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China: Land of opportunity

Oftedahl tells area growers about recent tour to China

By Rich Glennie
Editor

“China is where the United States was in the late 1950s,” said Myron Oftedahl, a farm business management instructor and guest speaker at Saturday’s annual meeting and appreciation banquet of the McLeod County Corn & Soybean Growers.

Oftedahl, who also is a member of the county board of directors, traveled with an agricultural delegation last year, said the young Chinese are moving into the bigger cities for “better paying jobs.” And China is losing more farmland each year to development.

Oftedahl spent 10 days in China learning about the Chinese soybean industry and meat export

markets.

He noted that China is by far the No.1 importer of U.S. soybeans. China imports about 58 percent of the U.S. soybean production, or about 836 million tons a year.

China also has about 70 percent of the world’s “aquaculture,” but flooding is a major issue.

China also has about 50 percent of the world’s pork production, Oftedahl added.

The delegation stayed the majority of the time in Shanghai, Oftedahl said. “I was impressed on how huge the city is, and how many people are there — 25 million!” Oftedahl said.

Even though China’s land mass is about the size of the United States, it has a population of over

two billion people.

“The cities in China are very clean,” Oftedahl said.

He added farmers lease land from the government for 40 to 70 years, but if the government wants the land back, it takes it. The farmers, however, own the house on the land, he added.

Oftedahl also was surprised that the freeway systems were good. He said when space becomes an issue, the Chinese build up. There are a lot of two-deck roads, he added.

Oftedahl said the main diet of the Chinese con-



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Chronicle photos by Lori Copley

Commissioner visits GSL

The Minnesota Commissioner of Education Brenda Cassellius visited GSL schools Thursday, spending time at each building and visiting with students and staff. At right, Cassellius spoke for just a couple of minutes at the Community Schools luncheon, saying that she and Gov. Mark Dayton are committed to improving school programs in Minnesota and providing adequate funding. Above, she posed with some of the students who attended the luncheon, including, front row from left, Kaitlyn Boesche, Mercy Rakow, Samantha Iverson, Kole Polzin, Katie Nowak and Becky Leiser; middle row, Marissa Kirchoff, Ismael Calderon, Jordan Breidenbach, Jesus Guerrero, Aaron Castillo, Cassellius, Jose Mendoza, Courtney Richer, Claire Witte and Lupita Acevedo; and back row, Joe Fehrenbach, Taylor Elke, Lou Iacona, Michael Skoglund, Nicholas Rose, and Eric Thalmann.



County flu outbreak peaked in mid-December

By Lori Copley
Staff Writer

The latest outbreak of influenza in Minnesota peaked in McLeod County in mid-December, the McLeod County Board heard at its Jan. 22 meeting.

Kathy Nowak, McLeod County Public Health director, said the recent outbreak “caused a very high number of hospitalizations and deaths.”

Even more so, she added, than the 2009 H1N1 pandemic.

The 2009 outbreak seemed to affect young adults and teens the most, said Nowak. The 2012-13 strain, which is not H1N1, “strongly affects the elderly and the very young.”

The recent outbreak seemed to spread

outward from the Twin Cities area, Nowak said.

“We saw the largest numbers of cases in the two weeks before Christmas,” said Nowak of the effect on McLeod County.

Nowak said the outbreak resulted in hospitals and nursing homes limiting visits, particularly for the elderly and newborns.

Nowak said the Public Health department took an active role in education, vaccinations and finding supplies of Tamiflu, a flu medication, for hospitals and other institutions.

Nowak also said that unlike the 2009 pandemic, this year’s outbreak had a minimal effect on school attendance because of illness.

In other business, the County Board heard from three 4-H participants who talked about the importance of the program.

Addressing the County Board were Samantha Lange, president of the county 4-H group, Ashle Lukes of Lester Prairie and Casey Schultz of Glencoe.

Lukes said that she joined 4-H eight years ago, and that the program steered her toward a healthy lifestyle, and helped her reach the decision to pursue a career in veterinary medicine.

Lange and Schultz also spoke of how 4-H helped them develop leadership, or-

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Council tables 2nd reading of ordinance

By Rich Glennie
Editor

Glencoe City Council tabled the second reading of an amendment to its garbage and refuse ordinance at the Tuesday, Jan. 22, meeting. The usual Monday meeting was moved to Tuesday due to the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.

The garbage ordinance is being amended to include recycling, something missing from the current ordinance.

But the second of three readings was delayed after new wording was proposed for the amendment.

City Administrator Mark Larson said city officials met with a consultant with experience in local government and recycling. The consultant made some recommendations that the city attorney is drafting into the amendment.

Mayor Randy Wilson suggested City Council wait with the second reading until the draft is completed.

Later in the meeting, County Commissioner Kermit Terlinden updated City Council on the McLeod County Board’s decision earlier that day to hire a consultant to look at all recycling options and costs for the county.

“We’ll see what happens,” Terlinden said of the study that also will look at one-sort and two-sort options. “We are looking into it (one-sort).”

Terlinden also said the county is looking at more frequent pick ups at its cardboard and recyclable site on 13th Street. He said there

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March 11 evidentiary hearing set in Koepp felony criminal case

An evidentiary hearing in the criminal case against former Glencoe businessman Bryan Koepp has been set for March 11 at 1:30 p.m.

The evidentiary hearing was requested by Koepp’s public defender, Francis Eggert, during an omnibus hearing Wednesday, Jan. 23.

District Court Judge Thomas McCarthy granted the request after McLeod County Mike Junge, who is prosecuting the charges, offered no objections.

Eggert said he has received over 1,000 pages of discovery in the case, in which Koepp is charged with eight felony counts of theft through swindle or false representation.

Eggert said that in order to provide Koepp with the best possible defense, he needs time to review those 1,000

pages of discovery.

“We’ve got our public defender investigator and an intern involved” in reviewing the material, Eggert said.

Eggert noted that a jury trial has been set for April 9, and that he doesn’t intend to seek a rescheduling of the trial date.

McCarthy gave Eggert about three weeks to draft any motions that may be considered at the evidentiary hearing.

Koepp is the former owner of the Glencoe Garden Center. He has been charged with allegedly obtaining over \$388,000 from several Glencoe people by either false representation or swindle. Each of the eight felony counts carry a potential penalty of 20 years in prison and/or a \$100,000 fine.

Weather

Wed., 1-30	Thur., 1-31	Fri., 2-1	Sat., 2-2	Sun., 2-3
H: 14° L: -3°	H: 2° L: -13°	H: 8° L: 7°	H: 25° L: 15°	H: 34° L: 18°

Looking back: It was a mixed bag of weather last week with snow, cold, a warm up, rain and sleet.

Date	Hi	Lo	Snow
Jan. 22	3	-17	0.00
Jan. 23	13	-9	0.20

Jan. 24	11	-10	0.00
Jan. 25	16	-2	0.00
Jan. 26	23	-6	0.00
Jan. 27	31	21	1.10*
Jan. 28	34	29	Tr.**

* .07 rain. ** Rain. Temperatures and precipitation compiled by Robert Thum, 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

Community Bingo set Feb. 10

Grand Meadows Senior Living, 1420 Prairie Ave., Glencoe, will host Community Bingo on Sunday, Feb. 10, from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m., for 25 cents per card/per game, with a cookie social to follow. Call 320-864-5577 for more information.

FFA barnyard set Feb. 19

The Glencoe-Silver Lake Future Farmers of America (FFA) chapter is hosting a "Barnyard Day" on Tuesday, Feb. 19. The barnyard will be located at the GSL High School in Ag Room 341 and be open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Come join the FFA to see the cows, horses, chickens, sheep, and much more.

Glencoe Sportsmen to meet

The Glencoe Sportsman's Club will meet at 7:30 p.m., Monday, Feb. 4, at the VFW Club meeting room.

Legion changes meeting date

The regular monthly meeting of the Glencoe American Legion Post 95 will take place on Wednesday, Feb. 6, at 7 p.m., in the basement of Glencoe VFW Post 5102. The change of the meeting is for the month of February only. Future meetings will take place on the first Thursday of each month as usual. All members are encouraged to attend. Lunch will be served.

'Airing of the Quilts' Feb. 9

St. John's Lutheran Church, Plato, will host an "Airing of the Quilts" on Saturday, Feb. 9, from 12:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. Diane Alsleben will be the featured speaker at 1:30 p.m. Dessert and beverages will be available for a free-will offering. Bake sale items also will be available. All are invited to come and view the beautiful array of quilts and enjoy fellowship with other quilt enthusiasts.

Community Bible studies set

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church hosts the next community Bible studies beginning Thursday, Jan. 31, at 6:30 p.m. The women are studying "Wonderstruck" by Margaret Feinberg, and the men are working through "Gospel Wakefulness" by Jared C. Wilson. There is a cost to attend. Register online at www.gslcglencoe.org, or just come early. All are welcome.

Women's Club meets Feb. 6

The Brownton Women's Club will meet Wednesday, Feb. 6, at 7:45 p.m., at the Brownton Community Center. There will be a speaker on "First Aid and Essential Oils."

Potato pancakes are back

The 62nd-annual First Lutheran Men's Club potato pancake and sausage dinner is set for Sunday, Feb. 3, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., in the fellowship center of First Lutheran Church in Glencoe. Take out orders also are available.

Hamburg fish fry set Feb. 2

The 36th annual Hamburg Hunting & Fishing Club fish fry is set for Saturday, Feb. 2, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., at the Hamburg Community Hall. Pie and ice cream also will be sold by Emanuel LWML of Hamburg with matching funds from Thrivent Financial.

GOP Women to meet Feb. 2

The McLeod County Republican Women will meet, at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 2, at the Hutchinson VFW Post, 906 First Ave. SW, Hutchinson. District 18A state Rep. Dean Urdahl will be the speaker. The public is invited to hear him speak and ask questions.

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, Jan. 31, at the senior room in the Glencoe City Center. The group will play 500 and Sheephead, and all area senior citizens are invited to attend. The club also will meet at 12:30 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 5, for card playing.

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

Agribusiness seminar Thursday

The 2013 Agribusiness Seminar will be held at the Crow River Winery east of Hutchinson on Thursday, Jan. 31, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The seminar offers a variety of educational topics for farmers and agricultural professionals.

The Agribusiness Seminar is hosted by the Hutchinson Agribusiness Committee and the Glencoe Chamber of Commerce with financial help from area sponsors.

Presenters include:
• Jack Uldrich: "Foresight 20/20: A Futurist Explores

the Trends Transforming Tomorrow's Agriculture."

• Bob Krogman/Marty Bonnell: "SPCC Compliance and Secondary Containment."

• Justin Remus: "The Old, New, and Future of Precision Agriculture."

Tickets are sold in advance and at the door, which includes a meal and materials. Contact the Hutchinson Area Chamber of Commerce and Tourism at 320-587-5252 or e-mail melissa@explore-hutchinson.com for additional information.



Chronicle photo by Rich Glennie

Mona and Friends entertain

Singer/songwriter Mona Hjerpe and her band entertained at the annual McLeod County Corn and Soybean Growers banquet Saturday at the Pla-Mor. The band, with Hjerpe the lead vocalist, performed "American song-

book" genre of popular "swing" tunes of a bygone era. Joining her were John Rodeberg on the keyboard, John "A-Frame" Beck on the drums and Brian Brosz on the bass guitar.

Council approves resolution for GRHS to issue revenue bonds

By Rich Glennie
Editor

Glencoe City Council approved a "conduit financing" resolution that will allow Glencoe Regional Health Services (GRHS) to issue \$23 million in revenue bonds using the city's financial rating to get better interest rates.

The approval occurred after a Jan. 22 public hearing was held.

Jon Braband, GRHS administrator, said the hospital's refinancing plan is similar to a mortgage refinancing. It is consolidating several previous bonds into one.

The city has no obligation to repay the new bonds; that is the obligation of GRHS.

John Utley of Kennedy & Graven explained to City Council and the public that the bonds are revenue bonds to be repaid from GRHS revenues. The hospital is simply using the city's good bond rating to get a better interest rate on its bond sale. Any cost to the city will be reimbursed by GRHS.

"The city could not pay (the debt) even if the hospital was not able to," Utley stressed. "The city couldn't even pay if it wanted to" because of state statutes, he added.

While city officials earlier expressed concerns about the city's credit rating, Utley said this type of debt has been in place for over 50 years, and it is "clear it doesn't have any impact on the city's credit or credit rating."

Utley said if the hospital's bonds cause problems when the city decides to issue bonds, too, then the hospital has agreed to pick up the difference in higher interest costs to the city.

The hospital also will pay the city for staff time in dealing with the bond issue, about 1/8th of a percent or about \$29,000, according to Braband.

At a finance committee meeting the following day, the committee recommended the city fee be set in policy at

1/8th of a percent in the future.

In other matters, City Council:

- Approved a temporary on-sale liquor license to the Glencoe Police Department in conjunction with its annual Heat in the Street celebration on July 27.

The one-day event includes three bands this year, and the location has been moved to 11th Street near the Happy Hour and away from the City Center parking lot, where it was held last year.

The waterball fight also is being replaced by a bean bag tournament this year.

The three bands include the Prairie Rose Band at 12:30 p.m., Roy Dawson & the Bootleggers at 4 p.m. and Hutchville until 12:30 a.m.

The fire department representatives also asked that a portion of 11th Street from Hennepin Avenue east to Ives Avenue be closed off during

the event.

- Awarded the official newspaper bid to the Glencoe Enterprise for 43 cents per column inch, camera ready. The McLeod County Chronicle bid 60 cents per column inch.

- Approved two recommendations by its planning commission for a special use permit to Ken Polifka, 2107 Judd Avenue, to temporarily park of cars on his property, and a variance request by Bob Schuette to building a garage at 1412 Birch Ave. that is larger than permitted by ordinance.

- Heard that the Glencoe Police Department was awarded new radar equipment by the Minnesota Office of Traffic Safety as part of the state's Zero Deaths program.

Scott McConkey of the state office presented the radar to Glencoe Police Chief Jim Raiter.

McConkey, who was the supervisor of the Minnesota State Patrol in the Glencoe region before he retired, said 2012 traffic deaths were the lowest since 1944.

"That's great news, unless you know someone on that list," McConkey said. He said that low death rate is a combination of safety efforts by the state, county and local law enforcement.

He said the Glencoe Police Department was selected to receive the radar because it goes above and beyond in efforts to protect the public. "There is an outstanding group of people in the Glencoe Police Department," McConkey said.

He added that many people get upset when they are caught speeding, but stopping speeders is for a purpose. "The most compassionate thing we (law enforcement) can do is to hold people accountable," McConkey said.

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Blizzard Blast

The seventh annual "Blizzard Blast" for 2013 was held in the Grand Ballroom of the Glencoe City Center Friday. The charity event included a silent auction, above, as well as a live auction later in the evening. "Blurred Vision" was the night's entertainment. The evening also included a grand prize drawing as well as wine tasting, at right. Karen Jannusch, right, helped serve the wine. Tara Jungclaus and Rachel Clausen provided music during the meal. The funds raised help support the local hospice program and support those with terminal illnesses and their families.



Residents fill room to protest proposed hot-mix plant, pit

By Lori Copley
Staff Writer

The McLeod Planning Advisory Committee returned from a road tour Wednesday morning to find a room full of residents poised to protest a conditional use permit for a new gravel/sand pit in Acoma Township.

Craig Reiner of Reiner Contracting also wanted the permit to include a provision to include a hot-mix tar plant on the site, which is located on Vista Road northwest of Hutchinson.

Neighbors contended that the area, although zoned agricultural, is actually rural residential, with a large number of residents, and expressed concern about odors from the hot-mix plant, noise, potential impact on water quality and traffic.

Of particular concern was the hot-mix plant, which Reiner said may or may not be located on the site.

Reiner said he had been approached by a couple of contractors interested in bidding on the Highway 15 improvement project about using the site temporarily for the hot-mix plant.

"It would be very short term," said Reiner. "And it would be for one project."

Reiner said the plant would probably only be onsite for two to four weeks.

However, he said, he had to include the hot-mix plant in his conditional use permit application.

Because of the permit requirements, "you almost have to ask for more than is really needed" to accommodate all possible contingencies, said Reiner.

Zoning Administrator Larry Gasow said his office had received a couple of letters regarding the hot-mix plant, expressing concern about the odors.

Typically, Gasow said, hot-mix plants are monitored by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency for air quality.

Ben Stenzel of rural Hutchinson said the area is residential.

"We built there (on Vista Road) to get away from industry, noise and traffic," said Stenzel. "We don't need it (the hot-mix plant) in that area. It's a neighborhood. It may be called agricultural, but it's really residential. There has to be plenty of other areas in the county that this could be set up and used."

Colleen Christensen said summers are short, and residents in the area try to make the most of them, and even a short-term use of a hot-mix plant could be inconvenient.

Concern also was expressed about the impact on

nearby county parks, including Stahl's Lake and Piepenburg.

"We do have two parks right there," said Al Koglin, McLeod County Parks supervisor. "It's very important that we look into that."

There also was discussion about the stockpiling of reclaimed blacktop at the site, and whether rain runoff would contaminate ground water.

"The material we're taking in is the same as is on every single highway and state road," said Reiner. "There is runoff from that, too."

Several more people also offered comments, and toward the end of the public hearing, Reiner asked if the hot-mix plant could be included as a one-time only condition for a three-week period to accommodate the Highway 15 project.

Reiner said the gravel pit site would provide a short haul route for whomever gets the contract.

"And that's not a guarantee (that it would be located there)," said Reiner. "It's just an option."

But the committee members felt that the hot-mix plant should be excluded altogether.

Committee member Bill Hard said he was concerned about the additional traffic in

the residential area during the three-week period the plant would be in operation, and made a motion to grant the permit without the hot-mix plant included.

Committee member Curt Carrigan seconded the motion, but said he also would be "in favor of the three-week window" for the hot-mix plant, because it could help the Highway 15 project.

The motion carried.

Gasow said the issue would be on the County Board's Feb. 5 meeting as part of its regular agenda, in case the County Board wanted to receive further public comment.

Later in the meeting, after most people had left, Reiner approached the committee and said he will be removing the hot-mix plant from the application prior to the County Board meeting, and will seek the permit only for the gravel/sand pit, stockpiling and crushing.

In other business Wednesday, the committee also approved the extension of a gravel pit conditional use permit for a pit located in Lynn Township. There were no comments on that application and the matter will be on the County Board's consent agenda on Feb. 5.

Fiebelkorn joins PD on temporary basis

Andrew Fiebelkorn said he had an early interest in law enforcement and has turned that dream into reality when he joined the Glencoe Police Department on Jan. 9 as a full-time temporary replacement.

He is temporarily replacing Officer Erin McKenna, who was called up for active duty and will spend six months in Afghanistan beginning in April.

In the meantime, Fiebelkorn is learning the ropes in Glencoe with mentor Officer Craig Losure. The two are working together until April, when Fiebelkorn begins his duties.

Fiebelkorn is a 2009 graduate of Waconia High School and a May 2011 graduate of a two-year law enforcement certification program at Alexandria Technical College.

Since a freshman in high school, Fiebelkorn said he has done "ride-alongs" with the Carver County Sheriff's Office.

He also is a reserve officer at Minnetrista and continues to be a member of the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) in Chaska. He was born in Chaska.

Fiebelkorn said the full-time temporary position with the Glencoe Police Department "is a good opportunity" to get experience in how the



Andrew Fiebelkorn

department operates and for "getting into the field."

He was sworn in by Glencoe Mayor Randy Wilson at the Jan. 22 City Council meeting with his parents, James and Joann Fiebelkorn, in the audience.

He said his work so far has not had any surprises. He said he has seen some "different, but not shocking things" so far.

He said he has enjoyed the camaraderie of the department that works well together.

When not working, Fiebelkorn said he enjoys the outdoors, including goose and duck hunting.

County planners OK kennel permit

By Lori Copley
Staff Writer

The McLeod County Planning Advisory Committee on Jan. 23 approved a conditional use permit for Brian Roushar to establish a commercial dog kennel to board, train and breed up to 65 hunting dogs.

Roushar, who has boarded and trained dogs at the Major Avenue Hunt Club near Biscay for several years, will open the new kennel on property he owns in Bergen Township, located on Bush Prairie Road in rural Lester Prairie.

Roushar said he is looking at constructing two pole-style buildings to accommodate the business, one of which will be 60 feet by 108 feet, and the other 40 feet by 40 feet. The buildings will be insulated to minimize sound, and will be located on 7.39 acres.

The buildings also will have outdoor runs for the dogs, which Roushar said will be allowed out one at a time to minimize barking.

He also intends to divide the main building into three separate rooms to help sepa-

rate the dogs. The dogs will all be housed indoors and allowed out only for exercise and training, Roushar said.

Roushar also has 45 acres of adjoining land which he will use for training the dogs.

Committee member Bill Hard asked about how often there will be guns fired in connection with the training, noting that neighbors may complain about that noise as well as barking.

"Shooting will be at a minimum," said Roushar. "It's not going to be like we're shooting clays or have a shooting range."

Roushar also said he intends to have his kennel inspected and monitored by a veterinarian.

Since no one at the public hearing objected to the kennel, the committee voted to approve the permit and forwarded the issue to the McLeod County Board of Commissioners for final approval.

Zoning Administrator Larry Gasow said that since there were no objections, the item will be placed on the County Board's consent agenda at its Feb. 5 meeting.

2 arrested for drug possession

HUTCHINSON — The Hutchinson Leader reported that two people, Jose Cano, 32, of Sacred Heart, and Alyssa Schmidt, 20, of Glencoe have been charged with drug possession after a traffic stop Jan. 11 in Hutchinson.

Cano was charged with fifth-degree possession when a small bag with crystal-like substance believed to be methamphetamine. Schmidt, a passenger, was cited for possession of drug paraphernalia.

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Police Report

Police issued 27 "snowbird" tickets since Friday, Jan. 18.

Also on Jan. 18, police were called to a property damage incident at the high school at 8:44 a.m. A vehicle had been "keyed."

Police received a report of a tractor-trailer parked on Glenmoor Lane at 12:57 p.m., Jan. 18, that was sticking out into a lane of traffic by six to eight feet and considered a hazard. As the driver was moving the tractor-trailer, he backed over the curb and ran over a mailbox.

Also on Sunday, two vehicles collided in an alley in the Baxter Avenue area at 1:34 a.m. The two drivers exchanged insurance information.

Police were called at 12:24 p.m., Sunday, to a home on

Greeley Avenue for a domestic incident. A male had broken a phone a female had borrowed from a friend.

A medical emergency was reported at 8:05 p.m. on Newton Avenue. A woman with weather-induced asthma was transported by ambulance.

A two-vehicle accident was reported at 5:06 p.m., Thursday, at Highway 212 and Morningside Drive. There were no injuries.

Also on Friday morning, about \$100 in damages were reported to vending machines at a Chandler Avenue business.

A two-vehicle accident was reported at 9:16 a.m. on Elsie Drive. Involved were a 2013 Ford Explorer driven by Crystal Pierson of Glencoe and a 2002 Buick Rendezvous driven by Ckclair Haase of Glencoe. No one was injured.

Police received a report of a

"sewer rat" seen in the area of 13th Street and Armstrong Avenue at 2:34 p.m., Saturday. By the time police arrived, it was gone.

A traffic stop in the 800 block of 16th Street resulted in a citation for driving after suspension. The vehicle was towed, too.

A clerk at Go For It Gas reported at 7:20 p.m., Saturday, that a red Pontiac drove off without paying for \$46.45 in gas. It was last seen traveling east on 10th Street. The clerk gave police a partial license plate number.

Sunday also found a rash of reports of vehicles going into ditches due to the wet, snowy and icy conditions. Police were busy with their own reports and with assisting other law enforcement agencies.

Building Permits

The following building permits were approved by Glencoe City Council on Jan. 22:

Dale Hoops, 1815 E. 12th St., window replacement.
Miller Manufacturing, 1400 W. 13th St., mechanical permit.

First Lutheran School Preschool – Grade 8

OPEN HOUSE

Tuesday, February 12
6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m

Preschool thru Grade 2
925 13th St. E

Grade 3 thru 8
1015 14th St E
Glencoe, MN 55336
320-864-3317



Admire Dayton's efforts, but more spending, more taxes not answer

Our view: Governor's proposed biennium budget is starting point for ideas, not final answer

If nothing else, one has to tip a hat to Gov. Mark Dayton.

Once he released his proposed budget plans for the next biennium, he did not back away from those opposed to some, or all, of its details, in particular the expansion of the state's sales tax.

Last Thursday, at the noon luncheon of the Minnesota Newspaper Association (MNA) in Bloomington, Dayton limped into the session knowing full well his idea of extending sales taxes to newspaper products was not going to be well received.

He was right. Newspaper people did not like the idea.

Dayton's limp had nothing to do with his popularity, rather he is recovering from major back surgery. But Dayton did not back down to his skeptics at the MNA convention. His reply was simple. If you do not like my plans, what do you suggest?

Dayton also is attempting to "reform" Minnesota's tax system that is so complicated and convoluted that not even tax lawyers understand it. After years of gimmicks and shifts to balance the budgets, Dayton and most Minnesotans have seen enough of that shell game.

The governor wants to get rid of the gimmicks and shifts to start, but to do that requires real dollars — either by raising new revenues or by cutting current expenditures, or both.

Dayton chose the new revenues approach with his expansion of sales taxes to clothing and more services, something left untouched up to this point.

The newspaper people cried foul when printing, advertising and circulation costs might fall under the expansion of sales taxes.

"No one likes to pay taxes," Dayton told the lunching MNA atten-

dees. But where is the state going to get the revenues "for things most Minnesotans want to do?" He said without additional revenues, initiatives outlined in his budget plans — lowering the tax rates, lowering property taxes and lowering of the overall tax burden to low- and middle-income Minnesotans — will not happen.

"The status quo will not balance the next biennium budget," Dayton stressed. He estimated the shortfall in the next biennium will be \$1.1 billion. "What's the better alternative?"

Dayton said Minnesotans need to look at the whole package of his budget ideas, not just their own special interests. He said 98 percent of Minnesotans will not be touched.

"There is no free lunch here," Dayton said of the budget shortfalls. He said the investments into education in particular, "benefit us, our children and grandchildren."

We agree there is no free lunch, and everyone needs to share in the process, but extending sales taxes has a permanent ring to it. Once established, they never go away.

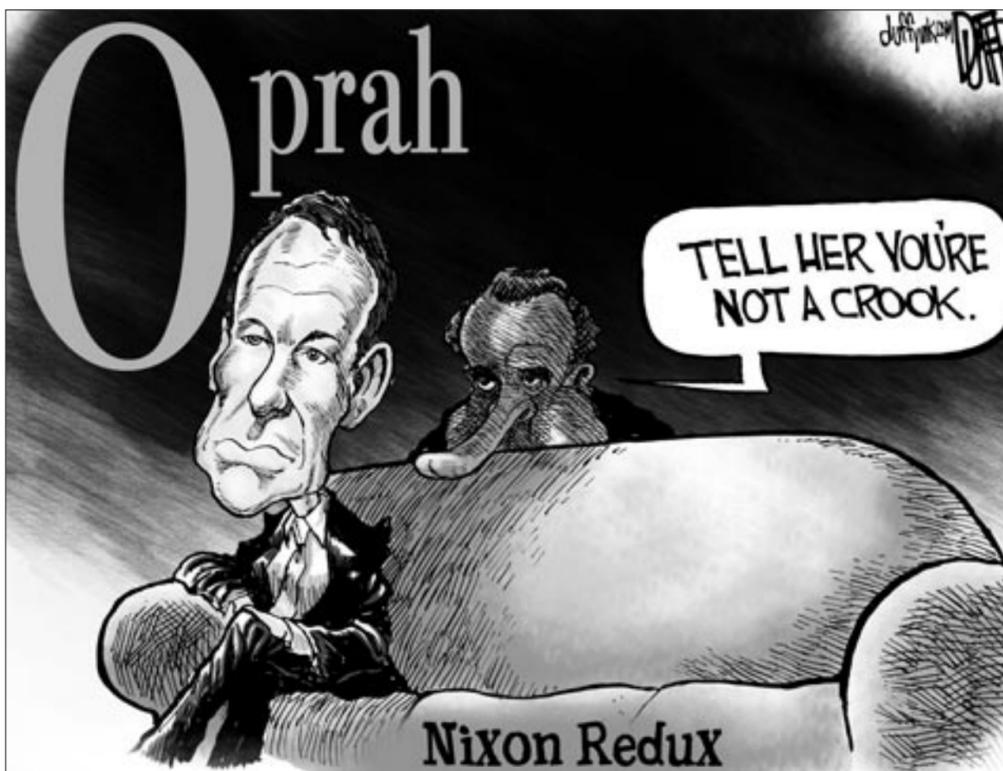
We still think the best approach is to freeze spending at current levels, and let the improving economy catch up. That implies a smaller government, fewer services and a tighter belt during that period.

Now is not the time to expand the sales tax to previously excluded items.

If we have only \$37 billion in state revenues projected, we cannot spend \$39 billion as Dayton's budget seeks. It is that simple.

While we admire Gov. Dayton's candor, we think more spending, and more taxes, are not the answers.

— R.G.



Letters to Editor

Despite editor, City Council recycling is an issue

To the Editor:

It is obvious that the city and Mr. (Editor Rich) Glennie are tired of the protests regarding the changing of our recycling program from a county "no out-of-pocket cost, 5-sort" program to a costly \$70,000 "out-of-the-county, single-sort" program.

Besides the cost, consider the contamination factor: Single-sort recycling has a high contamination rate at 10-20 percent. Per Commissioner (Paul) Wright, our county's 5-sort program is at a mere 1 percent contamination rate.

Mayor (Randy) Wilson showed frustration regarding the recycling issue at the last council meeting and declared there can be no more erroneous claims — the public could approach the council with only documented facts.

Wow, this surely puts anyone on edge who might want to speak in front of the council appearing hostile and above reproach. Does the council want public input or not?

Mr. Glennie stated in his last editorial that "recycling is a non-issue to me and most of us." Where has he been these last two months?

Our county's recycling program began in 1985 by the Solid Waste

Advisory Commission (SWAC) at the encouragement of the state of Minnesota for the purpose of not only to shrink landfills, but to recapture materials that can and should be reused.

In 2002 a Material Recovery Facility (MRF) became a county reality and operational in 2004. In 2010, the county processed 1,186 tons of curbside recyclables resulting in an income of \$467,702.

We need to appreciate the important and valuable program that the county is providing, not tear it down and send our money out of McLeod County.

For some reason, the city leaders do not understand this logic. Some City officials say they want to privatize the county's recycling business. Ask these same officials if they want to privatize the liquor store, the swimming pool, the water and sewer departments or the streets department?

These entities are not all a "sink hole" as one council person described the county's recycling program. They provide a public service — so does our county's recycling program!

The City Council doesn't appear to understand that Rich Valley

Township is not in the county program because Spruce Ridge Landfill (our county's landfill) is in the township's boundaries, so the residents receive free collection of waste and recycling; the township also receives part of the landfill tip fees (\$3.33 per ton in 2010).

Much more can be said about the value of the county's recycling programs, including Cedar Ridge MRF compost site on 76 acres in Hutchinson. We have a valuable county public entity in which \$1.7 million has been spent on Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) and Material Recovery Facility programs that provide us with many inexpensive recycling services.

Please call our mayor and/or Council representatives and let them know the current program provided by our county is a great value to all of us county and city residents:

Mayor Randy Wilson, 320-510-0353; Lori Adamietz, 320-864-6668; John Schrupp, 320-864-4178; Dan Perschau, 320-864-3659; Kevin Dietz, 320-864-5110; and Gary Ziemer, 320-864-5291.

Gary Ballard
Retired Glencoe
businessman and prior
City Council representative

Isn't it ironic? Shortfall in electronic pull tabs to fund stadium

Does anyone else see the irony of a recent announcement that the state's expanded electronic pull tab gambling has not quite caught on? Those "funds" are supposed to pay for the state's portion of the new Vikings stadium.

Perhaps electronic pulltabs may never catch on. Perhaps Minnesotans are sending a message to legislators and the Vikings' owners — we do not want to pay for a stadium no matter how you package it!

So what is Plan B for the state's portion of the Vikings' stadium project? The state was banking on these new electronic pull tabs to generate hundreds of millions of dollars to help subsidize the billionaire owners of the football team. Perhaps legislators put all their eggs in one basket.

We suspect Plan B is to come to Minnesota taxpayers, again, and ask for a bail out. Hang onto your wallets, taxpayers!

Back in April 2011, many of us finally threw up our hands after a decade of constant whining, belly-aching and veiled threats by

Vikings' owners over a new taxpayer-funded stadium. At that time we predicted Minnesotans would be paying for it one way or the other. That may come to fruition.

Last session, the Legislature caved in to the NFL and Vikings' owners and agreed to help fund the "Taj Mahal" of Minnesota sports venues, as well as chip in another \$100 million to refurbish the outdated, 22-year-old Target Center. Toss in the St. Paul Saints baseball stadium, and we ought to be good to go for another generation, or 20 years, whichever comes first.

But first, the Vikings and Vikings' supporters need to figure out how to perk up electronic pull tab usage. Apparently Minnesotans can recognize a snake in the grass when they see one.

Instead of extorting more money out of taxpayers, perhaps the ownership's checkbook should be used to pay for any shortfall on the state's behalf. Call it corporate welfare, in reverse.

Sounds like a good plan B.

— R.G.

Here's what is in governor's budget proposal

To the Editor:

Gov. Mark Dayton unveiled his 2014-15 proposed budget this past Tuesday. The budget of \$37.9 billion is roughly an 8 percent increase from the previous budget.

His proposed budget calls for a tax increase of \$3.7 billion, but little in the way of spending cuts or tax reform and no reduction in the size or growth of government.

For every \$1 in spending reductions, the Governor raises \$16 in new taxes. Below are a few highlights of the Governor's proposed budget:

- Increased budget from \$35.2 billion to \$37.9 billion.
- \$3.7 billion of new taxes and only \$225 million in cuts.
- Largest budget increase ever proposed by a Minnesota governor.
- Two-year freeze on tax rebate for all homeowners.
- \$80 million increase in local

government aid (LGA).

- \$2.1 billion of new sales taxes on goods and consumer services.
 - Ninety-four cent per pack additional tax on cigarettes.
 - Two percent increase income taxes for married \$250,000; Head of household \$200,000; and individual \$150,000.
 - Increased income tax to Minnesota's "snowbirds" through a prorate income tax base on the number of days they are present in the state.
 - Quarter percent transit tax to seven-county metro area to go towards buses and rail.
 - New taxes on online purchases ("Amazon" tax) and digital downloads.
 - Fails to pay back the \$1.1 billion school shift, pushing the pay off date to the 2015-16 budget.
- On average, this budget would collect over \$389 more sales tax from every Minnesotan. The tax in-

creases proposed will primarily impact the middle class, already stretching their budgets to make ends meet.

In the following weeks, I will send further break downs, examining the different areas of the budget that will be impacted like education, business, transportation and real estate taxes.

It is important to note that this is not the final budget, but an outline for potential legislation that we should expect to see this session.

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A guest column is also available to any writer who would like to present an opinion in a more expanded format. If interested, contact the editor.
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Editorials are vital to newspapers

I'm back!

At the Jan. 24-25 convention of the Minnesota Newspaper Association, The McLeod County Chronicle walked off with two coveted awards; top editorial page for weeklies, 2,501 to 5,000 circulation, and top editorial portfolio for all weeklies. Publisher Bill Ramige and Editor Rich Glennie deserve a solid "well done!"

In commenting on The Chronicle's entries, the judges said: "Strong editorials, lively columns. A lot of community engagement, which are key to any community. Viking stadium piece was strong and well reasoned."

In 1954, Minnesota Editorial Association President Don Brown of Waseca said: "A newspaper without an editorial section is like a person without a soul." Napoleon said: "A journalist is a grumbler, a censor, a giver of advice, a regent of sovereigns, a tutor of nations. Four hostile newspapers are more to be feared than a thousand bayonets." And in 1861, the Chicago Times offered: "It's a newspaper's duty to print the news and raise hell!"

A reader once asked me: "Do you think you can influence the thinking of any individual by your editorials?" No, we don't intend to.



Chuck Warner

What newspapers have done, and what they attempt to do, is get people to think. Not only think about the issues, but study up on them. An informed electorate is a vital component of a functioning democracy.

Through the life of our republic, newspaper editorials and opinion columns have played a major role in assisting the public to understand what its elective officials do and do not do. They have lit the fire of the public's desire to learn the who, why and when of government decisions.

Chronicle editor Glennie has put in countless hours into research and study so that he can better inform his readers. And Ramige has backed his editor.

Minnesota newspeople have the benefit of leadership of editorial writers like Brown, Alan McIntosh of Luverne, Ben Gimmestad of

Dawson, Walter Barnes of Sleepy Eye, Walter K. Michelson of New Ulm, Grace A. Dunn of Princeton, Scott Schoen of Redwood Falls, Art Suel of New Prague and Phil Duff of Red Wing to chart the editorial sea.

Along with a host of fine Minnesota publishers, they have provided the path to what can best serve their readers and continue to provide leadership in keeping the ship of state on a desired course.

The Minnesota Newspaper Association's Better Newspaper Contest recognizes good journalism. Not only does it point out the accomplishments of people like Ramige and Glennie — it encourages others to get on board and help maintain principles laid down by our forefathers.

It's all well and good to have new electronic devices, better cameras, better presses, etc. But it is also imperative a desire for truth and commitment to basic principles continues to be the goal and map for those entrusted to operate our state's and nation's newspapers in the years to come.

Editorials and opinion columns are still the most important features of a community newspaper. And The McLeod County Chronicle is more than holding up its end.

Guest column:

A different state budget solution

By Phil Krinkie

There is one thing that's a given when Gov. Dayton's budget proposal hits the table, it will include a tax increase. But if Gov. Dayton would examine the course of the state's economic recovery he would say NO to increasing the tax burden on hard working Minnesotans.

Unfortunately for Minnesota families and businesses, the state's positive fiscal narrative is unlikely to survive with two years of complete Democrat control of the legislative and executive branches; especially if they raise taxes.

Here are several reasons lawmakers should resist the urge to raise taxes this biennium.

To start with, look to the old adage "If it ain't broke, don't fix it." According to current budget projections, there will be \$1.7 billion more to spend in the next biennium than the last biennium, a substantial increase in revenues.

Avoiding tax increases in the last budget cycle allowed for steady job growth that improved the state unemployment rate to 5.8 percent, a full percentage point lower than it was in early 2010. More people working meant more people paying income taxes. More people working meant more customers for Minnesota businesses which translated into higher corporate income tax collections for the state.

The bottom line is that the current tax rate structure is delivering more revenue to the state every year — no need to propose a major overhaul of the state's tax system.

Another reason not to mess with the tax code is tax rates were just raised at the federal level for everyone — 2 percent for all wage earners through the payroll tax and 5 percent to 10 percent for higher income families and small businesses.

No one knows what impact these tax increases will have on the state's economy. There is concern in Minnesota about the effect these increases in the payroll tax and capital gains tax will have on our economy. Gov. Dayton's budget team developed a fiscal cliff scenario that predicted Minnesota's unemployment rate rising to 7.1 percent by the end of 2014 if the Congress did not pass legislation to avoid a major federal tax increase.

Just last month our trusted economists warned us about the negative impact of federal tax increases on the Minnesota economy. How can we turn around this month and assume a state tax increase won't have the same effect? It will. Raising taxes — federal or state — will slow the state's economy and raise unemployment.

An alternative to increasing taxes and jeopardizing the state's economic recovery would be to impose moderate spending restraint. Currently, the state is projected to spend, when including all funds, over \$60 billion during the next two years. A modest reduction of 2 cents per dollar of projected spending would yield a small surplus at the end of the biennium. Democrats talk about hardships of spending reductions, what could be so difficult in finding 2 cents per dollar in ex-

cess or waste in \$60 billion of expenditures.

Recently, Shar Knutson, president of the Minnesota AFL-CIO said: "After a decade of cuts only budgets and fiscal gimmicks that made life harder for middle class Minnesotans, elected leaders have an opportunity to finally balance our budget in a responsible way that moves Minnesota forward."

Other than overlooking the significant fact that the state's spending has grown by more than 50 percent in the last 10 years, she is correct. There is a responsible way to balance the budget that will move Minnesota forward; and that is by eliminating waste, fraud and abuse, slowing the growth in state spending, not by raising taxes.

But if early bill introductions are any indication, the DFL is already signaling they are more interested in new spending than in spending reform. The House and Senate majorities are proposing new spending on big ticket items like all day kindergarten and increases in aid to local governments. Their proposed tax increases are hardly for current spending but for a tidal wave of new spending. The most damaging result of this legislative session could be the growth in state government at the expense of the growth in our state's economy.

Phil Krinkie, a former eight-term Republican state rep from LinoLakes who chaired the House Tax Committee for a while, is president of the Taxpayers League of Minnesota.

Letters to Editor

Why hurry about changing city recycling?

To the Editor:

Can our city work with our county?

The real questions are: Does the city of Glencoe want to work with our County officials on our recycling needs? Or, does the city want

to work with an outside corporation that would take our funds out of the county?

Right now we have free recyclable pick up once a week. Why change a win-win situation?

And why the big rush to do

so? Why can't we wait until the county's three-year contract with our current recycling company is up?

A concerned citizen.

**Marie Thurn
Glencoe**

Reasons why 5-sort recycling still needed

To the Editor:

Under the proposed single-sort recycling program, all recyclables will be transported outside McLeod County to be processed. The current five-sort recycling program collects the materials and transports them to the Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) located in Hutchinson.

The City Council calls MRF a "sink hole." What the Council either fails, or doesn't care, to recognize is that MRF employs many of McLeod County's special needs residents.

It allows them to interact with others and make a liveable wage. These individuals could see a loss in hours and/or termination if the City Council and mayor have their way.

(Mayor Randy) Wilson stressed, "The city has no contract with Waste Management to pick up city recyclable materials, yet." What does that even mean?

Mayor Wilson specifically told me at the Jan. 7 City Council meeting that the communication between city

and Waste Management was about the garbage contract. So what are the details in the recycling contract?

The city states that those who opt to enroll in the program will be credited with a rebate of close to \$1 from Waste Management. Why doesn't the city require Waste Management to lower the up-front cost \$1 in this new contract. There is no contract "yet," remember?

Another reason to stay with the current five-sort county system is that it gives GSL schools an annual check. Under the new city-proposed plan, GSL schools would see zero dollars.

The city claims that you have to haul your appliance over to the MRF in Hutchinson. This is completely false. Several months ago, I went to the city offices, paid my \$10 fee and hauled my appliance out to the compost site and unloaded it next to the MRF enclosed trailer.

You don't have to haul your appliance to Hutchinson. Perhaps that detail is in the "new contract" that isn't

signed, "yet."

Mayor Wilson claims, "I want documentation." Well, I want documentation on the money that is being generated from the "snow bird" ordinance! Where is this money going?

The city offers up facts, but fails to provide the citizens evidence on where they obtain their information.

Finally, the City Council and mayor want the county out of the recycling business, even though it provides many worthwhile jobs to those who have been dealt a harder hand in life.

You were elected to represent all citizens of Glencoe, and not just push through your own ideas and agendas.

But perhaps when you force the county out of the "sink hole" recycling business, you will require Waste Management to cruise into town on the new bike path to really save wear and tear on our city streets.

**Dave Goff
Glencoe**

McLeod For Tomorrow Winterfest set for Feb. 2

The McLeod for Tomorrow Winterfest celebration is set for Saturday, Feb. 2, at the county fairgrounds in Hutchinson.

Find out how fun winter can be by exploring winter activities such as snow shoeing, ice skating, cross country skiing, riding fat tire bikes, building snow sculptures or even riding shotgun in a dogsled.

This free event will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and at its conclusion will release the first of several clues to help find the coveted medallion and win \$150.

There will be warm drinks and hot food available for families and individuals to warm up in between trying various winter activities.

McLeod For Tomorrow provides leadership opportu-

nities to McLeod County residents and has hosted candidate forums and other local forums to discuss issues critical to McLeod County residents while encouraging networking among community leaders.

For more information find McLeod For Tomorrow on its website at www.mcleodfortomorrow.com.

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Question of the week

The state's share of the Vikings' stadium project is supposed to come from the expansion of electronic pull tabs. The efforts appear to be falling short of expectations. What should the state do?

- Encourage more gambling expansion
- Encourage more contributions from Vikings owners
- Prepare to use more tax dollars
- Stop the project until funds are found

Results for most recent question:
Should the state of Minnesota expand its sales tax to include food and clothing in order to generate more revenue to balance its budget?

Yes — 21%
No — 74%
Not sure — 5%

166 votes. New question runs Jan. 30-Feb. 5

Contemporary Dental offers free care Feb. 1

Dr. Shawn Knorr of Contemporary Dental, Glencoe, is joining with dental professionals across the state to provide free care to children whose families cannot afford to pay for their dental care.

The service day is known as "Give Kids a Smile," and will be held at the Contemporary Dental office on Feb. 1. Contemporary Dental is located at 1015 Greeley Ave., Glencoe.

Anyone with questions, or who is interested in scheduling an appointment for Feb. 1, may call the dental office at 320-864-3129.

"Give Kids a Smile" is an annual one-day volunteer initiative to provide free educational, preventive and restorative services to children from low-income families that do have dental insurance.

The Professional Directory is provided each week for quick reference to professionals in the Glencoe area — their locations, phone numbers and office hours. Call the McLeod County Chronicle office for details on how you can be included in this directory, 320-864-5518.

U of M engineering course offered at GSL High School

Editor's note: This article was written for the Panther Newsletter, Jan. 20 issue, by Mike Sundblad, industrial technology and engineering instructor at Glencoe-Silver Lake High School.

The 2013-14 school year will see more opportunities for GSL High School students. The industrial technology department will be offering a college in the school course titled: "Introduction to Engineering Design."

Students who complete the course with a "B" or better and earn a "C" or higher on the national exam are eligible for three transcripted credits

from the University of Minnesota.

The course curriculum has been designed by the national organization, Project Lead the Way (www.pltw.org) or PLTW for short. This organization has worked with engineering firms, universities and colleges, and instructors to design relevant, up-to-date, and rigorous courses to be offered in high schools for affiliate university credit.

In Minnesota, our affiliate is the University of Minnesota. There is a cost to students if they desire the college credit. A three-credit course will cost \$100.

However, compared to the

cost of a three-credit course taken at the University of Minnesota of \$1,300, it is advantageous.

Students will have a transcript at the University of Minnesota showing their record of taking the course. This allows these credits to be easily transferred to other Minnesota colleges and universities.

Even if students don't go into an engineering program, the credits are usually accepted as elective credits, which most four-year programs require.

The Introduction to Engineering Design (IED) course is designed for ninth- or 10th-

grade students. The major focus of IED is the design process and its application.

Through hands-on projects, students apply engineering standards and document their work. Students use industry standard 3D modeling software (Autodesk Inventor) to help them design solutions to solve proposed problems, document their work using engineer's notebook and communicate solutions to peers and members of the professional community.

Future course offerings include: Principles of Engineering (2014-15), Digital Electronics and Civil Engineering and Architecture (2015-16)

and Computer Integrated Manufacturing (2016-17).

As GSL moves forward in this project, some introductory engineering concepts will be moved into the seventh- and eighth-grade agriculture courses under Becky Had-dad's instruction.

Other courses will be instructed by an array of science, math and industrial technology instructors. Training for the instructors takes place at several Minnesota state universities, including the University of Minnesota, St. Cloud State University and Minnesota State University, Mankato.

Training for one course is

over a two-week time period, requiring over 80 hours of teacher involvement.

These courses are a great opportunity for Glencoe-Silver Lake High School students. For those desiring a degree in engineering, it gives a head start.

For those who are seeking college credits during high school it offers transcripted credit.

For questions contact: Mike Sundblad, Industrial technology and engineering instructor Glencoe-Silver Lake High School 320-864-2488 msundblad@gs1.k12.mn.us

History

From the Brownton Bulletin archives

100 Years Ago

Jan. 31, 1913
O.C. Conrad, Editor

Sixty-five of 72 invited farmers voted Jan. 10 to form a shipping association, and another meeting was held Jan. 29 at which the following officers were elected: Charles Junglaus, president; A.S. Holmes, vice president; T.T. McAdam, secretary-treasurer; P.B. Rasmussen, agent; and J. Forcier, Fred Knick, Fred Ahlbrecht, Herman Hanke, Charles Schwarze and Charles Mielke, directors.

Bear in mind the date of grand opening of the new city hall, Monday evening, Feb. 3.

W.D. Smith, who has been assigned as agent of the local rail station, arrived here last Friday ready to enter upon his duties. Up to the present time the railway auditors have failed to arrive to check the station over to the new agent. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have taken up their abode in the Schimmelpfennig residence for the present.

Six carloads of material for the railroad company arrived here Saturday. A crew of surveyors was at work last week getting the lines through the village and also establishing a permanent survey across Lake Addie. We understand that the contractors are expected any day and work will be commenced immediately, driving piles and making the trestle work across the lake. The job of establishing a new grade across the lake means a heap of work and it will likely require the better part of the summer to complete it. Active work on the grading will commence about March 1.

75 Years Ago

Feb. 3, 1938
Percy L. Hakes, Editor

August Block, brother of the late Bertha Ewald, passed away last Sunday. He was a pioneer of Sumter Township, residing north of Brownton.

Train No. 15 which passed through Brownton Monday of this week about noon, ran into some trouble while applying the brakes at the Kasal crossing three miles west of town. When slowing down for the crossing, the engineer applied the air brakes, which stuck and burned 16 wheels flat on the coaches. The train managed to get to Stewart and later in the day returned to Minneapolis at a very slow rate of speed. A new train was sent out from Minneapolis to relieve the disabled one.

50 Years Ago

Jan. 31, 1963
Charles H. Warner, Editor

Marvin "Shiney" Spaude was elected president of the Brownton Baseball Association at its annual meeting Monday. Delford Wendlandt was elected vice president with Milton Joecks being re-elected secretary-treasurer.

Wes Katzenmeyer, a Brownton businessman for over nine years, will be operating his Cup & Saucer Cafe for the last time today (Jan. 31). He will join his father and brothers in the Katzenmeyers Farm operation. Bill Christensen and his wife, owners of the hotel building, will take over the operation of the cafe as of Feb. 1.

Elmer Bartels, 52, a former road construction contractor in this community, died at his home in Ironton Saturday. Death was attributed to bone cancer. Bartels was a businessman in the Brownton community for many

years. Before starting his construction business, he had a beverage distribution company. The Bartels family moved to Ironton about five years ago, where Elmer had purchased a liquor store.

20 Years Ago

Jan. 27, 1993
Lori Copler, Editor

Tammy Uecker was the McLeod West High School winner of the Voice of Democracy essay contest sponsored by the New Auburn VFW and its Auxiliary.

10 Years Ago

Jan. 29, 2003
Lori Copler, Editor

Immanuel Lutheran Church in Brownton had its annual meeting Jan. 19 and officers for 2003 are: Larry Herrmann, chairman; Arden Alsleben, vice chairman; Janel Zimmerman, secretary; Donald Albrecht, treasurer; Robert Heil, trust fund treasurer; Darrel Radke, Byron Kohls, Clifford Bussler, Myron Schuette, Alan Buckentin and James Sondergaard, deacons; Connie Timm, head usher; Jane Zimmerman, assistant head usher; Rufus Draeger, Herman Miller, Gerald Graupmann and Daniel Rickert, trustees; Kurt Selle, Daniel Benson, Kevin Miller and Wayne Kujas, board of education; Rodney Schwarze, Donald Huebert, Lester Lindeman, Elden Bipes, Jerome Kohls and Merlin Klabunde, cemetery board; Noreen Schuette, Jeremy Sondergaard, James Hansch, Ethel Hardel, Karen Heil and Kerry Rickert, financial secretaries; and Carol Winterfeldt, Mark Mathwig, DuWayne Paehle and Dean Zimmerman, planning committee.

From the Stewart Tribune archives

100 Years Ago

Jan. 31, 1913
A.F. Avery, Editor

Over 200 farmers attended the Farmers' Institute held here Thursday and Friday in the Community Hall.

John Franke, M.B. Mangold and H.E. Poseley had birds on exhibition at the Bird Island Poultry Show last week and succeeded in landing several prizes.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. E.E. Kuehn, who reside on the Dr. Tinker farm southwest of town, Thursday, Jan. 23.

The sad, but not unexpected, news was received here Wednesday evening of the death that day, about 6 p.m., of Mrs. Lucier (Henrietta) Schmitz, age 23, at the Northwestern hospital in Minneapolis. Mrs. Schmitz had been ailing for nearly four months with an illness that was finally diagnosed as a tumor on the brain. Deceased was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Scharmer of Grafton and is survived by a stricken husband and a 7-month-old daughter.

be located in the old drugstore building, will be opened to trade early next week, according to owner P.E. Waller of Winthrop. Mr. Waller expects to conduct a first-rate business offering stationery, candies, magazines, tobacco, film, toilet articles, etc.

A Caterpillar shovel outfit and three trucks were brought here last week to commence work on the basement of the new school building. Straw was put on the site to keep frost from penetrating too deeply, and excavation is expected to be completed within a few days time.

50 Years Ago

Jan. 31, 1963
Kermit T. Hubin, Editor

The Lake Allie Park Association Fishing Contest was held Sunday afternoon with an estimated crowd of 500 persons in attendance, with about 300 of them entering the contest. The grand prize of the contest was won by Sigfred Polesky of Hector, who won a week at a family cabin in northern Minnesota.

Mrs. Ed (Selma Bielke) Gutknecht, age 66, died Sunday, Jan. 20. The Gutknechts had made their home in Brownton for about eight years, then moved to Stewart, where Mr.

Gutknecht owned and operated the Minneapolis-Moline dealership for a number of years. Funeral services were held Thursday, Jan. 24, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Stewart. She leaves to mourn her husband, Edward, and her daughter, Victoria (Mrs. Ellsworth Alsleben) of Glencoe.

35 Years Ago

Feb. 2, 1978
Kermit T. Hubin, Editor

Officers in charge of Stewart's centennial celebration, set for July 7-9, are Ron Salo, chairman; Norman Kottke, vice chairman; Edith Barnes, secretary; and Florence Wick, treasurer.

John W. Lipke recently announced that he and his wife, Sandy, have purchased the First State Bank of Stewart and the Stewart First State Agency, Inc., effective Dec. 28, 1977. John Lipke has been an employee of the bank since he graduated from Gustavus Adolphus College in 1963.

Minnie (Krebsbach) Forcier, 94, died Jan. 15, 1978, at Burns Manor Nursing Home. Funeral services were held Wednesday, Jan. 18, at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Stewart.

75 Years Ago

Jan. 28, 1938
Harry Koeppen, Editor

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Schrupp named state county recorder of the year by MCRA

Lynn Ette Schrupp, McLeod County recorder, received the outstanding Recorder of the Year award from the Minnesota Association of County Recorders (MCRA) for 2013. This award is the highest honor given each year by the Minnesota Association of County Recorders.

The award ceremony took place at the Minnesota Association of County Officers annual conference banquet held Jan. 16 at the Double-Tree by Hilton Hotel in Bloomington.

Schrupp started working in the McLeod County Recorder's office in 1985 and was first elected county recorder in 2002.

According to Jennifer Wagenius, Minnesota County Recorder Association second vice president and Washington County recorder, Schrupp "received overwhelming support from her peers for this award. Our association members may not agree on everything, but we are in agreement on this member's outstanding service, commitment and crazy-good organization skills."

Schrupp has twice served as the president of MCRA and has led numerous committees, Wagenius said.

"She has led our association through a time of tremendous change and industry pressure and has been a steady and focused leader during a time of emotional turmoil. Her service was described as follows: She has put her heart and soul into making sure things have run smoothly for the association," Wagenius said.

She continued: "This recorder has worked in a recording office for nearly 30 years, was first elected as the recorder in 2002 and has faithfully served her county, her staff and her constituents in that role ever since."

"When asked about her leadership, her staff responded, 'She is a very proactive and forward-thinking person; she is always thinking about how to make the recording process more user friendly for customers. We are very fortunate and proud to have such a wonderful boss. She makes it easy to want to come to work.'

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Lynn Ette Schrupp

Lutheran Church and is the president of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League.

Wagenius added, Schrupp "is also devoted to her family. She has been married to her husband, Brian, who by the

way put up all of her campaign signs, since 1984 and together they have raised two independent adults who amazingly were both born on Valentine's Day — Chelsey, an event specialist, and Nickolas, a design engineer.

"Lest you think it is all work and no play for this dedicated colleague, volunteer, employee, mother, and spouse she still makes time for a book club and is part of a quilting club where they apparently have a very good time because they have been known to quilt until 2 a.m.," Wagenius concluded.

Community Calendar

Thurs., Jan. 31 — AA Group mtg. next to Post Office in Stewart, 8 p.m., call 320-212-5290 for info.

Sun., Feb. 3 — SUPER FOOTBALL SUNDAY!

Mon., Feb. 4 — Tops Weigh-In mtg., 5-5:30 p.m.; Brownton Senior Citizens Club, Brownton Community Center, 1 p.m.

Tues., Feb. 5 — Narcotics Anonymous, Brownton Community Center, 7 p.m.; Brownton City Council, 7 p.m.

Wed., Feb. 6 — Brownton Women's Club, Brownton Community Center, 7:45 p.m.

Thurs., Feb. 7 — AA Group mtg. next to Post Office in Stewart, 8 p.m., call 320-212-5290 for info.

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Brass, Woodwinds, and Percussion should be in 8th grade or above.

*This activity is funded, in part, by a grant from the Southwest Minnesota Arts and Humanities Council through appropriations from the Minnesota State Legislature with money from the State's general fund, and its arts and cultural heritage fund that was created by the vote of the people of Minnesota on November 4, 2008

Ridgewater announces fall semester honor roll

Ridgewater College announced its fall semester dean's list of those who maintained a grade point average of 3.5 or higher. Area students receiving recognition include:

Arlington: Dennis Rabe and Krystal Wendinger.

Brownton: Jan Amborn, Mary Kay Butcher, David Frick, Jean Golde, Jordan Golde, Elizabeth Hermodson-Olsen and Mark Zaske.

Glencoe: Joshua Anfinson, Michaela Boesche, Matthew Bonderman, Samantha Breidenbach, Brice Breikreutz, Mitchell Bulau, Kaleb Donnay, Benjamin Eddy, Brianna Elsing, Hailey Farrell, Teri Friauf, Payton Giesen, Jordan Gildea, Sara Gindorff, Brooke Henderson, Dan

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Green Isle: Korri Perschau and Jacob Ruehling.

Hamburg: Bonnie Fries.

Lester Prairie: Chad Duenow, Molly Millerbernd, Sky Tervo and Kristina Zanke.

New Auburn: Lisa O'Dell.

Silver Lake: Patricia Hemerick, Andrew Penas and Nathan Schermann.

Stewart: Geraldine Fitzloff, Jeremy Myrick, Holly Pudwill, James Schloesser Sr. and Luke Zabel.

One-act play 2nd; advances to section

The Glencoe-Silver Lake one-act play cast and crew will advance to the section competition after being awarded second place at the sub-section competition Saturday with its production of "Medea."

Belle Plaine High School took first with its production of "Ridiculous by Proxy" and also will advance to the section.

There will be eight schools competing at the section competition at LeSueur Henderson High School on Saturday, Feb. 2, vying for the chance to perform their play at the State Festival.

The play that is awarded first place on Saturday will perform at the State Festival Friday, Feb. 8, said Patrick Hiltner, director of the GSL one-act play.

Weddings

Ide — Stromberg

Caitlin Jean Ide of Glencoe and Aaron Michael Stromberg of Webster, Wis., were united in marriage Oct. 5, 2012, at Hillsdale, Wis., by the Rev. William C. Plautz.

Parents of the couple are Joel and Katie Ide of Glencoe and Mike and Cheri Stromberg of Webster, Wis.

The maid of honor was Lauren Ide. Bridesmaids were Tamara Voss, Joy Pohland and Danielle Schuette. Kiley Knudson was the flower girl.

The best man was Zach Quale, and groomsmen were Brad Sigfrids, Will Janssen, Caleb Prusinski and Ryan Fasula.

Ushers were Auston Sigfrids, Eric Plath, Cory Neeser and Keenan Dummer.

The wedding reception and dinner were held at The Enchanted Barn.

After a wedding trip to St.



Caitlin and Aaron Stromberg

John's in the U.S. Virgin Islands, the couple resides in Roseville.

The bride is a funeral director with Mueller Memorial Funeral Home in St. Paul.

The groom is the owner of and a funeral director at Twin Cities Trade Service in Minneapolis.

People

Haag on St. Scholastica list

Breanna Haag of Glencoe was named to the fall semester dean's list at the College of St. Scholastica in Duluth. To be on the academic list, a student must have a grade point average of 3.75 or higher.

Weinzetls announce birth

Jason and Kelly (Peterson) Weinzelt of Franklin announce the birth of their daughter, Hailey Jo, on Oct. 26, 2012, at Ridgeview Medical Center in Waconia. Hailey Jo weighed 8 pounds, 3 ounces, and was 21 inches in length. Grandparents are Larry and Nancy Peterson of Lester Prairie and Dennis and Jean Weinzelt of Fairfax. Great-grandparents are Joyce Conn of Plato, the late James Geiser Sr. of Hutchinson and the late Michael and Eleanor Weinzelt of Fairfax.

Shellum gets scholarship

Katherine Shellum of Silver Lake was the recipient of the Carrie Wickstrom Scholarship at the University of Minnesota-Morris. Shellum will graduate from the university in 2013 with a degree in elementary education.

Son born to Vergin family

Kirk and Sarah Vergin of Waconia announce the birth of their son, Cooper Jameson, on Jan. 25, 2013, at Ridgeview Medical Center in Waconia. Cooper weighed 7 pounds, 1 ounce, and was 19-1/2 inches long. His grandparents are Roger and Shirley Vergin of Plato, Sharon Fischer of Webster, Wis., and Fred Fischer of Alaska.

Named to St. Thomas list

Three area students were named to the University of St. Thomas fall semester dean's list. They include Kyler Anderson and Lindsay Boesche, both of Glencoe, and Samuel Helberg of Silver Lake.



Submitted photo

First Lutheran winners

Peyton Sell, right, an eighth grader at First Lutheran School of Glencoe, won the school's geography bee Friday. Elise Petersen, a sixth grader, won second

place. The winning question was, "The Tokai region is a major industrial area in which Asian country?" The answer is Japan.

First Lutheran announces honor rolls

First Evangelical Lutheran School of Glencoe announced its second-quarter academic honor rolls. Honored were:

A Honor Roll

Fifth grade: Ethan Bernstein.

Sixth grade: Destiny Exsted, Lillian Nikkel and Elise Petersen.

Seventh grade: Jessica Alsleben and Paul Lemke.

Eighth grade: Kenzie Boozikee, Elsie Graupmann, Addie Luehrs, Ashlyn Stuewe and Robin Swift.

B Honor Roll

Fifth grade: Max Edwards, Cole Ehrke, Karina Lieske and Adam Schauer.

Sixth grade: Madison Ahlbrecht, Ty Christensen, Morgan Dahlke, Emily Graupmann, Spencer Lilienthal, Abigail Maunu, Mackenzie Stradtman, Isaac Swift and Dusty Wendinger.

Seventh grade: Morgan Bernstein, Ariel Brelje, Aubrey Giesen and Tarin Michaelis.

Eighth grade: Blake Dahlke, Tyler Ehrke, Morgan Harpel, Morgan Mathews and Alex Troska.

Small-farm workshops to begin

The Living on the Land Workshop Series, offered by University of Minnesota Extension, will equip small farm operators with the education and resources to be successful.

The eight-week course is designed to arm landowners with agricultural information to enable them to be good stewards of their land. The course will begin with goal-setting and individual property inventory, then address soil, plant, water and animal basics.

The Living on the Land curriculum addresses a growing need for information regarding small acreages.

The series will be taught by Extension educators and natural resource professionals at two locations. One of the locations is Gaylord at the Sibley County Service Center and that series will be held on Monday evenings, Feb. 4 to March 25 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Light meals will be provided at each session.

For more information about the series in Gaylord, contact Julie Sievert at 507-237-4100 or schu0944@umn.edu, or Christian Lilienthal at 507-934-0360 or lili0004@umn.edu.

Additional information and the Living on the Land workshop series brochure can be found at z.umn.edu/lotl2013.

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SHOW TIMES FOR MON.-THURS., FEB. 4-7

Obituaries

James Herbert Zaske, 69, of Glencoe

Funeral services for James "Jim" Herbert Zaske, 69, of Glencoe, were held Monday, Jan. 28, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Glencoe. The Rev. James Gomez officiated.



James Zaske

Mr. Zaske died Thursday, Jan. 24, 2013, at Methodist Hospital in Rochester.

Melissa Pinske was the organist. Soloist Jan Lamberty sang "On Eagle's Wings" and Treava Lundberg sang "I Can Only Imagine." Congregational hymns were "How Great Thou Art" and "Beautiful Savior."

Honorary pallbearer was Jacob Zaske. Pallbearers were Tim Zaske, Andy Zaske, Mark Zaske, Bob Lindeman, Jason Bain, Craig Raiber and Matt Zaske. Interment was in the Glencoe City Cemetery.

Mr. Zaske was born April 29, 1943, in Glencoe, to Herbert and Cordelia (Mackenthun) Zaske. He was baptized as an infant on May 16, 1943, by the Rev. G. Schmidt and confirmed in his faith as a youth on May 1, 1957, by the Rev. R.W. Koepp, both at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Brownton.

He received his education in Brownton at Immanuel Lutheran Parochial School and Brownton High School, graduating with the class of

1961. Mr. Zaske furthered his education by attending Luther College in Decorah, Iowa, and St. Cloud State University in St. Cloud. He graduated in 1965 and went on to get his master of science degree from St. Cloud State University.

On June 27, 1965, Mr. Zaske was united in marriage to Sharon Raiber by the Rev. R.W. Koepp at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Brownton.

The Zaskes made their home in Manitowoc, Wis., until 1970, when they moved to Glencoe. Their marriage was blessed with three children, Jodi, David and Michael. The Zaskes shared over 47 years of marriage.

Mr. Zaske taught at Manitowoc Public Schools and Glencoe-Silver Lake Public Schools as a science teacher. He also coached football and wrestling.

Mr. Zaske helped develop the Glencoe-Silver Lake outdoor classroom, was a member and negotiator for the education association, and had the honor of receiving the 1989 Excellence in Education Award from the Minnesota Chamber Foundation. Mr. Zaske retired in 2002.

He was a faithful member of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Glencoe, where Mr. Zaske served as the church president and sang in the church choir. He also sang with the Manitowoc Barbershop Chorus. He served as the secretary for the town home association.

Mr. Zaske touched and affected many different people's lives. He was selfless, inspirational, methodical, the "master" of his chosen area. He loved gardening, traveling with relatives and friends, and going to their cabin. He was an outdoorsman who enjoyed snowmobiling, boating, fishing, and hunting. He also enjoyed decorating for Christmas, and cherished the time spent with his family and friends.

Survivors include his wife, Sharon Zaske of Glencoe; children, Jodi (Michael) Guckenberg of Delano, David (Michelle) Zaske of Rice, and Michael (Gina) Zaske of Glencoe; grandchildren, Mikayla Zaske, Kiah Zaske, Payton Zaske and Tate Zaske; brothers, Robert (Jeanne) Zaske of Lino Lakes, Richard (Diane) Zaske of Hackensack, Randall (Mary) Zaske of Rockford, Ill., and Jerald (Barbara) Zaske of Brownton; nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends.

Preceding him in death were his parents, Herbert and Cordelia Zaske.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to The James Zaske Scholarship Fund (created in his honor), or Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Glencoe.

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.

Orville Zimmerman, 85, of Brownton

Funeral services for Orville Lloyd Zimmerman, 85, of Brownton, were held Saturday, Jan. 26, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Brownton. The Rev. R. Allan Reed officiated.



Orville Zimmerman

Mr. Zimmerman died Thursday, Jan. 24, 2013, at Glencoe Regional Health Services long-term care facility.

Dawn Wolter was the organist. The congregational hymns were "What a Friend We Have in Jesus," "Lift High the Cross" and "Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways."

Pallbearers were Mark Fredrickson, Steven Zimmerman, David Zimmerman, Nathan Zimmerman, Ryan Zimmerman and Loren Mielke. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Mr. Zimmerman was born Jan. 3, 1928, in Sumter Township, McLeod County, to Arthur and Bertha

(Schmidt) Zimmerman. He was baptized as an infant on Jan. 22, 1928, and confirmed in his faith as a youth on May 24, 1942, both at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Brownton. He received his education at District 49 county school and attended Immanuel Lutheran School in Brownton.

On April 12, 1958, Mr. Zimmerman was united in marriage to Annette Mehlhop at First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Glencoe. This marriage was blessed with two children, Dean and Jane. The Zimmermans, who resided and farmed in Sumter Township, McLeod County, shared over 54 years of marriage.

Mr. Zimmerman was a lifelong farmer. He retired in 1993. He was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Brownton, where he was a deacon and served on the church cemetery board. He also served on the Brownton Co-op Board and was an Aid Association for Lutherans Lamplighter.

Mr. Zimmerman enjoyed gardening and loved being out in the fields. He especially enjoyed spending time

with his family, grandsons and friends.

Survivors include his wife, Annette Zimmerman of Brownton; children, Dean (Janel) Zimmerman of Brownton and Jane (Dean) Duesterhoeft of Hutchinson; grandsons, Nathan (Marie) Zimmerman and Ryan Zimmerman and his special friend, Molly Neid; sister, Eldonna Christensen of Hector; sister-in-law, Patricia Zimmerman of Orr; many other relatives and friends.

Preceding him in death were his parents, Arthur and Bertha Zimmerman; brother, Kenneth Zimmerman; and brothers-in-law, Ray Christensen and Lloyd Fredrickson.

Memorials are preferred to Immanuel Lutheran Church in Brownton or a charity of your choice.

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Maynard Picha Family

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The family of Henry Sondergaard says thank you to the staff from ConnectCare for their help; to all of our relatives, friends and neighbors for their thoughts and prayers during Henry's illness; for all the words of sympathy, cards and memorials at the time of his passing.
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The family of Liz Bettcher would like to extend their sincere thanks to everyone for all the kindness, love and support shown to us at this difficult time.
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Joel & Amy Bettcher & family
James & Brenda Bettcher & family
Josh & Kim Bettcher & family**

Todd Allen Pooler, 46, of Hutchinson

Funeral services for Todd Allen Pooler, 46, Hutchinson, were held Sunday, Jan. 27, at Christ the King Lutheran Church in Hutchinson. The Rev. Mark Richardson and the Rev. Jon Lindkugel officiated.



Todd Pooler

Mr. Pooler died Wednesday, Jan. 23, 2013, at Abbott Northwestern Hospital in Minneapolis.

Bonnie Westmiller was the organist. Congregational hymns were "Amazing Grace," "I Was There to Hear Your Morning Cry" and "Old Rugged Cross."

Pallbearers were Brennen VanDerPol, Macaulay VanDerPol, Tom Weseloh, Jason VanDerPol, Mike Moe and Dave Klopp. Interment was in the Oakland Cemetery in Hutchinson.

Mr. Pooler was born Aug. 17, 1966, in Bertha, to Allen and Carol (Roberts) Pooler.

He was baptized as an infant at United Methodist Church in Eagle Bend and confirmed in his faith as a youth at Christ Lutheran Church in Glencoe. He received his education in Glencoe and was a graduate of the Glencoe High School class of 1984.

On Sept. 15, 1990, Mr. Pooler was united in marriage to Shannon McKimm at Christ Lutheran Church in Glencoe. This marriage was blessed with two daughters, Meaghan and McKenna. The Poolers resided in Hutchinson. They shared 22 years of marriage.

Mr. Pooler was employed at the Hutchinson Middle School and at Christ the King Lutheran Church in Hutchinson as a custodian. He was a member of Christ the King Lutheran Church.

He enjoyed music, fishing, putting together puzzles, camping, hiking and motorcycles. He was known as "Mr. Fix It." Mr. Pooler especially enjoyed spending time with his family and friends.

Survivors include his wife, Shannon Pooler of Hutchin-

son; children, Meaghan and McKenna Pooler of Hutchinson; mother, Carol Ogle and her husband, Mike, of Glencoe; sister, Melissa Templin of Georgia; father- and mother-in-law, Bob and Dayna McKimm of Brownton; aunts and uncles, Marilyn and Wally Bernhardson of Redwood Falls, Ron and Laurie Pooler of Granite Falls, Les and Jeanne Maciej of Round Rock, Texas, Dennis and Joan Rierson of Eagle Bend, and Dick Roberts of Arizona; sister-in-law, Kasi VanDerPol of Hutchinson; nephews, Brennen, Macaulay and Parker VanDerPol and Elijah Taylor; many other relatives and friends.

Preceding him in death were his grandparents, Ethel and Wesley Pooler and Ed and Lil Roberts; father, Allen Pooler; and stepfather, Billy Templin.

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Donald F. Navratil, 80, of Silver Lake

A memorial Mass for Donald F. Navratil, 80, of Silver Lake, was held Monday, Jan. 21, at Holy Family Catholic Church in Silver Lake. The Rev. Paul Schumacher officiated.



Donald Navratil

Mr. Navratil died Thursday, Jan. 17, 2013, at his residence.

Honorary pallbearers were Larry Ardolf, Randy Hlavka, George Lhotka, Roger Lhotka, Virgil Vacek, Cory Fouquette, Ray Bandas Jr. and Larry Lhotka.

Mr. Navratil was born Nov. 25, 1932, in Silver Lake, to Frank and Amilia (Svoboda) Navratil.

He honorably served his country in the U.S. Army, serving in the Korean Conflict.

On Oct. 10, 1959, Mr. Navratil and Christel Wallat were joined in holy marriage at St. Mary's Cathedral in Fargo, N.D. God blessed their marriage with a son.

Mr. Navratil was employed as a production laborer for 3M for 35 years.

He was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church in Silver Lake and also volunteered at both the school and church. Mr. Navratil was a

lifelong member of American Legion Post 141 in Silver Lake.

Survivors include his wife of 53 years, Christel Navratil of Silver Lake; a son, Thomas Lee Navratil of Vancouver, Wash.; brothers, Alvin (Bernice) Navratil of Minnetonka and Milton (Caroline) Navratil of Silver Lake; a sister-in-law, Margo (Marvin) Iszler of Fargo, N.D.; and many other relatives and friends.

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

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And although we cannot see you, you are always by our side.
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Pastor's Corner

Start and end each day by thanking God

There is solid empirical evidence that an attitude of thankfulness can improve our well-being. There have been a number of well-run studies which show that a variety of activities expressing gratitude makes people happier. Making a gratitude visit has been suggested by studies done by Martin Seligman at the University of Pennsylvania. The gratitude visit consists of writing a letter thanking someone who has helped you or been influential in some way and then hand-delivering it. Other activities which bring lasting happiness are a gratitude journal, where you list five things you have to be thankful for. This can be done daily or weekly. Starting and ending each day with a short prayer of gratitude is a great way to "bookend" your day with an attitude of thankfulness. This can be as short and simple as "Thank you, Lord, for this day, and for this chance to serve You and my fellow man." Make up your own prayer of thanks or devise other means of showing gratitude. As social beings gratitude reinforces our connection with our fellow man as well as with God. Be creative and daring with your gratitude exercises and change them up periodically to keep them fresh. Discover new ways to express the attitude of gratitude.

"Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful."
Colossians 4:2

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Obituaries

Edna Sophie Anderle, 88, of Glencoe

A Mass of Christian Burial for Edna Sophie Anderle, 88, of Glencoe, was held Monday, Jan. 28, at Holy Family Catholic Church in Silver Lake. The Rev. Tony Stuba was the celebrant.



Edna Anderle

Mrs. Anderle died Thursday, Jan. 24, 2013, at the Glencoe Regional Health Services long-term care facility.

Honorary pallbearers were Kirsten Anderson, Paul Nass and Isaac Nass. Pallbearers were Julie Havelka, Mike Havelka, Lisa Riebe, Jennifer Forcier, Jeffrey Havelka, Megan Anderson, Tim Ellis and Randy Ellis. Interment was in St. Joseph Cemetery, Silver Lake.

Edna Sophie Ellis was born Dec. 17, 1924, to Edward and Sophie (Ondracek) Ellis.

On June 25, 1945, Edna Ellis and Paul Joseph Anderle were married at St. George Catholic Church. They were able to share 67 years of marriage and were blessed with six children.

Mrs. Anderle enjoyed tending her garden of fruits and vegetables and canning the produce to provide for her family's needs. She loved baking breads, kolaches and apple strudels.

The Anderles put their children first and provided a Catholic elementary school education for all of them. She will be remembered for her hard work, love for her family and the love of her Catholic faith.

Survivors include her husband; children, Paul Anderle Jr., Marlene (Donald) Havel-

ka of Glencoe, Betty (Roger) Steele of Spicer, Judy (Ralph) Anderson of Willmar, Mary (Randy) Nass of Dassel, and Nancy (Tony) Humlicek of Silver Lake; grandchildren, Julie, Mike, Lisa, Jennifer, Jeffrey, Megan, Kirsten, Isaac and Paul; stepgrandchildren, Nancy and Jason; great-grandchildren, Brittany, Chelsea, Ashley, Trevor, and Braden; stepgreat-grandchildren, MacKenzie and Blaine; brothers, Emil (Bernice) Ellis and Edwin Ellis, both of Glencoe; other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; sister, Margaret Tupa; and an infant sister, Doris.

The Maresh Funeral Home, Silver Lake assisted the family with arrangements. Online condolences can be made at www.mareshfuneralhome.com.

Janet Kay Hable, 57, of Stewart

Mass of Christian Burial for Janet Kay Hable, 57, of Stewart, was held Saturday, Jan. 26, at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Stewart. The Rev.



Zachary Peterson officiated. Mrs. Hable died Tuesday, Jan. 22, 2013, at her home.

Mrs. Hable was a member of St. Boniface Catholic Church. She loved cooking, and going for coffee with family and friends. She enjoyed playing Bingo and cards, and liked going to the casino. She especially enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren, Kaylee and Benjamin.

Survivors include her husband, Lloyd Hable, of Stewart; daughters, Shannon Hable of Stewart, Tiffany Hable of Stewart, and Brittany Hable of Stewart; and her significant other, Jeff Erkenbrack, of Stewart; stepdaughter, Nikki (Curt) White of Litchfield; grandchildren, Kaylee Hable and Benjamin Scott; mother-in-law, Irene Hable of Cannon City, Colo.; sisters, Lottie Kottke of Glencoe, Annette Hiles of Stewart, Bernie Markgraf of Hutchinson, and Marge (Curt) Wieweck of Buffalo Lake; brothers, John (Linda) Kalenberg of Hutchinson, Charles (Twyla Waller) Kalenberg of Stewart, Joe (Denise) Kalenberg of Waconia, and Todd (Michelle) Kalenberg of Glencoe; her husband's brothers and sisters and their families; many nephews, nieces, other relatives, and friends.

Survivors include her husband, Lloyd Hable, of Stewart; daughters, Shannon Hable of Stewart, Tiffany Hable and her significant other, Josh Scott, of Stewart, and Brittany Hable and her significant other, Jeff Erkenbrack, of Stewart; stepdaughter, Nikki (Curt) White of Litchfield; grandchildren, Kaylee Hable and Benjamin Scott; mother-in-law, Irene Hable of Cannon City, Colo.; sisters, Lottie Kottke of Glencoe, Annette Hiles of Stewart, Bernie Markgraf of Hutchinson, and Marge (Curt) Wieweck of Buffalo Lake; brothers, John (Linda) Kalenberg of Hutchinson, Charles (Twyla Waller) Kalenberg of Stewart, Joe (Denise) Kalenberg of Waconia, and Todd (Michelle) Kalenberg of Glencoe; her husband's brothers and sisters and their families; many nephews, nieces, other relatives, and friends.

Doloris Bernice Bartels, 89, of Glencoe

Funeral services for Doloris Bernice Bartels, 89, of Glencoe, were held Tuesday, Jan. 29, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Glencoe. The Rev. James Gomez officiated.



Doloris Bartels

Mrs. Bartels died Friday, Jan. 25, 2013, at the Glencoe Regional Health Care Services long-term care facility.

Jan Heins was the organist for the service. Congregational hymns were "What a Friend We Have in Jesus," "Just a Closer Walk With Thee" and "Amazing Grace," accompanied by Jim Bartels on the concertina.

Pallbearers were her grandchildren, Matthew Bartels, Andrew Bartels, Sara Brown, Jason Bartels, Adam Bartels, Abby Bartels and Jill Bartels. Interment was in the First Lutheran Cemetery.

Doloris Bernice Rennecke was born March 21, 1923, in Penn Township, McLeod County, to Otto and Emma (Bulau) Rennecke. She was baptized as an infant and confirmed in her faith as a youth at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Brownton. She received her education in Brownton and was a graduate of the Brownton High School

class of 1940.

On June 16, 1946, Doloris Rennecke was united in marriage to Elsworth Bartels at the Immanuel Lutheran Church parsonage in Brownton. This marriage was blessed with three sons, Bruce, Don and James. The Bartels family resided in Penn Township, rural Brownton, until 1970, when they moved to Glencoe. They shared 58 years of marriage before Mr. Bartels died on Oct. 27, 2004.

Mrs. Bartels was a loving wife, mother, homemaker and partner in the farming operation, until moving to Glencoe. She also was a cook in the Glencoe School District. Prior to her marriage, during World War II, Mrs. Bartels worked at Brown and Biglow and Dayton's in Minneapolis. Later she worked at Lindy's Café, Hardees and Burger King in Glencoe.

She was a member of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Glencoe, where she was active with the church guild, ladies groups and taught Bible school. She also was a member of Glencoe VFW Auxiliary Post 5102.

Mrs. Bartels enjoyed dancing, telling jokes and helping with church activities. She loved traveling with her husband, Elsworth, to California, Arizona, Florida, Chicago, Germany and other stops around Europe.

She loved to tell stories,

and read and tell jokes for entertainment on her trips. She especially enjoyed watching her sons' and grandchildren's activities. She cherished spending time with her family, grandchildren and friends.

Survivors include her children, Bruce (Joyce) Bartels of Annandale, Don Bartels and his special friend, Janine Max, of Chaska, and James (Konnie) Bartels of New Ulm; grandchildren, Matthew Bartels, Andrew (Brenda) Bartels, Sara (David) Brown, Jason Bartels, Adam Bartels, Abby Bartels, and Jill Bartels; great-grandchildren, Jasper Bartels, Madelynn, Brooke and Samuel Brown; sisters, Marcella Cohrs of Glencoe and Vera Wacker of Brownton; brothers, Victor Rennecke of Cohasset and Harris (Delores) Rennecke of Brownton; many other relatives and friends.

Preceding her in death were her parents, Otto and Emma Rennecke; husband, Elsworth Bartels; brother, Howard Rennecke; sister, Luella Pearl; sister-in-law, Vickie Rennecke; and brothers-in-law, Milo Wacker, Vernon Cohrs and Bob Pearl.

Memorials are preferred. Arrangements were by the Dobratz-Hantge Chapel in Hutchinson. Online obituaries and guest book are available at www.hantge.com. Click on obituaries/guest book.



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Soup collection site

Char Kucera, left, and Mary Sutton brought their packets of bean and barley soup to the collection site for the McLeod Emergency Food Shelf. The women at the Cozy Mountain Lodge retreat at First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Glencoe assembled packets of soup as a service project Jan. 25-26. The retreat also fea-

tured study of the Bible narrative about Ruth and Naomi, as well as fellowship, reflection and prayer, celebration, and food. The church's fellowship center was decked out with quilts, evergreens, a fireplace, potbelly stove and rocking chairs to simulate a mountain lodge without all the travel hassle to get there.

Nominate farm family of the year

Nominate a McLeod County farm family or individual for the Farm Family of the Year. Nominations will be taken until Monday, April 15. The McLeod County Extension committees are encouraging local farmers and agribusinesses to fill out the form to honor a farm family or individual.

Contact the McLeod County Extension Offices for a nomination form or visit the University of Minnesota Farm Family of the Year Website to learn more about the program: <http://mnfarmfamilies.cfans.umn.edu/>. Both forms can be found online at <http://z.umn.edu/mcleodfarmfamily2013> for McLeod County.

The McLeod County Farm Family of the Year in 2012 was the Duane and Mary Nelson family. They began their journey together in the early 1980s with a few cows and a rented facility. Over the years they built a herd by breeding for high quality genetics and progressive type, which allowed them to create a strong foundation herd.

Today, the Nelsons continue to milk about 50 cows,



Farm Notes

By Nathan Winter

which are a mixture of Holsteins and Ayrshires. They raise their own young stock and market excess milking cows and heifers. The Nelsons have three children; Erik, Tracy and Brenda.

Off the farm, the Nelsons are active with coaching dairy

judging, the CRI Board, Winthrop Lions, and substitute teaching. In 1995, the Nelsons were awarded the Distinguished Young Breeder award by the National Holstein Association.

Bruce A. Hakes, 81, of Hutchinson

Funeral services for Bruce Allan Hakes, 81, of Hutchinson, were held Thursday, Jan. 24, at Grace Lutheran Church, Brownton. The Rev. Andrew Hermodson-Olsen officiated.



Bruce Hakes

Mrs. Hakes died Sunday, Jan. 20, 2013, at Abbott Northwestern Hospital in Minneapolis.

The organist was Bev Wangerin, and the congregational hymns were "How Great Thou Art," "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" and "Children of the Heavenly Father."

Honorary pallbearers were Staff Sgt. Matthew Nonweiler, Kayla Sanchez, Sara Wersal, Jodi Aschoff, Nikki Plath, Tiia Plath and Jason and Laura Curtiss. An honorary group was the Brownton Fire Department. Pallbearers were Greg Plath, Tim Plath, Dan Plath, Lindsay Nonweiler, Jeremy Curtiss and Ted Aschoff. Military honors were provided by the Hutchinson Memorial Rifle Squad. Interment was in the Oak Grove Cemetery in Brownton.

Mr. Hakes was born March 1, 1931, in Brownton to Percy and Bertha (Middlestedt) Hakes. He was baptized as an infant on March 22,

1931, and confirmed in his faith as a youth on June 25, 1944, both at Grace Lutheran Church in Brownton. He received his high school education in Brownton and was a graduate of the Brownton High School class of 1949.

Mr. Hakes entered active military service in the U.S. Air Force on Jan. 9, 1951, and served his country during the Korean War. He received an honorable discharge on Nov. 30, 1951.

On June 14, 1952, Mr. Hakes was united in marriage to Carol Schmidt at Grace Lutheran Church in Brownton. This marriage was blessed with three children.

On Oct. 6, 1972, Mr. Hakes was united in marriage to Millie Wendorff at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Acoma Township, McLeod County. They resided in Hutchinson. They shared 33 years of marriage before Mrs. Hakes died on Jan. 25, 2006.

Mr. Hakes held employment as a milk hauler and at 3M. He retired in 1991. He was a member of Grace Lutheran Church in Brownton. Also, he was a member of Hutchinson American Legion Post 96 and Hutchinson 40/8.

Mr. Hakes enjoyed fishing, sports, bird watching, cooking, casino visits and the company of friends and neighbors. He especially enjoyed the time he spent with

his children, grandchildren and their pets and great grandchildren.

Survivors include his children, Vickie (John) Curtiss of Dassel, Patty Hakes of Dallas, Texas, Peggy (David) Nonweiler of Hutchinson and Steve (Cindy) Wendorff of Hutchinson; grandchildren, Greg (Nikki) Plath, Tim Plath, Dan (Tiia) Plath, Matthew Nonweiler, Lindsay Nonweiler, Sara (Chris) Wendorff Wersal, Kayla (Raul) Wendorff Sanchez, Jeremy Curtiss, Jodi (Ted) Aschoff, and Jason (Laura) Curtiss; great-grandchildren, Adeline, Elise, Anna and Lila Plath, Makayla and Lincoln Plath, Lola Singh, Kayella Aschoff, Emily Aase, Ethan and Dylan Curtiss, and Stephanie and Ailene Rodriguez; sister, Joane (Alan) Wisdorf of Burnsville; sister-in-law, Leona (Donald) Janke of Hutchinson; nieces, nephews, many other relatives and friends.

Preceding him in death were his parents, Percy and Bertha Hakes; first wife, Carol Hakes; second wife, Millie Hakes; and a son, Craig Wendorff.

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Geography Bee

The top 10 qualifiers for the Lakeside Elementary National Geographic Bee pensively stood by their chairs last Friday for the start of annual competition to see who will be crowned the local winner and advance to state competition in April. The contestants included, left to right, Bennett Lepel, Dane Schwirtz, Brett Baumgarten, Josh Kuehn, Jonathon Norling, Mia LaPlante, Haley Lukes, Carl Hormann, Jake Schuch and Jacob Reichow. After seven rounds of questioning, the top two emerged at right, Reichow and Kuehn. The two finalists were given three questions in the double-elimination finals. Reichow answered the first one correctly, Kuehn was wrong. The second question found Kuehn right and Reichow wrong. Reichow correctly answered the third question to win the championship. The National Geographic Bee was conducted by Nita Enderson with help from her husband, Eldean.



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sists of pork and poultry. There is little beef consumed there, he added.

The Chinese buy a lot of their groceries every day because of their small living accommodations. Often they buy live animals, especially poultry, from the markets.

To get fresh meat imports through Chinese customers is an issue, Oftedahl said, and the Chinese do not know what to do with frozen meats.

While the U.S. has made inroads into the Chinese markets, there have been obstacles, too.

He also said it seems all meats are used for stir fries by the Chinese, and most of that is "secondary cuts. They don't know what to do with ham or pork chops."

Oftedahl also said the Chinese prefer the U.S. beans to South American beans, because the latter has a red color.

"It was a weird mix of bicycles, scooters, buses and cars, all at once," Oftedahl

said of the street congestion in Shanghai. "Electric scooters will kill you," he smiled, "because you can't hear them."

He also said pedestrians "have little rights." It is the first to the intersection who wins, he added.

There was another surprise, Oftedahl said. "I wasn't prepared for all the private industry in China," and added they toured several private soybean processing plants in Shanghai.

They are modern-looking facilities, Oftedahl said, but a lot of the work of loading and unloading is still done by hand.

The majority of the processing plants is on the east coast of China. He said the Chinese rely on the imported grains mainly for feed, and the domestic beans are for consumption.

Oftedahl said the Chinese "are very friendly, open and formal. It was an amazing trip. Very interesting."

He presented a slide show of his 10-day trip that included five days in Shanghai, four in other parts of the country and the last day in Hong Kong.

The annual meeting of the McLeod County Corn & Soybean Growers also included an election of officers for 2013.

Board member Dean Zimmerman retired, and the newest board member is Bob Lindeman.

The 2012 board consisted of Francis Svoboda, president; Brian Thalmann, vice president; Brian Junglaus, treasurer; Oftedahl, secretary; and board members Wayne Albrecht, Larry Ide, Mark Johnson, Steve Reiner, Dave Resch and Nathan Winter.

Also speaking were representatives from the Corn Growers and Soybean Growers associations as well as Svoboda, who gave an update on the association's activities throughout the past year.



Chronicle photo by Rich Glennie

Ray Bayerl, left, received the Friend of Agriculture award from the McLeod County Corn & Soybean Growers Saturday night at the Pla-Mor Ballroom. With Bayerl are Francis Svoboda (partially hid-

den), president of the county organization, and Brian Thalmann, vice president. Bayerl recently retired after a long tenure as a McLeod County commissioner.

Chronicle wins in 2 editorial categories

The McLeod County Chronicle captured two first-place awards at the annual Minnesota Newspaper Association's Better Newspaper Contest last week in Bloomington.

The first-place plaques were for Editorial Page As a Whole and for Editorial Portfolio.

The judges from the Indi-

ana Newspaper Association wrote of the Editorial Page as a Whole (circulation 2,501-5,000): "Strong editorials. Lively columns. A lot of community engagement and discussion. What's not to like?"

There were 14 entries in this category.

As to the first-place Editorial Portfolio, which included

up to seven editorials from throughout the year, the judges wrote: "Strong editorials on school issues, which are key to any community. Viking stadium piece was strong and well reasoned."

The category included all weeklies in Minnesota, and there were 15 entries.

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have been complaints about the containers overflowing with materials, "which is a good problem."

The county officials also will be meeting with other government entities in the county over the recycling options, Terlinden said.

The county's contract for the study will not exceed \$50,000, Terlinden said, and he added, "we want to do it right."

The study also will look at the county's Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) in Hutchinson and possible future expansion.

Terlinden said the facility is big enough, but there is need for more space to store recyclable materials. He said there is a big market for the recyclables now.

Council member John Schrupp asked if the county study also will look at whether it is "feasible for the county to be in recycling?"

"Yes," Terlinden replied.

Glencoe resident Gary Ballard, a critic of the city's efforts to go to a one-sort recycling program instead of the county's current five-sort system, asked that a copy of the proposed amendment be made available.

He also was concerned about where the recyclables go once they are picked up if the city goes with a Waste Management proposal.

Wilson said the amendment does not address that, rather the recycling contract is open to negotiations between the

city and a hauler.

Ballard said the county has a three-year contract with West Central Sanitation to pick up recyclables and deliver them to MRF. He said if Glencoe gets out of the county's contract and goes with its own, the county will "get stuck" paying for Glencoe's pick up even though it will not be picking anything up.

The ordinance has nothing to do with the garbage or recycling contracts, Wilson said, but the ordinance will determine what is and is not recyclable. "It sets guidelines."

He added the ordinance will not mandate where the recyclables are delivered once collected.

One of the goals, Wilson said, is to minimize the number of haulers who travel city streets collecting garbage and recyclables. Wear and tear on the streets is a city concern.

Ballard asked if there would be a written ordinance the public can see prior to the second reading.

He also asked the city to hold off on a recycling contract until the county completes its study. "Put this on the backburner until they (county commissioners) decide."

Wilson said most people he has spoken to want to go with the one-sort recycling. He said the City Council has taken its time, "and asked a lot of good questions."

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ganizational and practical skills.

In other business, the County Board:

- Heard that the fairgrounds commission is pursuing grant opportunities to make improvements and additions to the county fair buildings. The commission also plans to have a sign installed on Airport Road to give people direction toward

the southwest entry to the fairgrounds.

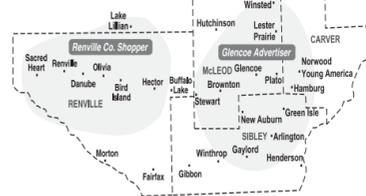
- Discontinued its policy of allowing just one out-of-state conference or workshop per department.

Commissioner Sheldon Nies noted that some conferences are funded through grant dollars, not tax dollars, and that each request should be considered on a case-by-case basis.



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