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## Homecoming parade shows off Panther pride

The Homecoming Parade followed 16th Street from Helen Baker Elementary to Glencoe-Silver Lake High School Friday evening at 5:30 p.m. Above, homecoming royalty Mitchell Pinske and Ryley Oliver throw candy to kids in the crowd. At left, the sophomore float took on the rival team with the saying, "Trump the Tigers." Below, 2015 Hall of Fame inductees Kathy Olson and Dennis Roisum wave to the people lining the streets.



## Health Nut Pantry will feature natural foods, other items

By Lori Copler  
Editor

Last Wednesday, Janette Goettl still seemed a little stunned that a dream with months and months of planning and research had finally come to reality.

Goettl opened her new store, The Health Nut Pantry, in the former Gerry's Vision building on Greeley Avenue on Monday, Sept. 21.

The new store offers all-natural products, from organic and gluten-free foods to health and beauty products to cleaning products to bulk coffee, tea and water. Not to mention there are peanut butter and nut butter makers so customers can make their own, as well as vitamins, minerals and other supplements. And Goettl is working with local growers to provide fresh, organic produce.

In addition, there is a daily salad

bar Monday through Friday, offering all-organic ingredients.

Goettl's battle with cancer led her to adopt a "clean" lifestyle and use products that were wholly natural, rather than synthetic.

"My new motto is: 'count chemicals, not calories,'" she said last week.

Goettl's original plan had been for a cooperative venture, with people buying shares in a natural products store. However, feasibility studies showed that the Glencoe area probably would not generate enough participation to make such a venture profitable.

So Goettl scaled back and decided to pursue a natural products retail store on her own. She spent months visiting other stores and net-

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## County Board declines participation in 'narrow network' health plan

By Lori Copler  
Editor

The McLeod County Board of Commissioners voted Sept. 22 not to enter into a "narrow network" with the Ridgeview Community Network for its employees.

Rich Westlund, the insurance consultant for both McLeod and Sibley counties, was present at the meeting to explain the network. The two counties pool together for employee health insurance.

Westlund said the narrow network offered by Ridgeview would be mostly beneficial to Sibley County employees, since Ridgeview has a clinic and a hospital in Arlington. Ridgeview also has a clinic in Winsted in McLeod County.

Committing to the narrow network could save up to 10 percent in health-care costs, with 5 percent of that being credited to participating employees' premiums, and the other 5 percent to the employer.

But Westlund also noted that participating in the network could be of concern to McLeod County. Although some Glencoe-area employees may drive to Arlington, many employees get their health care from either Hutchinson Health or Glencoe

Regional Health Services.

"The concern is if we do it for Ridgeview, we also should do it for Hutchinson and the Glencoe health care systems," said Westlund.

Jim Lyons of Hutchinson Health said that narrow network health care is a fairly new option, and many people don't understand it.

"It's not just for urgent care or emergency care, it's for all care," said Lyons. "I think there's an awareness issue here."

Both Lyons and Westlund said that participants in narrow networks must get all of their care at the network, unless referred outside of the network by a doctor.

Lyons said Hutchinson Health participates in a narrow network with Blue Cross Blue Shield, but not with Medica. Medica is the county's health insurance provider.

But Lyons said he would be willing to explore a narrow network care system with Medica.

Commissioner Sheldon Nies said that for now, he would prefer not to participate in the Ridgeview network.

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## GSL school board reviews, alters district strategic plan

By Rebecca Mariscal  
Staff Writer

The Glencoe-Silver Lake School Board met Tuesday, Sept. 22, with Superintendent Chris Sonju to discuss the district's strategic plan for 2015 and beyond. Sonju constructed the plan this year based off recommendations from the World Best Work Force Plan.

During the meeting, the Board agreed to slightly alter the mission statement for GSL, changing one word, "environment," to "culture." The new statement reads, "Creating

a culture where education is valued, excellence is expected and lifelong learning thrives."

Sonju recommended the word change because he felt it better reflected the school community. Board Member Donna VonBerge agreed, and said culture means something a person is a part of while environment is the space around a person.

The strategic plan sets out general goals with specific benchmark targets. At the beginning of the meeting, the plan had six goals: increase

student achievement and learning, increase focus on literacy in all subject areas, promote positive parent and community relationships, maintain fiscal responsibility while addressing district needs, student-centered school for all and all students will graduate from high school.

The Board agreed to remove the last goal, all students will graduate, as the members felt it was expected and fell into the first goal of student achievement and learning.

One specific item of discussion was on the benchmarks for goal

two, increase focus on literacy in all subject areas. The benchmarks for this goal include grade level literacy and participation in preschool.

Board Member Clark Christianson asked what factors are used to measure literacy. Sonju explained that was something they would have to look into more. Christianson said he would like to know the exact factors and to develop a specific percentage target for literacy.

Board Member Anne Twiss questioned how the school can measure school readiness before kinder-

garten. The Board agreed readiness in terms of both literacy and structure can come from programs outside of preschool, such as community education or day care. The members agreed to change the benchmark from increase participation in preschool to increase participation in preschool activity.

Board Member Jamie Alsleben said he'd like to see a greater focus on STEM (Science, Technology, En-

Strategic plan

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### Weather

				
Wed., 9-30 H: 64°, L: 41°	Thur., 10-1 H: 63°, L: 40°	Fri., 10-2 H: 61°, L: 39°	Sat., 10-3 H: 59°, L: 39°	Sun., 10-4 H: 59°, L: 41°

Looking back: Mostly warm and pleasant weather with a little mid-week rain.

Date	Hi	Lo	Precip.
Sept. 22	76	61	0.00
Sept. 23	75	58	0.18
Sept. 24	65	61	0.78

Sept. 25	79	60	0.00
Sept. 26	82	53	0.00
Sept. 27	86	57	0.00
Sept. 28	77	55	0.00

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

### Chronicle News and Advertising Deadlines

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

## Happenings

### Lakeites all-school reunion

The Silver Lake Lakeites all-school reunion is set for Saturday, Oct. 3, from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., at the Silver Lake Auditorium. No invitations were sent; just come and visit with your classmates. All former staff members are also welcome to attend.

### American Legion brunch set

Glencoe American Legion Post 95 will host its annual Sunday Brunch at the Glencoe City Center Sunday, Oct. 4, 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, GSL scholarships and community programs. For more information, call Bruce Miller at 320-864-3219.

### Plato Lions Oktoberfest set

The Plato Lions Club will host Oktoberfest Saturday, Oct. 3, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., at the King Pin Pub in Plato. The menu includes brats, sauerkraut, German potato salad and apple dessert. Proceeds will be given to the Plato Fire Department for equipment.

### Legion Post 95 to meet Oct. 1

Glencoe American Legion Post 95 will meet Thursday, Oct. 1, at 7 p.m., in the VFW basement meeting room.

### Break the Stigma group

The Break the Stigma mental health support group will begin meeting weekly on Wednesdays from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Glencoe Regional Health Services Conference Room A, and on Thursdays from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Glencoe City Center West Conference Room. For more information, e-mail fdorsey61@gmail.com or call 320-455-9264.

### Veterans information fair

There will be a veterans information fair, flu shot clinic and town hall meeting Tuesday, Oct. 6, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., at the National Guard Armory, 1200 Adams St. SE in Hutchinson. Any veteran currently enrolled for VA health care can get a free flu shot and updated information about their benefits. Children, age 19 and under, of veterans also can get a free flu shot from McLeod County Public Health. Spouses will be charged \$20, but will get a receipt which can be submitted for insurance reimbursement. The leadership of the St. Cloud VA Hospital will have a town hall meeting starting at 5 p.m. providing updates on health care and seeking feedback from veterans and their families.

### Girl Scouts paper drive

The Stewart-Brownnton Girl Scouts will have a paper drive Saturday, Oct. 3, and Sunday, Oct. 4, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The trailer will be parked on the west side of Cactus Jack's II just off Highway 212 in Stewart. All sorts of paper and cardboard are accepted; please separate the paper from the cardboard. For more information, or to schedule a pick-up, call Mike or Gerri Fitzloff at 320-562-2369.

### Health services meeting

Meeker-McLeod-Sibley Community Health Services will have its quarterly community health board meeting Thursday, Oct. 15, from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., at the McLeod County Solid Waste building, 1065 Fifth Ave. SE, Hutchinson. The meeting is open to the public.

### Brownnton Women's Club

The Brownnton Women's Club will meet Wednesday, Oct. 7, at 7:30 p.m., at the Brownnton Community Center. New members are always welcome.

### Youth group paper drive set

The First Lutheran National Youth Gathering (NYG) group encourages community members to save newspapers, magazines, old books and cardboard. Collection dates are Saturdays, Oct. 3 and 10, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; and Sundays, Oct. 4 and 11, noon to 3 p.m. Bring to the church lot at 925 13th St. E. Aluminum cans also can be brought any time to the shed on the east side of the church.

### Emanuel LWML fall barbecue

The LWML of Emanuel Lutheran, Hamburg, will have its annual fall barbecue on Sunday, Oct. 4, from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The menu includes barbecues, hot dogs, potato salad, baked beans, chips, pickles, dessert and a beverage. There is a charge for the meal. Take-outs are available.

### St. John's pork chop meal

St. John's Lutheran Church of Mountville-Gaylord will have its fall harvest Windsor pork chop dinner, country store and Osborne Books fundraiser Sunday, Oct. 4, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Gaylord American Legion Club. The menu includes Windsor pork chops, cheesy hash-browns, vegetables, applesauce, bread, bars and beverages. There is a charge. Take-outs are available. Proceeds go toward building improvements.

### 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.

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



Chronicle photos by Lori Copler

## 'A Night of Enchantment' at GRHS Long Term Care

Glencoe Regional Health Services (GRHS) Long Term Care hosted a prom for its residents Saturday afternoon that included a grand march with residents wearing their finest and escorted by dates. Above left, Norman Mathews is escorted by Shannon Alsleben. At right, Elda Huepenbecker, who at 103 is the eldest resident of the care center, was escorted by Myra

Huepenbecker. Music was provided by the Creekside Jazz trio, which consists of Lon Roach, Dan Biedewolf and Dave Sonsalla. The theme for the afternoon was "A Night of Enchantment." Families were able to attend, a photographer was on hand to take photographs of residents and their dates.

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working. "People were very helpful," she said. "And I can still go back to them and ask for help if I need it."

And what she has learned, she wants to share. Goettl said she is planning to tap into her network of contacts to offer classes on a variety of topics, from cooking to supplements.

"I'm hoping to get those going in the next month or so," said Goettl.

Goettl also is planning special days of the week. For example, Wellness Wednesday, which will offer a discount on health and beauty supplies and supplements.

Or Sample Saturdays, in which customers can taste different foods. Tea Time Tuesdays, which will offer different teas for sampling.

And customers can just stop in, make a cup of tea or coffee, and sit at one of the bistro tables and visit.

The current hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Goettl also is in the process of building a website. More information can also be found on Facebook. The phone number is 320-864-6400.



Chronicle photo by Lori Copler

Janette Goettl has opened The Health Nut Pantry on Greeley Avenue in the former Gerry's Vision Shoppe building.

The business sells all-natural products, as well as offering an organic salad bar Monday through Friday.

Send-off Open House for **Trudy Lickfelt**  
**Friday, Oct. 2**  
**11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.**  
**Glencoe Veterinary Clinic**  
**605 13th St. W., Glencoe**

The Glencoe Veterinary Clinic's practice manager, Trudy Lickfelt, will be leaving the clinic for a new job with MWI Animal Health. Trudy has been a valuable employee since 2000. She began working at the Glencoe Veterinary Clinic as a veterinary assistant. Her dedication and enthusiasm moved her through the clinic as a receptionist, inventory manager, then ultimately as the practice manager.

*We wish her the best in her new endeavor.*

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# Full crowd bids farewell to St. Matthew's, Penn Township

By Lori Copley  
Editor

St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in Penn Township was literally packed to the rafters Sunday as an overflow crowd packed the pews and the balcony for the congregation's final worship service.

After the service began, congregants were offered the chance to share memories which, after some coaxing from lay minister Darwin Frauendienst, they did for some 45 minutes.

Don Bartels was the first to his feet as he shared memories of his 1962 confirmation class. And about softball, as the church grounds included a softball field.

"I think if there had been a state association (for Luther League softball), we'd have done very well," he said.

Jim Bartels also spoke about softball, saying vacation Bible school students would play before class, at noon and after the school day ended.

Jim Bartels said he was especially grateful for "the Becker girls, because they could catch ball." He also had fond memories of songs Sunday school and vacation Bible school students learned, memory work and confirmation classes.

Carol (Wendlandt) Bartels said she had fond memories

of the older people who attended church at St. Matthew's.

"I can look at a pew and see them sitting there," she said. She especially remembered the Christmas programs, which she said "reminde us of why our parents brought us here ... to know the love of Jesus Christ."

Bernetta Alsleben, at 92, said she is probably the oldest remaining member of the congregation.

"I was baptized, confirmed, married and will be buried here," Alsleben said. She also noted that her mother was the church organist for 20 years.

Others attending the service offered memories of coming to worship with their grandparents.

Frauendienst spoke of a couple of pastors, particularly the Diemers.

And many remembered the hours and hours of memory work, memorizing passages and even whole chapters of the Bible. Although they were unsure at the time why they needed memory work, those passages have come back to them in times of need, they said.

Also speaking were a couple of members of other congregations, who said their churches grew out of St. Matthew's.

The Rev. Andrew Hermodson-Olsen said that Grace

Lutheran in Brownton was an offshoot of St. Matthew's. The rural church, he said, also wanted a congregation "in town," and Grace was originally known as St. Matthew's in Brownton.

Vera Bents of rural Stewart said St. Matthew's Lutheran in Fernando, Round Grove Township, also was a "daughter church" of St. Matthew's in Penn Township.

Everett Hantge thanked Danny Wendlandt for purchasing the church property so that the building could be preserved. He also thanked "everyone behind the scenes" who kept the church viable for 150 years, in particular Frauendienst, who has served as the lay pastor for the past 14 years.

Dave Pikal, the current church council president, said the church's photographs and other artifacts will be donated to the McLeod County Historical Society.

He also said the council is in the process of forming a cemetery association to maintain the church cemetery in the future.

In his sermon, Hermodson-Olsen stressed that while the St. Matthew's congregation is coming to an end, God's church will continue in the world.

Hermodson-Olsen said that St. Matthew's members will move to other congregations.



Chronicle photo by Lori Copley

**The Rev. Andrew Hermodson-Olsen led the final worship service at St. Matthew's in Penn Township on Sunday morning, Sept. 27. The church is closing its doors after 150 years as a congregation.**

The church was not dying, he said, just moving.

At the end of the service, Hermodson-Olsen also noted that when congregations were formed, their altars, pulpits and baptismal fonts were dedicated to the service of the church.

As a church building closes, those items are "dedicated

back to God for His use as He wills."

Hermodson-Olsen moved from pulpit to baptismal font to the altar, acknowledging their service to the congregation and rededicating them to God.

After the service, attendees were invited to a final luncheon in the church basement.

St. Matthew's was established in 1865. Its membership has dwindled in the past decade, and members voted to close the congregation at their annual meeting in January, with a goal of keeping it open through June to celebrate its 150th year of service.

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"I have a very difficult time voting for something that's going to have people spending money in another county," said Nies.

The other commissioners agreed, and the vote was unanimous to not participate in the Ridgeview narrow network.

In other business, the County Board:

- Heard an update on the 4-H program from Commissioner Paul Wright and several 4-H'ers. The Board also passed a resolution establishing declaring National 4-H Week Oct. 4-10.

Maddie Kuehn, president of

the county 4-H federation, and Axel Schulz, its secretary, both spoke of their 4-H experiences.

"It's really allowed me to grow and blossom as an individual," said Kuehn.

"It's been a great experience," added Schulz. "It's really helped me with my public speaking skills."

- Approved a three-year agreement with the University of Minnesota Extension Service to provide staff and programs in McLeod County.

- Agreed to spend \$7,200 to purchase and plant trees and shrubs at the new Silver Lake/Lester Prairie Area Transportation Shop between Silver Lake and Lester Prairie.

Highway Engineer John Brunkhorst said one of the requirements of the county conditional use permit was to provide screening of the facility.

- Agreed to spend \$3,200 to revamp the county website to make it easier to pay real estate taxes online. There also will be a \$661 per month fee to provide the service.

- Agreed to contract with Meeker County for jail housing. Jail Administrator Kate Jones said the agreement will help both with day-to-day use and for the upcoming jail expansion project.

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10:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. Under the Tent  
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**CASH RAFFLE DRAWING**  
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Thank You  
To those who supported our fall sale, you are the best! Donations of baked goods and garden specials, along with craft items were overwhelming and very much appreciated. We are very fortunate to have such great community involvement with our activity program. Together with family and friends, it was a wonderful day for our residents at Cedar Crest of Silver Lake. Your kindness will not be forgotten.  
JoLen Bentz, Activity Director

**Hamburg Fire Dept.**  
**STEAK FRY**  
Saturday, Oct. 3  
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Hamburg Fire Hall  
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Glencoe American Legion Post 95  
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engineering and Math) in the plan and its goals, as the school will become a STEM school. Twiss agreed and said she'd especially like to see development of these subjects with younger students. With the new construction, she said first and second graders could observe the older students in order to learn and get excited about the subjects.

Both Alsleben and VonBerge thought volunteerism was an important factor to

focus on in the plan. VonBerge said it is important to get more parents and community members involved in volunteering with the school. Alsleben said it also is important to do the opposite — get the students involved in volunteer programs in the community.

Alsleben asked if the plan can be condensed at all. Sonju explained it has been cut from 40-plus pages to the current six pages, but the

Board can make whatever changes it feels are necessary.

The strategic plan does not have to be approved by a certain date, but a version of it will be sent in with a report to the Minnesota Department of Education on Dec. 1. Christianson said it would be good to get a version of the plan on the school website as a reference for perspective families and students. Sonju said the plan can continue to be altered.

**Tumbles, Stumbles and Spills**

**Why are falls a leading cause of death?  
How can you reduce your risk of falling?  
What should you do if you or someone near you falls?**

A health talk by  
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**Clark Christianson, PT, ScD, COMT, Physical Therapy**  
**Michelle Becker, OTR/L, Occupational Therapy**

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Glencoe Regional Health Services  
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## Disparity in health insurance hikes

Our view: Individual policy holders are bearing the brunt of increases

The self-employed, such as businessmen and farmers, as well as many retirees, have always struggled with high insurance premiums.

Some of those proposed large increases for individual coverage may be offset by tax credits, but many don't qualify for those.

On the other hand, premiums in employer-provided programs are only expected to increase 4 percent on average.

Insurance companies are saying that the individual market is just too small to spread out the costs of premiums, while the employer-provided market is much larger.

And, because of the Affordable Care Act, insurance companies are now required to provide coverage for pre-existing conditions. Health-care insurers say they have experienced huge losses in the individual policy market.

But Sarah Greenfield of Tax Action Minnesota argues that

health insurance companies continue to experience overall profits, and questions whether the requested increases are justified.

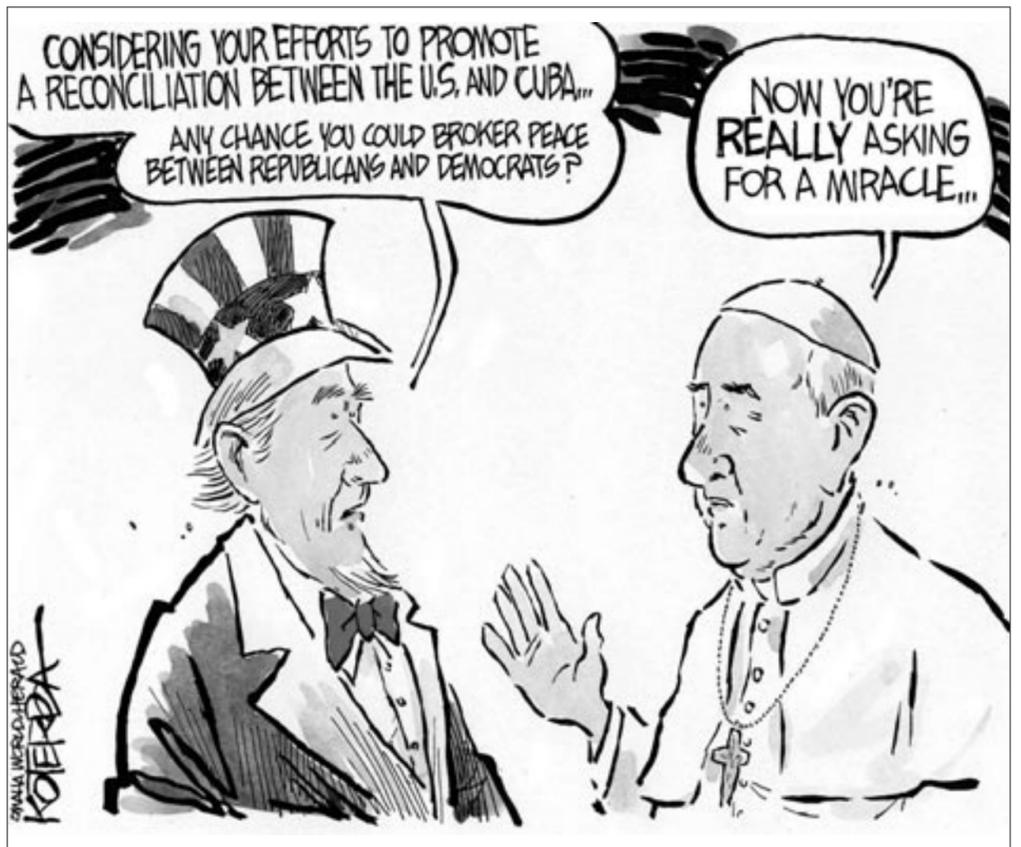
"Those insurers and the HMOs are managing to do well," Greenfield was quoted as saying by the Star Tribune, "but those folks in the individual private market are really getting squeezed."

Once again, it seems that everyone is pointing the finger at someone else for our health-care woes — at the government, at the insurance providers and at the health-care providers.

Although it is still very young, it would appear that the Affordable Care Act is not accomplishing its purpose of making affordable health care available to everyone. It's a noble goal, but it's not bearing out in reality.

It's time to regroup and re-think the system. There has to be a better way.

— L.C.



## A thought-provoking disruption at play

Intermission had just started at the Guthrie Theatre's production of "To Kill a Mockingbird." I sat still in my seat, still trying to absorb the impact of this play, which was adapted from one of my favorite books.

Suddenly, an increasingly angry voice came out over the audience, decrying the use of the word "nigger" in the play. I didn't catch the first part of the outcry, but I got the gist that the person found the word offensive to black people, and loudly stated that "it should be taken out of this play immediately."

I find the word offensive, also, and was rather jolted by its use in the play. However, that word was commonly used in the deep south in 1935, which is the setting for the book and the play.

My first reaction was that the complainer was missing the whole point of the play, which is decidedly anti-racist. In fact, at one point Atticus Finch, an attorney representing a black man falsely accused of raping a white woman, chides his children



Lori Copler

for using the word "nigger."

But the more I thought about the play and, in particular the book, I realized that "To Kill a Mockingbird" wasn't simply about how black people were mistreated, but about how we mistreat so many others that are different than us.

Along with black people, the play includes a cantankerous old woman addicted to morphine, ignorant people, poor people and a recluse who had not come out of his home for at least 15 years, pointing to a probable

mental health issue.

Finch tries to teach his children to treat all of these with compassion.

Really, the book is about Jesus' new commandment — "Love thy neighbor as thyself." Even those who are not Christian cannot argue with the inherent goodness of that commandment.

Sometimes I wonder if people who disrupt plays or block marathons or demonstrate at malls are doing more harm to their cause than good. My experience at a disruption at the Guthrie provoked me into thinking a little harder about the meaning of "To Kill a Mockingbird."

But for the most part, I think people could learn more about compassion for others by reading "To Kill a Mockingbird," or, if you want to learn more about the Civil Rights movement and what lead up to it, Ann Fairbairn's novel, "Five Smooth Stones."

Pick either of them up. I'm sure you'll be glad you did.

## Letter to the Editor

### Time to fix the brakes on the train

To the Editor:

If you remember reading last week's (Sept. 23) Chronicle letter to the editor written by Debra Polzin expressing her thanks to our Glencoe Cemetery Board members, clarifying their stand for not wanting a holding pond in our beautiful cemetery.

I support Debra and our Cemetery Board. It's not only me. As I mingle within our community, I'm hearing the same comments: "why, why, why? Where is Plan B?"

How did this cemetery pond mess

start? It appears that six of our city leaders enticed the public to board a train, with an engineer at the controls, and no brakes?

Let's hope at the public input meeting on Oct. 19 at 7:15 p.m., we can repair the brakes and save the train.

Remember if you want to save the train, it requires more than three or six or nine people to stop it. Oct. 19, we need you, and you!

Earl Dammann  
Glencoe

## Aging brings memories, hard decisions

We were in his new digs and the topic came up about Yogi Berra's recent death at age 90. It was like a light bulb went off as Lee rattled off statistic after statistic about the great Hall of Fame Yankee catcher, his teammates and sports in general.

Yogi's death seems to be the end of an era of post-World War II baseball. Berra was a veteran along with the likes of Ted Williams, Bob Feller and many other ballplayers. They missed years of the sport due to the war, but picked up where they left off once the war was over.

It was the golden age of baseball in the 1950s with the likes of Berra, Mickey Mantle, Willie Mays, Hank Aaron and my personal favorite, Ernie Banks, "Mr. Cub."

Lee Ostrom, my longtime friend and former sports editor at The Chronicle, has a head packed full of trivia, especially about sports. I thought I had a lot of useless information stored away in my noggin, but Lee has me beat, hands down.

When Lee was my co-worker at the newspaper, he and I exchanged a lot of sports trivia and stories ranging from professional to high school sports. Between us, we had covered



Rich Glennie

sports at the high school level throughout the Upper Midwest. The storytelling was great fun.

I miss that newsroom exchange. Now, we get together about once a month to talk about anything and everything. His wife Jean tolerates our ramblings. I tell them I didn't actually come to see Lee, I came to see Jean because she served banana bread that is to die for.

Jean is Lee's primary caregiver as they battle the ravages of his Parkinson's disease, and as any caregiver will relate ... it takes a physical and emotional toll.

They had a decision to make, and I hope my wife never has to make

this decision about me. Jean and Lee have decided it is best he receive constant care at Harmony River in Hutchinson.

My wife and I have talked briefly about getting older, but we do not dwell on the topic. Nursing home insurance, funeral expenses, life insurance have all been touched upon, debated, some acted on and some left for another day.

But with the recent sudden death of our brother-in-law at age 63, we have begun to focus again on end-of-life issues. It is not really something we want to discuss, but we must.

Perhaps my late Uncle Al had a simple solution for when he died: "Just roll me up in an old carpet and leave along side the road. You can't even afford to die anymore!" He was a tight Scotsman to the end.

While Uncle Al's simple solution might solve his immediate issue, it presents a whole new "can of worms" for his survivors.

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

You can  
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online at [www.glencoenews.com](http://www.glencoenews.com)

### Question of the week

The possibility of a storm water pond in the Glencoe City Cemetery continues to be a hot topic. What do you think?

- 1) It's OK, as long as it blends in with the terrain.
- 2) It doesn't belong in the cemetery.
- 3) I don't care one way or the other.

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Results for most recent question:

How do you feel about the use of "body cams" by law enforcement officials?

- 1) Good idea. Video doesn't lie — 74%
- 2) It's OK in the public domain, but not in private homes — 23%
- 3) They shouldn't be used under any circumstances — 3%
- 4) I don't know — 0%

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53 votes. New question runs Sept. 30 - Oct. 6

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## First Lutheran LWML lunch

The Lutheran Women Missionary League (LWML) of First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Glencoe hosted a luncheon Friday, Sept. 26. Serving (in top photo), from left to right, were Darlene Matuska, Lucille Kraemer, Mabel

Stradtman, Gwen Wendinger, Gloria Hilgers, Kevin Dummer, Lois Adams, Yvonne Schuette, Darlene Dammann, Joan Wandrei, Anna Mathews and Marlys Junglaus. A crowd of almost 200 enjoyed the meal.

## Tracing Roots

By Ron Pulkrabek



## Trapped in the silo in 1960

**WARNING!** This article is based on a few facts and some fiction! If any of the people sound familiar, it is purely coincidental. These were real people, doing real things around Koniska in 1960.

During our early farming days I always threw silage down from the silo about 10 a.m., enough for the evening and morning feeding.

It was a fairly cool but very windy Minnesota day in late November 1960. The silage forked down very easily from the nearly full silo; maybe a 25-minute job. I figured I had enough thrown down and started down the chute only to find the chute was full; blocked by the silage down below. I was trapped!

I crawled back up, took out the window in the silo roof, put my elbows on the sill and started hollering for help. I needed someone to dig the silage out of the bottom of the chute.

From my lofty perch located on top of Koniska Hill, only 30 feet away from the county road, I could see for miles in all directions. I thought I could flag someone down that was driving by. I saw an older couple drive by in their 1948 Dodge pickup truck, the only vehicle they had. They were probably going over to their son's farm. Then I saw my grandparents driving up the hill towards Silver Lake in their 1941 black Chevy coupe; the only vehicle they've had for 19 years. Grandpa came from the Czechlands, alone, at age 19 with his button box accordion wrapped in a blanket. I hollered and waved; they didn't see me.

I heard the neighbor lady

calling "Come Boss, come Boss" from a half mile away. If I could hear her, why couldn't she hear me? I hollered a few times, to no avail. Then I spotted two neighbors sitting on the "T" road to the north in an old Chevy. They just came from the Biscay Liquor Store and were passing a paper bag with a \$1 bottle of Muscatel wine back and forth. I hollered a few times but they must have had the windows closed.

Another neighbor is flying down the hill with a load of manure behind his Farmall Super MTA Diesel tractor with the fire-dome crater pistons and torque amplifier. He always sits a little sideways on the seat; perhaps to get a better view of the neighbor's crops. He is looking the other way and doesn't see me waving. Soon another neighbor comes down the hill with his Case 300 tractor and side rake. He is making the last crop of alfalfa in November. His cap is pulled down tight over his ears. He is a little behind schedule this year. He doesn't see me waving, either!

Soon I see the baler neighbor come flying down the Koniska hill sitting on his 1931 F-20 tractor. It has a road gear and travels about 22 miles an hour. He is pulling a monstrous 5-ton, New Holland baler with 40-inch tires and 30 horsepower Wisconsin engine. It can easily push out a 48-inch long bale. Just over the crest of the hill he took it out of gear and picked up speed of about 30 miles an hour as he flew by.

He was gripping the iron steering wheel tightly with both hands, looking straight

ahead, probably wondering how he was going to stop this moving mass of machinery when he came to the "T" road at the bottom of the hill. He didn't take his eyes off the road so my waving went unnoticed.

My other neighbor across the road is hand cranking his 1937 WC Allis tractor. After about 20 cranks and a few swear words, it roars to life; first on two cylinders, then three, until he runs to the side of the motor and flips off the choke. As it barked to life, without a muffler, he couldn't hear me, either.

Peppy (Pepic) Joe is going up the hill in his 1950 Chevy. They call him "Fire Bug/Air Polluter." His car uses excessive oil and blue smoke extends out of his tail pipe for 50 feet (Air Polluter). A few years ago, he went a little goofy and tried to burn his house down while he was in it. He chickened out and jumped out of a window; the house was a total loss (Fire-bug). I think he is going to Silver Lake to grind corn for his 10 dogs. He'll probably stop and chat with the boys at the "T" road.

Another neighbor is coming towards the "T" road in his beat-up, old red 2-ton truck with the window open. Ten years ago, the vise grip fell off the shaft that once held a window opener handle; the window has been open ever since.

I holler, "Yoo hoo" a few more times. All is quiet. I look to the west and see the Koniska Cemetery with the 78 people sleeping peacefully under the sod and gigantic evergreen trees. No use hollering at them for help. (To be continued).

## Record

### Glencoe Police

#### TUESDAY, SEPT. 22

Several warnings for driving around barricades in the construction area were issued.

5:13 p.m. — A possible assault was reported on Armstrong Avenue.

8:46 p.m. — Officers responded to a possible domestic situation on 10th Street. The people were separating and a civil standby was requested.

10:06 p.m. — Officers responded to a 9-1-1 hang-up on 10th Street E. A person said he and his son were arguing, but the son had since gone to bed.

#### WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 23

Several warnings were again issued for driving around barricades and not following planned detour routes.

9:36 a.m. — officers assisted the Glencoe Ambulance with a medical at the courthouse on 11th Street E.

6:42 p.m. — Officers responded to a complaint involving juveniles on 16th Street E. They spoke to the youths and parents.

9:45 p.m. — Officers responded to possible property damage at the Main Street Sports Bar on Greeley Avenue. There was no damage, but the bar banned some people from returning for 90 days.

#### THURSDAY, SEPT. 24

4:32 a.m. — A citation was issued for failing to stop at a stop sign in the area of 16th Street E and Stevens Avenue N.

9:26 a.m. — A blight issue of a sofa sitting on a driveway for at least four days was documented on Pryor Avenue N.

3:57 p.m. — An officer investigated an issue of alleged child maltreatment on Greeley Avenue N. The matter remains under investigation.

6:58 p.m. — A threat was reported on 11th Street W.

11:09 p.m. — A driver was arrested on a McLeod County warrant at a traffic stop in the area of Highway 212 and Hamlet Av-

enue, west of Glencoe.

#### FRIDAY, SEPT. 25

8:12 a.m. — A school bus went into a ditch near Chandler Avenue while trying to turn around. There were no children on the bus.

11:53 a.m. — A fraud incident in which checks were being written against a closed account was reported on Chandler Avenue N.

12:50 p.m. — An officer assisted an adult male who was having difficulty getting up on McLeod Avenue N.

4:25 p.m. — A person on Greeley Avenue N reported that her ex-boyfriend was harassing her.

5:25 p.m. — An officer assisted in unlocking a car that had children in it in the area of 16th Street E and Newton Avenue N.

9:18 p.m. — An officer responded to a minor consumption issue on 16th Street E.

9:39 p.m. — A driver was cited for unreasonable acceleration on 16th Street E.

10:15 p.m. — A person saw a post on Facebook that a cousin was missing. An officer contacted a parent, and everything was fine.

#### SATURDAY, SEPT. 26

7:20 a.m. — An officer assisted the Glencoe Ambulance with a medical on Prairie Avenue.

9:13 a.m. — An accident was reported at the intersection of 13th Street E and Loudon Avenue N.

12:11 p.m. — A person on Greeley Avenue reported that a female may have stolen his keys.

4:01 p.m. — An officer responded to a bullying issue between neighbor children on 16th Street E.

5:43 p.m. — Officers responded to a loud music complaint on DeSoto Avenue N.

7:11 p.m. — An officer responded to a dog complaint on Ford Avenue N.

9:35 p.m. — Officers responded to a loud music complaint on 10th Street E.

11:02 p.m. — A speeding citation was issued in the areas of Chandler Avenue and Highway

212.

#### SUNDAY, SEPT. 27

1:57 a.m. — A vehicle was stopped for driving around barricades in the area of Chandler Avenue N and 11th Street E, and the driver was arrested for third-degree driving while intoxicated, driving after revocation, and on a Hennepin County warrant.

8:52 a.m. — An officer responded to a report of loose dogs on 16th Street W and spoke to the owner about keeping the dogs on a leash.

11:54 a.m. — Officers responded to a verbal domestic on Park Street W.

1:19 p.m. — Officers responded to a verbal domestic on Pryor Avenue N.

3:23 p.m. — Officers assisted with an issue at the McLeod County Jail.

11:49 p.m. — A motorist was driving a vehicle with a flat tire in the area of 11th Street E and Stevens Avenue N, and parked it near 11th Street and Russell Avenue with plans to fix it in the morning. The driver was cited for no proof of insurance.

#### MONDAY, SEPT. 28

12:47 p.m. — Officers came across two juveniles who should have been in school walking in the area of Hennepin Avenue N and Fifth Street E. They were issued administrative citations for truancy.

12:49 p.m. — An officer responded to an accident on DeSoto Avenue S.

5:47 p.m. — An officer and the Glencoe Ambulance responded to a potentially suicidal person on Newton Avenue, who was taken by ambulance to the hospital for evaluation.

8:50 p.m. — A driver was arrested for driving while intoxicated in the area of Pryor Avenue N and 11th Street E.

9:34 p.m. — Officers and the Glencoe Ambulance responded to 11th Street E for a male who fell and cut his forehead. He was taken by ambulance to the hospital.



## Early Childhood Family Education

### Scarecrow Night, Harvest Festival set

The Glencoe-Silver Lake Early Childhood Family Education program announces two fall activities:

#### Scarecrow Night

Scarecrow Night is set for Friday, Oct. 2, from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., and is for children ages 0 to kindergarten, parents, care givers, and older siblings.

Bring patched jeans or coveralls, a shirt, gloves and boots (child-sized set of clothing for each scarecrow works well). Bring an old pair of pantyhose or an empty bottle for the head. Materials

for the "innards" and materials to create a face will be provided. Participants are welcome to bring low-heat glue guns as well.

There is no charge for the evening; however, donations for the food shelf will be collected.

#### Harvest Festival

A Harvest Festival is set for Thursday, Oct. 29, from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., or from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., and is for children ages 0 to kindergarten, parents, care givers, and older siblings.

Participants will make slip-

pery, stretchy slime; touch ooey-goey stuff in the sensory table; enjoy projects; and carve or decorate a pumpkin. There also will be a scavenger hunt. Don't forget to bring pumpkins and carving tools.

This event also is free, and donations for the food shelf will be accepted.

Both events will be in the Early Childhood Learning Center, 1621 16th St. E., Glencoe. Registrations can be made online at [www.gsl.k12.mn.us](http://www.gsl.k12.mn.us) by clicking on the Comm Ed/EcFe link, or by calling 320-864-2681.

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## Quilts for World War II veterans

At the July regular monthly meeting of Silver Lake American Legion Post 141, its last three remaining World War II veterans were honored by an organization called "Quilts of Valor." In the left photograph, Wes and Nancy Greve of Quilts of Valor presented a handmade quilt to Eddie LaMott, and in the center photograph, to John Wendolek. The photograph at right is of Legion members Leon Pesina and

Dave Horejsi delivering Milton Totusek's quilt to him at Cedar Crest. Totusek passed away about a week later. Quilts of Valor has given away over 100,000 quilts to veterans, and when they are done with the World War II veterans, they intend to start on the Korean Conflict veterans. For more information about Quilts of Valor, please check out their website at [www.qovf.org](http://www.qovf.org).



## Weather Corner

By Jake Yurek

We have a very quiet week on tap as things transition a step closer to fall and winter.

We continued our weekend weather winning streak this past weekend and, although it'll be a bit cooler, this weekend shouldn't disappoint either. Minnesota will be stuck between battling systems, keeping moisture away from the area and temperatures right where they should be for this time of year. Highs all week will be stuck in the upper 50s to lower 60s; lows should hang right around 40 degrees (give or take).

The computers aren't going for any widespread frost issues, but we will be close enough to the mark to bear watching. A few nights (Wednesday, Friday and Saturday) all have the chance of producing some frost in low-lying areas, but I'm thinking we'll remain just above that here. I'd pay close attention, though, if you have sensitive plants still outside. The average frost date has come and gone (Sept. 28), so we'll make this long growing season even longer.

In terms of rain, we won't be seeing any this week as dry air wins out. The only very weak chances that could pop up a quick shower would be either Thursday or Sunday, but I'm not buying either at this point. The extended shows dry weather winning out early next week, not too bad for harvest season.

Have a great first few days of October!

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Wednesday night — Lows 42-48; partly cloudy.

Thursday — Highs 58-64, lows 38-44; partly cloudy, possible widely scattered showers up north.

Friday — Highs 58-64, lows 38-44; mostly clear.

Saturday — Highs 58-64, lows 40-46; mostly clear.

Sunday — Highs 60-66; partly cloudy.

Weather Quiz: What do our averages look like at the start of October vs. the end?

Answer to last week's question (What are some of October's weather extremes?): Highest temperature, 90 degrees, Oct. 3, 1997, and Oct. 10, 1928; lowest temperature, 10 degrees, Oct. 30, 1925; most precipitation, 4.61 inches, Oct. 4, 2005; most snowfall: how could we forget the Great Halloween Blizzard, 8.2 inches Oct. 31, 1991, with 18½ inches the next day.

Remember: I make the forecast, not the weather!

## 23 Brownton seniors met

Twenty-three Brownton senior citizens met Sept. 28 at the Brownton Community Center.

Cards were played after the business meeting with the following winners — 500, Norma Albrecht, first, and Carol Brelje, second; pinochle, Irene Leske, first, and Ordell Klucas, second, and sheephead, Harriett Bergs, first, and Lil Lindeman, second.

Archie Diehn won the door prize. Ordell Klucas served refreshments.

The next meeting is Monday, Oct. 5, at 1 p.m. All area seniors are welcome.

## Auxiliary VFW met

The monthly meeting of the Glencoe VFW Post 5102 Auxiliary was called to order on Sept. 14, at 7:30 p.m., by President Angela Johnson with 19 members present and one guest.

The draping of the Charter was held for Elvera Brelje and Pat Becker.

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

Cindy Tews, past District 2 president and past state president was introduced.

General orders and communications were read.

Chairman reports were given.

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

Unfinished business: Evelyn Schrupp was presented a gold pin in honor of her son with seven auxiliary members present.

New business: Pillow Cleaning set for Sept. 18. Hutchinson VFW is sponsoring a bus trip to Prairie Edge Casino. June Bauer was approved as an honorary member.

Certificates received: first place for Americanism with \$15; second place for Patriotic Program with \$5; Citation of Merit for Minnesota Scholarship Program with \$5; Certificate of Recognition for Veterans & Military Support.

Cindy Tews addressed the auxiliary.

The serving committee for the Oct. 12 meeting will be Deb Stenzel, Dorothy Bohnen, Alice Lietzau and Janice Benton.



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## Toy for Tots motorcycle run

On Saturday, Sept. 26, approximately 130 motorcycles converged on Main Street in Silver Lake. The run was a benefit for Toys for Tots, and Silver Lake Legion Post 141 agreed to feed this group, plus made a donation to Toys for Tots. Past Legion Commander and longtime member Bob Sopkowiak took advantage of

this opportunity to display his 1914 Harley Davidson that he has spent many years rebuilding and making operational. Sopkowiak is the second owner, with his father being the original owner. All present were thrilled to see this 100-year-old machine in such beautiful condition.



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## Silver Lake City Council Quarterly Meeting Monday, Oct. 5, 2015 6:30 p.m. Agenda

### Call to order:

### Approve agenda

### Consent Agenda:

- Approve minutes of the Sept. 21, 2015, regular meeting.
- Approve payroll 19, 20.
- Claims to be paid.

### Old business:

- Review updates to capital improvement plan.
- Update on police chief selection process.

### New business:

- Review year-to-date budget progress.

### Open discussion:

The Brownton Barber Shop will be **CLOSED** Sept. 30-Oct. 3

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## Community Calendar

**Thurs., Oct. 1** — AA Group mtg. next to Post Office in Stewart, 8 p.m., call 320-212-5290 for info.

**Sat., Oct. 3** — Stewart-Brownton Girl Scouts paper drive, Cactus Jack's II, Stewart, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

**Sun., Oct. 4** — Stewart-Brownton Girl Scouts paper drive, Cactus Jack's II, Stewart, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

**Mon., Oct. 5** — Tops Weigh-In mtg., 5-5:30 p.m.; Brownton Senior Citizens Club, Brownton Community Center, 1 p.m.

**Tues., Oct. 6** — Brownton City Council, 7 p.m.

**Wed., Oct. 7** — Brownton Women's Club, Brownton Community Center, 7:30 p.m.

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



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### 3rd-grade September Panther Paws

September Panther Paw awards at Glencoe-Silver Lake Lakeside Elementary were announced Friday, Sept. 25. Third-grade honorees included, front row, from left, Aden Roehrich, Darren Uecker, Chase Duenow, Madisyn Fisher and Isabella Pederson; middle row,

Kelsey Dahlke, Noah Ochs, Landon Stifter, Gavin Verdon, Elijah McDonald and Ella Dammann; and, back, Anthony Witte, Mason Schilling, Ruby Bentley, Savannah Bondermann, Jaileen Alvarado and Klaritza Marentes Cordero. Not pictured: Sabrina Lewandowski.



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### September 4th-grade Panther Paws

September Panther Paw awards were announced Friday, Sept. 25, at Glencoe-Silver Lake Lakeside Elementary. Fourth-grade recipients include, in the front, from left, Morgan Gjerdingen, Cheyenne Pedersen, Melisa Reyes, Tiara Grafton and Brayden Gildea; mid-

dle, Nubia Medina, Addison Graupmann, Joe Mattson, Ezequiel Martinez, Desyree Rhode and Aiden Matthews; and, back, Kyle Grogan, Aiden Moreno, Jake Sullivan, Haylee Zaske, Stuart Roselund and Gracey Templin.



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### 5th-grade September Panther Paws

Fifth-grade September Panther Paw honorees, announced Friday, Sept. 25, at Glencoe-Silver Lake Lakeside Elementary, are, front row, from left, Miguel Anderson, Adan Cortez, Alicia Hernandez, Vicente Garza and Ben Gildea; middle, Xander Czech, Mitchell

Penaz, Noah Dressen, Brady Graupmann, Calla Becker and Chloe McDonald; and, back, Josilyn Marentes, Lucas Brelje, Megan Becker, Emily Larsen, Allison Valentine and Grace Nemec.



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### September 6th-grade Panther Paws

September Panther Paw awards were announced Friday, Sept. 25, at Glencoe-Silver Lake Lakeside Elementary. Sixth-grade recipients include, front row, from left, Alisia Goettl, Malayna Graf, Leah Nemec and Mitchel Jaskowiak; middle, Jorge Guerrero,

Zachary Reichow, Elisabeth Schmiegl, Nahomi Carranza, Nicole Washburn and Bobbie Finch; and, back, Caden Lang, Taygen Koch, Cameron Kaczmarek, Reid Schrempp, Briana Tabbert and Alesha Hausladen.



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### Glencoe class of 1965 reunion

The Glencoe High School class of 1965 celebrated its 50-year reunion Sept. 19-20. Front row, from left, Jeannine (Kephart) Ruschmeier, Elmer Oltmann, Doug Mueller, Keith Alsleben, Diane (Simondet) Montague, Mary Pat (Luff) Moeller, Patty (Buska) Simons, Ruby (Bruckschen) Pollmann, Betty (Kuehl) Ewert, Judy (Bauer) Schuch, Mary (Schwarze) Blanchard, Wally Rannow, Pat (Jumer) Larson, Jerry Rowe and Delores (Krecklau) Strobel; second row, Gene Luedke, Jim Hughes, Shirley (Trocke) Hughes, Barb (Homan) Rosebrock, Sharon (Quast) Risch, Diana (Shovelin) Boland, Kathy (Mayer) Hoernemann, Cheryl (Miller) Rich, Sharon Hildebrandt, Roger Rannow and Charleen (Buckentin) Engelmann; third

row, Larry Koentopf, Dave Reid, Ronny Schuft, Collin Exsted, Larry Werth, Ellen (Carstens) Kuni, Janet (Hardel) Hafemann, Sandy (Drew) Bauer, Dennis Dittmer, Charlotte (Nelson) Dittmer and Karen (Michaelis) Moehrle; fourth row, Will Swanson, Sandy (Lipke) Susag, Jackie (Perschau) Selchow, Carol (Pagel) Otto, Peg (Chapman) Carls, Carol (Michaletz) Risdal, Lois (Heckmann) Skiles, Ken Herzog, Cathy (Groenke) Lay, Sandy (Gehlen) Krebsbach, Bruce Biermann and Carol (Stuedemann) Amorde; and, fifth row, Nancy (Thiele) Ratzloff, Ron Engelmann, Ron Knop, Dale Schauer, Roger Lucht, Lon Nagel, Al Boesche, Nob Krebsbach, Linda Kottke, Roger Libra and Dave Ruschmeier.

### Engagement

#### Wolter — Klemz

Erin Wolter of Glencoe and Todd Klemz of Otsego announce their engagement. They will be married Nov. 14 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Brownston.

Parents of the couple are Bob and Dawn Wolter of Glencoe and Brad and Amy Klemz of Otsego.

Erin Wolter attended Southwest Minnesota State University in Marshall and currently is a server at Ground Round in Waconia.

Todd Klemz also attended Southwest Minnesota State University in Marshall and is employed as an accountant at



Todd Klemz and Erin Wolter

Retail Financial Services in Plymouth.

### People

#### Baby girl to Washington family

Antoine and Gloria (Rettig) Washington announce the birth of their daughter, Blake Erin Washington, born Sept. 18, 2015, at Rust Medical Center in Rio Rancho, New Mexico. Blake weighed 8 pounds, 6 ounces and was 21.5 inches long. She joins siblings Jacie, 13, Brycen, 10, and Ryen, 1. Grandparents are Elmer and Amy Rettig of Stewart and Sharon Washington of Florence, Kentucky. Great-grandmother is Frances Loncorich of Stewart.



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## Obituaries

### Alta Mae Krant, 91, of Glencoe

Alta Mae (Peterson) Krant, 91, of Glencoe, formerly of Lester Prairie, died peacefully on Sunday, Sept. 27, at Lyngblomsten Care Center in St. Paul.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, Sept. 30, at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Lester Prairie with the Rev. Travis Loeslie officiating. Nancy Buckentine was the organist. Congregational hymns were "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past," "Just As I Am, Without One Plea" and "I Know That My Redeemer Lives."

Interment was in the Lester Prairie City Cemetery.

Alta Mae (Peterson) Krant was born Dec. 21, 1923, in rural Canby. She was the daughter of Edward O. and Thea (Edwards) Peterson. She was baptized as an infant on Feb. 5, 1924, by the Rev. Omar Brenne at First Lutheran Church in Canby, and was

confirmed in faith as a youth on June 26, 1938, by the Rev. O.G. Olson, at First English Lutheran Church in Canby. She was educated in Canby and was the valedictorian of the Canby High School class of 1941. She furthered her education by completing the executive secretarial course at Minneapolis Business College on March 6, 1942.

On Sept. 1, 1957, she was united in marriage to Leslie William Henry Krant by the Rev. N.S. Magelssen at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Canby. They made their home on the Krant family farm in Bergen Township, McLeod County. Their marriage was blessed with two children, Douglas and Nancy. They shared over 50 years of marriage before Mr. Krant's death on Aug. 15, 2008.

In addition to being a loving wife, mother and homemaker, Mrs. Krant helped on the family farm. She also worked at Gambles Skogmo and Andersen Lumber (now Andersen Windows). She was an active member of the St. Peter's Lutheran Church, where she taught Sunday school. She also was a mem-

ber of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League/Ladies Aid.

Mrs. Krant enjoyed bowling, bridge and baking bars and cookies. She cherished the time spent with her family and friends. She was the favorite aunt of most, if not all, her nieces and nephews.

She is survived by her children, Douglas Krant of Austin and Nancy Krant (John Oliva) of New London, Connecticut; nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Edward O. and Thea Peterson; husband, William Krant; sisters and their husbands, Gladys and Merl Phinney, Hazel and Charles Adkins and Mildred and Al Ludtke; and brothers, Archie, Elroy "Bud" and Conrad, and wives Mabel and Winnie.

Memorials are preferred to the American Diabetes Association.

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



Alta Mae Krant

### Rita M. Klenicky, 90, of Glencoe

Rita Magdalene Klenicky, 90, of Glencoe, died Monday, Sept. 21, 2015, at Glencoe Regional Health Services.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Monday, Sept. 28, at 11 a.m., at Holy Family Catholic Church in Silver Lake with the Rev. Anthony Stubeda as celebrant.

Honorary casket bearers were Sharon Ardolf, Shirley Fiecke and Kim Paulson. Casket bearers were Gerald

Harris, Glen Mallak, Richard Paulson, Albert Teubert and Mike Popelka.

Interment was in the Holy Family Cemetery in Silver Lake.

Rita Magdalene Klenicky was born Sept. 27, 1924, in Silver Lake, the eldest child of Alexander and Emily Horneck Klenicky.

She helped out with dairy farming and enjoyed embroidery, cooking, gardening and playing Bingo.

She was a faithful member of Holy Family Catholic Church in Silver Lake. She also belonged to the Catholic Council of Women (CCW), and enjoyed praying the

rosary.

She is survived by her sister, Martha Klenicky of Silver Lake; nephew, Patrick Loebertmann of Silver Lake; and niece, Helen Loebertmann of Buffalo.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Alexander and Emily Klenicky; brothers, Henry Klenicky, Joseph Klenicky and Stanley "Buddy" Klenicky; and sister, Marion (Leo) Loebertmann.

Arrangements were with the Maresh Funeral Home in Silver Lake. Online condolences can be made at [www.mareshfuneralhome.com](http://www.mareshfuneralhome.com).



Rita Klenicky

### Beverly Ann Stifter, 73, of Hopkins

Beverly Ann Stifter, 73, of Hopkins, formerly of Silver Lake, died Saturday, Sept. 26, 2015, at her home.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Wednesday, Oct. 7, at 11 a.m., at St. Gabriel the Archangel Catholic Church - St. Joseph Campus in Hopkins.

Visitation will be Tuesday, Oct. 6, at The Maresh Funeral Home in Silver Lake. A prayer service will be held at 7 p.m. Further visitation will be Wednesday morning, Oct. 7, from 9 a.m. until the time of the Mass at the church.

Honorary bearers will be her grandchildren, Jeremy Kehn, Matthew Kehn, Meghan Kehn, Hannah Stifter, Courtney Bohnen and Jacob Stifter.

Interment will be in Fort Snelling National Cemetery in Minneapolis.

Beverly Ann Stifter was born Feb. 10, 1942, in Silver Lake, the daughter of Frank and Margaret (Radtko) Robison.

On Aug. 18, 1962, Beverly Ann Robison and Gilbert E. Stifter were joined in holy marriage at St. Adalbert Catholic Church in Silver Lake. God blessed their marriage with five children.

She was formerly employed at Tonka Toys, Hutchinson Technology and Minntech.

Mrs. Stifter formerly belonged to St. Adalbert Catholic Church in Silver Lake and was its longtime organist. She also did a lot of volunteering at church, belonged to The Befrienders and was an eucharistic minister, all at St. Gabriel the Archangel Catholic Church - St. Joseph Campus in Hopkins.

She enjoyed traveling, es-

pecially to all 50 states.

She loved her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren!

She is survived by her loving husband of 53 years, Gilbert E. Stifter of Hopkins; children, Margie (Jeff) Kehn of Chaska, Larry (Sandy) Stifter of Winsted and Bruce (Tammy) Stifter of Silver Lake; six grandchildren; three stepgrandchildren; two great-grandchildren; half brother, Douglas Robison of Winsted; half sisters, Mary Kay (Steve) Paschke of Mayer and Barbara Robison of Winsted; brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law; other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by an infant son, Joseph Stifter, in 1969; a daughter, Diane Stifter, in 2005; and by her parents.

Arrangements are with the The Maresh Funeral Home in Silver Lake. Online condolences may be made at [www.mareshfuneralhome.com](http://www.mareshfuneralhome.com).



Beverly Stifter

## Menus

**Oct. 5 - 9**  
**Glencoe-Silver Lake Helen Baker Breakfast**  
Monday — Breakfast sausage pizza, applesauce, apple juice.

Tuesday — Cocoa Puffs cereal, whole-grain blueberry muffin, chilled mandarin oranges, grape juice.

Wednesday — Skewered turkey sausage pancake, orange wedges, apple juice.

Thursday — Breakfast sausage pizza, raisins, orange juice.

Friday — Whole-grain French toast sticks, strawberry banana yogurt, chilled pears, orange juice.

**Glencoe-Silver Lake Helen Baker Lunch**

Monday — Beef hot dog on whole wheat, baked crinkle fries, baby carrots, Red Delicious apple half, pineapple tidbits, milk.

Tuesday — Sweet-and-sour chicken, steamed brown rice, seasoned broccoli, celery sticks, banana, applesauce, milk.

Wednesday — Meatballs in zesty marinara, whole grain rotini, whole grain garlic twist, green beans, broccoli florets, orange wedges, chilled peaches, milk.

Thursday — Hamburger, vegetarian baked beans, sliced cucumbers, fresh pear, chilled pears.

Friday — Cheese pizza, seasoned corn, carrots, Red Delicious apple half, chilled mandarin oranges.

**Glencoe-Silver Lake Lakeside Breakfast**

Monday — Breakfast sausage pizza, Cinnamon Toast Crunch, whole-grain apple cinnamon muffin, applesauce, apple juice.

Tuesday — Skewered turkey sausage pancake, Cocoa Puffs, low-fat mozzarella string cheese, chilled mandarin oranges, grape juice.

Wednesday — Egg and cheese sandwich, whole-grain blueberry muffin, strawberry banana yogurt, raisins, orange juice.

Thursday — Breakfast sausage pizza, Golden Grahams, whole-grain blueberry muffin, orange

wedges, apple juice.

Friday — Whole-grain French toast sticks, low-fat mozzarella string cheese, Trix cereal bar, chilled pears, orange juice.

**Glencoe-Silver Lake Lakeside Lunch**

Monday — Beef hot dog on whole wheat, baked crinkle fries, turkey and cheese sandwich, baby carrots, Red Delicious apple half, pineapple tidbits, milk.

Tuesday — Sweet-and-sour chicken, steamed brown rice, ham and turkey chef salad, whole-grain seasoned croutons, whole-grain dinner roll, seasoned broccoli, celery sticks, banana, applesauce, milk.

Wednesday — Meatballs in zesty marinara, whole grain rotini, whole-grain garlic twist, sun butter and grape jelly sandwich, green beans, broccoli florets, orange wedges, chilled peaches, milk.

Thursday — Hamburger, double cheese chef salad, whole-grain seasoned croutons, whole-grain dinner roll, milk.

Friday — Cheese pizza, mini bagel fun lunch, corn, baby carrots, Red Delicious apple half, chilled mandarin oranges.

**Glencoe-Silver Lake Junior, Senior High Breakfast**

Monday — Skewered turkey sausage pancake, peanut butter and grape jelly Uncrustable, chilled pears, apple juice.

Tuesday — Cocoa Puffs, whole-grain blueberry muffin, apple sauce, orange juice.

Wednesday — Breakfast sausage pizza, homemade granola, strawberries, sliced banana, vanilla yogurt, chilled peaches, apple juice.

Thursday — Whole-grain French toast sticks, strawberry banana yogurt, peanut butter and jelly Uncrustable, chilled fruit cocktail, orange juice.

Friday — Egg and sausage breakfast sandwich, Cinnamon Toast Crunch, whole-grain apple cinnamon muffin, chilled mandarin oranges, grape juice.

**Glencoe-Silver Lake Junior, Senior High Lunch**  
Monday — Beef hot dog on whole wheat, baked crinkle fries, corn, pepperoni pizza, cheese pizza, deli selections, carrot sticks, tomato, green bean and chickpea salad, Red Delicious apple, chilled pears.

Tuesday — Popcorn chicken, mashed potatoes, chicken gravy, carrots, whole-grain dinner roll, Italian sausage pizza, cheese pizza, deli selections, jicama sticks, chickpea citrus salad, banana, applesauce.

Wednesday — Barbecue Rib-B-Q sandwich, vegetarian baked beans, seasoned potato wedges, chicken alfredo and broccoli pizza, cheese pizza, deli selections, red bell pepper strips, broccoli slaw, watermelon cubes, chilled peaches.

Thursday — Seasoned taco beef, soft flour tortilla, steamed brown rice, Mexican-style refried beans, shredded cheddar cheese, shredded romaine lettuce, fresh diced tomatoes, beef taco pizza, cheese pizza, deli selections, broccoli florets, sweet corn salad with ranch dressing, Red Delicious apple, chilled mandarin oranges.

Friday — Macaroni and cheese, whole-grain bread stick, seasoned peas, pepperoni pizza, cheese pizza, deli selections, carrot sticks, caesar salad, orange wedges, pineapple tidbits.

**St. Pius X School**  
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**First Lutheran School**

Monday — Sloppy Joe, whole-grain bun, tater tots, pears, milk.

Tuesday — Ham patty with whole-grain bun, corn, strawberries, milk.

Wednesday — Chili with beans, corn bread, mandarin oranges, milk.

Thursday — Mr. Rib with whole-wheat bun, peas, honey dew, milk.

Friday — Orange chicken rice bowl, mixed veggies, mandarin oranges, bread, milk.

## Grandchildren list gets a little longer

The Keith and Kathy Eggersgluess grandchildren list grew by two this summer.

**Taylor Rauch**

Taylor Jo Rauch was born to Nick and Katie Rauch at Glencoe Regional Health Services on Tuesday, May 26.

Taylor Jo weighed 8 pounds, 11 ounces, and measured 20½ inches. She also has a lot of hair. She was welcomed home by big brother, Bennett.

Taylor's grandparents are Keith and Kathy Eggersgluess, Arlington, and Deb Rauch and the late Mark Rauch, Hutchinson.

Great-grandmothers are Marion Eggersgluess, Glencoe; Stella Rauch, Hutchinson; and Shirley Otto, Hutchinson.

The Rauch family makes their home in Arlington.

**Aiden Stadick**

Tom and Krista Stadick, New Ulm, announce the birth of their son, Aiden Michael Stadick who was born at the Glencoe Regional Health Services on Thursday, July 30.

Aiden Michael weighed 7 pounds, 2 ounces, and measured 18½ inches in length.

Aiden's grandparents are Keith and Kathy Eggersgluess, Arlington, and Eddie and Deb Stadick, New Ulm.

Great-grandparents are Marion Eggersgluess, Glencoe, and Delores Dreier, Glencoe.

The Stadicks are all doing well in New Ulm.



Taylor Jo Rauch



Aiden Michael Stadick



Submitted photo

## 5 generations

A five-generation family recently gathered together for a photograph. From left to right are Aaron Rhodes and Jessica Lewandowski, both of Glencoe; Linda Grack and

Mary Linder, both of New Auburn; and baby Choloe Tichy, Glencoe.

**Thank You**  
We would like to "THANK" all of our family and friends for the thoughts, prayers, cards and flowers during the time of our loss. There are no words to express how much we appreciate everything people have done for us.  
We wish to express a special thank you to Pastor Mathison for his support and prayers, to the ladies of First Lutheran Church for serving the luncheon and to the people at the Johnson-McBride Funeral Chapel for the excellent care of family and arrangements.

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Thanks to Dr. Jensen, Dr. Petersen, Dr. Christa Waymire, Dr. Fritsch, Dr. Kumar and the entire nursing staff, for all their care.

Special thanks to Pastor Ron Mathison, and Pastor Dan Welch, for the heartfelt pastoral care; organist and soloist, also Johnson-McBride and their staff for guiding us through this difficult time.

Special thanks to those that provided food at the church and all the ladies for serving lunch.

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**The family of Roger Vorbeck**



Chronicle photos by Rebecca Mariscal

### Panthers get pepped for Homecoming

The Panthers held a pep fest at Glencoe-Silver Lake High School Friday afternoon to get warmed up for the homecoming game that night. High school and junior high students watched the cheerleaders and competed in games. Above, Homecoming King Freddy Peña and Queen Paige Anderson shed their crowns and capes for Panther mascot gear and went head to head in a dance-off. Peña claimed that crown. At left, Emily Oberlin helped lead the crowd in a cheer.

## School district tweaking design of proposed building addition

By Lori Copler  
Editor

Glencoe-Silver Lake is nailing down the details on its planned \$24.19 million addition, right down to where there should be a water fountain or shelving.

Superintendent Chris Sonju gave a brief update on the building project at GSL's first community school lunch Thursday, Sept. 24.

"We're still tweaking ... changing a wall here or a doorway there," said Sonju.

Sonju said the project includes "opening up" the current high school to give it more of a college campus feel, with "pods" in which students can gather and plug in their electronic devices, such as tablets and laptops.

Current kitchen space in the high school will be revamped for music and technology, Sonju said.

A major change to the junior high expansion is that new classrooms will be added to the north end of Lincoln Junior High, rather than the original plan to add them to the front of the high school. An addition to the north part of the high school will include multi-functional space.

The gap between Lincoln Junior High School and the high school — where a couple of tennis courts now exist — will include a new kitchen, cafeteria, and a two-court gymnasium.

The design will allow for separate serving and eating areas for younger and older students, while still providing an opportunity for different grade levels to mingle, said Sonju.

Sonju said the additional gym space is sorely needed. Although the new gym will provide two full courts, Sonju reminded the lunch group that GSL will lose one gym



Chronicle photo by Lori Copler

GSL Superintendent Chris Sonju updated community members, students and staff on the proposed building addition Thursday at the district's first community school luncheon of the new school year.

with the closing of Helen Baker Elementary.

Sonju said that although most people equate gyms with after-school activities, "the gym is the most used classroom during the day."

The new gym, he said, "will be an elementary gym by day and a competition gym by night."

Between the additional gym space and the availability of the Panther Field House, GSL should have enough space that children will not have to have recess in hallways during inclement weather. There also should be enough room to accommodate indoor practices for out-

door sports during inclement weather, Sonju added.

Another addition will be a community space and commons area between the field house and the high school on the north side of the building. That will become the main entrance to both the gym and the field house, and will be available for community meetings and activities.

Sonju said construction is expected to start in March 2016 with completion expected by fall 2017. Sonju said the school is working with a construction manager to make sure there is minimal disruption of school work during construction.

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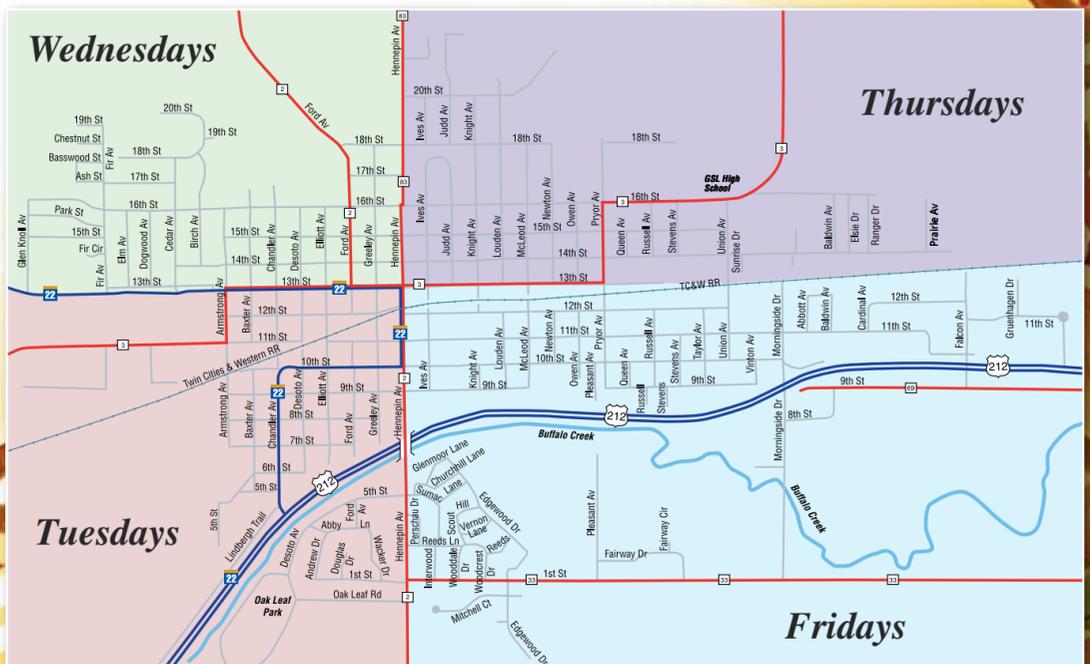
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