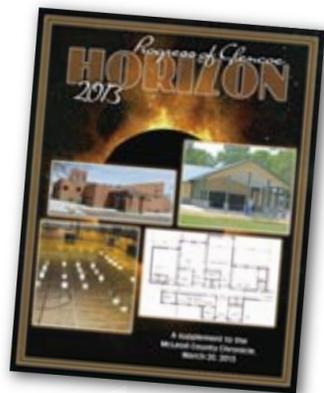




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Fire destroys Plato building

By Lori Copley
Staff Writer

Five fire departments battled a blaze at Stockman Transfer in Plato Thursday.

Plato Fire Chief Jay Wood said the fire occurred in a repair shop/maintenance shed owned by the company. He estimated the building to be about 60 feet wide by 60 feet long.

Wood said a dollar loss of the shop, which was a total loss, and its contents, including equipment and a large variety of tools, had not yet been determined.

"It will be a very, very high dollar loss," said Wood.

Nor has a cause of the fire been officially determined, yet, Wood said.

Wood said the alarm came in about 10:15 a.m. Thursday.

Knowing that most volunteer fire departments are short of help during the daytime working hours, Wood called for mutual aid from Glencoe, Norwood Young America and Hamburg and, later in the incident, from Lester Prairie.

Wood said aerial units from Glencoe and NYA helped battle the fire, which had compromised the roof.

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Chronicle photos by Lori Copley

The Plato Fire Department, assisted by the Glencoe, Lester Prairie, Norwood Young America and Hamburg fire departments, battled a fire in a large maintenance shed owned by Stockman Transfer in Plato Thursday. Above, crews abandoned an interior attack because of a failing ceiling and began setting up Glencoe's aerial unit. At right, Glencoe's aerial truck begins battling the blaze in the roof. An official cause of the fire, which was reported at about 10:15 a.m. Thursday, has yet to be determined. The shop and its contents were called a total loss.



It comes down to money

By Rich Glennie
Editor

The Morningside Avenue (County Road 15) extension project and the moving of the Twin Cities & Western (TC&W) Railroad switching area were the topics of a joint city/county transportation workshop Monday afternoon in the west conference room at the Glencoe City Center.

The fate of the project depends on if the McLeod County Board of Commissioners is willing to transfer an additional \$1 million from other county road projects to make this project work.

That is a big if, as Commissioner Sheldon Nies explained. To shift \$1 million in county transportation money to a project that impacts only a small portion of the county will be a tough sell, he said.

The original cost estimate for the county's portion of the Morningside project was about \$1.2 million when proposed several years ago. Now the county's share of the cost has risen to about \$2.4 million.

While the scope of the actual street extension decreased, wetland issues, poor soil issues and other drainage problems have added to the overall cost of the project.

While he supported the project when it cost the county \$1.2 million, "I have a problem with doubling that," Nies said. "To do that means other (county) projects won't get done."

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'Ghost' aids in rescue of abused animals

Truhaven Ranch benefit set Saturday at Blue Note in Winsted

By Alyssa Schauer
Staff Writer

It was a cold November evening in rural Minnesota, when Candy Phillips, Truhaven Ranch board president, arrived to the scene of a brown, barren pasture, littered with trash, broken fences, piles of discarded microwaves, TVs, blenders, animal carcasses, and barbed wire strewn everywhere.

The trees were naked, with no bark, and there was no sign of foliage anywhere — only 55 equines (horses, ponies, donkeys, and mules) who were left to feed on their own manure and each other's manes and tails for survival.

Phillips is the founder and executive director of Truhaven Ranch in Winsted, a "rescue haven" for abused equines. In 2009, the ranch opened its doors to rescued equines, at-risk youth, and all others needing a "haven" from the stress of modern living.

In November, Phillips was called to Fillmore County to rescue 55 mistreated and abused equines.

"Drew Fitzpatrick, from the Minnesota Hooved Animal Rescue Foundation (MHARF) out of Zimmerman, contacted us with a possible humane

case involving over 80 equines.

"She was tied up, and wasn't able to go, so she asked us to be on call to haul the most serious cases to the University of Minnesota as soon as possible. I didn't know what I would be getting into until I saw the sight," Phillips said.

She said she was on her way to pick up another rescue horse in Cold Spring when she got the call, "head south."

Phillips met others from MHARF and officers with the Animal Humane Society and headed to Fillmore County on a Wednesday afternoon with hay and trailers to rescue the animals.

"What a sight! This place was a disaster. It was mouth-dropping appalling to look at that property, and I had to fight tears as I quickly tried to find the worst cases and load them into the trailer," Phillips said.

"The smell was awful, and it was getting dark. We were trying to find the worst cases and with the help of 'Ghost,' an angel of a donkey, we loaded up six equines and brought them to the U. Sadly, two of them

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Chronicle photo by Alyssa Schauer

Candy Phillips, president of Truhaven Ranch, chats with Ghost, whom she called an "angel of a donkey" for helping to rescue some animals in distress in southern Minnesota.

Weather

Wed., 3-20	Thur., 3-21	Fri., 3-22	Sat., 3-23	Sun., 3-24
H: 17°, L: 3°	H: 23°, L: 8°	H: 31°, L: 18°	H: 33°, L: 20°	H: 34°, L: 21°

Looking back: Winter has not relaxed its grip after a week of cold, rain, strong winds and snow.

Date	Hi	Lo	Snow
March 12 31	.....16	.....0.10	
March 13 29	.....5	.....0.00	

March 14 40	.....20	.....0.50
March 15 33	.....22	.....0.02*
March 16 27	.....3	.....0.00
March 17 28	.....1	.....0.00
March 18 29	.....5	.....1.60

* Rain. 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

New Auburn movie night set

The New Auburn Lions Club is sponsoring a New Auburn Night at the Movies at 7 p.m., Thursday, March 21, at the New Auburn City Hall. The free program includes movies and a presentation about old New Auburn. Presenters will be John Rivers and Kathy Ringo. Refreshments will be served.

Easter party set March 24

The Stewart Lions Club annual Easter party and pancake breakfast is scheduled for Palm Sunday, March 24, at the Stewart Fire Hall. Serving of pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, fruit and beverages, is from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. A free-will donation will be accepted, and proceeds will go to local Lions' projects. The Easter party includes free kids' photos with the Easter Bunny and a kids' coloring contest.

Easter egg hunt set March 30

The annual Easter Egg Hunt, sponsored by the Brown-ton Women's Club, will be held Saturday, March 30, at the Brown-ton Community Center. Doors open at 9:30 a.m. with the hunt beginning at 10 a.m. Children through third grade are welcome to participate. Children should bring a basket or container to collect the eggs. Lots of other fun activities are planned for the day. Admission is free.

Retired teachers to meet

The Glencoe Area Retired Educators will meet at 11:30 a.m., Thursday, March 21, for lunch at the Pizza Ranch in Glencoe.

'Egg'stravaganza on March 23

Grand Meadows Senior Living, 1420 Prairie Ave., Glencoe, is hosting its third annual Easter 'Egg'stravaganza on Saturday, March 23, from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., in the upstairs lounge. Community children and families are invited to have their picture taken with the Easter Bunny, enjoy a refreshment and more. Call 320-864-5577 for more details.

Lions spring brunch Sunday

The Glencoe Lions Club's annual spring brunch will be held on Sunday, March 24, at the Pla-Mor Ballroom, Glencoe. Serving is from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. with take-outs available. The menu includes pancakes, Lions "original recipe" sausage, ham, eggs, fruit, juice, toast, coffee and milk. Advance Adult tickets are available at Hite Hardware & Paint, Franklin Printing and from Lions Club members. Tickets also are available at the door. Proceeds will be used for community projects. Collection boxes also will be available for used eyeglasses, sunglasses and hearing aids.

Spring Extravaganza April 6

The Relay For Life Spring Extravaganza is set for Saturday, April 6, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., in the Hutchinson Mall. The theme this year is "Celebrate. Remember. Fight Back." Sponsors include the Bumps Stop Here and The Little Bumps Relay For Life teams.

KCs March paper drive set

The Glencoe Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a paper drive March 21 through March 23. Items collected are newspaper (including glossy inserts), magazines, catalogs, phone books and cardboard. All items must be clean and dry. Newspaper should be in paper bags or boxes or bundled and tied with string or twine. Corrugated cardboard and box board (cereal boxes) should be kept separate. Plastics cannot be accepted. Items may be dropped off Thursday and Friday, March 21-22, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. or Saturday, March 23, from 8 a.m. to noon at the drop location in the upper lot of St. Pius X Church in Glencoe.

TOPS meets on Thursdays

Glencoe TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Chapter 1558 meets on Thursday nights at Christ Lutheran Church. Weigh-in starts at 5:15 p.m. and the meeting starts at 5:45 p.m. For more information call Gloria at 320-864-4174 or Judy at 320-864-5495.

Glencoe seniors to meet

The Glencoe Senior Citizens group will meet at 12:30 p.m., Thursday, March 21, at the senior room in the Glencoe City Center. The group will play 500 and Sheep-head, and all area senior citizens are invited to attend. The club also will meet at 12:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 26, for card playing.

Good Shepherd garage sale

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 1407 Cedar Ave., Glencoe, will host a garage sale from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m., Saturday, April 6.

Council eyes water, sewer rate increases

By Rich Glennie
Editor

Glencoe residents may soon see their water and sanitary sewer rates increase as Glencoe City Council eyes some future infrastructure projects.

At Monday night's Glencoe City Council meeting, Gary Schreifels, public works director for the water and wastewater treatment plants, unveiled a plan that would nearly double the rates in the next five years.

Mayor Randy Wilson said City Council subcommittee recently discussed "wants vs. needs" in future capital outlays, which include major utility upgrades in the city's comprehensive street/utilities plans as well as a possible treatment plant expansion to meet Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) requirements to remove phosphorus at the plant by 2017.

All those projects will cost money, and the increase in the water and sanitary sewer rates is one way to generate more revenue.

The last rate increases, Schreifels said, came in 2006.

Using an average usage of 4,000 gallons of water a month, Schreifels said the current \$17.60 fee would rise to \$34 a month over the five-year period.

He said a survey of similar Minnesota cities indicated with the increases, Glencoe would be just above the average rate in the state.

One benefit Glencoe offers its residents that most communities do not, however, is the water is softened at the water plant and residents do not need their own water softeners. Schreifels estimated that saves residents about \$25 to \$30 a month.

Asked if the city is spending more than it should on softening, Schreifels said, "I feel we're ahead of the game.

I think it (city water softening) is a benefit."

Wilson said rate increases are always an issue for residents, "but not taking care of our facilities is irresponsible."

Schreifels said a similar rate increase is envisioned in the sanitary sewer fee

Again, using the 4,000 gallons per month rate, Schreifels said the \$27 a month fee in 2012 would increase to \$38 a month in 2017.

He said the driving force at the wastewater treatment plant is the MPCA rule on removing phosphorus by 2017.

He said a feasibility plan will be developed this year on expanding the treatment plant, the scope of the work will be designed, bids will be let, "and we should be up and running by 2017."

The MPCA is not giving the city any choice over phosphorus removal, he added.

Wilson said the work at the treatment plant will likely require a bond, which would be paid off at a cost of about \$100,000 a year.

Also at play is the city's comprehensive street improvement plan that includes replacing some sanitary sewers.

City Administrator Mark Larson said discussions have taken place on whether to use the \$100,000 now set aside of the annual inflow and infiltration (I&I) program and apply that to a larger project.

Larson said to site and build a new wastewater treatment plant would likely cost \$25 million to \$30 million.

Schreifels said a new treatment plant would require land and probably would be built close to the airport, where the city owns property.

Instead, the city purchased additional land near its current treatment plant for the

expansion work.

Asked about the rate impact on Plato, which is connected to the city's wastewater treatment plant, Schreifels said Plato's rates will increase, too.

Since Plato takes care of its own sewer collection system, however, the increases would be less than for Glencoe residents, he added.

Glencoe's water rate increase would not affect Plato residents.

City Council's finance committee will meet on Wednesday, March 27, and a recommendation of the utility rate increases is expected.

Wetlands to be topic Thursday

An informational meeting on wetlands will be held at 1 p.m., Thursday, March 28, at the Glencoe City Center, 1107 E. 11th St., in Glencoe.

Roger Berggren, McLeod County water management coordinator, said the meeting is open to all farmers, contractors, tilers and anyone doing work in a wetland.

"Wetlands are regulated by more than one government agency and being approved for work by one agency does not mean you are approved with another agency," Berggren said.

"Both the landowners and contractors can be held responsible for unpermitted work in a wetland," Berggren said. The purpose of the informational meeting is to "find out the real facts about wetland regulations."

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Police Report

Police issued 25 "snowbird" tickets on since Monday, March 11.

On Tuesday afternoon, a police officer issued a verbal warning for failing to yield and inattentive driving after a vehicle pulled out of an alley on 12th Street and nearly hit his squad car.

An accident was reported at 2:24 p.m., Wednesday, at 16th Street and Armstrong Avenue. No other details were made available.

Police assisted at a medical call at a residence on 10th Street at 6:19 a.m., Thursday. A man was

having a hard time breathing and was taken by ambulance to Glencoe Regional Health Services.

Police were called to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church at 3:15 p.m., Thursday after a driver backed into a parked vehicle in the church lot.

Two more accidents occurred on Friday, but police offered no other details. One involved two vehicles on 12th Street, and the other involved one vehicle. The location was not disclosed.

Police assisted at a medical call on 10th Street at 6:33 a.m., Saturday. A pregnant woman had "stomach pain."

A two-vehicle accident was reported at 11th Street and Union

Avenue when a vehicle "with frosted windshield" struck another vehicle at 9:02 a.m., Saturday.

An officer gave a verbal warning to a driver who stopped in the middle of a crosswalk at 10th Street and Greeley Avenue at 5:40 p.m., Saturday. The driver was using a phone. The officer advised her "to hang up the phone if she cannot talk and drive at the same time."

At 6:50 p.m., Saturday, an officer issued a citation to a driver for unreasonable speed in the Loudon Avenue and 11th Street area. The vehicle was spinning tires on the slippery road, and the driver stated he "was attempting to act cool."

A theft was reported at 8:13 a.m., Monday, from a 7th Street residence. An auxiliary battery was taken from a truck over the weekend. The battery was valued at \$200 to \$250.

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Developer offers new plan for Creekside subdivision

By Rich Glennie
Editor

Gus Wurdell, a real estate developer and investor from Hutchinson, floated a concept before the Glencoe Planning and Industrial Commission last Thursday that would turn the Creekside subdivision in west Glencoe into an affordable housing subdivision for manufactured homes.

The planning commissioners took no action, but listened intently as Wurdell, owner of McDonald's Mobile Home Park, asked the city officials to also consider creating a tax increment finance (TIF) district and to allow him to use the city for "conduit financing" for the project.

Wurdell stressed several times that this was just a concept at this point, and he was seeking city input on the idea.

Currently, the Creekside subdivision consists of one single-family house, hookups for 30 lots, 40-foot wide city streets and a playground.

Wurdell said he has purchased that portion of the subdivision from Meridian Land Corporation for his proposed park. Meridian also sold off the rest of the development as ag land.

Currently, there are about 30 vacant lots in Creekside that generate less than \$10,000 a year in property taxes, Wurdell said.

His concept would involve 65 manufactured homes along Maple Lane (the city street) that could generate \$56,000 a year in property taxes.

The current single-family home in Creekside would be used by the park's manager, and the home would be remodeled to include a storm shelter for the park's residents, Wurdell said.

The subdivision would need to be rezoned, and all the current lot lines evacuated and redrawn, Wurdell said, and he preferred the streets remain as city streets.

Wurdell said he could bring in newer three-bedroom, four-bedroom and five-bedroom homes to be placed on perimeter footings or engineered slabs that would be installed, perhaps as early as this year. The housing units would meet all state and local building codes.

Each lot would have an off-street pad to accommodate two vehicles, and the higher-end manufactured homes also

could include a garage.

He said he likes the way Haukos operates its mobile home park by being landlord owned and the lots are leased.

He also favored using crime-free and drug-free amendments to lease agreements that weed out undesirables. His leases could require violators to leave without notice if rules are broken.

"It would be self-policed with management on site," he added, similar to the Haukos park concept.

"It's affordable housing," Wurdell said, but to keep it affordable, financial help is needed in the form of a TIF district that would rebate the new tax increments back to him over a period of years. Using the city as a financing conduit also would allow him to get a better interest rate.

City Administrator Mark Larson asked about the age of the homes in the proposed park, and added he did not want a new park with 30-year-old homes.

Wurdell agreed. "I don't want to run a junky park."

He added the homes would be owner-occupied, and they are not mobile homes, but manufactured homes. "Once in, they usually stay."

The single-wide homes would be 16-foot wide and the double-wides are at 34 feet. The lot widths would be 48 feet with about 20 feet between homes, Wurdell said.

Larson said mobile home parks are regulated by the Minnesota Department of Health and those setbacks and lot dimensions are set by the state.

Planning commissioner Ron Knop, a retired Glencoe Municipal Electric Plant employee, said the utilities now installed at Creekside may need to be totally reconstructed under Wurdell's concept. He said none of the electrical or sewer and water connections would line up if the lot sizes are changed.

Ideally, Larson added, the city would not like to dig back into the street so soon after the streets were built.

Larson said Creekside is currently zone R-1 (single-family residential), and Wurdell's plan would require the subdivision be rezoned R-3 (for manufactured homes). The property would have to be replatted, too, Larson added.

He noted the streets, park and holding pond would re-

main city property.

Greg Ettel, the newly appointed planning commissioner, questioned the increased traffic in that area along Highway 22 if the park plans happen.

Wurdell said if the park is completely filled it would include 120 homes, but the first phase, along Maple Lane, would have a maximum of 60 to 65 homes.

City Council member Gary Ziemer stressed that if the city acts as a financing conduit, no city money is involved and the city is not liable in any way.

Wurdell said he is simply using the city rates to get a better interest rate on his capital improvement funding, which he called "significant."

Larson said the city did a similar approach when Grand Meadows Senior Living project on 14th Street was done several years ago. The new increments were paid back to the developer to help repay the developer's loan.

The developer of Newton Avenue apartments in the 1990s, also used a similar approach as did Mike Gavin, owner of Gavin Apartments, in the 1980s.

"I would upfront the capital expenditures," Wurdell said, "and recapture a portion of the increments."

Larson said the city has had 16 TIF districts over the years, but only four remain. He said the city's aim is to "try to get in and out (of the TIF district) and get them back on the tax rolls as soon as possible."

Most TIF districts have a 25-year life span, Larson said, but the city likes to decertify them in about 10 years.

Wurdell told the commissioners that at this point, this is "just talk," and he was "just getting the discussion going."

Ziemer said his first reaction was positive.

Commissioner Wes Olson said the biggest hurdle to overcome is the stigma that "it's a trailer park. We need to nip that in the bud."

Commission Chairman Dewey Klaustermeier added that he has not heard anything bad about the Haukos trailer park. The key is management, he added, and if the park "looks neat and well groomed."

Ettel said this is an opportunity for Glencoe to look at more affordable housing.



Submitted photos

Seventh- and eighth-grade students in the Glencoe-Silver Lake FFA chapter began the planting process for the chapter's Farm to School project last week. The students put the seeds into gloves and hung them in the windows of Becky Haddad's ag room at the high school. The seedlings will then be planted into egg cartons before being replanted outside in the school garden when weather conditions permit.



GSL FFA receives \$3,000 SHIP grant for its garden

The Glencoe-Silver Lake FFA chapter has been awarded \$3,000 as part of the Statewide Health Improvement Program (SHIP) in conjunction with Meeker/McLeod/Sibley Community Health Services.

"This grant was a large part of what brought the garden to the forefront as a Farm to School Project for FFA this year when it was proposed in August," said Becky Haddad, GSL FFA adviser and ag instructor.

"This grant will be used to purchase supplies for fencing, tools for extending the growing season, as well as a special provision for berry bushes and fruit trees. SHIP has also supported additional training for the garden staff over the course of the spring, Haddad said.

The Glencoe-Silver Lake FFA Chapter was approached in August with the idea to start a one-acre community garden.

"With plans already under way," Haddad said, "the Glencoe-Silver Lake FFA

Chapter intends to raise awareness for healthy eating, the value of a garden for exercise, smart environmental and conservation practices, as well as supply food to our middle and high school cafeteria, and provide community programming that will supply food to those in need (including community education, food shelves, and other donations).

"The garden will serve as a community resource for fighting hunger and encouraging a healthy lifestyle," Haddad said.

The garden site will be within walking distance from school and provide students and community an opportunity for camaraderie, exercise, and fresh produce.

Haddad said a summer class will be offered in conjunction with the garden to provide opportunities for FFA members to work throughout the summer, and community members are encouraged to take advantage of opportunities to help with planting, weeding and har-

vesting. Plans have already been set in motion to work with the local food shelf and multiple community partners to utilize this new resource to its fullest extent, she added.

With these plans in the works, the GSL Grades 7-8 FFA Chapter has been hard at work writing grants, planning out plotting, advertising, preparing education opportunities, and most recently, planting.

Last Wednesday marked the first planting day of the season as seventh- and eighth-grade students in Haddad's agriculture classes started varieties of peppers and tomatoes in gloves.

Within a few weeks of germination, the seedlings will be transplanted into egg cartons to allow a healthy start inside before meeting outdoor conditions.

SHIP works on the areas of community, school, workplace and health care toward sustainable, systemic changes that create widespread, lasting results.

Commission welcomes new member, reviews special permits

By Rich Glennie
Editor

The Glencoe Planning and Industrial Commission met last Thursday in the west conference room of the City Center to welcome its newest member, Greg Ettel, and review a list of special use permit.

Ettel was recently appointed to the commission, replacing Brian Schlagel, who resigned late in 2012. He joins Chairman Dewey Klaustermeier, Lynn Exsted, Wes Olson and Ron Knop. The City Council liaison to the commission is Gary Ziemer.

The commission also did its annual review of a list of special use permits.

They included:
• DW Jones Inc. for the Grand Meadows Senior Living project at 1420 Prairie Ave. The permit was approved in July 2008.

City Administrator Mark Larson said there were no zoning issues at the location, and the senior-living apartment complex has grown from 11 memory care units to 22.

"They have been a good neighbor to us in the northeast corner of town," Larson added.

• Robert Shanahan, 810 E. First St., to build townhouses in an R-1 (single-family residential) zone.

Shanahan built the shells of the two townhouse units, and five of the townhouses are occupied, according to Larson.

"He's working on them as

he is getting the money," said Knop.

Shanahan will be invited to the April planning commission meeting to give the commissioners a status update. No action was taken on his special use permit.

• Seneca Foods, 101 W. Eighth St., for the migrant housing in an industrial zone.

The permit was issued in 1989 for the corn pack, Larson said, and over the years has been expanded to include the pea pack and later amended to allow a caretaker on the site before the packs begin.

Larson suggested the commissioners tour the housing site before the packs begin.

He said whenever the units are not being used for housing, they will be used for cold storage by Seneca.

The facilities were designed to house 522 occupants, but has had a lot fewer occupants over the past few years.

• Cory and Ken Polifka, 2017 Judd Ave., for temporary parking of up to five cars for sale. The permit was issued in January, but no cars have been parked there, yet, Larson said.

• Wes and Sue Olson, 928 E. 13th St., to move a house. The work is complete, and one apartment in the building is now occupied, Olson said. The permit expired once the house was moved, and Olson indicated the often-moved house will not move again ... by him.

• Glencoe Light & Power for its transmission line project that runs from the Arm-

strong Avenue substation east to a new Diamond Avenue substation.

Larson said the line is energized, but power is not being transmitted to the substation yet, because the substation work is not complete.

He said he will invite Dave Meyer, Glencoe Light Plant manager, to the April commission meeting to give an update.

• Oladipo Ajay, owner of Homekeepers International, 1205 E. 10th St., to operate a business in a residential zone. The business offers home health aide services, and Larson said there have been no issues with the business since the permit was issued in 2010.

• Christ Lutheran Church, 1820 Knight Avenue, to allow portable classrooms on R-1 property. The permit was first issued in 1993 and reapproved in May 2012.

• Buffalo Creek BMX, 1017 E. Ninth St., to place over 1,000 yards of fill in a flood plain area for the BMX track construction. The permit was first issued in 2008.

Larson said there have been no complaints about the BMX track, and no flooding issues.

"It brings business to town," Ettel added about the work of Ryan Voss and his group of volunteers.

"It is well policed by parents," Larson added.

He said if the BMX track ever ceases, the 1,000 yards of fill "needs to disappear."

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Horizon edition is good reminder of what is happening in area

Our view: Special issue not comprehensive, but it supports idea progress is happening

Each year, The Chronicle produces its "Horizon" issue, or as we call it the "Progress" issue for the community. With the "great recession" still having a hammer-lock on the area, one would think there is not much progress to find.

But each year, we surprise ourselves with all that is out there. We cannot write about everything happening; we simply do not know about some of the business changes, ownership changes and often when businesses cease to exist.

But the Horizon edition, which is inserted into today's Chronicle, aims to give a glimpse at some of what has happened in the past year, and what might happen this year and next year in the area.

One of the trends since the housing market collapsed in 2006-07 is that many of the projects that have occurred or are in the works involve city and school initiatives.

City Administrator Mark Larson outlines in the Horizon some of the projects that have occurred, like the Buffalo Creek hiking/biking trail that was christened last fall, and continued efforts to improve the Glencoe City Center.

But many of the planned city improvements, while not glamorous, are essential.

The city is planning significant upgrades of the city's infrastructure — streets and underground utilities — in the west third of the community, and the multi-phased, multi-year comprehensive plans will begin this summer.

How to pay for the millions of dollars to be invested is the devil-in-the-details problem. City Council will debate that thorny issue before any projects move forward.

Improvements at the airport also are planned. It is another area that few in Glencoe utilize, but without a municipal airport, the city would be at a major disadvantage in its continuous efforts to attract new businesses and jobs to the community.

City parks continue to be a focus of efforts to provide amenities that also will attract new visitors and business to Glencoe. The latest attempt to add more to an already impressive Oak Leaf Park offerings is a new campground plan that incorporates camp sites within the beauty of the park.

An expansion of the municipal liquor store also is in the city's plans this year. That expansion will enhance the "cash cow" that has become more integral in order to achieve city plans past, now and in the future. Enhanced revenues from the liquor store will allow the city to continue to pay off bonds for the City Center and cover the liquor store expansion costs. It also expands services to liquor store customers.

Glencoe Light & Power is about to turn on its new transmission line

and Diamond Avenue substation that cost \$5.5 million to build. It will provide Glencoe residents with a more reliable source of energy coming from the east. It also will help stabilize electric rates for Glencoe customers, according to Dave Meyer, Glencoe Light Plant manager.

The Morningside Avenue extension is gearing up for a 2014 start, if all the sides can come to an agreement on the project. The extension, when complete, will provide Glencoe with a main north-south arterial street connecting County 15, near the high school, to Highway 212 and south to County Road 33.

Also set for 2013 is the building addition by the Glencoe-Silver Lake School District. GSL Superintendent Chris Sonju explains the time schedule in today's Horizon issue.

The building addition onto the Lincoln Jr. High will create a one-stop facility for the youngest learners in the district — preschoolers.

That is vital to the future of the school district that bases many of its financial decisions on student enrollment.

But the addition plan also buys the district some time to find space for its growing primary-grade enrollment. There simply is not enough space at Helen Baker Elementary to accommodate grades K-2 and the pre-school needs.

The addition in 2013 is the first part of the overall district plan to eventually put all K-3 students at the Lincoln facility and add onto the junior high-high school complex.

The plan also would close the Helen Baker Elementary School for efficiency purposes some day.

But there is more happening. Christ Lutheran Church continues a trend of area churches with its recent expansion. It was completed at the end of 2012 and comes on the heels of major expansions at First Lutheran and St. Pius X churches in recent years.

But perhaps the most exciting development is taking place at Miller Manufacturing, where the company continues to expand and grow jobs even in a tough economy. That bodes well for the future in Glencoe as the company continues to add warehouse space and product offerings in the diverse agricultural market.

Add to that Fahey Sales and Appraisers' purchase and remodeling of the former John Deere building on the east side of Glencoe, and the importance of Glencoe's diversified business base is re-enforced again.

While not always the most spectacular of projects, Glencoe continues to be a living, breathing community that continually adjusts to the economic climate of the day.

The community efforts continue to position Glencoe well for the future.

— R.G.



Letters to Editor

Hutch Fire Department needs a Facebook policy

To the Editor:

On Friday, Sept. 28, we lost our youngest child and only son, Brandon, in a tragic car accident. He was only 23. Brandon was a passenger in his friend's car when it lost control, left the road and hit a gravity box in a field. The car burst into flames with Brandon and his friend trapped inside; they both were pronounced dead at the scene.

The support we have received from the community has been overwhelming, and we are ever grateful. Our family, Brandon's friends, and the entire community have all shared in the loss of two young lives.

We realize that the healing process takes time, but there will never be a day that we don't miss our son and wish he was still with us.

First and most importantly, we'd like to thank the first responders for their efforts on that night — specifically the local law enforcement officers and firefighters who risked their lives to try and save Brandon and Dustin. A special thanks to Gustavo Guevara who went above and beyond his call of duty, no words can thank you enough!

However, we also feel the need to bring an issue to the forefront in hopes that it will not arise again in

the future. It is difficult to write these words because our family has the utmost respect for local fire departments. The dedicated individuals, mostly volunteers, work tirelessly, often without recognition, to serve our community.

We hope what happened in our son's case was just a fleeting lapse of judgment, but want to ensure that no other family suffers as we did when photos of the accident were posted on the Hutchinson Fire Department's Facebook page shortly after the accident. Even though you could not see their bodies, it was tortuous for us to witness the public display of our son's death.

While we respect free speech and freedom of press, we were hurt and disgusted to see our son's death publicized and broadcast as if it was simply a routine practice exercise.

We did voice our concerns to Fire Chief Brad Emans, but to our surprise and disappointment, we were met with agitation and denial.

We begged Chief Emans to look into our complaint about some members of his fire department taking and sharing photos the night Brandon was killed.

We asked Chief Emans to adopt a policy that would prohibit the public

display of such tragic events and impose discipline on members taking and sharing personal photos when responding to calls for help in order to ensure families can grieve appropriately.

Chief Emans was not interested in addressing our concerns or adopting such a policy. A chief must have a certain level of compassion and concern for the citizens. The position requires that the community respects and trusts you.

We write this letter with the best of intentions. Our only hope is that another family will not have to endure the same invasion of privacy as we did.

Please do not post photos to Facebook without carefully considering the impact on the grieving family — the family you are supposed to protect. Please do not treat another grieving family, or any member of the community, to what we had to go through.

Again, thank you to all those who have offered their support in this difficult time. Celebrate your lives and your family. Hug daily and love often. R.I.P. Brandon and Dustin.

Diana and Barrett Lindeman Brownnton

Guest column:

Budget still increases spending, taxes

By Sen. Scott Newman, R-Hutchinson District 18

Gov. Dayton released his revised budget proposal after failing to gain public and legislative support for his all-tax budget.

Overview:
• Gov. Dayton's revised budget calls for \$37.94 billion in state spending compared to his original budget plan of \$37.89 billion, which is an increase of \$47 million over his first proposal in January.

• The new budget is a 7.7 percent increase in spending from FY 2012-13.
• It calls for \$1.8 billion in new taxes, even after pulling his \$2.1 billion sales tax increase due to public backlash.

Spending items still included:
• Fully funding all-day kindergarten for all students; \$125 million for special education; and \$80 million for the college and university state grant program.

Dropped in revised budget:
• Five hundred-dollar property tax rebate for all homeowners.

• Two-year freeze on business property taxes.

• Reduction of the corporate business tax rate from 9.8 percent to 8.4 percent.

New revenue and taxes still included in revised budget:

• 100 percent increase in local sales tax in seven-county metro to pay for buses and rail.

• Additional 94 cents per pack tax on cigarettes.

• Minnesota "snowbird" tax is a new income tax on anyone who is not a resident, but annually spends over 60 days in Minnesota.

• 9.85 percent fourth tier income tax (\$250,000 married, \$200,000 head of household, \$150,000 individual)

• New sale taxes on online purchases ("Amazon" tax).

Under the governor's tax plan everyone will pay more. His revised

plan includes an increased sales tax to the metro, new taxes on Internet purchases and increasing the income tax.

DFL leaders in the Legislature continue to push for taxes on clothing, snack foods, digital downloads and higher taxes on gas, alcohol and cigarettes.

Please view this list of other proposed tax bills that will send more money to an already bloated government (<http://www.scribd.com/doc/130364062/Senate-DFL-Tax-Increase-Proposals>).

The governor argued last week that his plan is a "balanced approach to taxes and spending," but neither of his proposals contained any genuine reforms.

We should be focusing on making sure that every dollar of state taxes is being used effectively and efficiently for a government that works for the people and not an unbreakable chain of increasing bureaucracy.



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Guest column:

Refutes Gruenhagen's claims

By Fred Slocum
Mankato

In the Feb. 28, Star-Tribune, Rep. Glenn Gruenhagen, R-Glencoe, claimed homosexuality is "a choice" (1) to justify maintaining marriage discrimination against gays and lesbians in Minnesota law.

Similarly, Gruenhagen claims sexual orientation is not an immutable characteristic. (2) Like the Religious Right generally, (3) Gruenhagen is either woefully misinformed or lying about scientific research on sexual orientation.

Sexual orientation, defined as "the direction of one's sexual interest toward members of the same, opposite, or both sexes," (4) isn't a choice based on common sense and twin studies.

First, who would "choose" to be gay, given elevated suicide rates among gay youth, (5) often-hostile reactions from friends and family (including newly out gay teens being brutally kicked out of their homes by intolerant parents) and the threat of sexual-orientation-motivated hate crimes? (see: Matthew Shepard's murder in Wyoming, 1998).

Furthermore, scientific research on male twin pairs shows that the concordance rate (percentage of the time that, when one twin is homosexual, the other is also) is 52 percent among identical twins (who share the same genetic material), 22 percent among fraternal twins (who share about half the same genetic material) and 11 percent for adoptive brothers of homosexual men. (6) A study of female twin pairs found a 48 percent concordance rate for identical twins, 16 percent for fraternal twins, and 6 percent

for adoptive sisters of lesbian women. (7)

A third study found concordance rates of 66 percent for identical twins and 30 percent for fraternal twins, and strong concordances among three triplet sets studied. (8)

The unmistakable pattern: The more shared genetic material, the higher the concordance rate. These and other studies indicate strong biological origins for sexual orientation. Further underlining this is that homosexuality has been found in at least 1,500 species, (9) including chimpanzees, lions, dolphins, albatrosses and fruit flies. (10)

Gruenhagen and his Religious Right allies roundly denounce the notion of one single "gay gene," but scientists believe environment and multiple genes (not just one) affect sexual orientation.

Furthermore, we don't choose our genes, and in early years (when scientists think sexual orientation develops), we don't choose our environment, either. Therefore, sexual orientation isn't chosen, and the case favoring anti-gay marriage discrimination collapses.

Religious Right devotees routinely portray legalized gay marriage as some horrific "threat" to traditional marriage, fabricating some automatic pipeline from traditional marriage to children, and ignoring that many opposite-sex couples marry beyond reproductive age, or lack the desire, ability or both to biologically produce children.

Equally routinely, the Religious Right demonizes all households with same-sex couples as automatically, presumptively a monstrously damaging environment for children. Wrong again: In his 2010 ruling overturning Cali-

fornia's constitutional gay-marriage ban, U.S. District Judge Vaughn Walker, citing reams of scientific research, concluded: "The evidence shows beyond any doubt that parents' genders are irrelevant to children's developmental outcomes." [11]

Research on sexual orientation continues, but we know it's heavily biologically determined (by multiple genes), and isn't chosen. And scientific studies are far more credible in advancing our understanding of homosexuality than the rote recitation of Religious Right stereotypes about gays [12] that underlies support for anti-gay marriage discrimination.

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County Board sets April 16 hearing on proposed social host ordinance

By Lori Copler
Staff Writer

McLeod County will have a public hearing Tuesday, April 16, at 9:30 a.m., for a proposed social host ordinance.

Members of the ZAP (Zero Adult Providers) committee, which consists of area law enforcement and judicial personnel, presented a draft of the proposed ordinance to the McLeod County Board of Commissioners.

Currently, the city of Glencoe is the only community within McLeod County to adopt a social host ordinance.

"It gives another tool on our belt" to hold people responsible for providing liquor to underage drinkers, said Glencoe Police Chief Jim Raiter.

State statutes allow law enforcement to prosecute people who sell or give liquor to underage drinkers, particularly in retail establishments, but it is difficult to prosecute those who provide liquor in private homes or residences without a social host ordinance, committee members indicated.

Jody Winters, Glencoe's city attorney, said the pro-

posed ordinance would allow law enforcement to charge providers with a misdemeanor if they knowingly sell or give liquor to minors in their homes.

Raiter said the key to enforcing the ordinance is for officers to do their "due diligence" in investigating violations so that the proper people are charged.

For example, Raiter said, if parents go away for a weekend and their children take advantage of their absence to host a party where alcohol is served to minors, the parents would not be charged; but their children could be.

Winters cited some statistics to emphasize the issue of underage drinking — 26.5 percent get their alcohol from friends who are over 21, 20 percent get alcohol at parties and 18.7 percent get their alcohol "directly or indirectly from their parents."

According to a 2010 statewide survey, 40 percent of 12th-graders have consumed alcohol, 17 percent of ninth-graders and 3.5 percent of sixth-graders.

Over 32 percent of college-age students have participated in binge drinking (five or

more drinks), 24 percent of 12th-graders and 11 percent of ninth-graders.

Public Health Educator Jean Johnson said that it is rare for underage drinkers to be able to buy alcohol from liquor stores or bars, saying that most businesses do a good job of checking identifications.

Most underage drinking is done in private homes hosted by people who are in the 22- to 23-year-old range, the committee contends.

County Attorney Mike Junge said he doesn't expect to see an "avalanche" of citations being issued under the ordinance.

"You might get 10 to 12 a year throughout the county," said Junge. And he pointed out that law enforcement already is dealing with underage drinking parties.

"This just gives them another way to go after those who are providing the alcohol," said Junge.

Commissioner Jon Christensen asked why there isn't a state statute for social-host violations.

Sheriff Scott Rehmann said the state is watching what is happening with adopting social ordinances in counties and cities to see if there is public support for such a statute.

"That's part of the reason," said Junge. "There also is a very strong liquor lobby in this state."

Commissioner Sheldon Nies asked about a timeline for moving the ordinance forward.

Winters said ZAP would like see the ordinance adopted in time for the "graduation and prom season."

Junge said the county will need to hold a public hearing before adopting the ordinance, and Auditor-Treasurer Cindy Schultz said the notice of the hearing must be published for three weeks prior to the hearing, so the earliest the county could have the hearing is April 16.

"I see no reason not to move ahead with this as quickly as possible," said Nies.

The County Board voted to host the hearing April 16 at 9:30 a.m.

Ballard calls City Center fund balance 'misleading'

By Rich Glennie
Editor

Gary Ballard, a former Glencoe City Council member, accused the current Glencoe City Council and The McLeod County Chronicle of "misleading the public" over remarks made at the March 4 meeting concerning the Glencoe City Center.

At Monday night's City Council meeting, Ballard said he refutes remarks that the City Center showed a \$44,000 fund balance last year.

He also attacked The Chronicle for printing the "City Center posted \$44,000 more in revenues than expenditures in 2012."

He said that is not true, and it is foolish to think the City Center actually made a profit.

Ballard pointed out that ad valorem (property) taxes as well as a transfer of funds from the municipal liquor store were included in the revenue side of the equation.

Instead of \$406,000 in rev-

enues, Ballard said it should have been \$178,742, Expenses were at \$462,572.

He claimed the operations on the City Center actually lost \$183,133 and would have been another \$34,000 higher if not for interest reimbursement.

"Does anyone dispute this?" Ballard demanded.

Mayor Randy Wilson said he was surprised The Chronicle reported the \$44,000 in the newspaper.

He noted the city budgets \$100,000 a year for the City Center.

"That's income from our tax dollars," Ballard stressed. "Let's be fair and honest."

City Administrator Mark Larson said the liquor store revenues will pay off the debt on the City Center.

Larson said the city levies \$75,000 in taxes and transfers \$160,000 a year to fund the City Center bond and operations.

"All we spend are tax dollars," Wilson added. He said those tax dollars are spent on

city police and fire protection, streets and utilities among other things.

While Wilson said the number and amount of the donations received to remodel the former Henry Hill building into the Glencoe City Center showed the public supported the project, Ballard snapped that in hindsight, "we're paying for this with tax dollars."

In other matters, City Council:

- Approved the Glencoe Fire Department officers for 2013. They include:

- Fire Chief Ron Grack.
- Assistant Fire Chief Scott Dietz.

- Training Officer Shawn Abrams.

- Engine Company 331: Jamie Voigt, captain; Brad Eggsglue, first lieutenant; and Jeremy Mattson, second lieutenant.

- Engine Company 333: Scott Schrupp, captain; Jayson Neubarth, first lieutenant; and Tom Brinkmann, second lieutenant.

- Engine Company 335: Cory Scheidt, captain; Abrams, first lieutenant; and Ralph Posusta, second lieutenant.

- Approved two policy revisions for the police department involving police personal appearance and the use of the squad car camera data. Police Chief Jim Raiter recommended the policy changes.

- Approved the release of an easement on a parcel of property in North Country Estates 6th Addition as requested by developer Bruce Bergmann.

- Set the annual Board of Review for 11 a.m., Tuesday, April 9.

Also set was the annual contractors meeting for 7 a.m., Wednesday, April 10, in the south ballroom of the City Center.

- Closed the meeting to consider a purchase agreement for property in the city's industrial park.

Hutch woman claims \$182,445 Lottery prize ... 9 months later

Pam Dahlberg of Hutchinson won a \$182,445 Progressive Print-N-Play jackpot by playing the \$3 Bingo game. She purchased the winning ticket on June 25, 2012, but did not discover its worth until recently.

Dahlberg said she had purchased two tickets that day and played one of them at her picnic table. She recalled gathering things from the table, including the tickets, putting everything in a plastic bag and then hanging the bag from a nail in her garage.

Luckily, while looking a for arceipe a friend gave her, she looked in the bag

and noticed that one of the tickets had not been played.

Last week, she finally played it and realized that she had a ticket worth \$182,445 in her garage for almost nine months.

"I thought, 'wow!'" Then she replayed the ticket several times to be sure because, "It's the kind of thing that happens to everyone else."

Dahlberg claimed the prize at the Lottery's office in Roseville on March 13. The winning ticket was sold at Hutchinson Outpost, Inc.

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Question of the week

The price tag for the Morningside Avenue extension project has doubled in recent years due to changes in the scope of the work. Should the city of Glencoe and McLeod County still do the project?

1) Yes
2) No
3) Not sure

Results for most recent question:
Do you agree with Gov. Mark Dayton removing the controversial business-to-business tax from his budget proposal?
Yes — 66%
No — 18%
Not sure — 16%

38 votes. New question runs March 20-26

History

From the Brownton Bulletin archives

100 Years Ago

March 21, 1913

O.C. Conrad, Editor

That the farmers in the vicinity of Brownton are interested in the project of erecting a new and modern creamery was evidenced by the large attendance at the meeting held in the village last Saturday afternoon. The assembly was organized by the election of T.T. McAdam as chairman and John H. Reil, secretary. A building committee of William Griebie, F. Karstens and Henry Streich was appointed, the duty of which is to look up a site, centrally located. It was also deemed advisable to appoint a committee on bylaws and a constitution, and the following were chosen — Fred Knick, T.T. McAdam and J.H. Reil.

We are called upon to chronicle the death of Charles Bipes, 62, whose serious illness was mentioned in last week's issue, and which was caused by injuries received from the kick of a horse. The funeral was conducted Sunday at the German M.E. Church. Deceased came to this area in 1874 from his native Wisconsin, and resided here ever since. He was married to Miss Elizabeth Sauter in 1873, and she passed away in 1905. Seven children were born to them — Simson of Brownton, Henry of Greenleaf, Adolph and Edward of Minneapolis, Levi who resided with his parents, Valeria Thaumert of Cologne and Lydia Schmidt of Vesta.

An event of interest to our readers and one not brought to our attention until Saturday of last week, was the marriage of Mr. Otto Bullert to Miss Marie Brakhage at Webster, S.D. Gustave and Miss Emma Bullert from here were present, the former acting as a groomsmen and the latter as a bridesmaid. After spending 10 days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bullert south

of town, the newlyweds left Monday for Lemon, S.D., where Mr. Bullert is a station agent for the Milwaukee Railroad.

George Lamp of Collins was in the village Monday and displayed one of those smiles that won't come off, all on account of a visit from the stork that presented he and his good wife and bouncing baby boy on Sunday.

75 Years Ago

March 17, 1938

Percy L. Hakes, Editor

In spite of the rainy weather Tuesday afternoon and evening, a crowd of over 200 sportsmen of Brownton and neighboring towns attended the annual banquet and fun fest of the Brownton Rod & Gun Club. A liars' contest took place and after many interesting yarns were told, Sen. Ancher Nelson of Lynn Township walked off with the honors and was presented the \$500 fishing tackle package.

A new 159-foot well was completed this week at the local Farmers Cooperative Creamery. The work was done by Clarence Heil.

A business deal was made last week whereby C.A. Sommerdorf disposed of his farm southwest of town to the Oxendale brothers of Winthrop. The farm has been occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Bert Sommerdorf for the past eight years. Possession will be given immediately.

50 Years Ago

March 21, 1963

Charles H. Warner, Editor

Five Brownton High School students — Ken Lindeman, Karen Krcil, Ron Kelm, Glenn Klitzke and Ron Hahn — were chosen as the "school board for a day" during student government day.

Mary Abram, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Abram, Brown-

ton, was chosen as the local delegate to the American Legion Auxiliary Girls' State. Charlotte Petersen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Petersen, was named the alternate.

20 Years Ago

March 17, 1993

Lori Copler, Editor

The Brownton City Council met briefly Tuesday to interview candidates and hire people for two positions — Judy Peik of Hutchinson was hired as a full-time bartender at the municipal liquor store and Nancy Ahlers of Brownton was hired as a part-time cleaning person for the new community center.

McLeod West musicians named to the Section 5A, Sub-section 1 Honor Band were Angela Olesen, Jennifer Vacek, Jenny Kalenberg, Kelly Herrmann, Becky Adams, Krista Alsleben, Heather Voelker, Lynn Friedrichs, Dawn Huebert, Kendra Bauer, Jenny Lamprecht, Marcia Kreie, Tammy Uecker, Andy Kohls, Corey Maiers and Jenny Knick. Named to the honor choir were Melissa Doering, Erin Wendlandt, Tina Roepke, Angela Olesen, Jennifer Vacek, Kim Maiers, Corey Maiers, Ryan Mackenthun and Kristen Wendlandt.

10 Years Ago

March 19, 2003

Lori Copler, Editor

Larry Maiers will be a new supervisor on the Collins Township Board following last week's elections. Maiers and Eric Lipke were contenders for the seat held by Frank Forcier, who chose not to seek re-election. In Preston Lake Township, just west of Stewart, Dean Wiggert was elected on a write-in vote to oust incumbent Donald Trettin. Wiggert garnered 15 votes while Trettin had 13.

From the Stewart Tribune archives

100 Years Ago

March 21, 1913

A.F. Avery, Editor

The separation of Collins Township from the village of Stewart was voted upon and passed in the recent village and township election. It had been thought the separation would take place next year; however, according to County Auditor Stocking, the separation takes immediate effect. This being the case, the village will have to appoint an assessor and the township clerk, who is a resident of this village, is automatically removed from office.

It is with deep regret that we chronicle the passing of one of Transit Township's popular young men, Theodore Doering, whose death occurred Friday, March 7, after a lingering illness, the great white plague (tuberculosis) being the cause of his untimely death. He was 22 years old. He leaves to grieve his father, five brothers and two sisters.

The stork made a double delivery in Collins Township last Friday, leaving a boy at William Miller's on the Klappenbach farm and a girl at Ed May's, near Lake Marion.

She preceded him in death. The Novotnys had 12 children, nine of whom survive.

Splendid progress is being made on the new school building, with three walls about poured, all the footings in, and forms built for most of the basement concrete.

Christening services were held Sunday at the St. Boniface Church for the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John McDonald. The baby was named Eileen Anne.

50 Years Ago

March 21, 1963

Kermit T. Hubin, Editor

Last week's election in Grafton Township ended in a tie between Adolph Blum and Walter Fecker for supervisor. Election judges decided the issue in favor of Blum in a drawing. Harold Hahn resigned as constable because he was elected the treasurer, and William "Buddy" Schulze was appointed constable to fill out Hahn's unexpired term.

A Wallner Construction crane from New Ulm recently erected two large storage tanks for the Stewart Elevator, one an 11x35-foot tank to hold 20,000 gallons of Aqua Ammonia solution, and

a smaller, 11,000-gallon tank.

The Stewart High School junior class will present "Digging Up the Dirt," a three-act comedy, March 28-29. Members of the cast include John Schmidt, Roger Rettman, Warren Witte, Bert Bauer, Jim Schilling, Rosalie Grischkowsky, Marcia Proehl, Sharon Ahlers, Audrey Stockman, Burton Kottke, Sandra Kottke, Stan Forcier, Carol Webster, Linda Dwyer, Renee Lade, Kathleen Meier, Dale Buboltz, Tom Tanata and Anthony Schuelke.

35 Years Ago

March 23, 1978

Kermit T. Hubin, Editor

The Glenn Johnsons have decided to liquidate their business, Johnson Furniture and Trading Post, and are conducting a "quitting business" sale at this time. They will continue to operate the Stewart Funeral Home.

There were 130 people reporting to the blood drive for Stewart and Brownton in Stewart Monday afternoon. Seventy were from Stewart and 60 were from Brownton. One-gallon pins were given to Rufus Witte and Jerome Streich of Stewart and a two-gallon pin was given to Ray Schuette of Brownton.

Southside Station gets SWIF loan

Southside Station, Inc., owned by Daniel and Betty Werth and Gary and Linda Dettman, recently received loan assistance from the Southwest Initiative Foundation's (SWIF) Business Finance loan program for the start-up of their new gas station and convenience store in Stewart.

Southside Station is a one-stop convenience store that provides everything from gas and oil for motorists, to food, beverages, fresh bakery items and Piccadilly Circus Pizza.

This is a welcomed service to Stewart residents, especially after losing their town's grocery store more than a decade ago. It is the only such store along Highway 212 between Hector and Glencoe. The business is open Mondays through Saturdays from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sundays 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

For more information call 320-562-0107.

"The four of us saw potential and need in the small community for a convenience store and gas station," said Gary Dettman. As they celebrate the business's one-year anniversary, the Dettmans and Werths agree it has been well received by the community.

The business opened its doors in March 2012, and SWIF assisted with the final funding needed for the project. Proceeds from the loan were to purchase equipment and inventory for the business.

Business Finance loan programs have been a key function of SWIF since its inception as a way to support communities and businesses throughout southwest Minnesota.

In 2001, micro lending was also added to existing programs as a tool to support small businesses and people looking for self-employment

opportunities by providing market-rate loans.

For more information, contact SWIF at 800-594-9480, 320-587-4848 or loans@swifoundation.org.

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SWIF has also established 16 Early Childhood Initiative coalitions, 49 youth energy summit teams, 24 community foundations and more than 80 other funds.



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Panther Pride for February

The February Panther Pride winners at GSL's Helen Baker Elementary School were, front row, from left to right, Christian Lindsey, Jaileen Alvarado, Autumn Schuch, Hailey Perry, Isaac Sanchez, Emma Guennigsmann, Landan Smith, Uriel Martinez, Ellie Scheidt, Hailey Hanson and Ean Yurek. Middle row, Eliel Escalante, Hunter Schmidt, Isabelle McCrea,

Alyiah Brusven, Ashton LaPlante, Cole Karg, Halle Becker, Aiden Mathews, Grace Schiroo, Owen Schmiege and Hailey Carillo. In the back row are Ella Nowak, Camren Harms, Briana Sanchez, Andrew Bonde, Megan Becker, Tate Seevers, Jacob Shermann, Makenna Eiden and Christian Chmielewski.

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75 Years Ago

March 18, 1938

Harry Koeppen, Editor

This community was shocked Friday to learn of the death the previous evening of Mathias Novotny, 80, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Olive Janicke of Moltke Township. He had been in excellent health up to Wednesday of last week, when he suffered a stroke, gradually growing weaker until death occurred. A native of Czechoslovakia, he came to America with his parents at an early age, settling first in Iowa and then in New Prague. He and his wife, Catherine, had lived in Collins Township for some time prior to moving to their Grafton Township home.

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Sun., March 24 — Stewart Lions Club annual Easter party and pancake breakfast, Stewart Fire Hall, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Mon., March 25 — Tops Weigh-In mtg., 5-5:30 p.m.; Brownton Senior Citizens Club, Brownton Community Center, 1 p.m.; Brownton Rod & Gun Club, 7 p.m.

Tues., March 26 — Narcotics Anonymous, Brownton Community Center, 7 p.m.; Brownton Legion.

Thurs., March 28 — AA Group mtg. next to Post Office in Stewart, 8 p.m., call 320-212-5290 for info.; Stewart Lions.

Sat., March 30 — Brownton Women's Club Easter Egg Hunt, Brownton Community Center, doors open at 9:30 a.m., hunt starts at 10 a.m.

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Pillars of Character for February

Eighteen Glencoe-Silver Lake High School students were selected as the February Pillars of Character last week. Honored were, front row, left to right, Kasjen Peterson, responsibility; Tate Lilienthal, responsibility; Nick Chadwick, responsibility; Michael Donnay, caring; Matt Breije, responsibility; and Cole Petersen, respect. In the back are Jennifer Jacques, responsibility; Morgan Stre-

ich, responsibility; Kaitlyn Boesche, responsibility; Sommers Willock, caring; Jenny Illg, trustworthiness; Amanda Schmidt, trustworthiness; Courtney Schroepfer, responsibility; and Chanelle Wolff, trustworthiness. Missing were Santos Elias, caring; Kyle Beck, respect; Aiyana Goodridge, respect; and McKenna Novak, responsibility.

Hecksels named foster parents of year

Jeff and Kelly Hecksel of Lester Prairie have been chosen as the 2013 Minnesota Social Services Association (MSSA) Child Foster Parents of the Year. They were honored during the MSSA delegate assembly March 12 in Minneapolis.

The Hecksels have been licensed child foster care providers in McLeod County since 1999. Since that time, they have had 35 placements; the children ranged in age from 7 days to 15 years, and

the placements lasted from a few days to a lifetime.

"The Hecksels willingly share their experiences to help prepare new foster parents. They seek out available trainings and welcome the opportunities to learn," said Brenda Sandquist, McLeod County social worker.

"They also connect with and mentor new foster parents by providing support, encouragement and display a willingness to share what has worked well for them (and

what has not worked particularly well)," Sandquist said.

She added that social workers report the Hecksels "are extremely easy to work with, supportive, respectful and nonjudgmental. The home is structured with consistent expectations, which apply to everyone in the home."

Sandquist said the Hecksels also advocate for children in school and provide educational support in the home.

"Jeff, Kelly and their chil-

dren certainly feel a loss when a foster child moves on, but appreciate the time they were able to share, hoping when a child leaves their home, they do so knowing they are truly cared about," Sandquist said.

Sandquist added, the Hecksels attribute their success as foster and adoptive parents on their ability to "willingly love and willingly forgive." They state that they "just love, no matter what."



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'Life of the Party' rehearsal

Students from First Lutheran School of Glencoe rehearsed Friday, March 15, for their operetta, "Life of the Party: The Story of Mary and Martha." In this scene, Jesus, played by Cameron Johnson, right, asks Mary and Martha what the abbreviation, W.W.J.S., means on the pillow.

The abbreviation means, "Where Would Jesus Sit?" Mary, left, is played by Lily Becker. Martha, center, is played by Alaina Voss. The operetta will be performed Thursday, March 21, at 7 p.m., in the Fellowship Center of First Evangelical Lutheran Church.

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People

Daughter for Lentsch family

Michael and Bridget Lentsch of Hector announce the birth of their daughter, Kambree Lilly-Ann, on March 8, 2013, at Hutchinson Health. Kambree weighed 8 pounds, 6 ounces, and was 20 inches long. Her older siblings are Kash and Kynlea. Grandparents are Bob and RaNay Lentsch of Glencoe and Jim and Penny Lenzen of Hector.

Pelzel on BSU fall dean's list

Gwendolyn Pelzel of Lester Prairie was named to the fall semester dean's list at Bemidji State University.

Son born to Hewitt, Olson

Krystal Hewitt and Zachary Olson of Fairfax announce the birth of their son, Brantley Kyle Olson, on March 3, 2013, at Hutchinson Health. Brantley weighed 7 pounds, 9 ounces, and was 19 inches in length. His older siblings are Cheyenne, Brooklyn and Ariana. Grandparents are Darlene Dover of Fairfax and Kyle and Tammy Olson of Brownton.

Son born to Grochow family

Quentin and Ashley Grochow of Glencoe announce the birth of their son, Hudson Wade, on March 11, 2013, at Glencoe Regional Health Services. Hudson weighed 9 pounds, 1 ounce, and was 20-1/2 inches long. He joins an older sister, Lillian. Grandparents are Brian and Irene Grochow and Dick and Barb Maass, all of Glencoe.

Rivera family announces birth

Juan and Gulianna Rivera of Arlington announce the birth of their son, Elijah James, on March 15, 2013, at Glencoe Regional Health Services. Elijah weighed 6 pounds, 14 ounces. His older sibling is Eliazar Indalecio Deleon. Grandparent is Zulema Deleon of Arlington.

Girl Scouts paper drive set April 20-21

The Stewart-Brownton Girl Scouts will have a paper drive Saturday and Sunday, April 20-21, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Cactus Jack's II on Highway 212, Stewart.

Free pick-up is available in Stewart and Brownton. For pick-up or if you need more information, call Mike or Gerri Fitzloff at 320-562-2369.

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GSL students receive youth art month state recognition

By Shanda Landes
GSL art teacher

Youth Art Month is March, and two Glencoe-Silver Lake students were finalists for the Minnesota Youth Art Month Flag Design.

Nick Schmidt was a finalist and received first runnerup for the junior high division. Hailey Havlik was a finalist and received first runnerup for the high school division.

The flag design chosen is made into a real flag which will be on display at the state Capitol, the nation's capitol, and also travels to the National Art Educators Association Convention, which is in Fort Worth, Texas, this year.

Schmidt and Havlik will have their designs on display and will be recognized at the State Capitol Awards and Reception on March 24 from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. The exhibit will run from March 24-30.

GSL student Claire Wrapsir's sculpture "Around and Through" was chosen to be part of the College of Visual Arts (CVA) Gallery digital and online display of the Minnesota Scholastic Art Awards (MSAA). Her work received honorable mention. The Art Educators of Minnesota (AEM) and CVA have

partnered to continue the tradition of the Minnesota Scholastic Art Awards.

The MSAA is a statewide regional affiliation of the National Scholastic Art Awards program. It is open to all Minnesota students in grades seven through 12. Artworks were initially submitted as electronic images for consideration. The works are then judged at the CVA by a series of five different judging panels made up of art educators.

The works that received the Gold Keys (the highest award level) were hung salon style at the College of Visual Arts Gallery in St. Paul. Works that received Silver Key and honorable mention level awards were viewable electronically at the gallery. All award winning works are viewable online. To view the gallery, go to: http://www.flickr.com/photos/cva_edu/sets/72157632632289701/.

This year, the total individual artwork submissions was 1,904.

On April 11, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., will be the GSL K-12 Panther Art Prowl in the high school gymnasium, cafeteria and auditorium. More information to follow.

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Obituaries

Dr. John R. Klobe, 80, of Lester Prairie

Memorial services for Dr. John Robert Klobe, 80, of Lester Prairie, were held Thursday, March 14, at St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church in Lester Prairie. The Rev. Eric Nelson officiated.



John Klobe

Dr. Klobe died Sunday, March 10, 2013, at Ridgeview Medical Center in Waconia.

The organist was Marsha Christenson, and congregational hymns were "How Great Thou Art," "On Eagle's Wings" and "Beautiful Savior."

Honorary urn bearers were his grandchildren, Brock Klobe, Erin Klobe, Sarah Ausdenmoore, Rachael Ausdenmoore and John Ausdenmoore. Interment will be at a later date in the St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Cemetery in Lester Prairie.

Dr. Klobe was born on Dec. 6, 1932, in Minneapolis, to Joseph and Ella (Lange) Klobe. He was baptized as an infant on Dec. 25, 1932, by the Rev. E. Kolbe and confirmed in his faith as a youth on May 5, 1946, by the Rev. Streufert, both at First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Glencoe.

He received his education in Glencoe and was a graduate of the Glencoe High School class of 1950. Dr. Klobe furthered his education

by attending the University of Minnesota, receiving a doctorate degree in dental surgery. He entered active military service in the U.S. Air Force on Aug. 2, 1956, and served his country at Lowry Air Force Base in Denver, Colo. He received an honorable discharge on Aug. 1, 1958.

On March 19, 1955, Dr. Klobe was united in marriage to Janet Johanson in Minneapolis. They made their home in Lester Prairie, and their marriage was blessed with two children, Steve and Peg. The Klobes shared over 44 years of marriage before Mrs. Klobe died on July 2, 2000.

On May 30, 2002, Dr. Klobe was united in marriage to Dorothy Zuehl at their home in Lester Prairie. They shared over 10 years of marriage.

Dr. Klobe practiced dentistry in Lester Prairie as a general practitioner and orthodontist for 39 years, retiring in December 1998.

He was a faithful member of St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church in Lester Prairie, where he served as the treasurer and as an usher. He also was a member of the Lester Prairie Sportsmen's Club, giving the first snowmobile training classes, Lester Prairie Jaycees, Lester Prairie American Legion Post 463, Lester Prairie Lions Club and served on the Lester Prairie School Board.

Dr. Klobe enjoyed hunting with his dogs, fishing, cook-

ing and traveling. He also loved spending time at the cabin. He cherished the time spent with his family.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy Klobe of Lester Prairie; children, Steve (Lisa) Klobe of Lester Prairie and Peg (Bernie) Ausdenmoore of Fort Worth, Texas; grandchildren, Brock Klobe of Berkeley, Calif., Erin Klobe of Minneapolis, Sarah Ausdenmoore of Fort Worth, Rachael Ausdenmoore of Fort Worth, and John Ausdenmoore of Stillwater, Okla.; stepson, Brad (Kristi) Bruckschen of Minnetonka; stepgrandchildren, Ella Bruckschen and Oscar Bruckschen, both of Minnetonka; mother-in-law, Ella Zuehl of Winsted; sister, Joanne (Chuck) Gamble of Sacramento, Calif.; sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, Mavis (Junior) Ostlie of Lester Prairie, Wilmer Zuehl of Becker, Gordon Zuehl of St. Augustine, Fla., Carol (Steven) Larson of Eagen, and Shirley (Jim) Ferrero of San Ramon, Calif.; nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends.

Preceding him in death were his parents, Joseph and Ella Klobe; wife, Janet Klobe; and sisters, Ruth Winter and her husband, Sam, and Ilo Maland and her husband, Dick.

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

Janet Alta Posusta, 81, of Glencoe

Funeral services for Janet Alta Posusta, 81, of Glencoe, were held Wednesday, March 13, at the Johnson-McBride Funeral Chapel in Glencoe. The Rev. Penny Entinger officiated.



Janet Posusta

Mrs. Posusta died Thursday, March 7, at Glencoe Regional Health Services long-term care facility.

The organist was Marjorie Hemmann, and soloist Shari Templin sang "In the Garden." Congregational hymns were "Amazing Grace" and "Precious Lord, Take My Hand."

Pallbearers were her grandchildren. Interment was in the First Evangelical Lutheran Cemetery in Glencoe.

Janet Alta Schuette was born on April 6, 1931, in Glencoe, to Edwin and Elsie (Dvorak) Schuette. She was baptized as an infant on April 26, 1931, by the Rev. E. Kolbe and confirmed in her faith as a youth on May 7, 1944, by the Rev. Alfred Streufert, both at First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Glencoe. She received her education in Glencoe and graduated with the Glencoe High School class of 1949.

After meeting at a dance, Janet Schuette was united in marriage to Leonard Posusta on July 22, 1953, by the Rev. E.A. Schuett at First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Glencoe. The Posustas made their home in Glencoe, and their marriage was blessed with two children, Janice and Jean. The Posustas shared over 51 years of marriage before Mr. Posusta died on Dec. 18, 2004.

In addition to being a loving homemaker, mother and wife, Mrs. Posusta worked at Kosek's Café in Glencoe as a waitress, Green Giant in Glencoe during the corn pack, Mid Am in Winsted,

driving milk truck, Town & Country Deli and Mark's Deli, both in Glencoe, until 2002, when she retired. She also worked at J&L Meat Market in Stewart, wrapping meat. In 2008, Mrs. Posusta started breeding chicken at Lindy's in Glencoe.

Mrs. Posusta enjoyed fishing, playing bingo and the lottery, puzzles and her flower garden, especially the irises, peonies and gladiolas. She also was an avid collector of many different items, but was known for her beautiful water ball collection. She cherished the time spent with her family and friends.

Survivors include her children, Janice (Gerald) Kulinski of Winsted and Jean Ulrich and Jim Forcier of Delhi; five grandchildren, Jacqueline Posusta and James Voigt, Jacob Ulrich, Angela Ulrich, Joseph Ulrich and Anthony (Alyssa) Ulrich; 12 great-grandchildren, Jiana Posusta, Rachel

Voigt, Melysa Voigt, Nikolas Voigt, Samantha Voigt, Syarrah Ulrich, Jacob Ulrich Jr., Samantha Ulrich, Corey Garvin, Rahiya Garvin, Baer Ulrich and Nora Ulrich; brother, Dennis (Lucille) Schuette of St. Cloud; sisters, Gwen Forss of Big Lake and Mavis Nass of Becker; brother-in-law, Anthony (Avis) Posusta Jr. of Silver Lake; sister-in-law, Lou Schuette of Clear Lake; nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends.

Preceding her in death were her parents, Edwin and Elsie Schuette; husband, Leonard Posusta; brothers, Richard Schuette and David Schuette; and sisters, Donna Barney and Earleen Mills.

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

Jeanne Marie Vogt, 90, of Champlin

Memorial services for Jeanne Marie (Keenan) Vogt, age 90, of Champlin and formerly of Glencoe, were held Friday, March 15, at the Church of Peace in Glencoe. The Rev. Joseph Clay officiated.



Jeanne Vogt

Mrs. Vogt died Monday, March 11, 2013, at Gracewood Assisted Living in Champlin.

The organist was Deanna Meyer, and the congregational hymns were "In the Garden," "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" and "Softly and Tenderly."

Interment will be at a later date in the Glencoe City Cemetery.

Jeanne Marie Keenan was born Sept. 11, 1922, in Glencoe, to Mel and Marie (Alsleben) Keenan. She was baptized as an infant and confirmed in her faith as a youth, both at Church of Peace in Glencoe.

She received her education in Glencoe and was a graduate of the Stevens Seminary class of 1940. She furthered her education by attending college in St. Cloud, receiv-

ing a teaching certificate.

On Aug. 26, 1947, Jeanne Keenan was united in marriage to Marvin Vogt at Church of Peace in Glencoe. The Vogts made their home in Glencoe, and their marriage was blessed with four children, Bruce, Janice, Jim and Pamela. The Vogts shared over 59 years of marriage before Mr. Vogt died on Dec. 20, 2006.

In 2006, Mrs. Vogt moved to Hutchinson and, in 2007, moved to Champlin to be closer to her family.

In addition to being a loving homemaker, mother and wife, Mrs. Vogt taught school and worked at Sears and Green Giant.

She was a lifelong and faithful member of Church of Peace in Glencoe, where she was a member of the Women's Guild. She also was a member of the Glencoe VFW Post 5102 Auxillary.

Mrs. Vogt enjoyed cooking, canning, making wedding cakes for her family and having donuts with her grandchildren. She was whole-hearted about everything she was involved in and loved to organize and participate. She cherished the time spent with her family and friends.

Survivors include her chil-

dren, Bruce (Vickie) Vogt of New London, Janice Vogt of Fridley and Jim (Judy) Vogt of Eden Prairie; son-in-law, Tom O'Lenick of Champlin; grandchildren, Nicholas Vogt of Coon Rapids, Nathan (Alvina) Vogt of Coon Rapids, Courtney (Aaron) Godeen of Isanti, Kimberly (Ross) Kramer of Andover, Andrea O'Lenick of Fridley, Peter (Lauren) Vogt of Pittsburgh, Pa., Caitlin Vogt of Eden Prairie, and Danielle Vogt of Houghton, Mich.; great-grandchildren, Darian, Nathan Jr., Brooklyn, Emma, Grace, Max, Kiya, Madison and Adelyn; sisters-in-law, Frances Vogt, Caroline Vogt and Gina Keenan, all of Glencoe; nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends.

Preceding her in death were her parents, Mel and Marie Keenan; husband, Marvin Vogt; daughter, Pamela O'Lenick; grandson, Matthew Vogt; sisters, Kathleen and Josephine; and brother, Jim Keenan.

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Deaths

Mary J. Link, 94, of Glencoe

Mary Jane Link, 94, of Glencoe, died Monday, March 18, 2013, at Glencoe Regional Health Services long-term care facility.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Saturday, March 23, at 10 a.m., at the Church of St. Pius X in Glencoe.

Visitation will be Friday, March 22, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., at the Johnson-McBride Funeral Chapel in Glencoe. Parish prayers will be at 5 p.m. and the Council of Catholic Women's rosary

at 7 p.m. Visitation continues on Saturday one hour prior to the service at the church. Interment will be in the Glencoe Catholic Cemetery.

An online guest book is available at www.hantge.com.

Douglas Jilek, 52, of Lester Prairie

Douglas Jilek, 52, of Lester Prairie, died suddenly March 15, 2013.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Friday, March

22, at 11 a.m., at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Winsted. The Rev. Paul Schumacher and the Rev. Tony Stubeda will concelebrate.

Visitation will be Thursday, March 21, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., at the Chilson Funeral Home in Winsted. Visitation continues on Friday one hour prior to the service at the church.

Mr. Jilek was the president of First Community Bank of Lester Prairie and First Community Bank of Silver Lake.

Online condolences can be made at www.chilsonfuneralhome.com.

Thank you!

We would like to extend our sincere thanks for the many kindnesses, condolences and support we received during this difficult time of loss of a very special woman, Sylvia Bluhm.

A tremendous thank you to everyone bringing food items to the house, and luncheon, for sending cards and letters, and all those sending flowers for Sylvia's memorial.

We also send our gratitude and appreciation to the officers and medical staff going above and beyond, the staff at Johnson-McBride Funeral Chapel, and St. Pius X, Father Anthony Stubeda, Shari Templin and the ladies of the church for the wonderful meal. Thank You!

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Pastor Ronald L. Mathison
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Jesus dies, the curtain in the grand Temple is torn down the middle. The earth quakes. The conversion of the centurion who confesses: "Truly this was the Son of God!" Joseph of Arimathea claims the body of the crucified Jesus.

We are grateful for these detailed accounts of the death and burial of Jesus. We know that He truly died. His death was in our place for our eternal benefit. By His grace we can enjoy a newness of life now and in eternity.

With all the believers of the ages, we can sing our hymns of praise to Him who has redeemed us by His blood. Through each generation He has clothed us in the pure white robes of Christ's righteousness and His forgiveness.

"It is finished." (John 19:30) What comforting words! Our salvation is complete, and heaven is our home.

God bless your day!

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Obituaries

Paul Harold Wedin, 85, of Glencoe

Memorial services for Paul Harold Wedin, 85, of Glencoe, were held Sunday, March 17, at Christ Lutheran Church in Glencoe. The Rev. Katherine Rood officiated.



Paul Wedin

Mr. Wedin died surrounded by his family on Thursday, March 14, 2013, at his home.

The pianist was Twyla Kirkeby, and soloist Kevin Tatro sang "To Where You Are." Congregational hymns were "The King of Love My Shepherd Is," "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee," and "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind."

Honorary urn bearers were his granddaughters, Molly Mishler, Megan Wedin, Jill Wendorff, Kelly Russo, Julie Wendorff, Jennifer Wedin and Lindsay Wedin. Urn bearer was his grandson, Matthew Wedin. Interment was in the Glencoe City Cemetery in Glencoe.

Mr. Wedin was born in Hector on April 4, 1927, to Dr. Arthur C. and Mayme (Schwartz) Wedin. He was baptized into Christ on July 3, 1927, and celebrated the rite of confirmation on June 7, 1942, at First Lutheran Church in Hector.

Mr. Wedin graduated from Hector High School in 1945 and enlisted in the Navy in March 1945. He was stationed at the Great Lakes

Naval Training Station, San Diego Hospital Corps School, and, beginning in the fall of 1945, at the Key West Naval Hospital in Key West, Fla., until discharge in December 1946.

He enrolled in the University of Minnesota College of Pharmacy in January 1947 and graduated in June 1950 with a bachelor of science degree in pharmacy.

On Sept. 19, 1948, he was united in marriage to H. Jeanine "Sissy" Lungstrom of New London.

Mr. Wedin began his pharmacy career at Sernet Pharmacy at the corner of Lyndale and Franklin in Minneapolis and from there went on to Danielson Drug at 23rd Avenue and Central Avenue NE.

He moved to Glencoe in 1957 and worked for Leon and Alice Adcock, who owned Kadlec Drug store, which he purchased in September 1958.

He operated Wedin Drug at 707 Franklin St. (now 11th Street) until 1969, at which time the pharmacy was moved to a new building at 1123 Hennepin Ave.

In 1995, the pharmacy practice was sold and the business converted into Pam's Hallmark Gold Crown at its present location. Mr. Wedin continued to work part time in the pharmacy profession. In total, he was a successful businessman in Glencoe for nearly 55 years.

Mr. Wedin was active in the local Jaycees, serving as president and as a state vice president. He received the

local Distinguished Service award as a young business person. He also was an active member of the Glencoe Rotary Club, where he served on the board of directors and achieved 20 years perfect attendance.

A member of Christ Lutheran Church, Mr. Wedin served on the council and was involved with the council to move the church from its location on 16th Street and Knight Avenue to its current location.

Survivors include his loving wife of 64 years, Jeanine; children, Todd (Kim) Wedin of Chaska, Laurie (Bob) Wendorff of Hutchinson, Greg (Susan) Wedin of Glencoe, and Scott Wedin of Waconia; grandson, Matthew Wedin; and seven granddaughters, Molly (Adam) Mishler, Megan Wedin, Jill Wendorff, Kelly Wendorff Russo, Julie Wendorff, Jennifer Wedin and Lindsay Wedin; sister, Dorothy (Roy) Topp of Seattle Wash.; and many other relatives and friends.

Preceding him in death were his grandparents, William and Tolena Schwartz and John and Sophie Wedin; parents Arthur and Mayme Wedin; an older sister, Helen; brother, James Wedin; and 6-month-old daughter, Pamela.

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All 3 GSL Knowledge Bowl teams advance to regionals

Out of 25 teams, Glencoe-Silver Lake's Knowledge Bowl teams placed third, sixth and eighth at the sub-regional competition March 12 at Granite Falls, and all three teams now advance to regional competition.

Twelve schools from the eastern part of Region 6 brought 25 teams to compete. The top 13 teams go on to regions, GSL Coach Vicky Harris said. The top three region winners will advance to the state competition. "We hope to be one of them," Harris said.

GSL 1 started with a third-place written score of 44, and competed in Room 1 for the entire meet. In round one, GSL 1 earned 15 points and defeated both Willmar (10) and Hutchinson 1 (12).

"In round two, the questions were a little more difficult for us (10), but apparently not for Willmar, who earned 18," Harris said. (Hutchinson got 5.)

For rounds three and four, New London-Spicer competed in Room 1, replacing Hutchinson. Round three was more even: Willmar 12, GSL 12, NLS 9. In round four, Willmar won again with 16, GSL 12, NLS 7.

Meanwhile in Room 2, Hutchinson had earned 13 and then 18 points, allowing it to jump back into second place.

The final scores put Willmar in first place with 111 points, Hutchinson 1 earned second with 100, and GSL finished in third with 99 points.

GSL 1 included Ethan Bass, Mark Broderius, Patrick Fehrenbach and Chandler Swift.

"Their performance was quite good, with no oral score below 10 points," Harris said.

GSL 2 began in eighth place with a written score of 34, then earned 18 points in oral round one, and moved up to Room 2 for round two. Here it encountered more competition (New London-Spicer 17, Central Minnesota Christian 10, GSL 8) and dropped back to Room 3 for the next round.

In round three, GSL 2 competed against GSL's third team: GSL 2 had 10, Benson earned 8 and GSL 3 finished with 7 points. GSL 2 moved back to Room 2 for round four, and went against Hutchinson 1. Hutchinson 1 had 18 points, GSL 2 had 8, and ACGC three points.

GSL 2 finished in sixth place with 81 points. The team members were Lindsey Becker, Kyle Beck, Oakley Clark, Brent Duenow and Jacob Wawrzyniak.

GSL 3 had a written score of 33, putting it in 11th place to start. In Room 4, ACGC dominated with 14 points

(GSL 9, KMS 9). In round two, however, GSL 3 was the winner (GSL 3 had 11, Hutchinson 2 had 9, KMS had 6).

For round three, GSL 3 was in Room 2 with GSL 2, and GSL 3 earned only seven points. Round four was in Room 4, and it was close: GSL 2 had 9, Hutchinson 5 finished with 8, and Holy Trinity earned 7 points.

GSL 3 ended in a three-way tie for eighth place. The team members were Cody Wendorff, Mitch Beneke, Maddie Kuehn, Jenna Lokengard and Lindsay Wedin.

Of other schools from the area, Hutchinson will be sending four teams to regionals. Hutchinson teams placed in second, eighth, 12th and 13th. Holy Trinity of Winsted will be sending one team (11th place).

Other teams which will be advancing include New London-Spicer, Central Minnesota Christian, ACGC and Benson.

"We were excited to do so well despite our relative youth; this promises well for the next few years," Harris said.

GSL 3 included one junior and four freshmen, while GSL 2 and GSL 1 are both largely made of sophomores.

Regionals were scheduled for Monday, March 18.

Evelyn Ella Schrupp, 88, of NYA

Funeral services for Evelyn Ella (Gruenhagen) Schrupp, 88, of Norwood Young America (NYA), were held Saturday, March 16, at St. John's Lutheran Church in NYA. The Rev. David Winter officiated.

Mrs. Schrupp died Wednesday, March 13, 2013, at Glencoe Regional Health Services.

The organist was Rita Luecke, and soloist Lawrence Biermann sang "In the Garden." Congregational hymns were "Amazing Grace," "How Great Thou Art" and "Jesus, Lead Thou On."

Pallbearers were her grandsons. Interment was in St. John's Lutheran Cemetery in NYA.

Evelyn Ella Gruenhagen was born Nov. 9, 1924, in New Auburn Township, to Ernst and Lydia (Grewe) Gruenhagen. She was baptized as an infant on Nov. 23, 1924, by the Rev. Dysterheft in her home in New Auburn Township, and confirmed in her faith as a youth on April 10, 1938, by the Rev. Dysterheft at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Helen Township, McLeod County.

She received her education in Glencoe, graduating with the Glencoe High School class of 1943.

On Feb. 24, 1946, Evelyn Gruenhagen was united in marriage to Leslie Schrupp by the Rev. Schaller at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Helen Township, McLeod County. The couple made their home on the

Schrupp farm in Young America Township.

The Schrupps were blessed with eight children, Marjorie, Linda, Jane, Cindy, Robert, Lori, William and Timothy. They shared over 56 years of marriage before Mr. Schrupp died on April 7, 2002.

In addition to being a loving homemaker, mother and wife, Mrs. Schrupp helped on the farm. She also worked at Green Giant, Deli Express and Hillcrest Cafe. She was a faithful member of St. John's Lutheran Church in NYA.

Mrs. Schrupp enjoyed cooking, baking, gardening, watching Vikings football games and high school basketball tournaments and taking care of her dog, cats and chickens.

She had a great sense of humor and was a hard worker. She also had a strong faith in God. Mrs. Schrupp would always make it a priority to ask her children if they had gone to church, (even after they had long moved out of her house). She wanted to be sure they stayed close to God. She especially cherished the time spent with her friends and family, especially her grandchildren.

Survivors include her children, Marjorie "Margie" Stockman of Plato, Linda (Gary) Rehmann of Lester Prairie, Jane (Duane) Pieschke of NYA, Cindy (Mark) Noennig of Sabin, Minn., Lori (Rod) Manthey of NYA and Bill Schrupp of NYA; daughter-in-law, Linda Schrupp of Waterford, Mich.;

grandchildren, Todd (Sabrina) Stockman of Canby, Tammy (Hans) Knutson of Hutchinson, Trisha (Curt) Olson of St. Louis Park, Tony Stockman of Plato, Jeff Rehmann of Lester Prairie, Dan (Leah) Rehmann of Chaska, David (Kit) Rehmann of Maple Grove, Jennifer (Jeff) Otto of Arlington, Jill (James) Kriens of Mesa, Ariz., Joshua Pieschke of NYA, Carrie (Andy) Nemzek of New Hope, Katie Noennig and her fiancé, Brian Gustafson of North Fargo, N.D., Caleb Noennig of Sabin, Joshua Noennig of Sabin, Kimberly Schrupp of Plymouth, Mich., Matthew Schrupp of Grand Rapids, Mich., Brandon Schrupp of Waterford, Mich., Kevin Schrupp of Waterford, Mich., Miranda Manthey of NYA, Mitchell Manthey of NYA, Tyler Manthey of NYA, and Rachel Crosby of NYA; 13 great-grandchildren; two nieces, one nephew, other relatives and many friends.

Preceding her in death were her parents, Ernst and Lydia Gruenhagen; husband, Leslie Schrupp; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Henry and Lydia Schrupp; sons, Robert Schrupp and Timothy Schrupp; son-in-law, Richard Stockman; and brother, Arnold Gruenhagen.

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

Menus

March 25-March 29 Millie Beneke Manor Senior Nutrition Site

Monday — Cranberry-glazed chicken, baked potato, California-blend vegetables, bread, margarine, fruit cocktail, low-fat milk.

Tuesday — Hamburger and tomato casserole, green beans, mandarin orange whip, bread, margarine, cookie, low-fat milk.

Wednesday — Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, creamed corn, bread, margarine, blushing pears, low-fat milk.

Thursday — Ham, au gratin potatoes, California-blend vegetables, dinner roll, margarine, pie, low-fat milk.

Friday — Closed.

GSL Schools Elementary/Jr. High/Sr. High Breakfast

Monday — Breakfast pizza or Kix Berry cereal and yogurt, apple juice cup, low-fat milk (breakfast burrito at junior high and high school).

Tuesday — Pancake on a stick with syrup or Cheerios and apple-cinnamon muffin, diced peaches, low-fat milk.

Wednesday — Egg and cheese omelet or reduced-sugar Coco Puff cereal and string cheese, apple wedges, low-fat milk (breakfast pizza at junior/senior high).

Thursday — Breakfast pizza or reduced-sugar Fruit Loops cereal

and blueberry muffin, orange juice cup, low-fat milk (egg and cheese omelet at junior/senior high).

Friday — No school.

Helen Baker/Lakeside Lunch

Monday — Chicken nuggets, fun lunch, mashed potatoes, jicama slices with dressing, apple wedges, pineapple tidbits.

Tuesday — Italian meat sauce over whole-grain rotini pasta, bread stick, ham and cheese on whole-grain bread, seasoned green beans, Caesar romaine side salad with dressing, petite banana, chilled applesauce.

Wednesday — Chicken and cheese quesadilla, fiesta rice, turkey and cheese on whole-grain bread, refried beans, confetti coleslaw, kiwi wedges, chilled peaches.

Thursday — Grilled chicken patty on a whole-grain bun, ham and cheese on a whole-grain bun, sweet-potato puffs, marinated cucumbers and tomatoes, orange wedges, chilled pears.

Friday — No school.

High School Lunch

Monday — French toast sticks with syrup, oven-baked tator tots, cheesy scrambled eggs, jicama fruit salad, cucumbers with dressing, apple wedges, mandarin oranges.

Tuesday — Mexican bar with chicken quesadillas or Mexican beef lasagna, brown rice, south-

west pinto beans, sweet corn salad, baby carrots with dressing, petite banana, chilled applesauce.

Wednesday — Oven-baked chicken, dinner roll, mashed potatoes with gravy, seasoned carrots, apple crisp, red pepper strips with dressing, orange wedges, chilled peaches.

Thursday — Barbecued pork riblet on a whole-grain bun, season green beans, oven-baked fries, broccoli salad with raisins, baby carrots with light dressing, apple, chilled mixed fruit.

Friday — No school.

First Lutheran School Lunch

Monday — Ham patty, corn, applesauce, milk.

Tuesday — Cheesy chicken rice hot dish, broccoli, pears, bread, milk.

Wednesday — Pizza, peas, mixed fruit, milk.

Thursday — Make-up day, menu to be determined.

Friday — No school.

St. Pius X Lunch

Monday — Chicken patty with bun, pears, baked beans, carrots with dip, milk.

Tuesday — Corn dog, applesauce, tator tots, vegetables with dip, milk.

Wednesday — Pepperoni pizza sandwich, peaches, peas, broccoli with dip, milk.

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Dave McKenzie, a railroad consultant from Short Elliott Hendrickson (SEH), explained locations of switching areas from an aerial map. McKenzie works for Twin Cities & Western Railroad and is involved in the discussions with the Morningside Avenue extension project. That was a topic of a joint city/county/railroad workshop Monday morning at the Glencoe City Center.

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But Mayor Randy Wilson replied that the city's share also doubled to about \$940,000.

The city will fund its share by using its municipal state aid dollars, "which also puts off other (city) projects that could be done," said City Administrator Mark Larson.

Another major issue is the TC&W Railroad's part in the Morningside Avenue extension project. The project would construct a new crossing at Morningside Avenue, close the current Union Avenue crossing and move TC&W's switching area from near Union Avenue east of Morningside Avenue.

The question is whether that is far enough east to not impact the proposed Morningside crossing and future traffic using that street.

The big public issue is the tying up of the crossing when train cars are being sorted and switched in the east end of Glencoe.

John Rodeberg, county consultant from Short Elliott Hendrickson (SEH) said of traffic delays, the goal is "to make it no worse than at Union (Avenue) now."

The estimated cost to build a new crossing at Morningside, and move the switching equipment and two tracks east of Morningside Avenue is about \$270,000.

The \$270,000 are federal dollars allocated for the new Morningside Avenue railroad crossing, Rodeberg said. Another \$30,000 in federal money is available if Diamond Avenue, even farther east, also is closed.

At issue are the increased frequency and length of the trains. The new 110-car unit trains can be 6,000 to 8,000 feet in length.

Mark Wegner, president of TC&W, said the aim of the railroad is "to maintain the status quo. We want the same length of track as we have today."

Dave McKenzie, a consultant for the railroad from SEH, said another option is to utilize switching equipment even farther to the east that would allow the trains to be switched farther away from the Morningside crossing. But that would add another \$150,000 to the project cost.

The long-term solution, he added, would be to move the switching near Diamond Avenue and close down that intersection.

Wegner said TC&W's switching all depends on how train cars are delivered to Glencoe. If they come as an unsorted 30-car unit, they are sorted in Glencoe with little blockage of the crossings. If the train is 50 unsorted cars and needs sorting, that takes longer.

The longer 100-car unit trains are simply passing through Glencoe, Wegner said and require no switching.

Believe it or not, Wegner said, his trains are dependant on Amtrack's schedule in the Twin Cities, "because we do not own any tracks (there)."

Wilson said the decision to proceed is really up to the county, which is the lead agency with the project. The Morningside extension will

be part of a county road.

The project is scheduled for a 2014 start, but Wilson said to do that will require a joint powers agreement with the county and soon.

"The bottom line is it doubled the cost (to the county)," Nies said. "It comes down to dollars." He said if the project was a 50-50 split with the city, it would make it more agreeable.

Currently, the split is 71 percent county and 29 percent city cost, using past joint powers agreements as the basis, Rodeberg said.

"Is there a drop dead date this year to make it happen in 2014?" asked City Administrator Mark Larson.

Rodeberg said there was not, and the project could wait another month or two, "but no more than that (in order to start in 2014)."

John Brunkhorst, county highway engineer, said pushing the project into the future "only gets more expensive."

Nies agreed, and said it really is about money and whether the county is willing to double its contribution.

Larson added that at this point, the city has not made any commitments, either.

Wilson said he understands the hardship on the county, but he said this project is a good one that in the long run is a wise investment in safety as well as solves some issues for the railroad, too.

He said this project was looked at as far back as 1965. "Its frustrating (the costs), but roads are a long-term investment," Wilson said.

Nies said had the project been done in 1965, it would not have involved any county money. "Now it costs \$2.4 million. I'm having a tough time with \$2.4 million."

Larson asked if there were any additional state or federal funding sources available.

While some ideas were mentioned, Wegner said local officials often need "to culture support" for such funding, "and these things take time. It will not happen in 2014."

County Commissioner Kermit Terlinden, representing Glencoe, said cost is a big factor for the county, and the County Board will hold a budget meeting next week.

County Commissioner Ron Shimanski added that the project needs a coordinated effort among all parties involved. And all sides need to find out what is really essential. "It's time to do it, but the dollar figure is substantially higher."

County Board Chairman Paul Wright said the county has already dug deeper into its pockets to find additional funding for projects like the Grove Avenue reconstruction project.

"Shuffling \$100,000 is one thing; \$1 million is something else," Wright said.

"This is not a huge area project for the county," Wright added, and funding would have to come out of somewhere else in the county budget to make the project happen.

New County Commissioner Jon Christensen agreed \$1 million is a lot of money, "but it (Morningside project)

makes sense for the long-term future."

He cautioned all to "don't hurry up and get it done. Do it once. Let's make it a long-term success."

Nies said if the project moves forward, he would favor spending the additional \$150,000 to move the switching area farther east of Morningside to ease blockages at the crossing.

"It makes a whole lot of sense," said Glencoe City Council member Gary Ziemer.

Wegner was asked about TC&W's long-range plans, and he replied what excites him is the idea of developing rail service to the city's industrial park area.

It was noted that the bed for the second set of rails is already there east of Glencoe.

"I do appreciate the predicament of the county," Wilson said, but he added, "we can't do this project alone."

At the Glencoe City Council meeting later that night, Wilson remained optimistic and appreciated the joint gathering "so everyone heard the same answers and concerns."

"It was a good meeting," said Council member Lori Adamietz. "It was a good discussion about the railroad."

Larson said the county budget meeting is March 28, and the matter will be discussed by the County Board at its April 2 meeting. He said he did not know what the County Board will act on.

In the meantime, Larson said Brunkhorst is attempting to get an answer from the state on the \$270,000 in rail crossing money committed for 2014, and whether that money will still be there if the project is delayed for a year or two.

Council member Kevin Dietz called the joint transportation meeting "useful" in that "everyone was on the same page."

He also stressed that even if Union Avenue is closed, upgrades of that street will be needed "at significant costs" to the city.

Wilson said the railroad issues are important to address, because train traffic is not going to be less in the future. The big issues are noise and blockages of crossings.

"There are solutions, but it all comes down to money," Wilson said.

Council member Dan Perschau, who did not attend the joint meeting, asked if the same 71/29 percentage split (county/city) formula was used for the project.

Wilson said it was, but "that increases the county's part significantly."

Wilson said that after the city addressed its major flooding issues around the community in the 1990s, one area that was not addressed is the northeast corner of the community.

The Morningside project will address drainage issues there, Wilson said, and it will benefit the county, too, because the area is impacted by drainage from the rural areas.

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were euthanized that night," Phillips said.

"One of the little mules had a halter grown into her head. It was horribly infected and really stunk. I finally got it cut off of her and it took the vet two hours to disinfect and clean the wound," Phillips said.

"Some of the horses had pneumonia and one had its eyes poked out. Some were blind, and a lot of them had injuries. Not to mention, they were starving," Phillips said.

She continued, and shared the story of "Ghost," a little white donkey that helped in a big way.

"Ghost appeared to float around the wreckage, bringing some of the worst cases to the trailer. We were scrambling around in the dark, trying to locate these horses, when she appeared with a very ill pony that weighed so little and could hardly stand.

"We loaded that pony onto the trailer and Ghost would 'disappear,' only to reappear with a mare with a badly healed broken rear leg, who was so thin and weak.

"We could see she needed to go, too, and we loaded her into the trailer, and looked for Ghost, but she was gone," Phillips said.

She added that on the way to the University, she got talking about that mysterious white donkey with the volunteers, but nobody had gotten any photos or footage of her.

"It was an emotional, long night, and we thought maybe Ghost was a figure of our over-stressed minds," Phillips said.

Phillips and her volunteers, Conrad, Melissa, and a few others, returned to the scene and moved the rest of the horses to the county fairgrounds, where they spent the



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Some of the horses at the time of the rescue.

evening watering and feeding the animals, trying to identify their species, gender, age, and severity of injuries.

"We looked for Ghost right away, but she didn't want us to load her until all of the other horses were loaded first. Once we loaded everybody, she put herself in the trailer," Phillips said.

"As soon as I met her, I knew she had to come to Truhaven Ranch. We brought her to the University, as her rear leg was severely swollen. She had something poked through it and it was infected badly.

"The vet wanted to put her down, but I fought her. I knew she would recover, and there was no way I was going to let her get euthanized. I had to fight them on it, but she was able to come home with me, and guess what? She is nearly 100 percent healed," Phillips smiled.

She said she saw this same vet at a conference recently. "And you know what she said to me. She said, 'I think I am still right. We should have euthanized that donkey.' Well, I have footage of her in rehabilitation, with her jumping

around and kicking back that injured leg.

"Ghost is almost herself again, and I can't wait to send that footage to that vet," Phillips said.

She said the attitude of that vet and of others at the University of Minnesota is why she wants to open a care and recovery unit at Truhaven Ranch.

"I was disgusted by some of their attitudes. They do nothing as volunteers, of course, and all the bills for the animals are paid by the Animal Humane Society.

"We feel very strongly about that care and recovery unit here, and we could have used it three times over already with all of our rescue cases," Phillips said.

To raise funds for the care and recovery unit, Truhaven Ranch is hosting a benefit dance this Saturday, March 23, at the Blue Note Ballroom in Winsted, from 8 p.m. to midnight. Proceeds go to the ongoing rehabilitation expenses of these horses for the non-profit Truhaven Ranch and MHARF.

For more information, visit www.truhavenranch.org.



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February students of month

Glencoe-Silver Lake High School named its February students of the month. Honored were, front row, left to right, Shelby Clouse, Michael Donnay, Amanda Schmidt and Kaitlyn Boesche. In the

back are Tino Bonillo, Sloan Becker and Sarah Bolf. Missing were Brent Duenow, Nick Jenkins, Gus Mendoza and Gabe Schweikert.

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