throughout the past year.

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## Senators confirm USDA funding for Brownton

U.S. Sens. Amy Klobuchar and Al Franken, along with U.S. Rep. Collin Peterson, announced last week that the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has awarded the city of Brownton a loan of \$5.309 million and a grant of \$724,000 for water, sewer and storm systems improvements.

"Investing in our water and waste infrastructure is a down payment on the long-term well-being of our communities," Klobuchar said. "This investment will benefit the people and businesses of Brownton."

"Upgrading our rural infrastructure strengthens our economy and improves public health," Franken said. "And this year, during my Rural Infrastructure Listening

Tour of Minnesota, I've heard from many rural communities about the infrastructure improvements they need. I'm pleased that Brownton will receive this new support to strengthen their water, sewer, and storm systems."

"This funding will help Brownton make important infrastructure improvements," Peterson said. "This will ensure the city's residents continued access to safe drinking water."

This investment is made through USDA Rural Development's Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant Program, which provides assistance and financing to develop drinking water and waste disposal systems for communities with 10,000 or fewer residents.



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## GSL PTO organizes drive for food shelf

The Glencoe-Silver Lake (GSL) Elementary PTO (Parent Teacher Organization) felt a need to reach out and help the local food shelf. This past summer the McLeod Emergency Food Shelf had to dip into its reserve funds to meet the needs. GSL does an annual food collection every November. The PTO felt that having a back-to-school collection would be a great way to help the community and join in as a school to do something positive as a group. Each child was asked to bring in one item to donate. The PTO was pleasantly surprised by the amount that came in. On Friday, Sept. 16, Principal Joy Freitag, chaperoned some of the elementary students as they dropped off the collection at the food shelf. GSL elementary stu-

dents collected 667 pounds of food, which makes 513 meals. The food shelf was extremely grateful for the collection. The PTO looks forward to the annual collection, which will be in November and is district wide. Pictured above, front row from left, are Matthew Schmieg, Samantha Mattson, Mikayla Schmitt, Audrey Howell, Grace Lipke, Mckenzie Patnaude, Halle Hoemberg, Maddie Leske, Connor Neid, Landen Matheny, Conner Morris and Sandra Swanlund; and, back, bus driver Jim Entinger, Lydia Dietel, Sydney Harpel, Cadance Knick, Omar Martinez, Bree Ryherd, Will Urban, Ben Gildea, Garrett Teubert, Brianna Matheny, Samuel Hecksel, Ava Elias and Principal Joy Freitag.



## Weather Corner

By Jake Yurek

Good news: there are no big rain threats to worry about this week!

It's certainly been awhile, but I don't see any organized rain chances moving through the area, so this is excellent news for allowing areas hardest hit lately to dry out. The only chance of sprinkles would have been early week Monday and Tuesday, associated with lingering clouds from the low-pressure area that moved away from the area over the weekend. The low pressure area will actually stall out to our east, which should set the stage for a blocking type pattern, keeping us high and dry and mostly sunny.

Highs for this time of year should be in the mid to upper 60s, and it's looking like we'll see that plus a couple degrees as the weekend gets going. Lows, unfortunately, will linger in the 40s and 50s, so there's no frost threat yet as we wait for the mosquito end-game. In terms of frost dates, since we won't see it this week we'll officially be behind average as we typically see our first frost sometime this week.

Long-range models are showing a cold surge next week, but they've been poor at forecasting five or more days out, so I'm not buying into it just yet.

Have a great week, everyone; get out and enjoy the beautiful weather: we deserve it!

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Wednesday night — Lows 43-48; clear.  
Thursday — Highs 64-70, lows 44-50, clear.  
Friday — Highs 66-72, lows 46-52; mostly clear.  
Saturday — Highs 66-72, lows 48-54; partly cloudy.  
Sunday — Highs 67-73, mostly clear.

Weather Quiz: What are some of October's weather extremes?

Answer to last week's question (What might we have to worry about weatherwise if we continue seeing large amounts of precipitation continuing this winter with slightly warmer temperatures or, on the flip side, slightly colder temperatures?): A warmer-than-average winter may bring with it more storms and mixed precipitation. It might mean more snow, but also more rain or freezing rain. I'm hoping for a drier-than-average winter because if we see too much snow, spring floods may be a concern after all this rain. A colder winter would most likely bring less snow and remind us winter can be nasty (especially with the easy winters we've had recently).

Remember: I make the forecast, not the weather! (But I'll take credit for it this week!)

## Genealogy series set at Brownton Public Library

The Brownton Public Library will be hosting a family history research series presented by the McLeod County Historical Society and Museum.

Local genealogists will demonstrate how to search family names, dates and happenings, and what resources to use to put together information on the genealogy. The three Monday sessions will meet in the Brownton Public Library on Mondays, Oct. 3, 10 and 24, at 7 p.m. Sign up by calling or visiting the Brownton Public Library.

This is a free program paid

for by the McLeod County Public Libraries Legacy funds through the Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment. Contact a McLeod Public library for more information or visit the Brownton Public Library website: www.brownton.lib.mn.us.



## Community Calendar

**Thurs., Sept. 29** — AA Group mtg. next to Post Office in Stewart, 8 p.m., call 320-212-5290 for info  
**Mon., Oct. 3** — Tops Weigh-In mtg., 5-5:30 p.m.; Brownton Senior Citizens Club, Brownton Community Center, 1 p.m.  
**Tues., Oct. 4** — Brownton City Council, 7 p.m.  
**Thurs., Oct. 6** — AA Group mtg. next to Post Office in Stewart, 8 p.m., call 320-212-5290 for info.  
**Mon., Oct. 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.

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## New OB-GYN doctor joins staff at GRHS

Ashley Hieronimus, MD, has joined the obstetrics and gynecology (OB-GYN) department at Glencoe Regional Health Services (GRHS).

Dr. Hieronimus sees patients at the Glencoe clinic and delivers babies and performs surgery at the hospital. She provides care for normal and high-risk pregnancies and delivers babies vaginally and by cesarean section. Dr. Hieronimus also performs a variety of gynecologic procedures in the operating room, including dilation and curettage (D&C) for abnormal uterine bleeding and miscarriages, minimally invasive laparoscopies to diagnose a variety of conditions, and surgical laparoscopies for removing ovarian cysts, ovaries and fallopian tubes. She performs abdominal and vaginal hysterectomies, but uses a laparoscope whenever possible.

"I enjoy everything about obstetrics and gynecology, but I'm especially passionate about caring for women with high-risk pregnancies, diagnosing and providing basic management of infertility, and performing gynecologic and obstetric surgery," Dr. Hieronimus said.

Dr. Hieronimus has extensive training in minimally invasive surgery techniques. "I also have a special interest in cervical cancer screening and

prevention, including the treatment of precancerous lesions. I am a big advocate for my patients to receive recommended Pap smears and the human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination," she said.

Dr. Hieronimus was born in Phoenix, Arizona, but moved to Belle Plaine at age 5 and grew up there. Now she lives with her husband, Brandon, in Mayer. They share an interest in many fitness activities, with cycling being a favorite, and often use the Dakota Rail Regional Trail.

"Once I decided on a medical career, I knew I wanted to practice in a more rural setting," she said. "Practicing at

GRHS offers me a wonderful opportunity to do that, and still be close to family and friends in the area." Dr. Hieronimus has a brother in Green Isle and a sister in Arlington. "It's also an easy drive to the Twin Cities," she adds.

Dr. Hieronimus received her bachelor's degree in psychology from Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter and continued on to medical school at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis. She completed her residency in obstetrics and gynecology at the University of Minnesota Integrated Residency in Obstetrics, Gynecology, and

Women's Health.

To schedule an appointment with Dr. Hieronimus, patients may call GRHS at 320-864-7816 or toll free 1-800-869-3116.

Glencoe Regional Health Services was founded in 1941. It includes a primary-care clinic, 25-bed critical access hospital, a 110-bed nursing home and a 40-unit independent senior housing complex in Glencoe, and outpatient clinics in Lester Prairie and Stewart.

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## People

### Couple announces birth

Houston Hewitt of Hutchinson and Ida VanderVoort of Hector announce the birth of their son, Daxtyn Lea Hewitt, born Thursday, Aug. 18, 2016, at Hutchinson Health Hospital. Daxtyn weighed 7 pounds, 1 ounce, and was 19 inches long at birth. Grandparents are Tim and Christine Heuer of Glencoe, Brad Hewitt of Huron, South Dakota, and Bill and Nancy VanderVoort of Hector.

### Curry wins in state lottery

Dennis Curry of Glencoe won \$5,000 playing the Minnesota State Lottery's Big Money game. Curry claimed the prize on Sept. 20. Casey's General Store on 10th Street in Glencoe sold the winning ticket.

### Daughter born to Lindemans

Tony and Laura Lindeman of Brownton announce the arrival of a baby daughter, Valerie Ann, born Sept. 21, 2016, at Glencoe Regional Health Services. Valerie weighed 6 pounds, 1 ounce, and was 19 inches long at birth. She joins a brother, Graham, and a sister, Claire. Grandparents are Kevin and Penny Lindeman of Brownton and Ron and Deb Donnay of Glencoe.

### Son born to Todd family

Zach and Jennifer Todd of Gaylord announce the birth of a son, Gannon Stanley Todd, on Sept. 19, 2016, at Glencoe Regional Health Services. Gannon weighed 7 pounds, 2 ounces, and was 20 inches long at birth. He joins two brothers, Zachary and Mason. Grandparents are Todd and Judy Anderson of New Auburn.

### Hutch couple has new son

Justin Wright and Jackie Fehlandt of Hutchinson announce the arrival of a son, Jaxson Otto Wright, born Sept. 23, 2016, at Glencoe Regional Health Services. Jaxson weighed 7 pounds and was 19½ inches in length. He joins siblings Cody and Carson Wright. Grandparents are Myron and Julie Fehlandt of Glencoe and Cal and Cindy Lee of Hutchinson.



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### Glencoe High School class of 1953

The Glencoe High School class of 1953 had its 63-year reunion Sept. 17 at Unhinged! Pizza in Glencoe. Attending were, front row from left, Shirley (Pershau) Kirchoff, Eldonna (Stuedemann) Soeffker, Doris (Huepenbecker) Schrupp, Sylvia (Lange) Jungclaus and Donna (Werth) Voigt; middle row, Mary JoAnn (Kohnen) Nelson, Gwendolyn (Schuette) Forss, Mari-

lyn (Blasing) Johnson, Carol (Brinkman) Axt, Marlyns (Aisleben) Trnka, Gloria (Schade) Mahon, Lois (Gruenhagen) Droeger, Lois (Michaelis) Herrmann, Margaret (McKelley) Walker, Violet (Shovelin) Plonty and Betty (Dammann) Oelfke; and, back row, Dennis Eggersgluess, Kenneth Franke, Gerald Augustine, Ernest Breyer and Donald Dammann.

### Adam Thom serving aboard U.S. Navy destroyer

A 2010 Glencoe-Silver Lakes High School graduate and Glencoe native is serving in the U.S. Navy aboard the guided-missile destroyer, USS Michael Murphy.

Lt. j.g. Adam Thom is a surface warfare officer aboard the forward-deployed Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer operating out of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii.

A Navy surface warfare officer is responsible for ship navigation and warfare areas and preparations for tactical areas of deployments.

"I enjoy the people and the division that I am responsible for," said Thom. "We put in long hard hours. We get to enjoy quality time here. I can understand where people are from and what interests them. It helps alleviate many stresses that come with the job. The namesake of the ship is on our minds during our daily activities and it inspires us to work hard and make our-

selves proud of our work."

USS Michael Murphy, measures approximately 500 feet and is powered by four gas turbines that allow the destroyer to achieve more than 30 mph in open seas.

According to Navy officials, destroyers are tactical multi-mission surface combatants capable of conducting anti-air warfare, anti-submarine warfare and anti-surface warfare, as well as humanitarian assistance. Fast, maneuverable, and technically advanced, destroyers provide the required war fighting expertise and operational flexibility to execute any tasks overseas.

"Our Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific guided-missile destroyers are poised, trained, equipped and ready to deploy forward and support the Fleet," said Rear Adm. John Fuller, commander, Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific. "Working with friends and al-



Lt. j.g. Adam Thom

lies, our MIDPAC sailors provide sea control, advance maritime security, enhance regional stability, and foster continued prosperity in the Indo-Asia-Pacific region."

Approximately 30 officers and 300 enlisted men and women make up the ship's

company. Their jobs are highly specialized and keep each part of the cruiser running smoothly, according to Navy officials. The jobs range from maintaining engines and handling weaponry to washing dishes and preparing meals.

"Being stationed in Hawaii is pretty great; you can go to multiple beaches," said Thom. "You get to call paradise home for a little while. You can go paddle boarding or surfing on your days off."

Challenging living conditions build strong fellowship among the crew, Navy officials explained. The crew is highly motivated, and quickly adapt to changing conditions. It is a busy life of specialized work, watches, and drills.

"I feel a sense of pride in my job," said Thom. "Serving in the military has been a family tradition that I have kept going. I feel it is my duty to serve my country."

## Glencoe VFW Post 5102 Auxiliary meets

The regular monthly meeting of the Glencoe VFW Post 5102 Auxiliary was called to order Sept. 12, at 7:30PM by President Angela Johnson with 20 members present and one guest.

The draping of the Charter was held for Mabel Stockdill.

Opening ceremony and roll call was taken. August Secretary's minutes were read and approved and the treasurer's report was approved and filed subject to audit. Bills were approved.

Paty Thron, District 2 senior vice president, was introduced.

Kelly Plieseis was initiated as a new member of the Auxiliary.

General orders and communications were read.

Chairmen reports were given.

The table acknowledging POW/MIA recognition day was set and a prayer and a moment of silence was held.

Unfinished business: Coborn's brat stand brought

in \$191.25 for the Auxiliary working it.

New business: Pillow cleaning was set for Sept. 16. \$50 was received from the Mabel Stockdill family. Christmas centerpieces will be needed for the party. The healthy checklist was handed out for members to fill out and return.

Certificates received: Voice of Democracy Award; Patriot's Pen Award; Veterans & Military Support Programs; Americanism Reporting; Legislative Acknowledgment of Receipts, second place with \$3; Report with Documentation, second place with \$3; Auxiliary Chairman Margaret Koester.

Paty Thron addressed the Auxiliary. The serving committee for the Oct. 10 meeting will be Renae Jensen, Marcia Dummer, Tammy Rehtzigel and Jean Schmidt.

Meeting was adjourned until Oct. 10.

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## Obituaries

### Cynthia Brundell, 53, of New Auburn

Cynthia "Cindy" Brundell, 53, of New Auburn, died unexpectedly Sunday, Sept. 18, 2016, at her home.

A memorial service was held Friday, Sept. 23, at Hahn's Dining in Winthrop with Darwin Fraundienst officiating. Special music was on a CD. Honorary urn bearers were Nick Plihal, Tyler Plihal and Travis Plihal.



Cynthia Brundell

Cynthia "Cindy" Marie

Brundell was born June 10, 1963, to Leslie and Phyllis Brundell in Alexandria. She graduated from Gaylord High School in 1981.

She was joined in marriage to Brad Plihal on July 7, 1990, in Glencoe. They raised their three sons in Glencoe.

Ms. Brundell enjoyed spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren, throwing darts, working at Dicky Bob's, watching NASCAR and the Minnesota Vikings on TV.

She is survived by her sons, Nick Plihal of White Bear Lake, Tyler Plihal of Hutchinson and Travis Plihal of Glencoe; grandchildren,

William, Brianna and Maisie; mother, Phyllis Brundell of Groton, South Dakota; sister, Sheri Brundell of Aberdeen, South Dakota; brother, Jeff Brundell of Watertown, South Dakota; ex-husband, Brad Plihal; one niece; two nephews; and great niece and great nephews of Aberdeen, South Dakota; other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents; father, Leslie Brundell; and several aunts and uncles.

Arrangements were with the Egesdal Funeral Home in Gaylord. Online obituaries and guest book are available at www.hantge.com.

### Harlen David Kegler, 68, of Winsted

Harlen David Kegler, 68, of Winsted, died Friday, Sept. 23, 2016, at St. Mary's Nursing Home.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Wednesday, Sept. 28, at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Winsted with the Rev. Paul Schumacher as the celebrant. Readers were Kimberly Lester and Brian Shawn.



Harlen Kegler

Pallbearers were Thomas Vacek, John Vacek, Kyle Kulinski, Josh Zangl, Reed Birkholz and Bert Hertzog.

Interment with military honors was in the Holy Trinity Cemetery in Winsted.

Harlen Kegler was born Nov. 12, 1947, in Glencoe, becoming the son of Leonard

and Irene (Schultz) Kegler. He attended Holy Trinity Elementary School and graduated from Lester Prairie High School in 1965.

On Aug. 1, 1991, Gayle Elaine Shawn and Harlen Kegler were joined in holy marriage at Bloomington Lutheran Church in Bloomington. Their marriage brought together a family with three children, Kimberly, Brian and Travis. Mr. Kegler served in the Army Reserves for seven years as an infantryman and was proud of his service to his country.

Mr. Kegler was a talented carpenter and woodworker for his entire career. He was a carpenter for both Littfin Lumber and as an independent business owner. He was known as a gentle and caring man with a good sense of humor. He was incredibly talented and generously shared

his carpentry skills. He participated in the Knights of Columbus for many years.

He is survived by his wife, Gayle Kegler; son, Travis Kegler; stepchildren, Kimberly (Joshua) Lester and Brian (Jessica) Shawn; grandchildren, DJ, Natasha, Kalisha, Amelia, Devin, Brody and Finnegan; great-grandchild, Nyaziah; sisters, Marion (Donald) Lhotka and Bonnie (Lannie) Grages; several nieces and nephews; and many other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his father, Leonard B. Kegler in 1979; mother, Irene A. Kegler in 2016; and sisters, Roxanne Kegler in 1960, Janet Vacek in 2011 and Marlene Kulinski in 2015.

Arrangements were with the Chilson Funeral Home in Winsted. Online condolences may be made at www.chilsonfuneralhome.com.

### David Harry Randt, 65, of Glencoe

David Harry Randt, 65, of Glencoe, died Tuesday, Sept. 20, 2016, at Marie Steiner Kelting Hospice House in Chaska.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Sept. 24, at First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Glencoe with the Rev. Daniel Welch officiating. Robin Kruse was the organist. Congregational hymns were "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing," "My Faith Looks Up to Thee," "The King of Love My Shepherd Is," "Jesus Loves Me" and "Praise to the Lord."



David Randt

Casket bearers were Ron Donnay, Bruce Donnay, Dave Kohout, Dan Werth, Dave Hanson and Duane Schade.

Interment will be in the church cemetery at a later date.

David Harry Randt was born June 7, 1951, in Willmar, the son of Harry and Ruth (Boike) Randt. He was baptized June 17, 1951, by the Rev. Norbert Augst at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Clara City, and was confirmed into faith on April 11, 1965, by the Rev. Otto Misch, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Plato. He graduat-

ed from Glencoe High School in 1969.

David Randt and Miriam (Wroge) were united in marriage June 16, 1974, by the Rev. Bert Klein at St. John's Lutheran Church in Plato. The Lord blessed them with three children, Deb, Andrea and Tim. They built their marriage on the foundation of Christ's love, and shared over 42 years of marriage together.

Mr. Randt worked as the highway maintenance superintendent for the highway departments in McLeod and Carver counties. As a faithful servant of the Lord, he was an active and dedicated member of First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Glencoe, where he also served as a deacon. He served his community as an active and proud member of the Glencoe Fire Department for 20 years.

Mr. Randt had a servant heart, always willing to lend a helping hand and putting others' needs before his own. He was passionate about spending time outdoors hunting or fishing, always with a family member or a friend at his side. Always quick to laugh, he truly treasured his time visiting and socializing with others.

During his early retirement years, he cherished time with family, especially his six grandchildren, at the cabin near Star Lake. He patiently baited hooks, offered four-

wheeler and boat rides, and enjoyed time around the bonfire.

He is survived by his wife, Miriam Randt of Glencoe; children and their spouses, Deb and Matthew Butler of Waconia, Andrea and Scott Belseth of Minnetonka and Tim and Stephanie Randt of Dent; grandchildren, Brody, Benjamin and Oliver Butler and Adella, Micah and Tommy Belseth; mother, Ruth Randt of Glencoe; mother-in-law, Esther Wroge of Glencoe; siblings, Carol (Aaron) Alsleben of Glencoe, Janice (Larry) Henning of Plato, Gary (Becky) Randt of Buffalo, Sharon Fox of Glencoe, Chuck (Linda) Randt of Osakis, Jane Randt of Prior Lake and Darryl Randt of Madison Lake; sisters-in-law, Cindy Randt of Chaska and Carolyn Raedeke of Burnsville; brothers-in-law, Wally (Lynn) Wroge of Norwood Young America and Randy (Mary Lou) Wroge of Norwood Young America; nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his father, Harry Randt; father-in-law, Herbert Wroge; and brother, Randy Randt.

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

### Shirley Graupmann, 86, Grand Rapids

Shirley Ann Graupmann, 86, of Grand Rapids, died Friday, Sept. 16, 2016, at Sugar Brook Villa Assisted Living in Cohasset.

The funeral service was held Wednesday, Sept. 28, at 11 a.m., at Community Presbyterian Church in Grand Rapids with the Rev. Kimbrel Johnson officiating.



Shirley Graupmann

Burial will be Thursday, Sept. 29, at 1 p.m. at St. Paul's United Church of Christ Cemetery in Plato.

Active casket bearers are Christopher Graupmann, Ryan Graupmann, Madeline Graupmann, Megan Cleveland, Allan Cleveland and Timothy Tracy. Honorary casket bearers are Samantha Tracy, Alexandra Tracy, Kristina Tracy, Stephanie Graff, Erica Linggi, Tarah Cleveland, Jenny Campbell,

Ashley Walker, Grant Graupmann and Dylan Graupmann.

Shirley Ann (Franck) Graupmann was born April 8, 1930, in Young America Township, the daughter of William and Frieda (Bartels) Franck. She was baptized in Schapsborg Evangelical Church in Young America Township by the Rev. Otto Rapp, and was confirmed into faith April 2, 1944, at the United Church of Christ Church of Peace in Norwood by the Rev. Carl Zeyher. She attended District 29 and Central High School in Norwood, Young America.

On May 20, 1950, she was united in marriage to Raymond Graupmann at the Church of Peace (United Church of Christ) in Norwood by the Rev. E.F. Menger. The couple owned a dairy farm in western Carver County before moving to their lake home in Grand Rapids in June 1971. Mrs. Graupmann had a day care center in their lake home for many years. After Mr. Graupmann's retirement in 1990, they did a lot of traveling to every state and also to Germany. Her greatest joy was watching her grandchildren excel in sports and musical

events. She also loved gardening, canning, cooking, baking, playing cards and dancing.

She is survived by her husband, Raymond; daughter and son-in-law, Patricia and Timothy Tracy; son, James; son and daughter-in-law, Thomas and Denise Graupmann; daughter and son-in-law, Carol Ann and Allan Cleveland; son and daughter-in-law, Timothy and Christie Graupmann; 14 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; sister, Pearl Kloempken; and three brothers, Lloyd (Donna) Franck, Stanley (Glenda) Franck and Roger (Lois) Franck.

She was preceded in death by her parents, William and Frieda; two children, Robert and David; brothers, Wilmer, Elroy, William and Donald; sisters, Esther, Ruth, Florence and Betty; brother-in-law, Hillard; sister-in-law, Luella; sister-in-law, Lois; and brother-in-law, Wesley Majestic.

Arrangements were with the Rowe Funeral Home in Grand Rapids. An online guest book is available at www.rowefuneralhomeandcrematory.com.

### Charles J. Goranowski, 57, of Welch

Charles John Goranowski, 57, of Welch, died Tuesday, Sept. 20, 2016, at his home.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Saturday, Sept. 24, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Miesville with the Rev. Leonard Siebenaler presiding. Burial was in the church cemetery.



Charles Goranowski was born May 9, 1959, to Cyril and Joan (Snaza) Goranowski in Glencoe. In 1977, he graduated from Silver Lake High School and went on to further his education at the University of Minnesota, where he received a master's degree in education and industrial technology in 1995.

On June 21, 1986, he married the love of his life,

Kathryn Louise Mattson, at St. Adalbert's Catholic Church in Silver Lake. They were blessed with two daughters whom he adored and was very proud of. He worked at the Prairie Island Nuclear Plant for 30 years. He was an extremely talented artist and inventor, taking after his father, Cyril, whom he loved early. Mr. Goranowski developed a passion for glassblowing and, with the help of his father, built a glassblowing and art studio. He established Goranowski Glassworks, where he took pride in creating handmade pieces of art, living out his father's legacy of quality craftsmanship.

Mr. Goranowski spent his free time exploring the local food, art and music of Minnesota. He also enjoyed cooking, playing the guitar and harmonica, singing, reading the newspaper, listening to public radio, attending Miesville Mudhen games and

playing with the family dog, Lulu. He loved spending time outside fishing, biking, skiing, rollerblading and gardening. He enjoyed instigating good laughs by teasing his "sassy" daughters — the "squirrely girls" "Melisso and Saro."

He also was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Miesville.

He is survived by his loving wife of 30 years, Kathy; daughters, Melissa Rose and Sara Jayne; his mother, Joan; and many family and friends. He was preceded in death by his father, Cyril; and good buddy, Dan Milbert.

Arrangements were with the Mahn Family Funeral Home, Bodelson-Mahn Chapel. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.mahnfamilyfuneralhome.com.



**THANK YOU**

I wish to express sincere thanks and deep appreciation, to family and friends who extended their sympathy, with the loss of my son, Brandon Randt.

Thank you for the flowers, memorial, and most of all, your prayers and support during this difficult time.

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## Obituaries

### Earl Ernie Stuedemann, 71, of Plato

Earl Ernie Stuedemann, 71, of Plato, died Saturday, Sept. 17, 2016, in an accident near Plato.

Funeral services were held Friday, Sept. 23, at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Helen Township, rural Glencoe, with the Rev. Dennis Reichow officiating. Christy Ittel was the organist. Congregational hymns were "How Great Thou Art," "Amazing Grace," "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say" and "What God Ordains is Always Good."

Honorary casket bearers were Mr. Stuedemann's grandchildren, Brock Warren, Grant Warren, Nolan Stuedemann, Alexis Peterson and Jordan Peterson. Casket bearers were Dallas Stuedemann, Darwin Heldt, Kevin Stuedemann, DuWayne Stuedemann, Dale Krienke and Paul Krienke.

Interment was in the church cemetery.

Earl Ernie Stuedemann was born Nov. 21, 1944, in Glencoe, the son of Albert Sr. and Lillian (Dierfeldt) Stuedemann. He was baptized as an infant on Dec. 10, 1944, by the Rev. H. Schaller, and was confirmed in his faith as a youth on May 4, 1958, by the Rev. Plocher, both at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Helen Township, rural Glencoe. He received his education through the eighth grade at St. John's

Evangelical Lutheran School and then went to Glencoe High School.

Mr. Stuedemann met his best friend, Kathleen, on a blind date. On Oct. 5, 1963, he was united in marriage to Kathleen Louise Hasse at Zion Lutheran Church in Mayer. The couple made their home in the same white house with the blue trim in Plato for the past 51 years. Their marriage was blessed with two children, Pamela and David. They shared almost 53 years of marriage together.

Mr. Stuedemann was constantly busy. He held several different jobs, including Bongards Creamery, Northern Culvert, Voight Movers, Selchow Hardware, Glencoe Butter & Produce and Medalion Cabinetry, but his heart was always on the farm and in the woods. When on the farm, he enjoyed helping with the little animals being born. After work, Mr. Stuedemann would help family and friends with farm and field work, or take his chain saw and find a tree that could be turned into firewood. His work ethic and need to get things done the right way was second to none. He was a lifelong member of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Helen Township. He also was a member of the Plato Fire Department for 20 years.

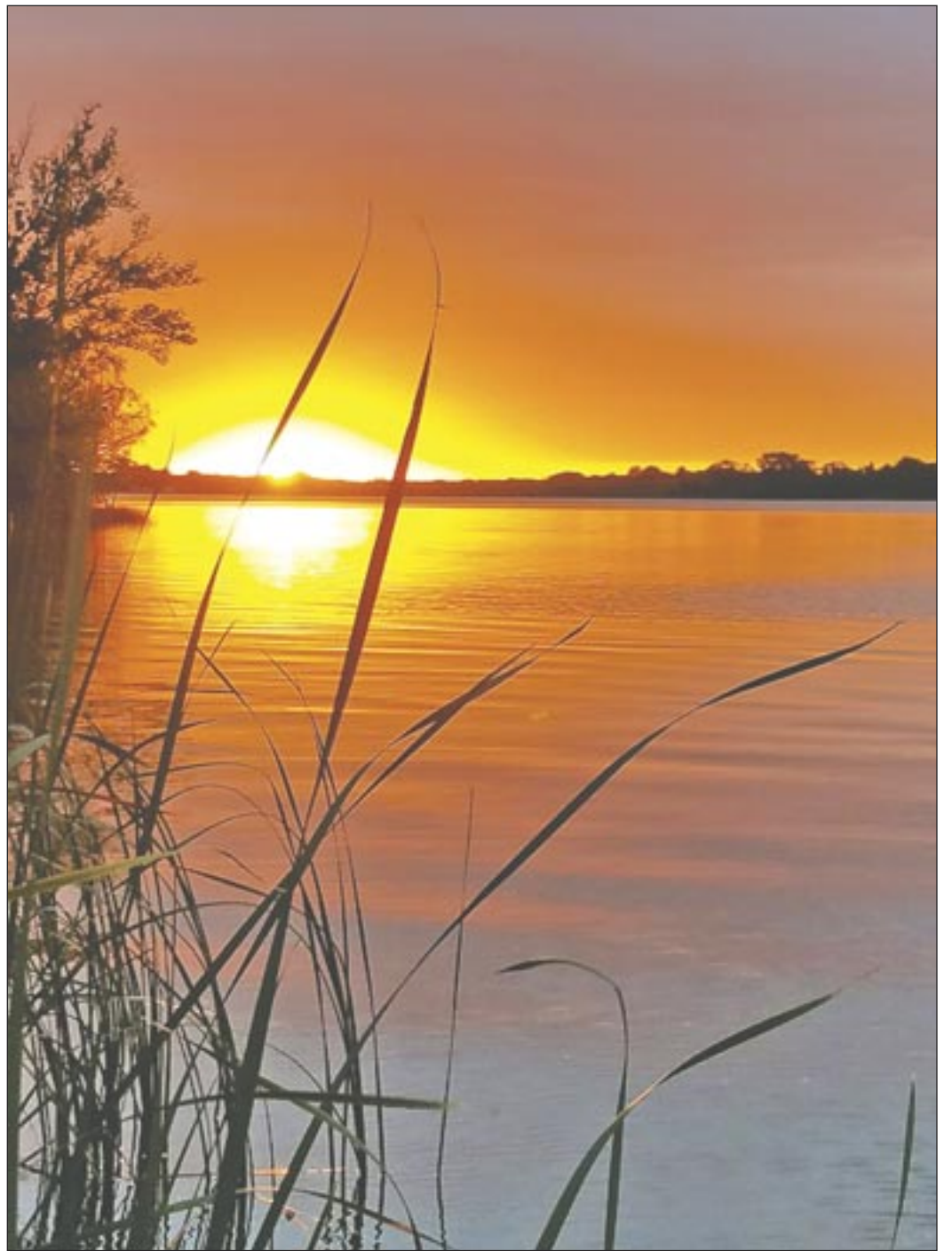
Although not a sports fan initially, he became one by supporting his children in their activities. He could be quite vocal watching a game on television with his wife. His pride and joy were his grandchildren and he played whatever game they wanted

him to play, including Uno, croquet, playing at the park, or pitching baseballs to them. All his grandkids were "Sunshine" to him. He loved to listen to them talk about their activities and he kidded around with them like only a Grandpa can. He tried to instill his love of polka music in his children and grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife, Kathleen Stuedemann of Plato; daughter and son-in-law, Pamela and Steve Warren of Wausau, Wisconsin; son David Stuedemann and Heidi Rivers of Shakopee; grandchildren, Brock Warren, Grant Warren, Nolan Stuedemann, Alexis Peterson and Jordan Peterson; siblings and their spouses, Albert Stuedemann Jr. and his wife, Mary Voss, of Glencoe, Gilbert and Pearl Stuedemann of Gaylord and Carol and Dennis Heldt of Lester Prairie; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Kathryn and Willard Stender of Young America and Cheryl Lynn and Daryl Krienke of Lester Prairie; nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Albert Sr. and Lillian Stuedemann; infant sister, Dora Stuedemann; sister and brother-in-law, Shirley and Willis Stuedemann; and father-in-law and mother-in-law, Wilford and Sophie Hasse.

Arrangements were with the Johnson-McBride Funeral Chapel in Glencoe. Online obituaries and guest book are available at [www.hantge.com](http://www.hantge.com).



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### Swan Lake at its best

Julie Yurek captured this profile of Lake, on a recent calm, serene mid-September evening.

### MNSPECT gets delegation agreement, honors for efforts in ISO ratings work

MNSPECT was successful in its bid for the municipal delegation agreement in August.

"Now MNSPECT building inspectors have the authority granted by the state of Minnesota to provide plan review and inspections of all public buildings and state-licensed facilities (i.e., schools, jails, hospitals, nursing homes, etc). The benefit goes to MNSPECT clientele," said Kandis Hanson, MNSPECT relationship manager. Under the delegation agreement, all permit revenue that would otherwise go to the state stays with the client municipality. The net result is significant revenue to those jurisdictions that MNSPECT serves.

September — ISO scores are the best in the state. The fire department(s) that serve area communities are rated each three to five years for

their fire suppression ability. The evaluation, performed by the Insurance Services Offices, Inc., (ISO), includes fire and building inspection departments and the resulting data assists insurance companies in establishing appropriate risk multipliers for premium calculations. The score calculated for each fire department is applied to all new construction within a community. The criteria for generating the Building Code Effectiveness Rating includes training, certification, experience, and qualifications of the building official and code enforcement personnel; plan review and inspection staffing levels; plan review details; natural hazard mitigation; building code adoption and amendments.

MNSPECT is pleased to announce its residential and commercial scores are Class

3/3, respectively. According to Nola Lebrecht, senior BCEGS field representative, "Class 3/3 is the best result ever given in Minnesota (one being best.) There have only been a handful in the 10 years I've worked in Minnesota."

Once again, MNSPECT clients can potentially benefit through reduced insurance premiums. BCEGS info can be found at the following link: <https://www.isomitigation.com/bcegs/iso-s-build-ing-code-effectiveness-rating-schedule-bcegs.html>.

MNSPECT, LLC, is a contract building inspections firm serving the cities, townships and counties within and beyond the Twin Cities metro area. MNSPECT has provided designated building official, supplemental and backup building safety service for Minnesota cities since 1987.



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### Author visits Glencoe Library

Minnesota author Frederick Blanch read from his newest book, "Mudge's Best Short Stories," Thursday, Sept. 22, in the Glencoe Library Activity Room. The free event was sponsored by Friends of the Glencoe Library.

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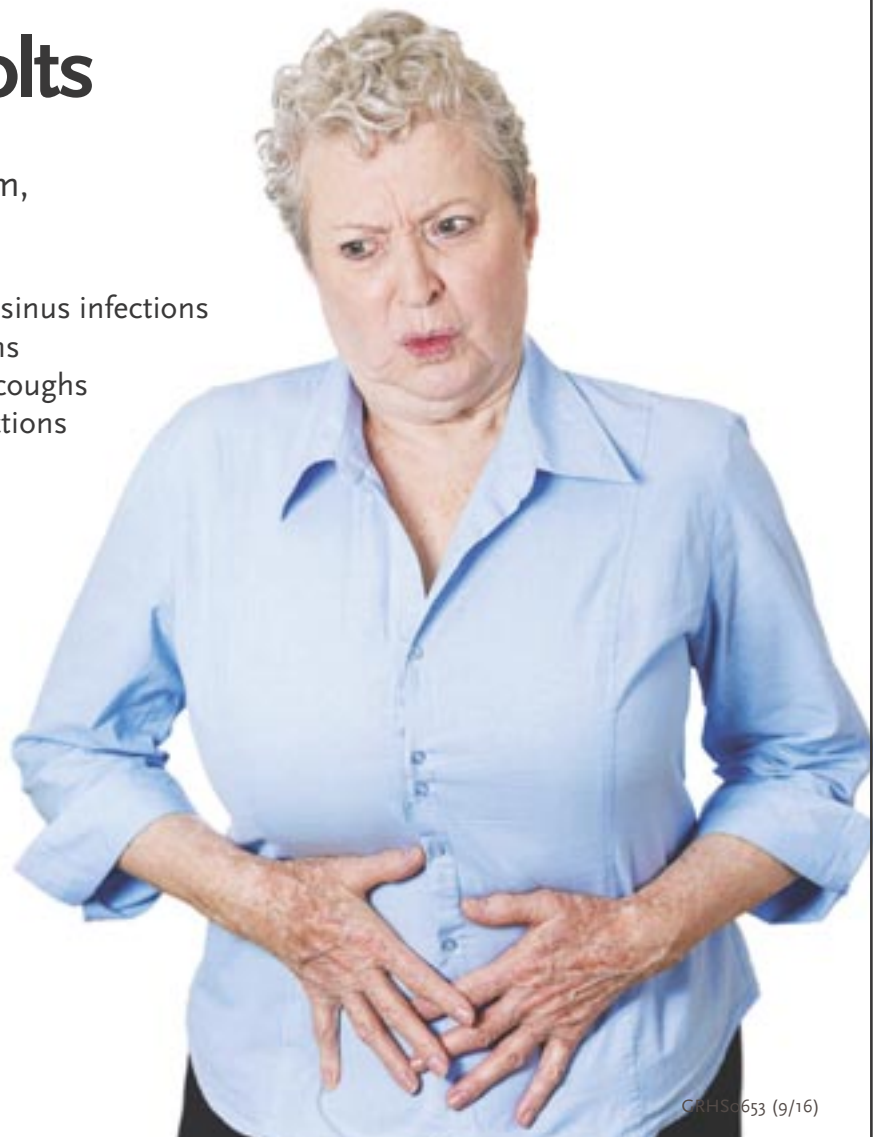
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### Walls going up on school

Work continues on the additions to the Glencoe-Silver Lake (GSL) School site. Above, the first of the 55 pre-cast cement panels started arriving at GSL on Friday, Sept. 23. The 50,000-pound panels arrived individually to the site on a truck, according to Business Manager Michelle Sander. The 10-foot wide by 40-foot tall panels will form the outside of the new gym. Left, construction crews continue to work on the footings to the extension to Lincoln Junior High.

## Historical society, libraries plan genealogical classes

The McLeod County Historical Society and the Pioneerland Library System have partnered to present a family history research series at each of the county's four libraries.

The series features a series of three classes each of beginner through advanced that will focus on topics and current methods in genealogy history research. Participants can sign up for one or all three in the series. A team of local genealogists who have spent decades doing their own family history research will assist with the classes.

The beginner series of classes, which shows how to begin family research with family interviews and offline resources, will be held at:

- Brownton Public Library, Mondays, Oct. 3, 10 and 24, at 7 p.m.
- Hutchinson at the McLeod County Museum, Thursday, Oct. 6, 13 and 20 at 7 p.m.
- Winsted at the Arts Center, Mondays, Nov. 7, 14 and 21 at 7 p.m.

• Glencoe Public Library, Thursdays, Nov. 3, 10 and 17 at 7 p.m.

The intermediate classes focus on using microfiche and microfilm readers, genealogical software programs and online free and fee for use research sites. Those classes will be held at:

- Brownton Public Library, Mondays, Feb. 6, 13 and 27

at 7 p.m.

- Hutchinson at the museum, Thursday, Feb. 2, 9 and 16 at 7 p.m.

- Winsted at the Arts Center, Mondays, March 6, 13 and 20 at 7 p.m.

- Glencoe Public Library, Thursday, March 2, 9 and 16 at 7 p.m.

The advanced series focuses on how to share family history research information, ways to write and publish family histories, and how to join and prepare paperwork for historical societies.

These classes will be held September and October 2017 at:

- Brownton Public Library, Mondays, Sept. 11, 18 and 25, 7 p.m.

- Hutchinson at the county museum, Thursdays, Sept. 7, 14 and 21, 7 p.m.

- Winsted at the Arts Center, Mondays, Oct. 2, 9 and 16, 7 p.m.

- Glencoe Public Library, Thursdays, Oct. 5, 12 and 19 at 7 p.m.

All of the classes are free, but registration is requested to determine how many handouts to prepare for classes.

To register at your site of choice, call the Brownton Public Library at 320-328-5900; Hutchinson, call the McLeod County Museum at 320-587-2386; Winsted, call 320-485-3909; and Glencoe Public Library, 320-864-3919.

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*Begins OCT. 4<sup>th</sup> and will continue until it snows or the leaves are gone!*

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**ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS:**  
 Rake your leaves into the gutter on your street the night before you are scheduled to have the vacuum come through your neighborhood. Leaves will be removed from your street that day!



**BEGINNING TUESDAY, OCT. 4<sup>TH</sup>.**

*Call the City of Glencoe with any questions, 320-864-5586.*

*Check out our website at [www.glencoemn.org](http://www.glencoemn.org)*

**Remember:**

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- Keep streets free of parked cars on the day the leaf vacuum is scheduled.
- ⚠ Please keep children & pets away from leaf piles when the vacuum is coming through your area.

