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Emotions vary on first day back

It is always an emotional day for students and parents when school resumes in the fall, and last Wednesday was no exception at Helen Baker Elementary. Above, Mike Coddington, elementary school physical education teacher, was dealing with Gavin Kottke, who was upset as he arrived for the start of kindergarten, as well as two other students who sought to help him out. At left, Sawyer Ardolf hopped off the bus to the welcome of Lisa Eischens, a health assistant at Helen Baker. Despite the chaotic-looking situation of anxious youngsters and equally anxious parents, gathered on the front yard of Helen Baker, the school year got under way without any major mishaps.



Board chairman unhappy with state over MMR, levy

By Rich Glennie
Editor

The anger in Clark Christianson's voice was obvious Monday night when the Glencoe-Silver Lake School Board met in the Lincoln board room.



Christianson

First, the chairman of the school board heard the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) would not alter errant data that put a bad light on GSL's recent Multiple Measurement Ratings (MMR), and then he heard MDE also messed up with the district's preliminary budget levy numbers that threatened to delay approval of the local levy as required by law.

What aggravated Christianson most were the MMR results that High School Principal said dropped from 40 points last year to 22 this year, mainly because of eight students who were not coded properly.

Once the district found the error, Sparby said the MDE was contacted, but refused to alter the results. The reason was if MDE changed GSL's results, it would have to look at all the school districts.

Sparby said the MMR score consists of four components, all worth 25 points in the 100-point system for high schools. One is graduation rates. Since graduation rates do not apply to the junior high or elementary schools, their ratings have only three categories.

Sparby said GSL lost a large portion of its points due to the graduation rate category.

"It came down to eight students, who were coded incorrectly," Sparby said. Because of the coding errors, the

students were classified as unknown by MDE. That penalized GSL.

Sparby said six of those students had moved out of the district the previous year, one dropped out of school and the other was home-schooled.

"If coded correctly, we'd be at 45," Sparby said. "Unfortunately, there is no way to correct this." He said the MDE's deadline for corrections was June 15, but GSL did not get the MMR data until August.

He said he called MDE officials to point out the problem, and they agreed it was a problem, but would not change it.

"That's ridiculous!" Christianson said.

"It's frustrating," Sparby said. "It (MMR score) is not a reflection of the hard work we've put into it."

Sparby said dealing with the MDE has been difficult, and often he is talking with different state officials on the financial side of things versus the academic side. "It involves different departments and different people (at MDE)."

Despite the errors in coding, Sparby said GSL "still has a lot of work to be done" to bring up the MMR score.

Even with the coding errors, GSL Superintendent Chris Sonju said the MMR system is a better system.

He said despite GSL's score being down, "we're doing some great things here day after day."

While the public may look at the drop to 22 points as a negative, "that's the farthest thing from the truth. We have a lot of really good things in place," Sonju said. "We need more time; the scores will get better."

"This (MMR) will not tell the whole, the entire picture of the school," Sonju added, and he com-

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County Board keeps levy same for 3rd straight year

By Lori Copley
Staff Writer

For the third straight year, McLeod County will not increase its property tax levy.

The Board of Commissioners on Tuesday, Sept. 4, approved a preliminary levy of just over \$18.29 million, the same as it has since 2011.

At a budget workshop in late August, the County Board had heard that it would need to use about \$88,000 in reserves to keep its general fund levy the same as the prior two years.

At the Sept. 4 meeting, McLeod County Auditor-Treasurer Cindy Schultz said her department had made further line-item adjustments, which reduced the amount of reserves needed to \$65,537.

The Social Services levy, which is separate from the general fund levy, will need to use \$351,187 of its reserves to balance its 2013 budget.

The budget and levy will be finalized in December. At that time, the County Board can reduce its proposed levy, but cannot increase it.

In other business at its Sept. 4 meeting, the County Board:

• Had some good news: it will receive a \$348,827 dividend from the

Minnesota Counties Intergovernmental Trust (MCIT), with which the county has its insurance.

Betty Werth of Central Services said that \$133,360 of the dividend comes from workers compensation insurance and \$215,467 from property and casualty insurance.

Werth said MCIT paid out a total of \$29.9 million to the counties which participate in the trust.

Commissioner Sheldon Nies said one of the advantages of the trust is that profits are paid back to the participants.

"It's cheaper for us than if we went out and got insurance from a private company," said Nies. "And the profit margin (with a private company) would be going to the executive board, not to us."

• Approved a 2012 salary increase of 30 cents per hour for non-union employees, which is the same as was approved for union employees.

• Reached a property tax settlement with Inland Hutchinson for the former Cub Foods building in Hutchinson that will reduce the building's as-

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Area foreign exchange students

Four foreign exchange students, along with their host families, gathered at Pizza Ranch last Friday for their orientation for the new school year. The students are sponsored through the Student Travel Schools Foundation (STS). They include, from left to right, Qiwei Huang of China, who will attend Glencoe-Silver Lake High School and stay with host family Tim and Jennell Johnson of Silver Lake; Ulrike Schwarze of Germany, who will attend Glencoe-Silver Lake and stay with host

family Dave and Tammy Meyer of Glencoe; Teresa Echsel of Austria, who will attend Dassel-Cokato High School and stay with host family David Mackowick and Kiessa Webster of rural Dassel; and Torjussen Heggelund of Norway, who will attend Hutchinson High School and stay with host family Greg Nistler and Michelle Qualle of rural Glencoe. Kari Becker of Glencoe is the STS coordinator in the region.

Weather



Looking back: While the hot conditions abated somewhat last week, the dry conditions linger in the area.

Date	Hi	Lo	Rain
Sept. 4	91	63	0.00
Sept. 5	82	58	0.06

Sept. 6	82	50	0.03
Sept. 7	70	51	0.00
Sept. 8	79	44	0.00
Sept. 9	79	50	0.00
Sept. 10	86	50	0.00

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

Chronicle News and Advertising Deadlines

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

Happenings

Glencoe Study Club to meet

The Glencoe Study Club will meet at 6:30 p.m., Monday, Sept. 17, at Christ Lutheran Church. Linda Owen will present the program. A light meal will be served. Judy Larsen will be the hostess, so contact her if unable to attend.

After-Prom committee meets

The Glencoe-Silver Lake After-Prom committee will hold its first meeting at 6 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 16, at the Glencoe Pizza Ranch. All parents of the junior class are invited.

Concert to benefit food shelf

Free community concert to benefit the McLeod Emergency Food Shelf will be held at 4 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 23, at First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Glencoe. The Kingery Family will perform toe-tapping bluegrass style music that will delight all ages! Bring lawn chair/blankets for outdoor seating. The concert will move inside the church if the weather is bad. If able, please bring a donation for MEFS. All are invited and welcome to attend!

GHPS annual meeting set

The Glencoe Historic Preservation Society will hold its annual meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 19, in the Glencoe Historic Room at the Glencoe City Center. The group will kick the night off with a potluck supper at 5:30 p.m. Bring a dish to share. Membership dues will be renewed and collected, and the annual meeting will start at 6:30 p.m. The group will be fine tuning plans for serving food and working at the Polka Fest on Thursday, Sept. 20. Everyone is welcome.

Pillow cleaning set Sept. 14

The Glencoe VFW Auxiliary is sponsoring its fall pillow cleaning event from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., Friday, Sept. 14, at the Glencoe VFW Club. Pillows will be cleaned, deodorized, sanitized and fluffed.

Quarter Bingo begins Sept. 12

Grand Meadows Senior Living, 1420 Prairie Ave., Glencoe, invites the community to play "Quarter Bingo" Wednesday, Sept. 12, at 2 p.m., in its lounge. Call 320-864-5577, if one has questions.

Legion Auxiliary to meet

The Glencoe American Legion Auxiliary Unit 95 will meet at 7 p.m., Monday, Sept. 17, at the Glencoe Fire Hall. Lunch will be served.

Stewart paper drive set

The Stewart-Brownton Girl Scouts will have a paper drive Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 22-23, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., in the parking lot of Cactus Jack's II on Highway 212 in Stewart. All types of paper are accepted. Please sort the cardboard from paper. Acceptable types of paper are phone books, magazines, hard-cover books (remove the covers), junk mail, corrugated cardboard, egg cartons, and clean food boxes (cereal, crackers, pizza, etc.) For pickup or questions, call Mike or Gerri Fitzloff at 320-562-2369. Proceeds will go toward a trip to Savannah the girls are planning in 2013.

Octoberfest in September

Octoberfest in September is set for Wednesday, Sept. 12, in the Brownton City Park. Sponsored by the Brownton Lions Club, the event features brats and kraut, German potato salad, hot dogs, pop and beer being served at 5:30 p.m., and music by George's Concertina Band from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Please bring a lawn chair. In the event of rain, the celebration will be moved to the Brownton Community Center.

Choir to begin rehearsals

The Buffalo Creek Community Choir will begin rehearsing Sunday, Sept. 16, at 6 p.m., at Grace Lutheran Church, Brownton. A December concert is being planned. Please contact Steffie Gronlund, 320-234-7889, or Rosine Hermodson-Olsen, 320-328-4365, so books can be ordered. Everyone is welcome.

Retired educators to meet

The Glencoe Area Retired Educators group will meet at 11:30 a.m., Thursday, Sept. 20, for a potluck lunch at Grand Meadows, 1420 Prairie Ave., Glencoe. Members will discuss the future of the organization and its programs.

Glencoe Seniors meetings set

The Glencoe Senior Citizens Club will meet Thursday, Sept. 13, at 12:30 p.m., and Tuesday, Sept. 18, also at 12:30 p.m., in the senior room at the Glencoe City Center. Sheephead and 500 will be played at both meetings. All area seniors are welcome to attend. The seniors also are looking for canasta and pinochle players, and are open to suggestions for other board and card games.

'Fun Shoot' set Sept. 15

Shady Lane Sportsmen's Club will host a "Fun Shoot" on Saturday, Sept. 15, at the club house. There will be black powder shooting at 10 a.m.; Annie Oakley clay shooting at noon; and pistol shooting at 2 p.m. Food and beverages will be available for purchase throughout the day. Gun raffle winners will be drawn.

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.

'Snowbird' ordinance gets reading on 3-2 vote

By Rich Glennie
Editor

Glencoe City Council last Tuesday, Sept. 4, approved third and final readings on an illicit discharge ordinance and an amendment to its ordinance on ATV use in the city.

But it took a 3-2 vote to get a second reading for a controversial "snowbird" ordinance that would ban all parking on city streets from Nov. 1 to April 1 between the hours of 1 a.m. to 6 a.m., or until the streets are plowed curb-to-curb.

But in approving the second reading of the parking ban, City Council did delete two words from the first reading. It deleted the "seven-day" notice requirement to park on the street for special occasions during the winter months.

The deletion was proposed by council member Dan Perschau after comments were made at the Aug. 20 public hearing on the ordinance.

Glencoe Police Chief Jim Raiter said a survey of other cities and their policies indicated that a total ban of on-street parking in the winter does work.

Lester Prairie bans on-street parking and issued just 26 tickets in the past three years. Others with parking bans included Winsted, which issued 97 over the past three winters; Paynesville had 32 tickets in since 2010; and Cokato had 70 over the past three seasons. Chanhassen averaged about 120 a year since 2009 and Waconia about 50 a year.

"Looking at the numbers, this is working in these towns," Raiter said. "Why should it not work for Glencoe?"

Council member Gary

Ziemer said the language in the new snowbird ordinance contains some of the same language in the current parking regulations. "This isn't anything new. If there is no problem in that ordinance, there should not be a problem in this ordinance," he added.

Ziemer said since the Aug. 20 meeting he has been to meetings and gatherings and has asked people their opinions on the parking ordinance. "I got no, zero negative comments" on City's Council proposed ordinance.

Council member John Schrupp added he has heard three comments and most said if it costs the city more, then use the current ordinance.

Council member Lori Adamietz said the police chief's data showed it does work in other communities, but she said the proposed ordinance over streets being plowed "curb-to-curb," or at 6 a.m., which ever comes last.

But Mayor Randy Wilson, in defending the parking ban, said there is currently an inconsistency as to what amount of snowfall triggers snow plowing.

"I'm OK with the no parking," Adamietz said, "but I have a problem with the curb-to-curb, or whatever is later."

Council member Greg Copas favored eliminating the curb-to-curb requirement of the proposed ordinance.

But the only deletion approved in the motion was the seven-day notice. That vote was 3-2 with Perschau, Ziemer and Schrupp voting in favor, and Adamietz and Copas voting no.

Later in the meeting, during the public comment period, Wayne Rosenfeld, head of

maintenance at the courthouse, was concerned about county employees parking on city streets around the courthouse before the snow is completely removed. He also was concerned that downtown residents, with no place to park, will use the county parking lots.

City Administrator Mark Larson said once the city lots have been plowed, those residents can use those lots to park.

Wilson and Raiter both said the police department will work with people on solving their downtown parking dilemma.

"Where will the signs be?" asked resident Lloyd Thurn. He wanted no-parking signs to be posted like that along 16th Street, and not just at the major entrances into the Glencoe as the city proposed. Thurn also insisted the signs and notices be bilingual.

But Wilson said the signs will be left to the discretion of the street department. But he said the city does not plan to post more signs because of the expense involved.

"What harm is there to parking a car on the street when there is no snow?" Thurn asked.

Bill Husfelt asked if the police chief was the one who initiated the proposed parking ban.

Wilson said the police chief looked at what other communities were doing. He also said City Council has struggled with the "snowbird" issues every year.

Wilson said Raiter suggested the change, "but City Council decides."

But Husfelt said if the city does not plow when slushy snow falls in late March, they would really not be following

its own rules, especially if it enforces the rules when there is no snow in early November.

He said that leaves gray areas in plowing and enforcement.

"The police department makes discretionary calls all the time," Wilson said. He also said the city and police department do not play favorites in the community, either.

Wilson said the aim of the ordinance is to more efficiently plow snow. "We spend a significant amount of money plowing streets."

Wilson said the city will try the new snowbird ordinance "based on the facts we have. It's working in other communities."

Linda Senst asked about Hutchinson's winter parking regulations.

"It's similar to our old system," Wilson replied.

Senst said if the city goes through with the parking ban, her concern is infringing on people's right to park on the street when there is no snow.

"The streets are not a parking lot," Wilson said, rather they are there to move traffic.

But Senst asked, if the city is losing money plowing snow, "what are you saving with the new system?"

"The Council is making the right choice," Wilson said. "We will save significant dollars not having to replot."

Senst said she is fine with the extra time needed to plow, "if I can maintain my freedom."

Marie Thurn also asked a number of questions of City Council, and Wilson suggested she talk personally with the police chief.

DAV seminar upcoming Sept. 29

So many veterans feel confused about benefits and services they have earned. There is so much to know, and so many changes from one year to the next.

That is why local members of the nonprofit Disabled American Veterans (DAV) will present a veterans information seminar from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Sept. 29, at the VFW Post, 247 First Ave., S.E., Hutchinson.

Like all DAV services, this seminar is free to all veterans and members of their families.

For further information concerning this event, contact NSO Jon N. Retzer at 612-970-5665.

Plato Lions to sponsor dinner Sept. 30

The Plato Lions will host a pork chop dinner from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 30, at Plato Hall. Besides pork chops, the menu includes cheesy hash browns, green beans, applesauce, cookie, coffee and milk.

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essed value to \$3.9 million from \$4.2 million for 2009 (taxes payable in 2010), and to \$3.47 million for 2010, payable 2011.

Assessor Sue Schultz said she was given a tour of the building's interior, and said she was comfortable with the reduction because of the amount of work that would be needed inside the building to make it usable.

• Approved members of a newly formed ditch committee. Members are Steve Reiner, Scott Streich, Larry Phillips, David Dostal and Francis Svoboda.



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Future GSL Panthers

Youngsters held an impromptu football scrimmage on the front lawn of Helen Baker Elementary School last week as the new school year began. Cody Rae, carrying the ball, drew a swarm of defenders as he tried to break through the defense. On the left is Cole Janke and on

the right is Earl Janke. At the far right, in the front, is Caden Neid. Behind Rae is Alec Schrupp. Most of the youngsters were waiting for the school buses to unload the younger students, so they could load up for their trip to Lakeside Elementary in Silver Lake.

City works on lease to put FSA in City Center

By Rich Glennie
Editor

The city of Glencoe and the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Farm Service Agency (FSA) are in negotiations over FSA's possible move to the Glencoe City Center.

The proposal would be for the FSA to take over the first floor of the west side of the west wing of the City Center, part of it currently occupied by the Glencoe Chamber of Commerce. The chamber office would be moved to the building's basement and into the former community education office area, also on the west side of the City Center.

At the Sept. 4 Glencoe City Council meeting, Mayor Randy Wilson and council members Gary Ziemer and Dan Perschau were appointed to negotiate a lease with FSA officials.

City Administrator Mark Larson said not all the financial numbers have been put together yet, but the lease agreement needs to be in place and submitted to FSA by the end of last week.

The FSA plans call for six

offices for the staff, a break room area as well as a technology (IT) room.

Larson said the FSA staff and city staff could share conference rooms as needed within the City Center. The two bathrooms in the west wing also would have to be remodeled to federal handicap standards.

As to moving the chamber of commerce office, Larson said the old community ed room in the basement now includes the building's new elevator and has been used for storage since the City Center was remodeled.

He said additional remodeling work would be needed to allow the chamber to move in, and the room will need to get heat and air conditioning installed.

The basement room is the location for the library's book drop box, too, Larson said.

Also, a unisex bathroom is planned for the basement area, Larson said, since the old basement cafeteria space is now being utilized more by groups like the local 4-H clubs.

In other matters, City

Council:

- Approved the preliminary 2013 budget levy at \$2,275,942, an increase of less than one-half percent, Larson said.

The preliminary levy needed to be approved and sent to the county by mid-September, but the levy can be adjusted downward before its final approval in December.

Larson said projected revenues for 2013 are \$3.17 million and expenditures are \$3.22 million, or about \$53,000 more.

"We have some trimming to do by the time of final approval in December," Larson said.

- Heard that an irrigation system has been installed around the City Center grounds and the grassy areas have been fertilized. Larson said the work was done in three days by Kahnke Brothers. "They did a real good job."

- Heard that backfilling along with curb and gutter work will be done soon on Gruenhagen Drive in the city's new industrial park. Larson said the paving work

on the street leading north of 11th Street should be done in a week and a half.

- Approved a resolution seeking 90 percent FFA funding for an airport environmental assessment at Vernon Perschau Memorial Field (Glencoe Municipal Airport). The cost of the assessment is \$69,900, and the city's share will be \$6,690 to be paid from the airport fund over the next two years, Larson said.

- Approved naming the new shelter house in Oak Leaf Park the Donald Hatz Pavillion, as recommended by the park board.

The late Donald Hatz donated over \$500,000 to the city for its parks and recreation programs.

The city used a portion of that donation to fund a new, and bigger, shelter house after the old one was condemned last year due to rotted support beams.

But City Council suggested the park board put more information on a plaque for the new shelter explaining Hatz's role in getting the shelter constructed.

GSL's Homecoming week set for Oct. 1-5

Glencoe-Silver Lake Homecoming week is scheduled for Oct. 1-5 and kicks off with the annual coronation ceremony at 8 p.m., Monday, Oct. 1, in the high school auditorium.

A school pep fest in the high school gym is planned for 2:10 p.m., Friday, Oct. 5, and the annual homecoming parade is set for 5:30 p.m., Friday. The route is along 16th Street from Helen Baker Elementary to the high school.

A variety of other events are planned throughout the week.

Sporting events include away tennis, soccer and volleyball events on Tuesday, Oct. 2;

Region 5A team tennis at St. John's University is set for Wednesday and Thursday, Oct. 3-4;

On Thursday, cross country is at Litchfield, soccer hosts Holy Family and volleyball is at home versus Annandale.

The homecoming sports events conclude with the annual football game at 7 p.m., Friday, against Becker.

Homecoming events end Friday night with the annual dance.

Mackenthun, ECFE earn quality awards

Jan Mackenthun and Glencoe-Silver Lake's Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) program recently received the Four Star Parent Aware rating from the Minnesota Department of Human Services, the highest honor available.

At Monday night's Glencoe-Silver Lake School Board meeting, Mackenthun, GSL's ECFE director, accepted a Certificate of Success from the GSL School Board as well.



Jan Mackenthun

The Four Star Parent Aware award was "for using best practices in preparing children for kindergarten."

"The GSL students and staff are proud of your program's accomplishments. Congratulations!" GSL Superintendent Chris Sonju said in presenting the certificate to Mackenthun.

"It shows a commitment to quality," Sonju added. "We're very excited."

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Commissioners decide not to hire consultant for security planning

By Lori Copley
Staff Writer

The McLeod County Board of Commissioners decided Sept. 4 that it does not need a consultant to help it define security needs at the courthouse.

McLeod County Sheriff Scott Rehmann told the board that a committee set up to address security needs at the courthouse had met several times, and was looking for some future direction.

Rehmann said that Steven K. Swenson, director of the Center for Judicial and Executive, St. Paul, could do a needs assessment for about \$5,000.

"The question is, do we want to go this route, or do we want to do it in-house," said Rehmann.

Rehmann said Swenson did an analysis of the Cook County courthouse after a shooting there, and "basically told them what they already knew."

But Rehmann also said

Swenson just may come up with some ideas "that we didn't think of."

Commissioner Sheldon Nies said that there have been several courthouse incidents throughout the state, from which McLeod County could gain some insight.

"There is so much history out there, we should be able to follow that history," said Nies. For example, Nies said, McLeod County could learn from the aftermath of the Cook County shooting.

Gene Feltmann, a candidate for District 1 commissioner, suggested the county develop its own plan then have a consultant review it for any potential loopholes.

Rehmann also said the committee needs to make sure that security improvements fit into the county's long-range plans for its building.

In recent months, the County Board has debated moving some of its departments to other buildings, and

keeping the courthouse for law enforcement and judicial uses.

County Administrator Pat Melvin said that one potential security measure being considered is service windows for some of the non-judicial departments. But that may not be prudent if those departments are soon moved from their current locations, Melvin said.

"Hopefully, we don't do stuff that in five years becomes outdated," said Melvin.

Nies suggested the committee focus on the law enforcement center and courtrooms for now.

"We do know that we are going to continue to have our courts and law officials here," said Nies.

Rehmann said he will take the Board's direction back to the committee and would be bringing forward recommendations at a later date.

Corrections

In last week's article on Elda Huepenbecker, it was reported her father was Raymond Borchardt. Raymond was her husband's first name. Her father's name was Richard Borchardt.

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Stop MPCA from enforcing archaic law on waste disposal

Our view: City's methane-to-electricity, county's recycling programs at risk

Using reasoning that defies logic, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) seems hell-bent on resurrecting a decades-old, and long-dormant, state statute on solid waste disposal that now makes little or no sense — unless you are a politician.

The state Legislature needs to repeal this archaic statute soon before the MPCA does any more harm. But it seems that blatant politics is getting in the way of today's reality.

The dilemma involves an old 1980s statute that requires all seven-county metro waste be hauled to metro waste sites for disposal. The statute has not been enforced, however, until the recent push to have the metro waste hauled to an Elk River incinerator for disposal.

While the state law seems simple enough, times and technologies have changed considerably since that statute was enacted nearly 30 years ago.

Back then, solid waste was simply landfilled, often by digging holes in the ground and covering them. Many were not even covered. The state law was enacted to address growing concerns about the environment, and was justified at the time.

Now the federal EPA, through the state MPCA, has been pushing hard to utilize green energy or renewable resources to help America end its dependence on foreign oil.

With current technology, using landfill liners, sophisticated monitoring devices and capturing the methane produced by the composting solid waste, landfills like Spruce Ridge have turned the byproduct into renewable energy.

Waste Management, owners of Spruce Ridge, and the city of Glencoe worked out a long-term contract to turn that landfill gas into electricity for Glencoe utility customers. They invested millions into a new

generating plant, equipment and transmission lines, all with the enthusiastic support of the MPCA.

And it has worked great for all involved ... until now.

If the MPCA is allowed to enforce the archaic state statute, the viability of the Spruce Ridge methane gas-to-electricity program will be in jeopardy.

The landfill needs the solid waste raw material to continue to generate the methane gas to create the electricity to make the project work.

But diverting a large portion of the waste, especially from the west metro area, to the Elk River incinerator will cause problems. In short, Spruce Ridge needs that solid waste stream to continue.

On top of that, the county's well-run recycling program also is in jeopardy. Its revenues come from the tip fees at the Spruce Ridge landfill. If volumes decrease dramatically, tip fees and recycling revenue will tumble accordingly.

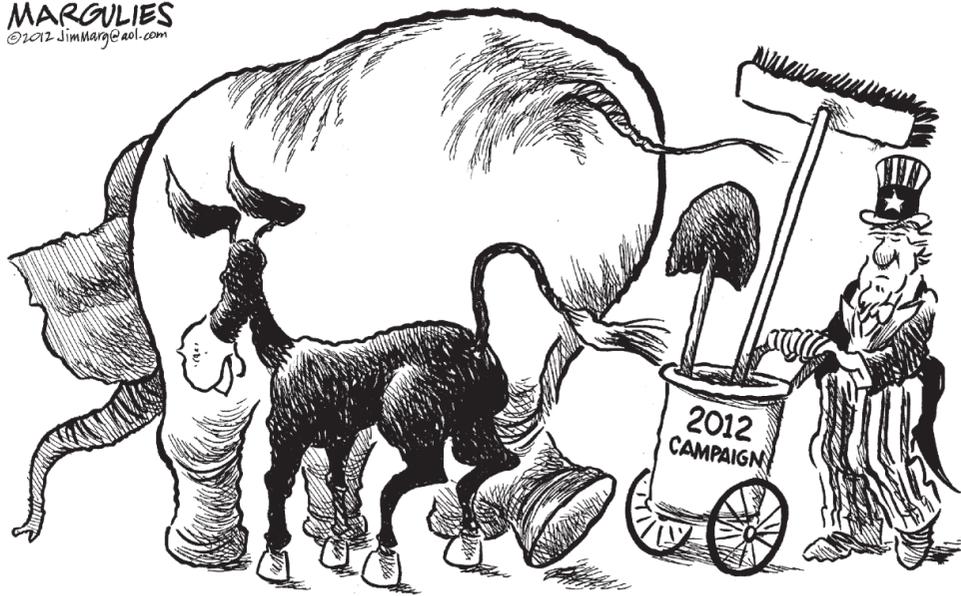
County Solid Waste Director Ed Homan estimated enforcing the old state statute will cost the county about \$547,000 in lost tip fees. If that happens, in order to keep the county recycling program going, either it will have to be scaled back, or more of the cost passed onto customers. Neither is desired.

There is a lot at stake locally, but do our local legislators have enough clout to change minds at St. Paul? It will need a majority of support at the state Capitol to keep the MPCA from going forward with its enforcement plans to the detriment of citizens in McLeod County, in general, and Glencoe in particular.

Tell your elected officials to get this statute repealed during the upcoming legislative session. It is important.

— R.G.

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Guest column:

Newman responds to area editorials

By District 18 State Sen. Scott Newman, R-Hutchinson

Editorials regarding the voter ID amendment are popular this election season, but in too many cases are so inaccurate and filled with outright falsehoods that I believe it to be malfeasance to print them, even on the opinion page. The letters by the League of Rural Voters in the Hutchinson Leader on Sept 2 and by the editor of the McLeod County Chronicle on Sept. 5 are two such examples.



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The Leader article argues that the "presumption of innocence," a legal theory dealing only with criminal law, will be violated by adoption of the amendment. What an absurd allegation given the amendment involves civil, not criminal law.

This article also stated that the Wisconsin court held that "such measures are unconstitutional because they threaten citizens fundamental right to vote." Not true!

The Wisconsin court held that the Wisconsin voter ID statute was unconstitutional because there was nothing in the Wisconsin Constitution that gave the Wisconsin Legislature the specific authority to adopt a voter ID statute. Neither does the Minnesota Constitution which answers the Chronicle's question of why an amendment is needed when legislative action would do.

Simply stated, we need the constitutional amendment to protect us from the judicial branch meddling in legislative issues by legislating from the bench.

The Chronicle article asks for proof of voter fraud. The U.S. Supreme Court has stated in the Indiana in-person impersonation fraud case, "Crawford," that voter ID fraud is a matter of historical fact in the United States. Continuing to deny voter fraud exists will not make it true.

The Chronicle states such a change would be "permanent." Not necessarily true, of course, as proven by the Prohibition Amendment.

Constitutional amendments are the legal method of changing our constitution and are so provided for in the constitution.

Then there is the allegation that details are needed before support is justified. Read all of the amendments to our federal and state constitutions and please show me one, just one, that contained all of the details to implement it without any subsequent legislation.

Amendments are statements of broad public policy changes requested by the public and this amendment is no different.

Both editorials raise the question of cost, with the Leader article making unfounded and simply irresponsible statements of estimated costs.

The truth: On Feb. 16, 2012, the Secretary of State's Office in a Fiscal Note to the Finance Committee, on which I sit, estimated the cost to put the amendment on the ballot at \$2,000 to the state and \$102,000 to the counties.

In addition, in a Fiscal Note to the Senate Finance Committee from Minnesota Management and Budget (MMB) dated Feb. 29, 2012, stated that regarding ongoing costs, "a formal local impact estimate cannot be completed."

However MMB went on to give "a range of possible local government costs," which in my world is a guess based on conjecture, of an amount far less than the tens of millions of dollars alleged by opponents of the amendment.

What's worse is that 91 percent of the amount in MMB's imaginative speculation is for electronic poll books and broadband Internet service, neither of which is required by the amendment.

This amendment is not about "politicking" or "end-runs with proposed amendments." I think it became a very partisan issue because it will eliminate the voucher system to be replaced with a provisional ballot system.

The difference: with vouching, someone says a voter is legal, the vote is cast and counted with a Postal Verification Card (PVC) mailed out to verify whether the

voter was a legal voter. With a provisional ballot, a vote is cast but not counted until the voter proves their identity.

The first is made to order for in-person impersonation fraud, making it impossible to identify the illegal voter after the fact while the later greatly improves the integrity of the entire voting system and protects legitimate voters from being disenfranchised by illegal voters.

As the chief author in the Senate, I ask that you please do not blindly accept what you read or hear regarding this amendment. If you read the information on the Secretary of State's website, remember the SOS is a vocal opponent of the amendment so balance that by going to www.ProtectMyVote.com, a nonprofit vocal proponent of the amendment.

Read Articles 7 and 9 of the Minnesota Constitution; <https://www.revisor.mn.gov/constitution/> and the actual voter ID bill <http://www.senate.mn/bills/billinf.php?ls=87>.

Study the U.S. Supreme Court case, that I have attached, which provides the legal framework for the amendment and the Minnesota Supreme Court case regarding the title to the amendment; A12-1149 and A12-1258 Filed: Aug. 27, 2012 <http://www.mncourts.gov/?page=230>.

Demand facts from those offering opinions because all too often they simply do not know what they are talking about or intentionally engage in fear mongering and misinformation in an effort to defeat the amendment.

Fully inform yourself as to whether voter ID is a good idea. Then vote on Nov. 6.

Letters to Editor

Chapter appreciates attendance at Glencoe Fly-In in August

To the Editor:

Our chapter wishes to convey a great appreciation to all of those people who chose to honor us with their attendance at our 2012 Fly-In that was held on Saturday, Aug. 25. The weather was far from perfect, but many, many people chose to come out and attend our annual event.

Fortunately, the World War II War Bird aircraft (T6 Texan) was able to come early, before the showers. They provided a thrill with their formation flying as well as their formation take off and departure.

We appreciate everyone for making this a successful event. We will certainly be doing it again next year.

Hopefully, the weather will be a little more conducive, and we will have a lot more aircraft flying in for your entertainment.

Appreciation also to Seneca for providing the complementary sweet corn. As always, it was delicious and nutritious.

We also want to give our profound appreciation to Jackie Selchow and Ceal Regnier for all their help. They provide the organizational and administrative skills, as well as their pleasant faces, that would otherwise be lacking.

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Bigger problem than Obamacare!

There are many things a county, city or state can do for itself. And there are things which need the federal government to handle. Most of us fight to limit what the federal government does, but we also are willing to close ranks and offer a united front when the federal government fails to take its turn at the plate and do what needs to be done.

A case in point: Storage of radioactive waste from nuclear plants. The issue came up: Where would the spent rods be stored?

After a good deal of study, and lots of pros and cons from proposed sites, it appeared to be agreed the permanent repository would be at Yucca Mountain in Nevada.

Sen. Majority Leader Harry Reid, who is from Nevada, has lots of clout, and because people in his state don't want the waste stored in their state, he's used his considerable influence to nix the deal. Also, states through which trains would have to travel with the stuff are not happy, either.

If we are to have nuclear power, there has to be some place to store the spent rods. Would we like them, perma-



Chuck Warner

ment and environmental protection division, said sealed casks used to store spent, highly radioactive fuel rods have leaked at two U.S. plants in 2000 and 2011, in one case because of corrosion.

"Based on the history of (cask) defects that have caused leaks to occur ... it can reasonably be anticipated that over a 60-year license period, one or more ... casks will experience confinement failure, which can lead to an off-site dose to members of the public," Greeves said in an affidavit.

The so-called experts originally felt Yucca Mountain would be an ideal site. How come no more? Are there better sites? If not, and Yucca won't do, then do we shut down the entire program? And, if so, how about all the spent rods currently in storage?

This may be a bigger problem than Obamacare!

Chuck Warner, former owner/publisher of the Brownton Bulletin from 1953 to 1986, is a current member of the Brownton City Council.

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Fri., Sept. 14 — Men's Bible study, 9 a.m.
Sun., Sept. 16 — Worship, 9:30 a.m.; service on Glencoe Cable Channel 10, 10:30 a.m.
Tues., Sept. 18 — Men's Bible study, 6 a.m.

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Thurs., Sept. 13 — Rachel Circle at Jan Petrick's, 9 a.m.
Fri., Sept. 14 — Amber Ranzau-Jonathan Schwartz wedding rehearsal, 6 p.m.
Sat., Sept. 15 — Ranzau-Schwartz wedding, 3 p.m.
Sun., Sept. 16 — Worship with communion, 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.; adult education, 9:30 a.m.
Mon., Sept. 17 — Light & Life articles due; televised worship services on Channel 10, 3 p.m.
Tues., Sept. 18 — Ladies fellowship at Gert & Erma's, 10 a.m.; staff out for worker retreat; Jeanne Pagel in office, 9 a.m.-noon.

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Thurs., Sept. 13 — Mass at GRHS-LTC, 10:30 a.m.; Red Cross blood drive, Holy Trinity gym, Winsted, 11 a.m.-7 p.m.; worship committee meeting, 7 p.m.
Fri., Sept. 14 — Morning prayer, 8 a.m.; school Mass, 8:20 a.m.; no Spanish Mass.
Sat., Sept. 15 — Fall festival set-up and drop-off for country store, 9 a.m.; Spanish new catechist orientation meeting; Heldt-Templin wedding, 2 p.m.; reconciliation, 4 p.m.; Mass, 5 p.m.
Sun., Sept. 16 — Fall Festival; Mass, 9:30 a.m.; Spanish Mass, 11:30 a.m.; no Spanish RE classes; Mass at Seneca, 4:30 p.m.; Mass at Holy Family, Silver Lake, 8 p.m.
Mon., Sept. 17 — No mass; St. Francis Mission Club, 1:30 p.m.
Tues., Sept. 18 — Morning prayer, 7 a.m.; Mass, 7:20 a.m.; junior choir, 2:50 p.m.; KC meeting, 7:30 p.m.

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Wed., Sept. 12 — Women's fellowship executive board meeting, 5:30 p.m.; choir, 6:30 p.m.
Thurs., Sept. 13 — Cottage meeting at Truesdales, 2 p.m.
Sun., Sept. 16 — Worship, 9:15 a.m.; Sunday school, 10:30 a.m.
Tues., Sept. 18 — Bible study, 9:30 a.m.; trustees meeting, 6:30 p.m.; cottage meeting, fellowship hall, 6:30 p.m.

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Thurs., Sept. 13 — Chapel at Grand Meadows, 1:30 p.m.; FLS K-8 parent open house, 7 p.m.
Sat., Sept. 15 — NYG recycling, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.; Schwanke-Smith wedding, 3:30 p.m.
Sun., Sept. 16 — Worship with communion, 8 a.m.; fellowship, 9 a.m.; Sunday school, 9:15 a.m.; worship, 10:30 a.m.; NYG recycling, noon-3 p.m.
Mon., Sept. 17 — Praise Folk, 8 p.m.
Tues., Sept. 18 — OT overview, 9:30 a.m.

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Thurs., Sept. 13 — Circuit pastors, First Lutheran, Glencoe, 8:30 a.m.; DCE cluster at Mocha Monkey, Waconia, 10 a.m.
Sat., Sept. 15 — Wendt-Hueser affirmation of wedding vows, 3 p.m.
Sun., Sept. 16 — Choir, 7:45 a.m.; worship, 9 a.m.; voters assembly, 10:15 a.m.; Kingdom Quest, FUEL, 10:15 a.m.; gym kickball, 5:30 p.m.
Tues., Sept. 18 — GSLC Bible study, 9:30 a.m.

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Thurs., Sept. 13 — Bible study at Grand Meadows, 2 p.m.; Jesus Cares Ministry, 6:30 p.m.
Sun., Sept. 16 — Worship, 9 a.m.; Sunday school, 10 a.m.; Bible class, 10:20 a.m.
Mon., Sept. 17 — Ministry advancement meeting, 7 p.m.
Tues., Sept. 18 — Table Talk, 7 p.m.

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Sun., Sept. 16 — Rally Sunday; worship, 8:45 a.m.; Sunday school, 10 a.m.; parents meeting, 7 p.m.
Mon., Sept. 17 — Local broadcast, 6 p.m.
Tues., Sept. 18 — Bible study, 9 a.m.

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Wed., Sept. 12 — Bible study with pastor, 9 a.m.; confirmation classes, 4 p.m.; chapel worship with communion, 6:30 p.m.; deacons meeting, 7:30 p.m.
Thurs., Sept. 13 — Pastors winkle, no office hours; Parkview Bible study, 1:30 p.m.
Sun., Sept. 16 — Worship, 9 a.m.; Sunday school, 10:15 a.m.; Bible study following worship; Channel 8 video, 10:30 a.m.

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Sun., Sept. 16 — Worship, 9 a.m.; Bible study and coffee fellowship, 10:15 a.m.

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Thurs., Sept. 13 — Mass, a.m.
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Sat., Sept. 15 — Fernando 5K run, 9 a.m.
Sun., Sept. 16 — Baptism/confirmation reunion service, 9 a.m.; polka service, 9:45 a.m.; hog roast meal, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.; auction to follow.

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Thurs., Sept. 13 — Bible study, 9 a.m.; Grand Meadows visits; bulletin deadline.
Sun., Sept. 16 — "Time of Grace," TV channel 9, 6:30 a.m.; worship, 9 a.m.; Sunday school, 10 a.m.; Bible study, 10:10 a.m.
Tues., Sept. 18 — Just Because visit, 7 p.m.

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Wed., Sept. 12 — Office open, 9 a.m.; men's coffee, 9 a.m.; confirmation meeting, 5 p.m.
Fri., Sept. 14 — Office open, 9 a.m.
Sun., Sept. 16 — Sunday school, 8:45 a.m.; worship, 10 a.m.; prayer time, 11 a.m.

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Sat., Sept. 15 — Men's Bible study, 7 a.m.
Sun., Sept. 16 — "First Light" radio broadcast on KARP 106.9 FM, 7:30 a.m.; men serve the women breakfast, 8:30 a.m.-9:15 a.m.; pre-service prayer time, 9:15 a.m.; Sunday worship with guest speaker Marlin Rasmussen, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday school for all ages, 10:35 a.m.; open shooting for Centershot graduates, 11:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; Centershot Archery Ministry begins, 1 p.m.

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Sun., Sept. 16 — Rally Sunday worship service, 10 a.m.; fellowship and games to follow service; WOW teachers and parents meet after church; day care open house, 3 p.m.

Guest column:

Let's try tax reform on a stick

By Phil Krinkie

This year's State Fair experience was similar to past years at the "Great Minnesota Get Together." It was a mix of just wandering the Fairgrounds and the usual list of mandatory stops. The usual destinations included the Education building, the Grandstand, a bag of mini donuts and, of course, a large helping of politics, all flavors.

Politics at the State Fair this year seemed to be rather subdued, even quiet in comparison to past years. Perhaps it stems from the fact that nearly everyone has already decided who they're voting for or maybe everyone is just tired of the political banter, because the presidential campaign started over a year ago.

The one thing, however, there was no shortage of this year was opinion surveys. There were surveys on long term care, health care, Minnesota history and, of course, the usual 20 questions about legislative proposals at the State House booth. But the most intriguing survey was the one being conducted at the Minnesota Department of Revenue booth where I was asked to complete a survey on tax reform.

This push for tax reform is coming from Gov. Mark Dayton. His tax reform agenda is entitled "Governor Dayton's Tax Reform for a Better Minnesota." A one sheet handout states that Gov. Dayton is sending Revenue Commissioner Myron Frans on a statewide tour to talk about our tax system and collect suggestions on how to make our Minnesota tax system "fair and simple."

On the bottom of the sheet in big, bold, blue type it states, "Tell us your ideas for tax reform!"

So, Gov. Dayton, here it goes. Let's reform the Minnesota tax system by using the "State Fair model." The "State Fair model" is simple and very fair. It's a system where everyone pays.

Everyone who enters the

fairgrounds every day must pay; rich or poor, young or old, worker or observer. The "everyone pays" system at the State Fair has been in place for decades. It is simple and easy to administer, everyone who enters the fairgrounds pays the admission fee.

There are different rates for seniors and children, there are discount tickets and promotional days, like Seniors Day, but everyone must pay to enter; the only exception is children under the age of 5. Whether you are working at the fairgrounds all day or just stopping to pick up a Pronto Pup, you still pay to get in.

My "State Fair" tax reform idea addresses the fact that today approximately 30 percent of all Minnesotans pay no state income tax. At the federal level almost one-half of all Americans pay no income tax.

As the federal government runs up trillion dollar deficits and the state runs up billion dollar deficits, we have millions of people who don't pay anything. Everyone wants to enjoy the benefits that government provides, but fewer and fewer people are paying for the cost of the services.

With the plea for ideas on tax reform the Department of Revenue handed out a sheet of paper explaining how much in state revenue is currently being collected from the variety of state taxes. Their numbers show that 44 percent of all state revenue comes from the individual income tax, of which 30 percent of Minnesotans do not pay.

In the last 10 years total state revenue collections have increased by more than 45 percent, now topping \$26 billion per year. This means that people are paying a greater percentage of their income to run state government. Yet Gov. Dayton's tax proposal is to raise income taxes, placing a greater tax burden on the people who are already paying the most. What is fair

about this concept?

My "everyone should pay something" tax model should not be confused with the so called "Fair Tax." The premise of the "Fair Tax" is to eliminate the income tax and only have a sales tax or what is termed a consumption tax. This approach if applied to the State Fair would mean that there would be no admission fee; but there would be a higher tax on every service or product sold at the fair. Those who eat 10 corn dogs would pay more than those who only ate one. A consumption tax is a simpler tax system and would probably work better than our current tax structure, but it would make our sales taxes some of the highest in the nation.

If all Minnesotans benefit from a good education system, public safety, healthcare, transportation and public welfare, why shouldn't everyone help pay at least something to provide the services?

The state's minimum income tax could be very small, perhaps not much more than the price of admission to the State Fair. Hundreds of thousands of Minnesotans each year pay to attend the State Fair and have money to buy food and entertainment. Is it asking too much for every Minnesotan to contribute a few dollars to provide for the State services, from which we all benefit?

If Gov. Dayton is truly seeking a fair and simple tax system, he should adopt the "State Fair" model; where everybody pays something, rich or poor, young or old, and contributes to supporting state services. In addition, this tax policy would be transparent, broad based and inclusive. Just like the "Great Minnesota Get-Together!"

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

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PFA awards Stewart \$600,000 'loan forgiveness' grant

By Lori Copley
Staff Writer

The Stewart City Council had \$600,000 worth of good news to share with taxpayers Monday night.

The Public Facilities Authority (PFA), which is providing the city with about \$1.5 million in a low-interest loan to help fund its utility and street project, announced that it also has awarded the city a \$600,000 "loan forgiveness grant" to apply toward the water improvements that are included with the project.

Council Member Jason Peirce said that the grant will mean that the city "will probably not have to raise our utility rates to fund that portion" of the project.

Shannon Sweeney of David Drown Associates, the city's financial consulting firm, said the grant "was unexpected and it was significant."

Sweeney said the city is now hoping the PFA will come through with a similar loan forgiveness grant for the sewer portion of the project. He suggested that the city

wait at least a couple of weeks before starting the process to issue general obligation bonds for a portion of the project so that it doesn't end up issuing more than it needs.

Sweeney said the city should have enough cash on hand to get it through the first pay request for the project work, which is slated to begin soon.

In other business Monday, the City Council:

- Adopted a preliminary 2013 levy which calls for a 3

percent property tax increase, which will give the city about \$11,000 in additional revenue. The City Council wanted to make sure it had enough funding for its general obligation bond payments, which is unknown at this point because of the potential grant.

The City Council has the option to lower the levy when it finalizes its budget in November, but it can't raise it more than the 3 percent increase it approved Monday night.

- Was reminded that be-

cause of federal holidays in October and November (Columbus Day and Veterans Day), the City Council meetings will be moved to the second Tuesday of those months, rather than the second Monday. The Council will meet Tuesday, Oct. 9, and Tuesday, Nov. 13.

- Agreed to move funds from three maturing certificates of deposit (CDs) to a savings account at First Minnesota Bank so that the cash will be readily available.
- Discussed the possibility

of replacing a nine-year copier in the clerk's office, but decided to retain it until parts are no longer available.

• Discussed at length the possible patching of streets not included in the street and utility project.

- Heard a request from Matt Maiers, maintenance supervisor, to have two council members work with the maintenance department on developing a long-range street repair plan.

History

From the Brownton Bulletin archives

100 Years Ago

Sept. 13, 1912

O.C. Conrad, Editor

Charles Dwinell has begun making improvements on his quarter-section farm, 1½ miles east of town, by erecting a large new machine shed.

It is more than likely that Lake Marion will be seined this fall for the removal of rough fish, such as carp, dogfish, buffalo and suckers.

The entire populace of the village, addicted to the use of firearms, was out bright and early Saturday morning in quest of wild ducks and chickens. Some parties report fairly good bags while others merely got enough for a fry. The absence of good chicken dogs was the main cause of not being able to find the elusive prairie hen, of which plenty were reported before the season opened.

75 Years Ago

Sept. 9, 1937

Percy L. Hakes, Editor

C.A. Sommerdorf has sold his milk business in Brownton to George Peik. Sommerdorf operated the business for nine years. Harry Sommerdorf drove the local route, and he will be leaving soon for California.

A wedding of local interest took place at the Friedens Lutheran parsonage in Hutchinson Wednesday, Sept. 1, when Miss Erlene Stites, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Stites, became the bride of Mr. Glenn Erickson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nicholi Erickson of Mora. The couple will make their home on the J.P.

Metelak farm, northwest of Brownton, after they return from their honeymoon motor trip through northern Minnesota.

Mr. and Mrs. Milo Wacker, nee Vera Rennecke, are the happy parents of a baby boy born Sept. 1.

Stillborn, to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Williamson, a daughter, Elizabeth Jane, at the Hutchinson hospital Sept. 1. Appropriate funeral services were held for the baby Friday morning at the Williamson home with the Rev. Johnson officiating.

50 Years Ago

Sept. 13, 1962

Charles H. Warner, Editor

Saturday evening, Aug. 25, Vernamaree Peik of Brownton became the bride of William James Nelson of Richfield. Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Peik of Brownton and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Nelson of Richfield are parents of the bridal couple.

Ottillie Emma Abraham, 88, died Wednesday evening, Sept. 5, from the effects of a stroke she suffered Aug. 29. Funeral services were held Sept. 9 at Immanuel Lutheran Church.

Tuesday's primary election narrowed the field to two candidates in several county races. Lila C. Luthens, incumbent, and Clarence E. Schultz will face off in November in the county auditor race as former Brownton mayor Marvin Spaude was eliminated in the primary. Lorraine Lindeman and Edward Griessmann will compete for the county treasurer position, as Jay F. Falkenhagen and Jesse W. Howe were eliminated. Leon Odegaard,

incumbent sheriff, will be challenged by Elmer Pollmann as Bennie Von der Brelje was eliminated.

20 Years Ago

Sept. 9, 1992

Lori Copley, Editor

The Bulletin turned 100 years old Sept. 8 and, to celebrate, will host an open house Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Stewart will have a three-way race for mayor in the November general election. Marge Scholla, who was the mayor in the late 1980s, has joined the race along with city council member Willie VanDuynhoven and former council member Quentin Klucas.

10 Years Ago

Sept. 11, 2002

Lori Copley, Editor

Filings for candidacy for the city elections in Stewart and Brownton closed Tuesday. Stewart's incumbent mayor, Jim Kalenberg, will be challenged by former mayor Kevin Klucas. In the council election, incumbent Ron Sandell has filed for re-election, and Orville Trettnin and Kathy Bethke have joined the field. Incumbent Bob Finnell did not file. There are two council seats to be voted upon.

In Brownton, long-time council member Curt Carrigan has filed for mayor; two-term incumbent Brian Hagen chose not to run again. Doug Block filed for re-election to his council seat. The seat currently held by Carrigan will be open to a write-in vote as no else filed.

Brownton City Council accepts resignation of police officer

By Lori Copley
Staff Writer

The Brownton City Council accepted, with regrets, the resignation of Police Officer Jake Binnebose at its Sept. 4 meeting.

Binnebose has accepted a position as a clinical systems analyst at Sibley Medical Center.

But Binnebose told the City Council that he intends to continue living in Brownton, and asked to be put on the city's roster of part-time officers.

"It's a bittersweet situation for me," Binnebose said in his resignation letter. "The people I have met throughout my time working for you have all left some sort of impact on my life and for that I thank you, because I am a better person for it."

Binnebose's last day was Sept. 6.

Mayor Curt Carrigan suggested that the City Council table a decision on how to proceed with filling the job until the October meeting. He asked Police Chief Ron Kelm Jr. to fill in with part-time of-

ficers until then.

"That will give us some time to do some thinking on our options," said Carrigan.

In other police business, Council Member Chuck Warner expressed concern about the number of times the Brownton Police Department provides mutual aid for incidents in neighboring Stewart.

Council Member Norm Schwarze agreed.

"I counted seven of them (mutual aid calls) in the past month," said Schwarze.

The city of Stewart contracts with McLeod County for law enforcement. If a county squad isn't available in the area, Brownton officers will get called under the mutual-aid agreement.

Warner said that while he appreciates that Stewart is trying to save money on law enforcement and that mutual aid between departments is a good thing, "are the Stewart taxpayers getting by with Brownton subsidizing them?"

Council Member Brian Dressel pointed out that the mutual aid agreement works both ways: quite often, the

county will help out the city's officers with incidents.

Schwarze said he hopes the county will be willing to help out Brownton more while it is short-staffed after Binnebose's resignation.

The Council took no action on the concerns that were raised.

In other business Sept. 4, the City Council:

- Adopted its preliminary 2013 budget and levy. The proposed 2013 property tax levy is the same as the 2012 levy, at \$387,917, which includes \$229,575 for the general fund, and \$158,342 for bonded debt for prior street and utility improvement projects and the bond for the renovation of the former school building into the Brownton Area Civic Center.
- Heard that the transmission on the maintenance department's payload isn't working. The City Council directed the clerk and maintenance department to look into options, including the possible purchase of a used payload or a lease-to-own program.

From the Stewart Tribune archives

100 Years Ago

Sept. 13, 1912

A.F. Avery, Editor

The marriage of Miss Minnie Kottke, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gust Kottke of Preston Lake, to Mr. August Proehl of Arlington, took place at the Lutheran church at 11 o'clock Wednesday morning, the Rev. C.H. Kowalske officiating. Mr. and Mrs. Proehl left yesterday for Arlington, near where the groom has a large farm on which they will make their home.

We learned of the marriage at Minneapolis Tuesday, Sept. 10, of Miss Alice Adkins of that city to Mr. John R. Thom of Round Grove. Mr. and Mrs. Thom will make their home on the farm southeast of town owned by the groom's father.

A runaway created considerable excitement on the south side Monday afternoon. William Kuehl's team became frightened by a motorcycle and ran south across the track and round the Boehlke store corner. Martin Totz' faithful old nag was hitched to a post, and the runaway struck the buggy of Martin's rig, badly demolishing it. Charlie Davy was just in the act of untying his horse when the running team frightened it, and it bolted, adding to the general confusion. Charlie tried to stop his horse and struck his arm through the wheel of the buggy, badly wrenching his wrist; otherwise, no one was hurt. Both team and horse came to a stop down past Louis Larson's.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. H.F. Trettnin of Boon Lake Sept. 10.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. August Lehmann of this village yesterday afternoon, Sept. 12.

A new Burroughs adding machine, one of the greatest labor

and time savers ever invented, has been installed at the Stewart State Bank.

Miss Florence Swan is in receipt of the welcome intelligence that she is the winner of the five-passenger Overland automobile offered by the New Age magazine in the subscription contest which closed Aug. 31.

75 Years Ago

Sept. 10, 1937

Harry Koeppen, Editor

Mrs. William (Emma Albrecht) Quandt, 63, of Grafton Township passed away at her home there last Thursday afternoon. Her health had been undermined by stomach cancer for some time. She is survived by her husband and four children, George Quandt of Fargo, N.D., and Clarence Quandt, August Quandt and Mrs. William Sabo, all of Stewart.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Torgerson was saddened Tuesday afternoon when their 4-month-old daughter, Joan, passed away after an illness of only three days.

A newspaper deal has been completed in the past couple weeks whereby the Tribune plant, subscription list and goodwill were sold by L.A. Hakes to Harry Koeppen, who edited the paper when the Hakes Brothers bought it in 1924. Mr. Koeppen took over the plant this week and this issue is the first under the new management.

50 Years Ago

Sept. 13, 1962

Kermit T. Hubin, Editor

Gerald Albrecht of rural Stewart owns the grand champion grade holstein in 4-H dairy cattle, earning the award at the Minnesota State Fair. He was presented his award by the newly crowned Princess Kay of

the Milky Way, Kathleen Hjelte of Argyle.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Pichotta (Lavonne Navratil) are rejoicing over the arrival of a baby boy, Joseph, born Sept. 11.

Mary McGraw, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vince McGraw of Stewart, became the bride of Tom Dzik, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Dzik of St. Paul, on Sept. 8 at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Stewart. The couple will make their home in St. Paul.

35 Years Ago

Sept. 15, 1977

Kermit T. Hubin, Editor

Jerry Barney, native of Stewart, has been named the news editor of the Shakopee Valley News. He has been a newspaper man the past seven years, starting his career with the New Richmond, Wis., News. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Barney of this community.

The city of Stewart has announced the opening of a burn site at the former city dump, which will accept leaves, branches, garden waste and grass clippings.

William Schultz has submitted his resignation as the principal of Stewart High School, having accepted a similar position at Heron Lake.

30 Years Ago

Sept. 16, 1982

Dave Stoltz, Editor

Wildlife artist Les Kouba will complete a water color painting specially commissioned by First State Bank of Stewart President John Lipke during the Hutchinson Arts and Crafts Festival this weekend. The painting will be entitled "Canada Geese Visit Crow River," and will hang in the new banking facility Lipke plans to open in Hutchinson within the next few weeks.

DFL 'Meet and Greet' set Sept. 15

The McLeod County DFL will host a "Meet and Greet" event from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 15, at the Brownton Rod & Gun Club. The public is invited to meet elected officials and candidates and to discuss the issues.

Local candidates speaking at the "Meet and Greet" are Nancy Larson, District 18A House of Representatives candidate; Logan Campa, District 18B House of Representative candidate; and Steven Schiroo, District 18 Senate candidate.

Elected officials speaking at the event included Minnesota Auditor Rebecca Otto, Minnesota House Minority Leader District 63A House Rep. Paul Thissen and Minnesota House Minority Whip District 23A Rep. Terry Morrow.

The Minnesota DFL Veterans group also will attend.

Campaign signs will be available for those interested in placing a sign in their yard or along their driveway.

There is no charge to attend. Food will be served, and free-will donations will be accepted.

"By working together, we can create the change our country needs and our fellow citizens deserve," said DFL Chairman Tim Tanchin. "McLeod County DFL hopes you will engage in the conversation and assist in electing leaders who honor hard work, fair play and open mindedness."

Anyone with questions can contact McLeod County DFL Associate Chairperson Marcia Betker at 320-587-3145 or 320-583-0019.

Community Calendar

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

Sun., Sept. 16 — Buffalo Creek Community Choir rehearsals start, Grace Lutheran Church, Brownton. Call 320-234-7889 or 320-328-4365 for info.

Mon., Sept. 17 — Tops Weigh-In mtg., 5-5:30 p.m.; Brownton Senior Citizens Club, 1 p.m., Brownton Community Center; Brownton Lions; Stewart American Legion Post 125 & Auxiliary, 7 p.m.

Tues., Sept. 18 — Narcotics Anonymous, Brownton Community Center, 7 p.m.; Brownton Legion.

Wed., Sept. 19 — Oktoberfest in September, Brownton City Park, food served @ 5:30 p.m., music from 6-8 p.m.

Thurs., Sept. 20 — AA Group Mtg. next to Post Office in Stewart, 8 p.m., call 320-212-5290 for info.; Stewart Lions.

Sept. 22-23 — Stewart-Brownton Girl Scouts paper drive, Cactus Jack's II parking lot, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., call Mike or Gerri Fitzloff with questions at 320-562-2369.

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22 Brownton seniors met Monday afternoon

Twenty-two Brownton senior citizens met Monday at the community center.

Cards were played after the meeting with the following

winner: 500, Della Schultz, first, and Carol Brelje, second; pinochle, Ordell Klucas, first, and Betty Katzenmeyer, second; and sheephead, Lil

Lindeman, first, and Elva Wendlandt, second.

Jerome Ewert won the door prize. Gladys Rickert served refreshments.

The next meeting will be Monday, Sept. 17, at 1 p.m. All seniors are welcome.

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Stewart City Council sets Sept. 24 public hearing on fiber project financing proposal

By Lori Copley
Staff Writer

The Stewart City Council set a Sept. 24 public hearing on the proposed Renville-Sibley fiber optic-to-the-home project (RS Fiber).

The City Council wants to have citizens' input on the city's potential financial liability if the proposed project, which would bring fiber-optic television, Internet and phone service to residents in the two counties and 11 cities, fails.

Shannon Sweeney of David Drown Associates, a financial consultant for RS Fiber, said the approximately \$70 million project includes a debt service shortfall fund, which will be used if the proposed network doesn't generate

enough revenue to make bond and interest payments.

If the network does need to "dip into the debt service fund, a letter will be sent to each county and city asking to replenish that shortfall fund" to its established level.

The amount to be replenished, Sweeney said, will be "based on your share, which is based on the number of connections in your community."

Currently, the city of Stewart's share is just about 3-1/2 percent.

Sweeney said the financial structuring of the project should generate enough money to make payments through the first three years of the system's construction

and operation. It is expected to be profitable in year four, he said.

That gives the participating entities enough time to plan for any potential shortfall, Sweeney indicated.

If there is a need to dip into the shortfall fund, the participating entities have the opportunity to pull out of the project and elect not to help replenish the fund.

But pulling out will have consequences, Sweeney warned: the entity would lose its vote on the joint powers board, customers within the entity could be subject to higher fees for service, and it could affect the entity's credit rating and, therefore, its ability to bond for its own projects.

Council Member Jason Peirce said if the project totally collapses, the city of Stewart could be liable for up to \$250,000 per year for 30 years to cover the bond.

Sweeney said that scenario would be highly unlikely, but did say the city has to prepare for some risk.

Council Member Mike Aydt said he would like to give citizens a chance to offer their opinions on the matter. The Council agreed to set a public hearing for Monday, Sept. 24, at 7 p.m., after which it will make a decision on a resolution as to whether it will continue to participate in issuing bonds for the project.



Submitted photo

Glencoe graduating class of 1972

The Glencoe High School graduating class of 1972 held its 40-year reunion at the Glencoe City Center on Aug. 18. Class members attending included, front row, left to right, Ray Watts, Jan (Posusta) Kulinski, Pat (Ogle) Albrecht, Cal Miller, Warren Hoernemann, Dave Aul, Paula Geister-Jones, Betty (Neuhaus) Brost, Dean Schmidt, Linda (Graupmann) Ziemer and Pam Geister. Second row, Don Drew, Paul Graupmann, Todd Wedin, Jim Dammann, Gordon Bergs, Lila (Lipke) Tschida, Cindy (Alsleben) Schwartz, Linda (Hierlmaier) Kluever, Barb

(Schaeve) Matuska, Mavis (VonBerge) Berwald and Rhonda (Wendland) Schwarze. Third row, Loren Albrecht, Kurt Jahnke, Bev (Schimmelpennig) Nelson, Peg (Rehmann) Hatlestad, Ruth (Adelmann) Rysted, Brenda (Rose) Birkholz, Lynell (Frauendienst) Bohrer, Lynn (McKee) Blakewald and Darlene (Lindemeier) Engelmann. Fourth row, Lyle Albrecht, Dave Exsted, Steve Witthus, Kurt Schulz, Hans Lindemann, Lori (Thom) Rhyner, Kevin Dummer, Rita (Popelka) Juul, Steve Frauendienst, Norman Rosenow and Bob Hatlestad.

Local Lions seek support for efforts to help students

The Glencoe Lions Club has quietly been supporting the local school system and its students with its programs for many years.

The local club began its scholarship program shortly after it became a Lions club in the 1970s; it has supported the Lions Quest program since 1986; and between 2005 and 2011, it has handed out free dictionaries to all third graders in the school district in the public and parochial schools, as well as home-schooled students.

But to continue to support the school district and its students, the Glencoe Lions, often with assistance from the other four Lions clubs in the Glencoe-Silver Lake School District, require funds to keep the programs alive. Those Lions clubs are in Silver Lake, Plato, New Auburn and Brownton.

Ron Dahlke, current Lions District governor and a Glencoe Lions member, said fund raisers are more important than ever, since the club's main source of revenue — pulltabs — has been on the decline for several years.

The next Glencoe Lions fund raiser will be Sunday, Sept. 23, at the Pla-Mor Ballroom when Dad's Belgian Waffles will be served from 9 a.m. to noon. Free-will donations will be accepted, Dahlke said.

"All proceeds go toward the Glencoe Lions' sponsored programs for GSL public (school), St. Pius X (Catholic school), First Lutheran

(school) and home-schooled students in the GSL area," Dahlke said.

Those programs include the personal dictionaries, the peace poster contest for students ages 11-13, the Lions Quest program for students in seventh and eighth grades, the senior high write-off contest for grades nine-12, the Minnesota Page program and scholarships for seniors.

Dahlke said the theme of this year's fund raisers, including the Sept. 23 event, is "Help Us Help Our Students."

Dahlke said since 2002, the Lions have passed out about 1,350 dictionaries that the third-grade students can keep.

The dictionaries are used by third-grade teachers in the curriculum, as well, Dahlke said, but also are used by the students in later grades.

The dictionaries are more than that; they are a resource book for a variety of subjects ranging from geography to metric conversions.

The annual Peace Poster contest is sponsored by Lions International, Dahlke said. This year's theme is "Imagine Peace" and is open to students at Lincoln Jr. High, as well as parochial and home-school students.

The posters are collected in late October and winners are selected by each GSL District Lions club. The winners advance to the district competition and also are honored at the February district Lions convention.

"We have good participation," Dahlke said of the

Peace Poster contest. "It's nice to see how creative kids are."

This is the 25th year of the International Lions Peace Poster contest, and the Glencoe Lions have participated since 1987, Dahlke said.

The write-off contest is just held within the GSL District and is handled by the GSL English department. It involves an essay of 500 words or less.

The Lions' Quest program has been in the district since 1986 and is aimed at seventh and eighth graders using the "Skills of Adolescence" workbook.

The aim is to address seventh-grade students' self confidence, managing emotions in the positive way and improving peer relations.

The eighth-grade level of Quest includes topics like alcohol, drugs and tobacco use; social relations and human sexuality. Quest is incorporated into the junior high health education curriculum.

Dahlke said as district governor, there will be a push for Lions to get more involved in literacy and reading programs.

He said the aim is to get Lions members to read to students or to sit in and have students read to Lions members.

Dahlke said anytime someone can walk into a school building and feel like they are helping someone, it builds relationships. "That's good," he added.

He pointed out that International Lions theme this year is "A World of Service."

Heartland forms new Early Head Start program

Heartland Community Action Agency has formed Early Head Start services. This new program will serve parents and families of children 0-3 years of age and pregnant women.

The program is designed to provide age-appropriate developmental learning; parent education and parent-child activities; and comprehensive health and mental health

services. Heartland's Early Head Start Program is a home-visiting program that provides comprehensive child and family development services.

Trained Early Head Start staff will meet with enrolled families for 1½ hours each week, year round.

In addition, the program provides the opportunity for families to come together

twice a month in a planned classroom for fellowship, parent trainings and time for their children to explore.

Applications are being accepted in Kandiyohi, McLeod, Meeker and Renville counties. Call 320-235-0850 or 1-800-992-1710, extension 600, for information regarding program, or to refer a family for an application.

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Obituaries

Mary S. Burich, 97, of Bloomington

A Mass of Christian Burial for Mary Susan Burich, 97, of Bloomington, formerly of Hutchinson, was held Monday, Sept. 10, at St. Anastasia Catholic Church in Hutchinson. The Rev. Jerry Meidl officiated.



Mary Burich

Mrs. Burich died on Sunday, Sept. 2, 2012, at Friendship Village of Bloomington.

The altar server was Hayden Knorr. Gift bearers were Laurie Meehan, Haley Knorr, Kendall Faber, Christopher Burich, Brady Knorr and Megan Burich. Eulogists were Todd Burich and James Sheedy.

The organist was Bonnie Westmiller. The song leader and flutist was Bobbi Ludewig. The harpist was Tami Briggs and the bagpiper was Greg Peller. Musical selections included "River of Glory," "On Eagle's Wings," "I Am the Bread of Life," "Table of Plenty," "Song of Farewell" and "Ave Maria."

Honorary pallbearers were Thomas Burich, Nanci Thomas, Todd Burich, Brian Knorr, James Sheedy, Tim Ulrich, Eric Faber, Anne Thomas and John Thomas. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Mary Susan Slanga was born Feb. 18, 1915, in Silver Lake, to Frank and Emily Slanga. She was baptized as an infant and confirmed in her faith at St. Adelbert's Catholic Church in Silver Lake. She was a graduate of the Silver Lake High School.

On Aug. 10, 1939, Mary Slanga was united in mar-

riage to Irvin Burich at St. Adelbert's Catholic Church.

"Mary and I had known each other while we were growing up," said Irv Burich in a Leader interview. "She went away to boarding school in Mankato. When she came back, we started doing things together. We decided when I was making \$100 a month, we could get married. When I was making \$90 a month, which was three years after starting at Citizens Bank in Hutchinson, we figured that was close enough."

This marriage was blessed with three children, Sandy, Thomas "Buzz" and Nanci. The Buriches resided in Hutchinson, living in several apartments before building their home at 541 Juergens Road in 1952, in what at that time was the newest section of Hutchinson. The couple moved to Friendship Village in Bloomington in 2000. They shared 62 years of marriage before Mr. Burich died on April 12, 2002.

Mary Burich was defined by her love of family, faith and home. She was truly the woman behind the man supporting Irvin in all civic and banking endeavors.

"Where you found dad, you found mom," Buzz Burich said. When it came to family, Mrs. Burich managed all get-togethers, holidays and vacations. She was known as an excellent cook and a gracious hostess. She was a Girl Scout leader and Cub Scout den mother. She played ladies and couples' bridge.

The Buriches took up downhill skiing after World War II at Telemark, Wis. The sport became a family pastime with ski trips to Colorado, Utah, Montana, New

Mexico and Austria.

Mrs. Burich was an active member at the Crow River Country Club, where she was known as an excellent golfer. Travel was important. The couple visited many different parts of the United States as well as many foreign countries. Their favorites were Israel, Egypt and China. She also served on the Minnesota State Cable Commission.

Survivors include her son, Thomas "Buzz" Burich of Hutchinson; and daughter, Nanci Thomas of Eden Prairie; grandchildren, Todd Burich, Heather Knorr, Tata Faber, John Thomas and Anne Thomas; great-grandchildren, Hayden Knorr, Haley Knorr, Brady Knorr, Christopher Burich, Megan Burich, and Kendall Faber; sister, Dodie Chalupski of Silver Lake; sister-in-law, Marvel Slanga of Silver Lake; son-in-law, James Sheedy of Eden Prairie; nieces, nephews, and many other relatives and friends.

Preceding her in death were her parents, Frank and Emily Slanga; husband, Irvin Burich; daughter, Sandra Sheedy; brother, Francis Slanga; and sister, Ceil Slanga.

Following the committal service, a celebration of Mary's life took place at the Crow River Golf Club in Hutchinson.

Memorials are preferred to the Hutchinson Center for the Arts and the Hutchinson Community Foundation.

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.

Bernice Gorman, 78, Cross Plains, Wis.

A small private service for family and friends will be held in memory of Bernice "Bernie" Gorman, 78, of Cross Plains, Wis.

Mrs. Gorman died Sunday, Sept. 2, 2012.



Bernice Gorman

Bernice "Bernie" Victorian was born in Round Grove Township, McLeod County, on Jan. 31, 1934, to Oliver and Mary Victorian. She graduated as homecoming queen from Brownston High School in 1953, and later moved to Madison, Wis., where she began a lifelong career as a care giver.

While working at the University of Wisconsin Hospital, she met and married her husband John of 51 years, with whom she raised four

children.

She continued her passion of caring for others as a nurse's aid at the Black Earth Manor in Black Earth, Wis. Later, she spent many years nurturing the imagination of children through stories, art, and song as a teacher at the Little Red Preschool in Cross Plains, Wis.

As an active member of her community, Mrs. Gorman served the Saint Francis Xavier Parish as a long-time catechism instructor, eucharistic minister, and funeral food service provider.

She also spent the past several years as a volunteer for the Cross Plains Historical Society, and Dane County's Old Halfway Prairie Schoolhouse in the town of Mazomanie, Wis.

Additionally, Mrs. Gorman enjoyed sponsoring disadvantaged youth through the Christian Foundation for Children and Aging. She devoted her free time to her

love of gardening, nature, reading, scrapbooking, and supporting the artistic endeavors of her children.

She is survived and lovingly remembered by her husband John; her four children, Brian, Daniel, Carolyn and Paul; her brother, Tony Victorian and wife Joanne; her sister, Marian Kostecka; and many other relatives and friends.

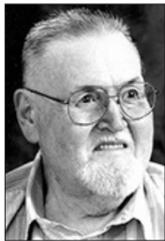
Mrs. Gorman is preceded in death by her parents, Oliver and Mary (Oberlin) Victorian, and brothers, Melvin and Howard Victorian.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the charity of your choice. To view and sign the guestbook, please visit www.ryanfuneralservice.com.

The Ryan Funeral Home & Cremation Services, 2418 N. Sherman Ave., Madison, Wis., handled the funeral arrangements.

Kenneth D. Plihal, 74, of Glencoe

Funeral services for Kenneth D. Plihal, 74, of Glencoe and formerly of Hutchinson, were held Saturday, Sept. 8, at Faith Presbyterian Church in Silver Lake.



Kenneth Plihal

The Rev. Mark Ford officiated.

Mr. Plihal died Monday, Sept. 3, 2012, at Glencoe Regional Health Services long-term care facility.

Urn bearers were Nicholas Plihal, Tyler Plihal and Travis Plihal. Interment was at Presbyterian Cemetery, Silver Lake.

Mr. Plihal was born Aug. 3, 1938, in Hutchinson, to Daniel and Mildred (Tepley) Plihal. He was baptized Oct. 9, 1938, at Faith Presbyterian Church by the Rev. Joseph Leksa. He was confirmed at this same church by the Rev.

Kovar.

As a young boy, he only spoke Czech and had to learn English in the Kaminsky school, which he attended through the sixth grade. He then went on to and graduated from Hutchinson schools.

While in high school, he was involved in 4-H and raised pigs as his project. He enjoyed fishing and hunting, was a church board member, was on the board of directors for Gopher Campfire and was a member of the Silver Lake Sportsman's Club. Mr. Plihal also was a member of the Hutchinson Legion Club.

At one time he owned a small store in Hutchinson called "The Milkhouse." He sold miscellaneous items, including milk in glass bottles. Mr. Plihal enjoyed working in his shop and growing asparagus. He was known to many as "The Asparagus Man." He also enjoyed tending his lawn and growing flowers, especially gladiolas and iris.

On May 5, 1962, he mar-

ried Janet M. Talberg in the Princeton Methodist Church. Their marriage was blessed with four children.

Survivors include his wife of 50 years, Janet M. Plihal; children, Connie (Jim) Pavlish of Glencoe, Cheryl (Chad) Moore of Conifer, Colo., and Brad Plihal of Glencoe; grandchildren, Nicholas Plihal, Tyler Plihal and Travis Plihal; great-grandchildren, Will Plihal and Brianna Plihal; sisters-in-law, Carol (Dave) Travis, Phyllis Hilgart and Pat Malcolm; nieces and nephews, many other relatives and friends.

Preceding him in death were his parents; infant daughter, JulieAnn Plihal; sister, Karen (David "Butch") Susdorf; nephew, Mike Susdorf; brother-in-law, Richard Malcolm; and stepmother, Helen Plihal.

Maresh Funeral Home, Silver Lake served the family. Online condolences can be made at www.mareshfuneralhome.com.

Dora Rebecca Kingsley, 93, of Jordan

Funeral services for Dora Rebecca Kingsley, 93, of Jordan and formerly of Plato, were held Saturday, Sept. 8, at St. Paul's United Church of Christ in Plato, the Rev. William Baldwin officiating.

Mrs. Kingsley died Saturday, Sept. 1, 2012, at Glencoe Regional Health Services long-term care facility.

The organist was Diane Anderson and the duet of Franklin and Alice Boller sang "Beyond the Sunset." Congregational hymns were "In the Garden" and "How Great Thou Art."

Pallbearers were Jim Birk, Denny Engelmann, Ray Howell, Wayne Jabs, Stanly Ristow and Richard Jannusch. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Dora Rebecca Jannusch was born Sept. 12, 1918, in rural Plato, the fifth of seven children of Ferdinand F. Jannusch and Laura Rebecca Marie (Litzau) Jannusch. Her parents were active in the establishment of St. Paul's UCC church in Plato, where she was a member.

On her family farm, she helped with hoeing in the sugar beet fields, gardening, tending to the chickens and canning. She attended elementary school in Plato and high school in Glencoe, where she graduated in 1937. She was active in the church choir and also taught Sunday school at St. Paul's UCC in Plato.

Just one day after graduating, Mrs. Kingsley was offered a job as a dishwasher by Shorty Dvorak at the restaurant at Platwood (which was located between Plato and Norwood). Two weeks later, she was trained as a cook and discovered she liked it.

It was there she met Theodore "Ted" Roosevelt Kingsley of Wadena, who worked at Platwood in the bowling alley and as a piano player. In April 1938, Dora Jannusch and Ted Kingsley joined the Jay Gould Circus and spent two summers traveling with the show, with Dora cooking for the entire circus crew.

On May 19, 1938, they married. In February 1939, they were blessed with the birth of their only child, Judith Lois.

During the 1956-1957 school year, they also hosted a foreign exchange student, Olga Espana from Guatemala.

The Kingsleys became local business owners in May 1945 when they opened "Ted and Dora's Bar and Cafe" on main street in Plato. Most fa-

mous for their ribs and hamburgers, the Kingsleys were known throughout the area and beyond, receiving much unsolicited acclaim: "Ted and Dora Kingsley provide one of the finest menus in the state of Minnesota;" "salesmen will drive out of their way to have lunch or dinner at Ted and Dora's;" and arguably the most re-told story of a top executive from one of America's biggest corporations who sent a telegram from a well-known Chicago restaurant stating that he wished he was in Plato enjoying one of Ted and Dora's steaks.

In November 1964, Mr. Kingsley died and Mrs. Kingsley continued to run Ted and Dora's on her own until she retired and moved to Jordan in 1977. She continued to host and help with cooking for many family events and holidays.

Throughout her life, Mrs. Kingsley enjoyed listening to music, the challenge of crossword puzzles, embroidering quilts, table clothes, and dish towels, rug hooking and watching her only great-grandchild, Vanessa, grow up.

She loved fishing and traveling with her husband, and both were devoted Minnesota Twins fans as well as avid bowlers. They would spend the Fourth of July weeks at Crane Lake in northern Minnesota fishing, and the Labor Day holidays traveling extensively, visiting nearly every state over the years. Mrs. Kingsley loved to go to cities such as Chicago and New York.

Mrs. Kingsley always had a smile and hello for everyone and often shared these words of wisdom: "Make

time for yourself" and "Love what you do."

Survivors include her daughter, Judy Birk, of Hutchinson; sisters, Verona "Babe" (Jannusch) Howell of Glencoe and Luella Adeline (Jannusch) Ristow of Norwood Young America; granddaughter, Jayne (Denny) Birk-Engelmann and their daughter Vanessa of Willmar; grandson, Jim (Donna) Birk of Hutchinson; and several nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death were her parents, Ferdinand F. Jannusch and Laura Rebecca Marie (Litzau) Jannusch; brothers, Leonard Alex Jannusch (wives, Melinda and Dorothy), George "Spike" Carl Jannusch (wife, Elvira), and Fred "Tack" Edward Jannusch (wife, Betty); sister, Christina Anna (Jannusch) Monroe (husband, Frank); brothers-in-law, Joy Olson, Dick Howell and August Ristow; and son-in-law, Eugene Raymond Birk.

In addition to being known for her cooking, Mrs. Kingsley also was known to keep her recipes secret. One day in the 1960s, she was in New York and invited a friend (Georgia Gould-Lyle) for a drink at the Waldorf-Astoria.

"Tell me," the friend said, "how do you make that delicious barbecue sauce?" Dora smiled and changed the subject. She still won't say . . .

Mom, Grandma, Great Grandma, Dora - we will all miss you; thank you for a wonderful life!

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

Thank You

The family of Marvin Schreiner would like to say Thank You to family, friends, and all who expressed sympathy with words of condolence, cards, flowers, food and memorials.

We would also like to thank the Glencoe Police, Fire, Rescue and Ambulance, McLeod and Sibley County Sheriff Departments, Minnesota State Patrol and the Glencoe Regional Health Services staff for all they did and tried to do for our loved one.

A special Thank You to the Hughes-Hantge Funeral Chapel for their guidance during this time of tragedy and sorrow. Your acts of kindness will never be forgotten.

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This weekly message is contributed by the following concerned citizens and businesses who urge you to attend the church of your choice.

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Obituaries

Carol Elaine Hafner, 78, of Glencoe

Funeral services for Carol Elaine (Schupp) Hafner, 78, of Glencoe, were held Friday, Sept. 7, at First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Glencoe, the Rev. Ronald Mathison officiating.

Mrs. Hafner died Tuesday, Sept. 4, 2012, at Glencoe Regional Health Services long-term care facility.

The organist was Dawn Wolter and soloist Kay Wilson sang "In the Garden." The violinist was Jack Noenig. Congregational hymns were "Lift High the Cross" and "I Know That My Redeemer Lives."

Pallbearers were Michael Dittmar, Ronald Trick, Bob Miley, Stuart Bonniwell, Terry Jopp and Richard Stoeckmann. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Carol Elaine Schupp was born Jan. 19, 1934, in Hamburg, to Herbert and Cordelia (Stoekmann) Schupp. She was baptized as an infant on

Jan. 28, 1934, by the Rev. H.J. Bouman at Emanuel Lutheran Church in Hamburg, and confirmed in her faith as a youth on March 30, 1947, by the Rev. A. Streufert at First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Glencoe.

She received her education in Glencoe and was a graduate of the Glencoe High School class of 1951.

On June 18, 1955, Carol Schupp was united in marriage to Ben Hafner by the Rev. Theissen at St. Peter & Paul's Catholic Church in Glencoe. The Hafners made their home in Glencoe. Their marriage was blessed with one daughter, Susan. The Hafners were blessed to share 57 years of marriage.

Mrs. Hafner was a loving wife, mother and homemaker.

She was a faithful member of First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Glencoe, where she was a member of the LWML and served on the

Altar Guild.

Mrs. Hafner enjoyed cooking, shopping, playing bridge and having coffee with friends and family. She cherished the time spent with her friends and family, especially her granddaughters.

Survivors include her husband, Ben Hafner of Glencoe; daughter, Susan (Erik) Meints of St. Paul; granddaughters, Claire Meints and Courtney Meints, both of St. Paul; brother, Dennis Schupp of Pequot Lakes; sister-in-law, Marge Maxwell of Parkston, S.D.; as well as nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Preceding her in death were her parents, Herbert and Cordelia Schupp.

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CRAYO adds Varsity Strings ensemble

The Crow River Area Youth Orchestra (CRAYO) is announcing the addition of a second ensemble to its organization called Varsity Strings.

It is for string students and adults who feel comfortable reading at the Suzuki book 1, 2 or 3 level. Instrumentation desired are violins, violas, cello and string basses. It will be directed by Rebecca Bruns of St. Cloud.

Bruns has studied violin pedagogy with Dr. Marion Judish, including a master class with Diane Balko, former Duluth-Superior Symphony Orchestra concert master.

She has performed with orchestras ranging from musicals, operas, chamber and symphonies in central Minnesota. Her orchestra experience includes the St. Cloud

Symphony Orchestra, Heartland Symphony Orchestra and Amadeus Chamber Symphony.

Her interest in education has led her to assist with after-school string programs, area youth orchestras and violin instruction at a music conservatory in the St. Cloud area.

Currently, Bruns performs with the St. Cloud Symphony Orchestra and teaches a studio of private violin lessons.

CRAYO also is seeking musicians to participate in its symphonic orchestra program. This ensemble is for strings students and adults who feel comfortable reading at a more advanced level of Suzuki Book 3 on up and band students and adults from an eighth-grade ability level on up.

Instrumentation desired for this group are violins, violas, cellos, string basses, flutes, clarinets, oboes, bassoons, saxophones, trumpets, French horns, trombones, baritones, tuba and percussion. This group will be directed by Michael Zellgert of St. Cloud, who was introduced to the area last year.

Both groups will meet on Sunday afternoons at the Hutchinson Middle School. The Varsity Strings will meet from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the choir room and the Symphonic Orchestra will meet from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the band room. The first rehearsal for both will begin Sept. 30. The concert is set for Dec. 2.

For more information or to register, call Sherri Brigden at 320-296-5704 or visit www.crayo.org.

Menus

Sept. 17-21 Millie Beneke Manor Senior Nutrition Site

Monday — Liver and onions or pepper steak, parslid potatoes, Scandinavian blend vegetables, bread/margarine, blondie bar, low-fat milk.

Tuesday — Chicken salad, fruit cup, three-bean salad, bread/margarine, lemon bar, low-fat milk.

Wednesday — Fall festival. Pork chop, cinnamon applesauce, squash, cole slaw, corn bread, margarine, apple dessert, low-fat milk.

Thursday — Beef tips with gravy, noodles, carrots, fruit salad, bread/margarine, fruit crisp, low-fat milk.

Friday — Salisbury steak, whole potatoes with gravy, green beans, bread/margarine, pineapple, low-fat milk.

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

Monday — Blueberry muffin and yogurt or Kix Berry cereal and blueberry muffin, apple juice cup, low-fat milk.

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

Wednesday — Breakfast pizza or reduced-sugar Cocoa Puff cereal and string cheese, orange wedges, low-fat milk.

Thursday — Egg-and-cheese omelet or reduced-sugar Fruit Loops cereal and blueberry muffin, orange juice cup, low-fat milk.

Friday — Whole-grain pancakes with syrup or reduced-sugar Cinnamon Toast Crunch and yogurt, diced pears, low-fat milk.

Helen Baker/Lakeside Lunch

Monday — Whole-grain chicken nuggets, yogurt, American cheese, crackers, crackers fun, mashed potatoes, jicama slices with dressing, orange wedges, pineapple tidbits.

Tuesday — Italian meat sauce over whole-grain rotini pasta, breadstick, chef salad with cheese, egg and croutons, seasoned green beans, caesar romaine side salad with dressing, grapes, baked cinnamon apple slices.

Wednesday — Hamburger on whole-wheat bun, turkey and cheese on whole-grain bread, oven-baked beans, confetti coleslaw, petite banana, chilled peaches.

Thursday — Turkey noodle casserole, breadstick, ham and

cheese on whole-grain bun, seasoned carrots, broccoli florets with dressing, sliced strawberries, chilled pears.

Friday — Tony's pizza, tuna salad on whole-grain bread, seasoned corn, baby carrots with dressing, apple wedges, chilled mixed fruit.

High School Lunch

Monday — Sweet and sour popcorn chicken, brown rice, seasoned peas, beef hot dog on whole-grain bun, oven-baked chicken patty on whole-grain bun, cheeseburger on whole-grain bun, buffalo chicken pizza, sandwich bar, salad bar.

Tuesday — Italian meat sauce, whole-grain pasta, bread stick, seasoned green beans, grilled cheese on whole-grain bread, oven-baked chicken patty on whole-grain bun, cheeseburger on whole-grain bun, Brooklyn-style pepperoni on flat bread, sandwich bar, salad bar.

Wednesday — Beef nachos with cheese sauce, corn chips, brown fiesta rice, refried beans, barbecue chicken on whole-grain bun, grilled chicken on whole-grain bun, hamburger on whole-grain bun, aloha chicken pizza, sandwich bar, salad bar.

Thursday — Chicken broccoli Alfredo, whole-grain pasta, garlic breadstick, seasoned carrots, hot ham and Swiss cheese on whole-grain bun, oven-baked chicken patty on whole-grain bun, cheese-

burger on whole-grain bun, meat lover's pizza, sandwich bar, salad bar.

Friday — Beef stew, baking powder biscuit, mashed potatoes, seasoned corn, sloppy joe on whole-grain bun, grilled chicken on whole-grain bun, hamburger on whole-grain bun, chicken bruschetta pizza, sandwich bar, salad bar.

First Lutheran School Lunch

Monday — Spaghetti hot dish, bread sticks, green beans, mixed fruit, milk.

Tuesday — Subs, lettuce bar, pineapple, milk.

Wednesday — Chicken fingers, mashed potatoes, pears, bread, milk.

Thursday — Mr. Rib, cole slaw, mandarin oranges, milk.

Friday — Mini corn dogs, tator tots, pineapple, bread, milk.

St. Pius X Lunch

Monday — Chef's choice, black bean salad, milk.

Tuesday — Sloppy joes, apple slices, romaine salad, California vegetables, milk.

Wednesday — Sixth-grade In-vite, milk.

Thursday — Barbecue riblet on bun, orange slices, carrots, corn, milk.

Friday — Italian dunkers, banana, peas, raw vegetables, milk.

People

Son born to Kuvaas family

Mike and Laura Kuvaas of Hutchinson announce the birth of their son, Soren Allen, on Sept. 1, 2012, at Glencoe Regional Health Services. Soren weighed 9 pounds and was 21-1/2 inches long. Grandparents are Larry and Carol Maiers of Stewart and Allen and Carol Kuvaas of Pelican Rapids.

Daughter born to Thoeles

Dan and Jamie Thoele of Arlington announce the birth of their daughter, Maleena Kay, on Aug. 20, 2012, at Glencoe Regional Health Services. Maleena weighed 7 pounds, 15 ounces, and was 21 inches in length. Her older siblings are Morgan, Maelynn and Macey. Grandparents are Karl and Edith Thoele of Henderson and Steve and Jackie Gildea of Glencoe.

Nelsons welcome home son

Tyler and Melissa Nelson of Plato announce the birth of their son, Max Calvin, on Aug. 20, 2012, at Glencoe Regional Health Services. Max weighed 7 pounds, 7 ounces, and was 20 inches long. His older siblings are Jack and Noah. Grandparents are Alan and Deb Brantingham of St. Paul, Rick Nelson of St. Francis and Dan and Mary Joe Dammann of Glencoe. Great-grandparents are Clancey and Teri Campbell of Winsted and Lillian Dammann of Lester Prairie.

Son born to Gregory family

David and Deborah Gregory of Hutchinson announce the birth of their son, Liam Maurice, on Aug. 22, 2012, at Glencoe Regional Health Services. Liam weighed 9 pounds, 12 ounces, and was 20-1/2 inches long. His older sister is Brenna. Grandparents are Dennis and Diane Sweely of Brownton, Maurice Gregory of North Attleboro, Mass., and the late Gertrude Gregory.

Couple notes son's birth

Rosalinda Avarado and Jesus Ruel Cruz of Glencoe announce the birth of their son, Romeo Xavier Cruz, on Aug. 24, 2012, at Glencoe Regional Health Services. Romeo weighed 6 pounds, 13 ounces, and was 20 inches long. Grandparent is Adalia Alvarado of Glencoe.

Birth to Teubert, Durbin

Alyson Teubert and Tyler Durbin of St. Cloud announce the birth of their daughter, Avery Lucille Durbin, on Aug. 17, 2012, at the St. Cloud hospital. Avery weighed 8 pounds, 1 ounce, and was 19-1/2 inches in length. Grandparents are Chad and Nicole Teubert of Lester Prairie, Monica Nygren of Good Farming, Minn., Tina Durbin of Brownton and the late Jerry Durbin. Great-grandparents are Sandra Anderson of Lester Prairie, Alan and Jean Teubert of Hutchinson, Mark and Rina Nygren of Eden Prairie, Marlene Nowak of Brownton, Ronald Povick of Hibbing and Don and Betty Durbin of Cloquet.

Podratzes welcome first child

Kyle and Beth Podratz are proud to announce the birth of their first child, Ellie Eileen, on Aug. 30, 2012. Ellie weighed 8 pounds, 7 ounces, and 20-1/2 inches long. Grandparents are Eileen Prieve of Hutchinson, Robert Heine of New Prague and Larry and Debbie Podratz of Gaylord.

Daughter for Arzate, Diaz

Crystal Arzate and Juan Santos Diaz of Glencoe announce the birth of their daughter, Valentina Elenora Diaz, on Sept. 5, 2012, at Glencoe Regional Health Services. Valentina weighed 7 pounds, 14 ounces, and was 20 inches long. Siblings are Sabina Esperanza, 7, and Dulce Maria, 5. Grandparents are Deb Douglas of Chaska, Jake and Patty Douglas of Ridgefield, Wash., Miguel Santos Contreras and Juana Diaz Mendoza of Guerrero, Mexico.

Deaths

Darlene Becker, 81, of Glencoe

Funeral services for Darlene Becker, 81, of Glencoe, will be held at 11 a.m., Friday, Sept. 14, from the First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Glencoe.

Ms. Becker died on Saturday, Sept. 8, 2012, at her home in Glencoe.

Visitation will be will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 13, at the Johnson-McBride Funeral Chapel in Glencoe. Visitation continues on Friday one hour prior to the service at the church. Interment will be in the church cemetery.

For an online guest book, visit www.hantge.com.

6th-annual Hall of Fame banquet set

The Glencoe-Silver Lake Panther Association will host its sixth-annual Hall of Fame Banquet Saturday, Oct. 6, at the Glencoe City Center.

This year's inductees include Robyn (Ruschmeier) Courchane, a student, athlete and musician, and former coaches Dave Dose and Mary Resch.

Special recognition also will be given to the 2000 GSL state champion football team, the 1998 GSL girls' basketball team, the radio broadcast trio of Tim Halligan, Nate Gorr and Josh Monahan, and veteran football chain gang members Dale Pagel, Mike Wosmek, Louis Graupmann and Dave Witthus.

The doors will open at 5:30 p.m. with a social hour, dinner at 6:30 p.m. and a program to follow.

Entertainment will be provided by Creekside Jazz.

Ticket sales are available at the GSL Panther Field House and Gert & Erma's.

Polka Fest set Sept. 20 at City Center

The Glencoe Historic Preservation Society (GHPS), along with the Glencoe City Center, will host a day of music and dancing at Polka Fest beginning at 1 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 20, at the Glencoe City Center's Grand Ballroom.

The Leon Olsen Band and the Czech Concertina Band will perform until 7 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom of the City Center.

GHPS will have refreshments for purchase throughout the event.

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Local accidents

Glencoe Police were busy with a pair of accidents last week, including a semi-truck-car accident Friday morning at corner of 13th Street and Hennepin Avenue, above. A 1995 Toyota driven by Jessica Rodriguez Lozano, 32, of Glencoe, tried to turn right at the same time a semi, driven by Donald Scott Jr., 53, of Plato, turned right onto Hennepin Avenue. Scott, who said he had his turn signal on, said he never saw the car on his right side as he turned. The accident tore off the bumper of the car. The truck is owned by Rose Trucking Inc. of Glencoe. At right, a 2000 Chrysler van driven by Herman Stark, 89, of Glencoe was struck in the rear panel by a Twin Cities & Western train last Wednesday morning. The vehicle had just turned onto Hennepin Avenue from 12th Street when it was struck by the eastbound train. Stark was taken to Glencoe Regional Health Services for treatment.



City supports county for repeal of statute

Enforcing dormant law hurts landfill program

By Rich Glennie
Editor

At its Sept. 4 meeting, Glencoe City Council approved a resolution of support for McLeod County in an effort to repeal Minnesota Statute 473.

That long-neglected statute would require that all seven-county metro garbage be hauled to metro sites to be disposed of, much to the detriment of green energy programs like the methane-gas-to-electricity program at Spruce Ridge Resource Center near Biscay.

But the city went a step farther and plans to write its own letter to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) and state legislators indicating the statute be repealed.

The statute, which has not been enforced for decades, would be detrimental to the city's agreement with Waste Management, owner of Spruce Ridge, for the electricity generated at the Biscay site.

County Solid Waste Director Ed Homan said the county sought a resolution of support from Glencoe and indicated the county stands to lose about \$547,000 a year if waste, mainly from the west

metro area, is no longer allowed to come to Spruce Ridge. The state statute would require it go to an incinerator at Elk River instead.

"Right now, the state statute stands, but it's never been enforced," Mayor Randy Wilson said. "The Legislature needs to repeal it."

Wilson said when the state statute was enacted in the 1980s, the technology was not around to turn the methane gas generated from the landfill into electricity. "Is this statute even appropriate now?" he asked.

Council member Gary Ziemer added that when the methane gas-to-electricity project was being planned, the MPCA was an enthusiastic supporter of the idea. Permits for the project came from the MPCA.

Gary Schreifels, city public works director, who also sits on the county solid waste committee, said local legislators asked the MPCA to study the impacts of enforcing the dormant state statute. But instead, the MPCA came back with plans to implement the statute and incinerate the garbage at Elk River.

It was pointed out that the Glencoe Light & Power

Commission, along with the city, have invested a lot of money into the methane-to-electricity "green energy" project, and enforcing the state statute now would jeopardize that program.

"We're trying to hang on to what we've invested in," Schreifels said. He noted while the county has had no direct cost in the city's new transmission line from Spruce Ridge to Glencoe, or "our energy costs," it needs a supporting resolution from the city.

"It is the best green energy available," Wilson said of the Spruce Ridge program.

City Administrator Mark Larson said the new Legislature will not take over until January, and it is difficult to tell where legislators stand on MS 473.

Council member Lori Adamietz said the city needs to support the county in its efforts, but it can also draft its own letter to the MPCA and legislators.

"The MPCA tells us we need green energy by a certain date (25 percent from renewable resources by 2025)," Wilson said, and the city has complied well before the deadline.

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mended the staff, administrators as well as the students for taking improvement seriously.

"They all know they're getting pushed. We're moving in the right direction," Sonju said.

Then, later in the meeting, Christianson sounded off on the MDE for messing up the district's preliminary levy numbers.

Michelle Sander, district business manager, said the preliminary budget needs to be sent to the county by Sept. 30. The plans were to approve the preliminary budget Monday night, but the "levies were wrong."

Sander said the MDE officials forgot to include debt levy amounts in GSL's numbers. Those numbers need to

be included, and MDE will revise the certified levy accordingly.

"The MDE can go back and correct the levy numbers, but they can't go back and change the MMR score?" Christianson said.

Sander said the board can still certify the maximum levy allowed by the state and "fine tune" the amount before the final levy needs to be approved in December.

But Christianson said he would not vote on the levy unless he knew the levy numbers. "I will not support or vote on an open-ended amount," he said. "I'm not comfortable with that."

He suggested the board delay certifying the levy until a second meeting is held in September.

But board member Jason Lindeman said the board usually certifies the maximum anyway. Once the preliminary levy is certified, "then we can levy only for what we need (in the final levy in December)."

Sander said the final numbers will be in the December Truth in Taxation hearing when the board approves the final 2013-14 levy.

"But in the past, we knew what the maximum levy was," Christianson said.

"But they are not always correct," Sander replied, "but this year they were glaringly wrong."

The board voted to certify the maximum levy on a 5-1 vote. Christianson voted no.

Dashir updates board on its school projects

By Rich Glennie
Editor

Brady Flaherty of Dashir Management Services gave the Glencoe-Silver Lake School Board an update Monday night on the list of projects completed since the first of the year, and added he "has a great staff" in place.

Flaherty said the indoor pool at the high school was down from April 30 until June 12 for a thorough cleaning and refurbishing. That included a four-week project of cleaning the pool and pool decks with hydrochloric acid. The pool was regouted, and the pool deck resealed.

"It turned out beautifully," Flaherty added.

He said the drain tiling work on the northeast corner of the Panther Field House also was completed recently. It included digging out around the service door on the north end of the building, installing drain tile lines about six feet down, putting in new footings and a new concrete slab. He also said there is a lift station near the north garage door to control the water levels in that area.

Board member Anne Twiss complemented the summer workers and Dashir for all improvements over the summer, especially the new doors and windows at Lincoln Jr. High and the high school.

"They look fantastic."

But she also complemented Dashir specifically for the work done that the public generally does not see, like replacing the broken condenser fan atop the field house, or the main component of the Lincoln boiler that had a rust hole in it.

"Brady and Dashir often have a thankless job," GSL Superintendent Chris Sonju added. "They have gone above and beyond what we have asked them to do."

Flaherty said one reason for the success is the work order system implemented to keep track of the jobs that need to be done. Often those work orders come from classroom teachers who have repair needs or need other assistance.

He said since Jan. 1, 1,519 work orders have been processed districtwide. "We get bombarded with staff (requests) every day. But the work order system works well."

Dashir was hired seven years ago to handle the district's maintenance work.

Board member Jamie Alsleben said the school facilities are now being used year round, including the summer.

Alsleben said he marveled over how "you work wonderfully around their (summer) schedules. And when fall

rolls around, the schools look good."

"I attribute that to my crew," Flaherty said.

In other matters, the School Board:

- Set the October board meeting for Monday, Oct. 8, even though it is the Columbus Day holiday.

But the board had to change its November meeting to Tuesday, Nov. 13, because Monday, Nov. 12, will be celebrated as Veterans Day and it also conflicts with canvassing of the Nov. 6 election ballots.

Both meetings will be at 7 p.m. in Room 124 of the Lincoln Jr. High.

- Set the district Truth in Taxation Hearing for 6:01 p.m., Monday, Dec. 10. The regular board meeting will follow at 7 p.m., and the final certified levy is expected to be approved that evening.

- Hired Traci Schwarrock as a 6.5-hour-per-day special education paraprofessional at Lakeside, replacing Lindsay Vaughn; Carol Silus as a 6-hour-per-day special education paraprofessional at Lakeside, replacing Sue Rolf, who retired; Adelheid "Heidi" Nelson as a 6.5-hour-per-day special education paraprofessional at Helen Baker, replacing Sonia Ewald, who resigned; Jennifer Brinkmann as 6.5-hour-per-day special education paraprofessional at Helen Baker, replacing Tammy Farenbaugh, who resigned; and Anne Taylor, as English Language Learner (ELL) teacher at Lakeside, replacing Tammy Bukowski, who resigned.

- Accepted the resignations

of Brandy Barrett as K-2 fund-raising coordinator; Farenbaugh, Bukowski, Ewald and Ma Del Carmen Frank as a 6.75-hour-per-day ELL paraprofessional at Lincoln Jr. High.

- Named Rochelle Drahos as FCCLA adviser, replacing LuAnn Hanson, who resigned; and Collin Kerslake and Randy Wilson as co-head coaches of the boys' varsity soccer, replacing Jeff Jensen, who resigned.

- Accepted the following donations with thanks:

Pheasants Forever, McLeod County, busing for fourth-grade field trip;

Mark Rudy, matching contribution from Wells Fargo Foundation, \$79.95 to the district's A Account;

Shopko, \$2,500 to the A Account;

Pizza Ranch for 60 staff meals.

Miller Manufacturing, \$250.50 for school supplies;

Dawn Peterson, \$40 for elementary school supplies;

GSL Panther Association, \$5,000 for a road access project.

Michelle Sander, district business manager, said the road access project will allow people easier access to the quad fields of the physical education complex north of the high school. An access road was built to allow people to drive closer to the fields, and it includes 12 parking spots.

In another matter, Sander said work continues on a cross country course around the sports complex that will be home to the Panthers' cross country meets.

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