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CSAH 2 detour should be lifted by week's end

By Lori Copler
Staff Writer

McLeod County Highway Engineer John Brunkhorst said the County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 2 detour should be lifted sometime this week.

Brunkhorst updated the County Board on all of the county's highway projects at its meeting Tuesday morning.

Brunkhorst said utility work still remains an issue on the CSAH 2 (which is Grove Avenue within the city of Silver Lake) project, but the road should be re-opened later this week once the pavement markings are installed.

The remainder of the work, including the relocating of power poles, paving concrete driveways and installing sidewalk, will be completed under traffic.

Other project updates included:
• The CSAH 115/State Highway 15 roundabout, which is substantially completed and has been open to traffic for over a month.

Brunkhorst said he is particularly pleased with the lighting at the intersection, which uses LED lighting.

"It's much brighter and we should be saving a lot on power costs," said Brunkhorst, who added that Hutchinson Utilities has agreed to monitor the cost of the lighting at the intersection.

If there is a substantial savings, Brunkhorst is hoping to convert lighting at other intersections to LEDs for both the greater illumination and the energy cost savings.

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GSL '13 Hall inductees to be honored Oct. 11

The GSL Panther Association Hall of Fame 2013 inductees will be Nancy (Roach) Kopperud for fine arts, and Greg Jerve, Scott Phifer, James Schmidt and Keith Stifter, all student athletes. Special recognition will also be given to the 1977 Glencoe boys' basketball team and cheerleaders.

Recognition of inductees, team and cheerleaders will be done during the halftime of the GSL Homecoming game on Friday, Oct. 11, at the GSL Stevens Seminary Stadium.

New this year will be a reception, including appetizers and a cash bar, following the football game at the Glencoe Country Club. Tickets can be purchased in advance at the Panther Fieldhouse or Gert & Erma's. Tickets also will be available at the door.

For more information, contact Michele Mackenthun 320-864-6232 or Kathy Olson 320-864-5759.

For more details of the inductees, see page 2B in today's sports section.



Chronicle photos by Josh Randt

New royalty

Yodee Rivera, right, daughter of Noemi Sanchez, and Adam Eberhard, son of Robert and Gloria Eberhard, were named the 2013 Homecoming queen and king Monday night during coronation. The royalty party, above, includes, front, junior royalty Hannah Graf and Aden Carrigan. Standing, middle row, Kelly Arnold, Samantha Lange, Rivera, Eberhard, Cassidy Schrader and Emily Popelka. In the back are Dalton Clouse, Lou Iacona, Cole Petersen and Colton Lueders. Homecoming activities continue this week and conclude on Friday with a parade at 5:30 p.m. along 16th Street, the football game against Waconia at 7 p.m., and the Homecoming dance following the game.



County officials outline courthouse project, costs for township officers

By Lori Copler
Staff Writer

McLeod County Sheriff Scott Rehmann and County Board Chair Paul Wright outlined the differences between a \$22.75 million jail expansion project to the current \$7 million proposal to township officials at their annual McLeod County Association of Townships meeting Sept. 30.

Wright, who wasn't on the County Board when it proposed and subsequently dropped the 2007 project, said the \$22.75 proposal "was supposed to be a money maker for the county."

The previous proposal would have included a significant enlargement of the jail, up to 150 beds. The goal, Wright said, was to lease those beds to other facilities which were overcrowded.

But Wright said a lot of other counties had the same idea, and undertook some large expansion projects.

"And then the economy took a dive," said Wright.

Budget estimate for jail expansion/courthouse security

a. Lobby addition	\$1.26 million
b. Site expansion, parking	\$165,000
c. Sheriff's lobby remodel	\$180,000
d. Existing jail remodel	
• Interior remodel	\$575,000
• Mechanical systems remodel	\$150,000
• New electrical systems remodel	\$125,000
e. Jail addition — housing, multi-purpose	\$1.65 million
f. Jail addition — sallyport/kitchen/etc.	\$1.3 million
Subtotal building construction	\$5.43 million
g. Fees, testing, soft costs	\$630,000
h. Furniture, fixtures & equipment	\$430,000
i. Contingency (design and construction)	\$540,000
Total project cost	\$7 million

The McLeod County Board of Commissioners voted in October 2007 to abandon the proposal.

The current project would add about 15 beds to the jail's current 35, for a total of 50, said Rehmann. The goal of the project is to save the county money, not make money, Wright added.

Currently, the county spends about \$115,000 to \$145,000 annually to board

inmates in other facilities when the local jail is at capacity.

Rehmann said the county could add the additional 15 beds without hiring more staff; however, he added, the county will have more expense for food, medical services and utilities, at an estimated \$16,000 to \$18,000 annually.

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Chronicle photo by Lori Copler

McLeod County Sheriff Scott Rehmann presented an overview of the proposed \$7 million jail expansion/courthouse

security project to the McLeod County Association of Townships at its annual meeting Sept. 30.

Weather



Wed., 10-9
H: 76°, L: 52°



Thur., 10-10
H: 73°, L: 56°



Fri., 10-11
H: 71°, L: 53°



Sat., 10-12
H: 64°, L: 50°



Sun., 10-13
H: 58°, L: 45°

Looking back: The area received nearly an inch of much-needed rain over the past seven days.

Date	Hi	Lo	Rain
Oct. 1	77	50	0.00
Oct. 2	77	41	0.62

Oct. 3	58	54	0.04
Oct. 4	58	54	0.25
Oct. 5	59	39	0.02
Oct. 6	52	38	0.05
Oct. 7	72	41	0.00

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

Chronicle News and Advertising Deadlines

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Happenings

Band, choir in concert Oct. 15

The Glencoe-Silver Lake Concert Band and Concert Choir will present the first concert of the school year on Tuesday, Oct. 15, at 7:30 p.m. in the GSL High School Auditorium. Tickets for the concert are available at the door.

Lions sausage supper Oct. 24

The Glencoe Lions Club will host its annual all-you-can-eat sausage/ham supper at the Pla-Mor Ballroom from 4:31 p.m.-7:30 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 24. Participants are asked to bring a food item for the McLeod Emergency Food Shelf. Collection boxes also will be available for used eyeglasses and hearing aids. Advanced tickets can be purchased at Franklin Printing, Hite Hardware and from any Lions member. The proceeds from the supper help support Lions community projects.

VFW Auxiliary to meet Oct. 14

The next regular meeting of the Glencoe VFW Auxiliary to Post 5102 will be held at 7:30 p.m., Monday, Oct. 14, at the Glencoe VFW Club.

Grand Meadows Oktoberfest

Grand Meadows Senior Living, 1420 Prairie Ave., Glencoe, is hosting an Oktoberfest celebration on Saturday, Oct. 12, at 2 p.m., featuring Wally Pikal and Harvey Becker. This event is open to the community. Call 320-864-5577 for more information.

Legion Sunday Brunch Oct. 13

Glencoe American Legion Post 95 will host its annual Sunday Brunch, from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 13, at the Glencoe City Center. The menu includes pancakes, ham, scrambled eggs and beverages. The proceeds from the brunch support veterans, Glencoe-Silver Lake scholarships and other community projects.

Outdoor movie night coming

Outdoor movie night is set for 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 12, at First Lutheran Church, Glencoe. The movie, "The Lost Medallion: The Adventures of Billy Stone," will be shown. Bring a chair, blanket and friends. Popcorn and refreshments will be served beginning at 6:30 p.m. A free-will offering will be accepted. The public is invited.

Relay For Life sale Oct. 26

The Bumps Stop Here Relay for Life team appreciates everyone for their continued support this year, according to Lori Cacka. The team raised over \$16,000 for the American Cancer Society this year. "We are having a vendor, craft and bake sale on Saturday, Oct. 26, at First Lutheran Church from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Lunch will be available. "A percent of all proceeds go to our relay team." Cacka said. "With your continued support, we hope that some day we will live in a world without cancer," she added.

Post 143, Auxiliary to meet

The Brownton American Legion Post and Auxiliary Unit 143 will meet Monday, Oct. 14, at 7:30 p.m., at the Brownton Community Center. Host and hostesses for the evening are David Wendlandt, Carol Beltz, Jeanne Dodd and Bev Janke.

Thrivent annual meeting set

All Thrivent members are invited to the annual/election meeting on Sunday, Oct. 20, at 4 p.m., at First Lutheran Church in Glencoe. A recap of 2013 chapter events will be presented, board elections will be held and a catered meal served. Please RSVP to Cindy at 238-2148 or cindy@hutchtel.net asap.

Caregiver group sets meeting

The Glencoe caregiver discussion group will meet at 5:45 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 22, at Grand Meadows, 1420 Prairie Ave., Glencoe. Caregiving tips will be the ongoing discussion. Call Jan Novotny, caregiver coordinator, at 320-894-0479 or 1-800-488-4146. Nathan Unseth, volunteer program facilitator, can be reached at 320-237-4198.

Farmers market still open

Glencoe's Farmers Market is open weekly on Thursdays from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. and is offering a variety of fresh garden produce, honey, jams, pickles and an assortment of other homemade goods. The market is located on 11th Street in downtown Glencoe across from the Glencoe City Center.

Glencoe seniors to meet

The Glencoe Senior Citizens group will meet Thursday, Oct. 10, at 12:30 p.m., at the senior room in the Glencoe City Center. The group will play 500 and Sheephead, and all area senior citizens are invited to attend. The group also will meet at 12:30 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 15.

County senior meeting set

The McLeod County senior citizens will hold their quarterly meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 16 at 1:30 p.m. in the Brownton City Center. After the meeting, cards will follow. For questions, call 320-327-2499.

After Prom meeting Sunday

The 2014 After Prom Committee will be having a meeting at 7 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 13, at the McLeod County North Complex,

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.



Submitted photos

Jack Lemke, Tommy Becker and Matthew Dahlke competed at the State FFA Trap Shoot recently, with Dahlke finishing in the top 20 individually. As a team, the GSL students were 35th out of 60 teams.

GSL FFA teams off and running

By Becky Haddad
FFA adviser

Fall is a busy time of year for the Glencoe-Silver Lake FFA Chapter. Between fundraisers, the national convention, garden harvest and contests, FFA members stay busy.

The contest season kicked off on Saturday, Sept. 28, with three members participating at the State FFA Trap Shoot. Tommy Becker, Matt Dahlke, and Jack Lemke came in 35th out of 60 teams with Matt Dahlke placing as a top 20 individual.

This week the travel and commitment continued as FFA members traveled to Madison, Wis., and Montevideo, for the World Dairy Expo and the Region V Soils Contest, respectively.

Ben Donnay, Kole Polzin and Austin Smith competed in the National Central Dairy Judging Contest and placed 46th out of 130 teams. All three team members scored the Guernsey 2-year-old class and answered the questions perfectly. Smith scored over 40 on every class.

Samantha Lange participated in dairy showmanship and placed second out of 32.

The Region V soils contest brought FFA members just



The GSL FFA dairy judging team of Ben Donnay, Kole Polzin and Austin Smith, along with Samantha Lange in the dairy showmanship category, competed at the recent World Dairy Expo in Madison, Wis.

shy of qualifying for the state contest in April, but Derek Ortloff, Blake Ortloff, Adam Thalmann and Josh Kuehn are holding their heads high.

They are excited about having a young team with loads of potential and growing in this contest in the future. They have big shoes to fill too, since Derek Ortloff, a senior, placed as a top 10 individual for this contest, coming in at sixth.

FFA hopes to continue with a string of great contests with the University of Minnesota Invitational on Tuesday and

the horse judging contest on Friday.

Other October FFA events include Drive Your Tractor to School Day during homecoming week, the national convention send-off dinner at Dubb's Restaurant (open to the public) on Oct. 23, corn drive (Oct. 25), and the National FFA Convention (Oct. 30-Nov. 2).

Republican gubernatorial candidates at Chaska forum on Monday

The Carver County Republicans will host a public forum with 2014 candidates for U.S. Senate in an effort to increase community awareness and participation in the upcoming election.

The U.S. Senator Candidates Forum will be held Oct. 14, 2013, at the Chaska High School Auditorium, 545 Pioneer Trail, Chaska, from 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Republican candidates for U.S. Senate scheduled to appear include state Rep. Jim Abeler, state Sen. Julianne Ortman, and St Louis County Commissioner Chris Dahlberg.

Local Chamber of Commerce leaders and newspaper editors also will serve on panels open to public inquiry.

For more information, please contact Vince Beaudette, chairman, at 612-804-3935 or vince.beaudette@gmail.com. Further details can be located at www.carvercountygop.com.

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Abrams to perform

The Abrams Brothers, playing guitar, violin and bass, will appear at the Glencoe-Silver Lake High School Auditorium Saturday, Oct. 12, at 7 p.m., as part of the Glencoe Area Performing Artists Concert Series. They skillfully perform a variety of bluegrass, country and folk-rock music. Season membership tickets will be available to purchase.

Jim Berner show set Oct. 11; features stories behind music

The Glencoe Historic Preservation Society is sponsoring the Jim Berner Senior Music Show on Friday, Oct. 11, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Glencoe City Center.

Berner tells the stories behind the music and songs of the music legends of the 1940s through the 1960s.

Singers like Tony Bennett, Frankie Laine, Johnny Ray, Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Eddy Arnold, Marty Robbins,

Elvis and others.

Berner has been a vocalist, entertainer and musician for more than 25 years and has done the "Senior Music Minnesota Show" for senior centers, fairs and even birthday parties.

Admission includes dessert and a beverage, which will be served following the Oct. 11 show. Tickets are available from GHPS members or at the door. For more information, call 320-864-4174.



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New highway maintenance shop going up

Workers with RAM Construction have the new McLeod County Highway Department maintenance shed well under way at the intersection of Highway 7 and County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 15, between Silver Lake and Lester Prairie. McLeod County Board

Chair Paul Wright told township officials Sept. 30 that it is hoped that the new shed, which will serve workers in the Silver Lake and Lester Prairie areas, will be fully operational about Nov. 1.

Township officials updated on county projects, from recycling to courthouse

By Lori Copler
Staff Writer

From a new highway shop to possible single-sort recycling to a proposed \$7 million jail expansion and courthouse security project — the McLeod County Board of Commissioners has had a full plate on its table, Chair Paul Wright told the McLeod County Association of Townships at its annual meeting Sept. 30.

Adding to the mix are a proposed levy hike of 2.27 percent — the first in several years for the county — and the adoption of a wheelage tax to raise revenue for the highway department, Wright noted.

Wright said the County Board has set an Oct. 22 date to decide if it plans to move forward with the \$7 million jail expansion/security project (see separate article on page 1).

“We do need to make a decision on whether we’re going to be solid on this,” said Wright. “If we’re just playing, it doesn’t really make sense to go to a judge” and ask for a ruling on whether the Tudhope estate could be used for the project.

Another county project is the new highway shop to serve the Lester Prairie and Silver Lake area.

The \$1.2 million building is currently under construction, and “it should be fully operational about the first of November,” Wright said.

Wright also discussed the wheelage tax the County Board adopted in September.

The tax will raise about \$300,000 annually that “has to go directly to the road and bridge fund,” said Wright.

While he doesn’t always favor new taxes, Wright said the new tax is a flat fee of \$10 per vehicle.

“For me, the slam dunk was that those McLeod County dollars will stay in McLeod County,” said Wright.

Asked if the federal and state governments would reduce aid to the highway fund by a proportionate amount, Wright responded that those entities are already encouraging counties to wean themselves from dependence on state and federal dollars.

Wright also said the County Board has encouraged the highway department to come up with specific projects for the wheelage tax dollars.

“That way, we can point to a specific project and say, ‘that’s where your money went,’” said Wright.

Wright also discussed a possible change to the county recycling program — a shift to one-sort recycling from the current five-sort system.

Wright said the county is gathering costs on a possible transition to one-sort, including a potential addition to the solid waste facility in Hutchinson. He expects the County Board to decide before the end of the year on the issue.

Commissioner Ron Shimenski also addressed the group, reporting that Legacy dollars had been applied for in regards to the Dakota Trail, that Trailblazer Transit may be subject to regionalization of transit systems, and reported on Prime West, a collaborative of counties that provides services for social services.

Prime West is now looking into the possibility of offering health-care plans for the employees of its participating counties. While that could result in substantial savings on health-care premiums for counties, the proposal “is

probably still three years out” from becoming a reality, Shimenski said.

State Rep. Glenn Gruenhagen also spoke to the group, primarily about health-care costs and the new MNSure Exchange.

The new MNSure Exchange offers tax credits to apply toward health-care costs for those who qualify financially, Gruenhagen said.

And while people can still purchase health-care coverage outside of the exchange, “you don’t qualify for the credit,” said Gruenhagen.

Other health-care reform measures will mean that another 150,000 Minnesotans will qualify for Medicaid, Gruenhagen said.

The association also had its annual election, re-electing Robert Anderson and Al Fredrickson to three-year terms as directors.

County projects Continued from page 1

- The railroad crossing on CSAH 25 in the city of Brownton was replaced earlier this summer, and Brunkhorst said the installation of the crossarms (which the intersection has never had before) and signals will be done this week. The work will take about five days, and will be done under traffic.

- The South Grade Road bridge over Otter Lake in Hutchinson opened late last week.

Brunkhorst said his department has received several compliments about the new bridge; in particular, about the new fishing access area.

- CSAH 111 (also known as Prior, Herbert and Main streets in Stewart) is substantially completed, except for the final bituminous lift.

- County Road 78 and CSAH 23 in Lester Prairie also are substantially complete, except for the final lift of pavement.

- A culvert that washed out during spring flooding on County Road 57 should begin soon, Brunkhorst said. Quotes have been received, and the cost will be covered by Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) funds. The crossing should not be closed for more than a week while the work is being done, Brunkhorst added.

- The salt storage shed at the new county maintenance facility located on CSAH 15 near State Highway 7 has been completed, and the concrete floor of the main building has been poured and the steel frame work is going up. Brunkhorst said the shed should be operational around Thanksgiving.

- The long-awaited CSAH 15 bridge on the South Fork of the Crow River has finally been completed and is open to traffic.

Commissioner Ron Shimenski asked if the County Board should consider stiffening its penalty for work that is not completed on time per contract specifications.

Brunkhorst said the county follows the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) standard of a \$1,000-per-working-day fine for overdue projects.

Commissioner Kermit Terlinden said he fears if the county increases its fine amount, contractors will simply build in a contingency for possible fines into their bids.

Brunkhorst said that besides the fines, contractors may have their bonds cancelled.

“Their bonding agents look at those fines, too, and it could impact their rating,” Brunkhorst said.

Chamber events announced

The Glencoe Area Chamber of Commerce has set its annual meeting for noon, Thursday, Nov. 21.

David Nelson, chamber president, also announced that the annual Manufacturer of the Year event will be held from 9 a.m.-10:30 a.m., Tuesday, Oct. 29, at Plato Custom Concepts and The Pinsky Edge in Plato.

Also, the Glencoe Fire Department open house, as part

of Fire Prevention Month, will be held from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., Monday, Oct. 14, at the fire station on 10th Street.

The annual Taste of Glencoe Seasonal Sampler will be held from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 7, at the Glencoe City Center.

Tickets, limited to 250 persons, are on sale at the Glencoe Municipal Liquor Store or at the chamber office in the Glencoe City Center.

Council seeks to catch up on its capital needs

By Rich Glennie
Editor

Glencoe City Council, after several years of deferring many capital purchases, has begun to replace some of its older, used equipment.

At Monday night’s meeting, City Council agreed to the purchase of a new aerial ladder truck for the Glencoe Fire Department for \$240,000.

It also approved a resolution to finance the purchase over a five-year period with Security Bank & Trust.

City Administrator Mark Larson said the townships in Glencoe’s fire coverage area will pay the first \$54,000 payment, and the city will pay the remaining four installments on the loan.

Fire Chief Ron Grack said he and two other department captains traveled to Springfield, Ore., to view the used Peirce aerial truck with a 100-foot platform.

The snorkel truck that it will replace can extend 65 feet. The new aerial truck, with more capabilities, will replace the 1982 snorkel truck, Grack said.

The Glencoe Fire Department already has two other Peirce trucks as well as a pumper made by the company, so Grack said his firefighters are familiar with the Peirce vehicles.

Asked if the new aerial truck will fit into the fire barn, Grack said it has been measured and it will fit in the 12-foot high doors “with six inches of room in height (to spare).”

Grack also said his department will need some additional training on the new

truck, and “will need additional certification to drive it. It takes a little more knowledge.”

City Administrator Mark Larson said Springfield wanted \$300,000 for the aerial to start with and has come down to \$240,000.

He said the city also needs to spend another \$20,000 to have the aerial truck repainted. It currently is orange with blue stripes, and the truck will be repainted red to match Glencoe’s other trucks.

Larson said there is not much value in the current snorkel truck, which will be sold or auctioned off.

He said the township association gave its approval to purchase a new aerial truck and approved spending up to \$500,000. A new aerial truck would cost close to \$1 million.

With the additional heights involved with farm storage bins and other buildings, the truck with more capabilities is needed, city officials said.

The truck will either be driven back from Oregon or shipped by truck or train to Glencoe, Larson said.

The final payment on the last tanker truck purchased is done in 2014, and that frees up about \$40,000 a year for the new aerial truck payment, Larson said. The rest would come out of the general fund for the fire department, he added.

Mayor Randy Wilson, a retired firefighter, said the department used a five-year plan to purchase replacement trucks in the past, but the aerial truck was delayed for several years because of the expense and tight city budgets.

That also was true of other capital equipment purchases, Wilson said, mainly because of tight budgets and several years of cuts in local government aid (LGA).

But with the stabilizing of LGA, Wilson said it is a good time to catch up on some of those delayed purchases.

Wilson said the city staff “made good choices. Now is the time to make those choices.”

Also at Monday’s meeting, City Council approved the purchase of a new tractor and plow blade for over \$68,000 from Arnold’s Implement, the lowest of two bids received.

Mike Drew, city parks and street supervisor, said the new tractor and blade will replace a 1985 Ford tractor that was bought used. It also will replace a one-ton truck and plow that were used to plow alleys throughout the community.

Drew said the new tractor would be used year-round.

The tractor purchase is for \$53,101, and the plow will cost \$15,200.

The other capital issue was an upgrade of the airport fueling system that has been plagued with problems for aviators seeking to pay for the fuel with credit cards.

It was noted the current system has been in place since 1997 or 1998, and the computer equipment is outdated.

City Council opted to purchase new computer equipment from Petro Vend for \$13,826. It also applied for a state grant that would pay for half the cost.

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Chandler intersection needs to be addressed before the next fatality

Our view: MnDOT's philosophy needs to change to slow down traffic on Highway 212 in Glencoe

Not sure what it will take to get the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) to pay attention to the dangerous Highway 212-Chandler Avenue (Highway 22) intersection on the west end of Glencoe. It is deadly.

Last week, another life was claimed when Emil Ellis, 75, of Glencoe was killed in a collision with a semi. In February 2010, an elderly Norwood Young America couple was killed at that same intersection, and GSL High School junior Theresa Austad was killed at that same spot in May 2002.

Before and in between there have been numerous other accidents that have caused serious damage to vehicles and injuries to drivers and passengers. Near-misses are often not even reported.

MnDOT thrives on statistics when making decisions. These deadly statistics should be enough to catch the attention of state transportation officials that something different needs to be done at that intersection, especially those making a left turn onto Highway 212 from Chandler Avenue.

The logical solution is to slow down Highway 212 traffic coming through Glencoe until past the Chandler Avenue intersection. Change it from 65 mph to something a lot slower.

The Chandler Avenue entry onto Highway 212 is similar to other dangerous stretches of Highway 212 in the past. Over the years, fatal accidents occurred too frequently in Norwood Young America until lights were installed and traffic slowed down; at Cologne before a new entry off the highway into and out of the city was built; and at the Highway 15 intersection near Brownton when four-way stops were finally installed. It took a number of fatal crashes and serious injuries before changes for the better were made at

these locations.

But, for some reason, MnDOT is hesitant at the Chandler Avenue intersection.

One reason may be the contradiction in MnDOT's philosophy. Highway 212 was designated an interregional corridor in the 1990s. That means, the corridor's average speed from the Twins Cities west was to be maintained at 55 mph to the South Dakota border in order to keep traffic moving.

Under these plans, areas where traffic flow is restricted — like the four-way stop at Morningside Avenue in Glencoe — were to be eliminated or bypassed, some with future interchanges.

Those interregional corridor plans never came to fruition, and likely never will. But that "do not restrict traffic flow" logic remains.

That needs to change. MnDOT either needs to follow through on its plans for interchanges at dangerous intersections, or it needs to slow down traffic from Morningside Avenue west to Chandler Avenue.

There will be more injuries, and perhaps more deaths, before MnDOT will budge. A local effort is needed to spur changes sooner rather than later.

It starts with Glencoe City Council along with broad-based support from Glencoe area residents demanding changes. It also must include McLeod County officials as well as our state elected representatives. Since Highway 212 is a U.S. highway, toss in the federal officials and our elected officials, too.

That intersection needs to be addressed sooner, not later. It is a danger to everyone who uses that stretch of highway at that dangerous intersection.

Doing nothing should not even be an option after the latest fatal accident.

— R.G.



Reporters never get used to accidents

There are some aspects of this job you never want to get used to, and it occurred last week with the fatal accident at the notorious Highway 212-Chandler Avenue intersection.

I happened to be near the scanner when the call came in. I generally do not "siren chase" anymore. In my younger years, it was a steady beat to keep an ear tuned to accident calls and be ready to bolt from the newsroom with a camera.

I'm getting too old to be chasing anything anymore. But last Tuesday, the call came in, and it sounded like a bad accident. I went with my camera.

My goal at any accident scene is to get there, take my photos and get out. The other aim is to stay out of the way of emergency personnel to allow them to do their jobs.

I have been at many bad accident scenes over the past 40 years, and one never gets used to them. If you do, then there is something wrong with you.

The dilemma posed for newspapers is if you cover a fatal accident, what photo do you use?

You can get accused of trying to "sensationalize" the incident with a gory photo to sell more newspapers, or if you don't cover accidents with



Rich Glennie

a photo, you can get accused of not doing your job.

That newspaper's job is reporting the news — the good, bad and ugly.

So pick your poison.

On this one, I was accused of being insensitive by several emergency responders. It is not the first time I've been accused of that.

But if I had not cultured a thick hide in this business, I would not have lasted for over 40 years covering things I'd rather not see or hear.

The latest accusation involved a photo we posted online the morning of the accident. Emergency personnel were frantically working to free the victim from the mangled vehicle.

I happened to get to the scene early and photographed the valiant

efforts to get the man free and into the ambulance as quickly as possible.

At the time, the accident was not classified as a fatal accident; that came later. A lot later in the day, the State Patrol released the man's name.

The name did not ring a bell for me at first. Over my 22 years at The Chronicle, I have met a lot of people. Unless I have had a conversation with them, did an article about them or have had a repeat meeting, I generally have a tough time putting faces to names and names to faces.

It was not until the following day that the man's name came into focus. I see him every week at St. Pius X Catholic Church. He often is an usher. I never knew his name, but his face was very familiar.

I have been on the family's end of grief with the accidental electrocution of my young niece many years ago. It is painful. You never ever forget.

Outwardly, I may appear to be insensitive, but inwardly it is anything but that.

Despite what my critics think, I still have a job to do ... however good, bad, or painful.

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Question of the week

The Minnesota Vikings are requiring payment of up to \$10,000 to reserve the right to buy season tickets for certain choice seats in the new Vikings stadium. Do you think that is appropriate?

- 1) Yes
- 2) No
- 3) Don't care

Results for most recent question:

Who is most responsible for the partial shutdown of the federal government?

Republicans — 29%
Democrats — 34%
Both — 35%
Neither — 2%

132 votes. New question runs Oct. 9-15

Feel strongly about an issue?

Share your opinion with Chronicle readers through a letter to the editor.
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Letters to Editor

Hopefully, you think twice about accident photos

To the Editor:

I understand the need for The McLeod County Chronicle to publish the most current news in the area, that's why people pay a subscription fee to read the paper.

However, in light of the accident that happened at the intersection of State Highway 212 and Chandler Avenue this past week (Oct. 1), it disgusts me to pick up the paper, log onto Facebook, or go to your website to see photos of the wreck plas-

tered all over.

It is in pure disrespect on the newspaper's part to the victim that is suffering inside that vehicle, and the families that have to deal with their passing after the fact.

Put yourself in that family's situation, and how you would feel if it was you, your wife, or your child in that vehicle.

As an emergency responder, when that pager goes off for an accident, I hope and pray that when I get to the

scene everyone is safe, and I don't know a soul involved.

Obviously, that isn't the case for the news business. All you care about is being the first to break the story with the best picture available.

Hopefully, this letter opens some eyes and the next time there is a situation you think twice about showing up on scene to snap that photo!

Nathan Buska
Glencoe

How many lives need be lost before MnDOT acts?

To the Editor:

Eleven years ago after an accident claimed the life of Theresa Austad, I wrote a letter to the editor to this paper stating the intersection needed to be changed and included the MnDOT phone number and engi-

neer's name.

We tried in vain to make them realize this was a dangerous intersection.

This morning (Oct. 1) another life was claimed at the same intersection.

How many lives need to be lost before there are changes made? The community has already lost too many good people.

Diane Severson
Glencoe

Letters to Editor

What kind of craziness is after shutdown?

To the Editor:

What in the name of Michelle Bachmann have they done now? She and her extremists in Washington have not only gone against the legally authorized (approved by Congress) law of the land, the Supreme Court opinion that the law is constitutional, but now, like spoiled children who did not get their way, they have shut down the government!

Like the sequester, we all will feel the results of this irrational group of (and I use the term loosely) representatives. All this in the name of freedom.

Freedom to be ripped off by insurance companies by non-payment of claims; freedom to not have access to insurance coverage because of pre-existing conditions; freedom to bankrupt whole families because the person who is ill is taking all the family resources; freedom from personal responsibility to make rational decisions about their own bodies which happen to be fallible – your health could change in a heartbeat.

In actuality, the Health Care Law will be good for the people of the country (remember, that is what government is supposed to be about). If your employer provides health care benefits for you (as do 70 percent of employers), you don't have to do anything.

The intent of the law is for people who either buy their own insurance, are self-employed, or haven't been able to get health insurance because of pre-existing conditions, or have never had health insurance.

Depending on your income level, you may find you are eligible for coverage in a health care plan for little or no cost to you (250 percent of the federal poverty rate — \$28,875 for an individual or \$58,875 for a family of four). Wouldn't that be delightful!

Medicare people also don't have to be concerned about this because nothing will change for them.

You also will have a choice on the level of coverage you need for your individual needs – bronze covers about 60 percent of the cost, silver covers about 70 percent of the cost, gold covers 80 percent of the cost and platinum covers 90 percent.

Also, insurance companies cannot charge higher premiums because of your sex or medical history.

How to do it if you have a computer? In Minnesota, you can go to mnsure.org of Healthcare.gov to sign up. There has been a glut of people trying to access the system, so have a little patience.

You can also fill out a paper application over the phone at 1-800-318-2596 (federal) or 1-855-366-7873

(Minnesota). There are also people who can help you through the whole process called navigators. They may also be overloaded, so again, be patient.

Open enrollment is from Oct. 1 to March 31, 2014. If you get enrolled during 2013, your coverage will start Jan. 1, 2014.

The downside to this is if you don't sign up during this open enrollment period, you will be subject to a fine which will be payable when you file your federal income tax.

Plus, if you don't enroll before the deadline of March 31, 2014, your premiums will be higher.

Medicare people went through this sort of thing with Medicare Part D drug coverage. But in that case, the program wasn't funded at all by the feds, Big Pharma wrote the law, included the part where the government could not negotiate price, and the creation of the "donut" hole in coverage.

Seniors also would have to pay more forever in premiums if they didn't buy it during open enrollment.

Where was the hue and cry then? Did the Democrats shut down the government just because they disagreed? I don't think so.

**Jan Conner
Hutchinson**

Nuclear power needed for the 21st century

To the Editor:

Recently the USS Minnesota Stealth Nuclear Attack Submarine was commissioned. It is a high-tech marvel and wizardry, powered by an ultra-efficient nuclear reactor. The nuclear material that powers the submarine is about the size of a human fist. It will power the submarine for over 35 years. Yes, you read that correctly, 35 years.

Many people are unaware of the tremendous technological advancements in efficiency for nuclear energy. In addition, the nuclear waste currently stored in the U.S. can now be reprocessed under current technology to utilize more than 90 percent, leaving less than 10 percent of the nuclear waste to remain.

Unfortunately, our nation has laws against reprocessing nuclear waste. President Carter passed this law in the late 1970s.

Republicans generally support building new nuclear power plants because they recognize the advancements in technology for nuclear power and waste.

Generally the Democrats in

our state and nation have failed to recognize technological advancements in dealing with nuclear power waste and have refused to support the repeal of these laws. Instead, Democrats, controlled by the radical extremist environmentalist movement, have supported the expensive agenda of wind turbines and solar power, which are only being built as a result of government mandates and huge subsidies per megawatt hour.

As an example, natural gas receives a subsidy of 25 cents per megawatt hour. In contrast, wind turbines receive a government subsidy of over \$23.37 per megawatt hour (source: Minnesota REA).

New proposals by the Federal EPA and recently passed Minnesota solar mandates under Democrat leadership will raise the cost of electricity even higher.

The radical environmentalists have also influenced some in the Republican Party, but the majority opposes these energy boondoggles, as does the Republican platform.

Modern nuclear power is environmentally safe and

soon we will be able to reprocess 99 percent or all of our nuclear waste. American ingenuity has always solved environmental problems when not encumbered by government ignorance.

Informed and activated citizens can be influential, as they demand that legislators vote to repeal the nuclear power plant ban in Minnesota and the federal ban on reprocessing nuclear waste.

Many readers will fondly remember the advertising jingle: "Electricity is penny cheap from NSP to you." With the advancements of modern technology, electricity could once again be penny cheap and this could fuel an economic recovery that would create a prosperous future for our children and grandchildren.

Remember, our country was founded on limited government because our founding fathers realized that whenever government becomes overly involved in almost anything, it creates waste, fraud, abuse and high-costs.

**State Rep. Glenn
Gruenhagen, R-Glencoe**



Chronicle photo by Josh Randt

September students of the month

The seventh-grade September students of the month were announced last week at Lincoln Junior High School. The recipients included, front row, left to right, Katherina Cohrs, music; Joshua Kuehn, geography; and Leah Bettcher, pre-algebra.

In the back are Hattie Dreier-Schultz, English; Chelsea Bandas, science; Megan Fehrenbach, physical education; and Jaret Rodriguez, agricultural technology.



Chronicle photo by Josh Randt

8th-grade September students

Six Lincoln Junior High eighth graders were recognized as the September students of month last week. They included, front row, left to right, Kylie Hill, math; Ellie Schmidt, English; and Jaecub Fon-

durulia, history. In the back are Joseph Cullen-Lawver, physical education; Zoe Christensen, algebra; and Peter Gepson, science.

Glencoe man faces drug possession charges

GAYLORD — The Gaylord Hub reported that Brian Davis LaBaw, 52, of Glencoe, has been charged with first-degree and third-degree drug charges that involve possession of methampheta-

mine and cocaine. LaBaw also was on probation for a 2012 drug charge. Arrested with him was Ashley Ann Schmidt, who was earlier called to the Sibley County Sheriff's Office for a random

drug test, but said she would likely test positive for methamphetamine and fled with LaBaw. They were stopped near New Auburn, where law enforcement found the drugs in LaBaw's vehicle.

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Police Report

Police assisted at a pair of two-vehicle accidents Tuesday, one at Highway 212 at Chandler Avenue at 7:35 a.m. and the other on 13th Street (Highway 22) at 3:58 p.m. The Minnesota State Patrol handled both accident scenes.

A girls' Roadmaster Granite Peak bicycle with a purple frame was found on 13th Street on Tuesday morning.

Police assisted the sheriff's office with a report of cows on the roadway on 110th Street and Imperial Avenue at 3:05 p.m., Tuesday. The farmer was in the process of rounding up the cows.

An assault was reported at 3:33 p.m., Tuesday, in the 500 block of 7th Street.

Police also looked into a complaint of a vehicle heading east-bound in the westbound lanes of Highway 212 at Chandler Avenue at 9:22 p.m., Tuesday. The vehicle could not be found.

A man was found sleeping on a bench on Ford Avenue at 11:23 p.m., Tuesday. He was advised he could not sleep there and sent on his way. He also was advised he was not permitted to sleep in the park.

A theft was reported at 12:35 p.m., Wednesday, on First Street East. Stolen was a Bobcat land leveler attachment valued at about \$1,000. It was last seen in June.

A wallet was found Wednesday afternoon in the west parking lot at the Glencoe City Center.

A hit-and-run accident was reported at 9:13 p.m., Wednesday, on Knight Avenue. No other details were provided in the police report.

A medical call was received at 10:27 a.m., Thursday, from a residence on Ford Avenue. It was reported "the party's electric chair was not working."

Another medical was reported at 5:58 p.m. Thursday, from 16th Street. A person had a possible concussion and was transported by ambulance to the Glencoe Regional Health Services' emergency room.

A third medical was called in at 11:23 p.m. Thursday, from a residence on Abby Lane reporting a person was having trouble breathing. The person was transported by ambulance to the emergency room.

A silver and red Magna bicycle was found at Franklin Printing on 13th Street on Friday morning.

Two more bikes were reported stolen from the Lincoln school Friday. The thefts actually occurred on Oct. 2.

An fight was reported outside a store on 11th Street at 6:20 p.m., Friday. One individual was transported by ambulance to the emergency room.

A 90-year-old man was reported ill at a residence on 14th Street at 10:03 a.m., Saturday. There was no transport made.

Police stopped a vehicle for a loud muffler at 1:50 p.m., Saturday, at 8th Street and Morning-side Avenue. The driver received a verbal warning for the muffler,

but was cited for driving after suspension and for a permit violation.

A domestic dispute was reported at 7:10 a.m., Sunday, at a home on Ash Street.

Police cited a driver for no proof of insurance and gave a verbal warning for a stop sign violation at 11:43 a.m., Sunday, at 11th Street and Taylor Avenue.

A person reported being bit on the finger by a neighbor's dog on Chestnut Street West at 2:50 p.m., Sunday.

At 9:01 p.m., Sunday, a customer at Casey's General Store on 10th Street told the teller he had forgotten his wallet and would be back in 15 minutes to pay. He gave his name and license plate number. But he failed to return, and the license plate number did not match the vehicle, nor did a search find a customer by the name given.

A woman at a residence on 10th Street complained of severe back pain and was transported by ambulance to Ridgeview Medical Center in Waconia at 2:53 a.m., Monday. She had recently been released from the emergency room there.

A resident on Loudon Avenue reported a snake in the neighbor's yard at 1:15 p.m., Monday. Police stated "it doesn't look like a garter snake."

A woman was arrested for driving after revocation at 9:09 p.m., Monday, on 12th Street and Union Avenue. She had an active arrest warrant in place, according to the sheriff's office dispatcher.

Brownton City Council toughens its late bill policy

By Lori Copler
Staff Writer

Finding that a “late bill” notice has a little impact on collecting overdue utility bills, the Brownton City Council has decided to skip that step and go right to shut-off notices.

The City Council was presented a list of 12 properties with overdue utility bills totalling nearly \$12,000 at its Oct. 1 meeting. The lowest overdue bill was \$291.50 in arrears, the highest was over \$2,400.

City Clerk Ella Kruse told the City Council that her office typically sends a “late”

notice as a warning on overdue bills, before issuing a shut-off notice.

“But it seems like not too many people come in until they get the actual shut-off notice,” Kruse said.

And that is a concern, Kruse said, because the city will soon start billing for its new natural gas utility. Those who are behind on their utility bills now will likely fall even further behind with the addition of natural gas, Kruse indicated.

The late notice also served to tell people that they could enter into a payment plan with the city to get caught up but,

again, Kruse said, it isn’t until a shut-off notice is issued that many come in to make arrangements.

“It’s that shut-off notice that makes it a ‘crisis’ so that people can qualify for help from Heartland (Community Action Agency),” Kruse said.

The City Council agreed to issue a shut-off notice once a bill became 30 days overdue, hoping that will trigger people to come in and sign up for a payment plan or get help, if needed, from a social services agency.

Kruse said the city will still need to follow the “cold-weather rules” before it can

fully shut off people from their utilities during the winter months.

Mayor Jay Werner also said that he is checking into the possibility of the city being able to accept credit cards as payment for utility bills.

While there may be a charge to the city for a credit card service, Werner said that the burden for collecting for overdue charges would then be on the card company, rather than the city, for those who use credit cards to pay utility bills.

As the City Council discussed billing, Kruse was asked why the city switched to

a paper bill rather than the post-card bills that were mailed in the past.

Kruse said there wasn’t enough room on the post cards to add a line for natural gas service, which necessitated the change.

Besides natural gas, the city bills for electricity, water, sewer and garbage collection.

In related business, the city voted to certify the overdue accounts to property taxes.

Sidewalks

In other business, the City Council had a lengthy discussion about sidewalks.

Several slabs of sidewalk had to be removed during the installation of the natural gas utility. Although the contractor is required to replace those, city maintenance supervisor Mark Streich asked if they were worth replacing where the rest of the sidewalk is in disrepair.

“Do you want to do that if there is crumbling sidewalk on either side of that slab?” Streich asked.

Council Member Brian Dressel felt that those with

sidewalks in front of their homes should have the option of having the entire sidewalk removed, if they desired.

Streich said the concrete crew was coming in the day after the City Council meeting to begin the work. The City Council had also discussed the issue at its September meeting with the intention of checking into its sidewalk ordinance before the October meeting.

Werner said a search did not turn up a current ordinance, and suggested that the city crew “use common sense” in deciding which slabs should be replaced.

The City Council also:

- Asked Police Chief Ken Bauer to check into lease vs. purchase costs for a new squad car.

- Accepted a \$2,500 donation from the all-school reunion committee, with \$2,000 of that to be used to purchase new folding chairs for the Brownton Area Civic Center.

- Agreed to buy a paper folder attachment for the clerk’s copy machine to handle the new utility billing format.

History

From the Brownton Bulletin archives

100 Years Ago

Oct. 10, 1913
O.C. Conrad, Editor

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Herman Frauendienst of Penn Township on Thursday of last week.

Be merry and happy! But remember that good underwear is a never-forgotten necessity. Our up-to-date undersuits will help to make happiness. — Zimmerman & Co.

Seeland’s grocery building is being trimmed up this week with a new coat of paint, and a big improvement is noticeable. The work is being done by Groetsch Bros.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. William Wagner, residing about five miles northwest of Brownton, died Monday about noon. Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at the Lutheran church in this village and the remains laid to rest in the church cemetery on the south edge of the village.

A little ripple of excitement was caused Monday afternoon when a stranger about town was arrested for assaulting James Busta; in other words, cutting a homely gash on Jim’s upper lip with a full right-arm swing. The case was tried in Justice Thom’s court and the fellow pleaded guilty to the charge. He was sentenced to 10 days in jail since he was unable to pay the \$10 fine.

A quiet wedding was solemnized at the home of Mr. and

Mrs. Carl Sommerdorf in this village Tuesday noon when their daughter, Anna, was united in marriage to Mr. R. Polzin. The newlyweds left on the afternoon train for West Allis, Wis., where the groom is engaged in the shoe business.

75 Years Ago

Oct. 6, 1938
Percy L. Hakes, Editor

Miss Clara Albrecht, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ceaslen Albrecht, and Mr. Lawrence Dahlke, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Dahlke of New Auburn, were united in marriage at the Immanuel Lutheran Church Sunday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Dahlke will make their home on the groom’s farm near New Auburn.

Mr. and Mrs. H.E. Closz, who purchased the B&A Tavern about a month ago, wish to announce that they will hold a grand opening of their restaurant here in Brownton on Monday, Oct. 10.

William Graupmann, chairman of the McLeod County Board of Commissioners, died at his home last Friday evening from a heart attack while listening to the radio. He had been a member of the County Board for 24 years and had been the chairman most of that time.

Maynard August John Quast, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Quast, was killed in an automobile accident near Lester Prairie last Sunday. After a difficulty in

his life in the past year, Maynard had reestablished himself with his church in the honorable way of a Christian, and had told his family in the last days that he was looking forward to receiving the Lord’s Supper again. However, this last intention was not carried out. Last Sunday noon, he went to visit friends, and a few hours later was found to be the victim of an apparently unwitnessed automobile accident. Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at Immanuel Lutheran Church.

50 Years Ago

Oct. 10, 1963
Charles H. Warner, Editor

Officers for the coming year were elected by the Brownton Brownies 4-H Club at a recent meeting. They include: Julie Kreie, president; Merlin Mackenthun, vice president; Mary Sieh, secretary; John Engelsmeier, treasurer; Cathy Hochsprung, historian; and Steve Bussler, reporter. Six new members joined the club. They include Julie and Joel Lietz, Jolene Mackenthun, Cindy Alsleben and Shelley and Lynn McKee.

Edward “Barney” Tadsen was in town yesterday with some real tall corn. He left one stalk at the elevator that measured 16 feet, 6-1/2 inches tall, and one at the Bulletin office which measured 14 feet, 4 inches.

The Brownton Fire Department was called to the James Suchomel farm, one mile west of

the village, Friday at 4:15 p.m. Mrs. Suchomel Sr. had been burning rubbish and apparently some sparks ignited a pile of old lumber and railroad ties in the grove.

10 Years Ago

Oct. 8, 2003
Lori Copler, Editor

The Noreen Schuette family of rural Brownton is a host family for Akifumi Iseya of Japan for the current school year. Schuette enjoys close ties with the country of her heritage, as her mother, Fumie Sikkila, came to the U.S. from Japan 50 years ago.

Drought conditions and the start of the harvest season have brought a rash of fires in the area. The Brownton Fire Department was called to a corn field fire Oct. 1 and a grass fire Sunday afternoon, while the Stewart Fire Department was called to field fires in Sibley County Friday night and Monday afternoon, and to a grain dryer fire early Saturday morning.

Michael R. Wright, 48, of Hutchinson, was pronounced dead at the scene of a head-on collision on Highway 212 just west of Stewart Wednesday morning. The accident was reported at 3:30 a.m. Wright was driving a 1985 Chevrolet pickup that collided with a 2000 Volvo semi-tractor pulling a trailer, which was driven by Mark Christian, 33, of Corydon, Iowa. Christian was not injured.

America in 1904, working first as a laborer until 1916, when he purchased his farm.

Mr. and Mrs. L.W. Wangerin and Mrs. Laura Brecht tendered a farewell party for Mr. and Mrs. Alvin E. Neuhaus Sunday. The Neuhauses are leaving Thursday, Oct. 10, on a round-the-world trip of about 53 days with tour sponsor KNUJ of New Ulm.

35 Years Ago

Oct. 12, 1978
Kermit T. Hubin, Editor

Ronald J. Liners arrived in Stewart Sunday evening from Rowland Heights, Calif., to take over duties as the police chief here. He has rented a home north of the Carlson residence. His wife and two children will join him here soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Porter (Teri Lean) of Buffalo Lake announce the birth of a daughter, Jessica ReAnn, born Oct. 6. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Alton Lean of Stewart and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Porter of Buffalo Lake.

Sally Athmann was appointed the Stewart city clerk by the City Council at its Oct. 4 meeting. She will take over the duties held the past two years by her husband, Ed.

From the Stewart Tribune archives

100 Years Ago

Oct. 10, 1913
A.F. Avery, Editor

A deal was made this week whereby F.J. Reimers sells the local creamery, building, equipment and business to a stock company, which will continue the operation of the plant. The new company will be known as the Stewart Model Creamery Co. and includes among the incorporators businessmen of Stewart, C.R. Donaldson, F.M. Senescall, E.N. Schmitz and M. Schmitz.

The Martin Johnson general merchandise store is now closed while inventory of stock is being taken preparatory to transfer to Mr. Nelson Thompson of Sisseton, S.D.

A pretty autumn wedding was solemnized at the Lutheran Church Sunday morning when Miss Martha Klitzke and Mr. Albert Uecker plighted their troth. The bride is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Klitzke of this village, and the groom is the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. William Uecker, who reside in Dryden Township near Gaylord.

The wedding of Miss Paulina Ewert to Mr. Emil Kosek was performed at St. Boniface Church Tuesday morning. Mr. and Mrs. Kosek will make their home on

the James Metelak farm five miles east of town, which they have rented.

Mrs. John Wick, 64, pioneer of Collins Township, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. C.H. DeLeeuw of Glencoe, Wednesday morning. A native of Germany, she was married to John Wick in the fatherland and the couple had been residents of Collins Township about 30 years. The sorrowing husband and nine children survive.

75 Years Ago

Oct. 7, 1938
Harry Koeppen, Editor

A sad accident Tuesday morning snuffed out the life of little Virginia, 18-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mose LaPlante, living on the northwest shore of Lake Whitney. The youngster was at play in the LaPlante farmyard when the hired man on the place went to back out the LaPlante truck from the shed. In some unknown way, she got in back of the machine when it started to move and the wheels struck her down, passing over head and crushing her badly. Death was instantaneous, though medical help was summoned at once. The parents and the hired man are prostrated over the accident, which was un-

avoidable. Little Virginia was a bright youngster and her sudden passing leaves a void in the everyday place where she was growing up.

New cement sidewalks are being laid at the new school site this week, with WPA furnishing the labor.

A baby girl was born Friday to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sullivan.

50 Years Ago

Oct. 10, 1963
Kermit T. Hubin, Editor

Mr. Titus Olson, 80, a businessman in Stewart the last 48 years, died Thursday evening shortly after suffering a heart attack. He operated a grocery and dry goods store in Stewart from 1915 until the time of his death. He had suffered several strokes a few years ago, but recovered sufficiently to continue the operation of his store. Thursday afternoon, about 5 o’clock, he suffered a heart attack at the Brownnton Drug Store. He was rushed to the Glencoe hospital, and passed away about 6:30 that evening.

Edward C. Martin, 82, died Saturday morning, Oct. 5, at his home on the farm in Round Grove Township. He had been sick for about five months. Born in France and raised in Germany, he came to

From The Chronicle archives

30 Years Ago

Oct. 12, 1983
Bill Ramige, Editor

Glencoe’s municipal hospital and nursing home will have a new name when the current construction project is completed this winter. The new combined facility will be called the Glencoe Area Health Center. The project consists of construction of a 110-bed nursing home attached to Glencoe Municipal Hospital and extensive remodeling of the west side of the hospital that will include a new entrance to the combined facility. The new nursing home will replace Glenhaven Nursing Home, which the city operates.

The five candidates for Glencoe High School homecoming king and queen were announced

Oct. 5. The five queen candidates are Karen Pesina, Margo Bock, Laurie Peterson, Patty Chapman and Amy Schuette. The five king candidates are Mark Hueser, Kent Perlich, Todd Peterson, Greg Schmidt and Kyle Mellum.

Mike Popelka of Norwood won the 132-pound division at the American Boxing Federation State Tournament and will advance to the Region 9 Tourney at Fort Dodge, Iowa, on Oct. 14-16.

20 Years Ago

Oct. 13, 1993
Rich Glennie, Editor

The Glencoe School Board set Nov. 30 for a school referendum. The referendum will ask voters to approve a \$3.93 million bond for additions to the Lincoln and Helen Baker elementary schools

and for life and safety code issues at the two elementary schools and the high school.

Brownton Oil Co., an area boat and trailer dealer, was named an elite service dealer by outboard Marine Corporation (OMC). The honor is based on service, including superior customer satisfaction, willingness to work on OMC customer’s products not purchased at the dealership, current OMC service training, training levels achieved, timely repair capability, professional attitude, properly equipped facility, parts inventory and store identification.

10 Years Ago

Oct. 8, 2003
Rich Glennie, Editor

Four women have been

charged in the April fire at Unidoor Corporation in Gaylord. Charged were Judy Winkleman of Gaylord, Angela Manteuffel of Gaylord, Nicoel Raduenz of Silver Lake and Toni Benjamin of Glencoe. They appeared in Sibley County Court for an omnibus hearing. Attorneys for each defendant did not contest that there was probable cause for their clients to be charged. Settlement conferences were set for Nov. 24.

While most of the Glencoe-Silver Lake students were outside participating in homecoming activities, the Glencoe Police Department received a call of a possible bomb at Lincoln Junior High. The threat of a bomb in the building was unfounded, students remained in their classes and the emergency personnel were dispersed.

Area News

Econofoods to close Nov. 2

HUTCHINSON — Econofoods in downtown Hutchinson will close Nov. 2, the Hutchinson Leader reported. The announcement was made by Nash Finch, owner of the grocery store. Econofoods has been an anchor downtown since the early 1990s as part of a major downtown redevelopment plan, the Leader reported.

Seeks \$20.5 M in state bonding

GAYLORD — The Gaylord Hub reported that the Minnesota Valley Rail Authority is seeking \$20.5 million from the 2014 state bonding bill for rail improvements and capital improvements to its rail line that extends from Norwood Young America west to Hanley Falls. The improvements are on the line from Winthrop west to Hanley Falls, The Hub reported. The line travels through Sibley County and is operated by the Twin Cities & Western Railroad, with headquarters in Glencoe.

Community Calendar

Thurs., Oct. 10 — AA Group mtg. next to Post Office in Stewart, 8 p.m., call 320-212-5290 for info.

Mon., Oct. 14 — Tops Weigh-In mtg., 5-5:30 p.m.; Brownton Senior Citizens Club, Brownton Community Center, 1 p.m.; Stewart City Council, 7 p.m.; Brownton American Legion Post & Auxiliary Unit 143, Brownton Community Center, 7:30 p.m.

Tues., Oct. 15 — Narcotics Anonymous, Brownton Community Center, 7 p.m.; Home Bound Theatre Company “Broadway Kids”, Oct. 8-22, Panther Field House in Glencoe, 3:15-4:45 p.m., call GSL Community Ed at 320-864-2690 for info.; Brownton Legion.

Wed., Oct. 16 — McLeod County senior citizens quarterly meeting, Brownton City Center, 1:30 p.m., call 320-327-2499 with questions.

Thurs., Oct. 17 — AA Group mtg. next to Post Office in Stewart, 8 p.m., call 320-212-5290 for info.; Stewart Lions.



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4-H program continues to flourish in county, commissioners hear

By Lori Copler
Staff Writer

McLeod County's 4-H program continues to flourish, providing a creative, leadership and volunteer outlet for 290 youths.

Jill Grams, the 4-H coordinator, presented the 2012-13 annual report to the McLeod County Board of Commissioners at its Oct. 1 meeting.

Along with the 290 youths participating, the county 4-H program also enjoys the contribution of 57 adult volunteers, who provide nearly 5,000 hours of service annually that is valued at nearly \$113,000, Grams told the County Board.

The nine 4-H clubs in McLeod County also volunteer throughout the year to improve their county and communities, Grams said, including assisting with the

Crow River clean-up, constructing wood duck houses, and partnering with the backpack lunch program and with McLeod County Social Services.

McLeod County partnered with Sibley County for a 4-H project day, "which gives kids a jump start on their county fair projects," said Grams. Over 50 4-H'ers participated.

McLeod County also combined its family fun night with its favorite food show, Grams said.

"Six to seven years ago, we almost had to cancel the favorite food show" because of lack of participation, Grams said. But combining it with the family fun night resurrected the program, with 42 kids participating in the favorite foods show.

McLeod County 4-H also

hosted a large number of summer programs, including a camp, library programs, country school day camp at the old Komensky school, an ecology bus, art days for pottery and painting, a MinnAqua day camp, a junior master gardener program and an "Adventures in Agriculture" day camp, among others.

And, of course, the highlights of the summer are the county and state fairs.

This year, there were 271 Cloverbuds projects, 253 photography projects, 216 in crafts and fine arts, 117 in foods and nutrition and 73 in clothing and textiles. Grams pointed out that most 4-H'ers exhibit or compete in more than one program or category.

There are also the animal science projects at the county fair. Forty-eight exhibitors

took part in the horse program; 26, dairy; 32, beef; 12, sheep; 18, swine; 12, poultry; 10, dog; eight, dairy goat; 11, market goat; and 11, rabbits.

"I can't wait to show pigs again next year," one 4-H'er was quoted as saying. "It was so fun. And next year, I am old enough to go to the state fair."

Grams said the quoted 4-H'er won a grand champion in a swine exhibition, but wasn't old enough to advance to the state fair.

As he was receiving his plaque at the county fair, "someone else's pig bit him in the backside," said Grams. "He walked around with an ice pack in his back pocket for the rest of the fair. Even so, he can't wait to come back next year."

Each year at the county fair, there is a livestock auc-

tion at which businesses can vie to buy the ribbons won by 4-H'ers. This year, the auction raised nearly \$15,000, part of which goes to the program and part to the individual 4-H'er.

"It either goes to the feed bill they owe mom and dad, or it goes to next year's project," said Grams.

"It's a compliment to the businesses who participate," Commissioner Paul Wright said of the money raised at this year's auction.

Grams said participation at the auction had been declining, until 4-H'ers were encouraged to visit local businesses, "not to get them to bid in the auction, but to educate them on the 4-H program."

Grams said there are many business people who are former 4-H'ers who come to the

auction to show support for the program that once helped them.

"They used to be that 4-H'er who was trying to sell that animal," Grams said.

The 4-H'ers also staff the 4-H Cafe at the county fair, which this year raised nearly \$8,000, with 4-H'ers and adult volunteers flipping over 2,500 burgers and selling 891 bottles of milk.

Grams said money raised from the cafe is used toward such expenses as registration fees and transportation costs.

"We use those dollars to make it affordable for anyone who wants to participate in 4-H," Grams said.

Grams said the new 4-H year started Oct. 1, and National 4-H Week is Oct. 6-12. The County Board passed a resolution proclaiming 4-H Week in McLeod County.



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3rd-grade Panther Paws

The third-grade Panther Paw recipients in September were, front row, left to right, Jenna Trippel, Geneva Foley, Benjamin Gildea, Jesse Dahlke and Dawson Varp-

ness. In the back are Treighton Wemhof, Michelle Cantu, Mackenzie Elgren, Cadance Knick and Alexander Martin.



Chronicle photo by Alyssa Schauer

4th-grade Panther Paws

The September recipients of the monthly Panther Paw awards in the fourth grade at Lakeside Elementary are, front row, left to right, Angel Balboa, Miranda Litgau, Malayh Metcalf, Amanda Rosenlund and

Diego Mendoza. In the back are Nahomi Carranza, Nicole Washburn, Caleb Besmehn, Kendall Guerrero and Nathan Stoltenburg.

'Masters of Illusion, Man of Miracle' to perform at City Center on Oct. 13

Illusionist Jeffrey Johnson will perform his newest stage show, "Masters of Illusion, Man of Miracles," Sunday, Oct. 13, at 6:30 p.m., at the Glencoe City Center.

The event is being co-sponsored by Good Shepherd and First Lutheran churches in Glencoe.

"We wanted to take the best illusions ever performed like sawing a woman in half and the levitation and give them a modern twist," explained Johnson.

"When audiences walk away from this performance, they are going to be blown away and they are going to be inspired!" he added.

Highlights of the show will include an illusion in which every audience member takes part in the magic right from their own seats, an effect in which Johnson makes a woman's shadow materialize

into her human form, and a touching portion of the show where Johnson gets personal and talks about what matters most in his life and why.

The biggest illusion of the evening will be, however, the trick that made Harry Houdini famous.

"Everyone is talking about this one," said Johnson. "We have a little bit of everything in this new show, from heart-pounding escapes to the appearance of snow out of nowhere that fills the entire stage as the finale - people are not going to want to miss that."

Another new addition to Johnson's show is his onstage assistant Nora Lund. While having performed for audiences before, this is Lund's first foray into the world of illusion.

"I'm really excited about this opportunity," said Lund.

"It's not every day you get a chance to assist a magician and get in on some of the inside secrets too!"

Advance discount tickets can be purchased now at: www.jeffreyjohnsontickets.com. Tickets also can be purchased at the door.

Johnson is a nationally known illusionist based in Eden Prairie. For over 15 years, he has been performing for family audiences at churches, camps, and schools throughout the United States and also internationally in the country of Japan.

Johnson has received honors for his work as an illusionist, including the Morris Park Scholarship Award for Young Performers.

For more information on Jeffrey and to schedule an interview, visit: www.magicbyjeffrey.com.

21 Brownton seniors met on Monday

Twenty-one Brownton senior citizens met Monday, Oct. 7, at the community center.

Cards were played with the following winners: 500, Norma Albrecht, first, and Jerome Ewert, second; pinochle, Ordella Schmidt, first, and Betty Katzenmeyer, second; and sheephead, Lowell Brelje, first, and Elmer Maass, second.

Pearl Streu served refreshments and also was the winner of the door prize.

The next meeting will be Monday, Oct. 14, at 1 p.m. All area senior citizens are welcome.

Builders set fundraiser for scholarships

The Crow River Builders Association is offering two post-secondary scholarships to students entering the building trades.

In conjunction, the association also is holding a snowblower raffle fundraiser until Nov. 7, with the drawing to be held at the Glencoe Season Sampler on Nov. 7.

Tickets for the Husqvarna snowblower are available at remaining Glencoe-Silver Lake football games. Tickets also can be purchased at The Builders Choice, Four Square Builders, RDV Construction and Strongback Builders.

Contact Ryan Voss at 320-510-0404 for more information.

Building Permits

The following building permits were approved by the Glencoe City Council on Monday, Oct. 7:

Gregory Scott, 1407 DeSoto Ave., reroof.

Lee Terlinden, 1407 Union Ave., garage.

PJ's How To Spirits, 2017 E. 10th St., plumbing permit.

Mary Bullert, 1415 Birch Ave., reside.

Jared Heldt, 2011 E. 11th St., reroof.

Melissa Cadena, 805 Greeley Ave., deck.

Bernie's Furniture, 410 E. 10th St., reroof.

Dale Johnson, 340 Edgewood Dr., reroof.

Ken Engelmann, 310 Interwood Dr., four-season porch.

Mark Boesche, 419 E. 15th St., reroof.

Linda Flores, 1318 E. 13th St., mechanical permit.

Dawn Iverson, 104 W. 14th St., fence.

Michelle Moller, 1712 E. 12th St., reroof.

Sue Nord, 1814 E. 11th St., reroof.

Howard Melchert, 726 DeSoto Ave., reroof.

Jim Tiemann, 1729 Hennepin Ave., reroof.

Lorraine Krumm, 1713 E. 12th St., reroof.

Dawn Kiecker, 630 E. Fifth St., reroof.

Mark Millbret, 310 Pleasant Ave., reroof.

Cynthia Patnaude, 1206 Morningside Ave., windows, re-side.

Theresa Janke, 1403 E. 12th St., windows.

Donald Friauf, 1905 E. 14th St., reroof.

Jeff Schrader, 730 E. First St., reroof.

Jeff Ballman, 922 E. 15th St., reroof.

Steve Millard, 2020 Loudon Ave., mechanical permit.

Brad Eggersgluess, 1522 Newton Ave., reroof.

Joe Streufert, 1601 Knight Ave., foundation anchors.

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Obituaries

Marilyn G. Boerner, 71, of Gaylord

Funeral services for Marilyn Gertrude Boerner, 71, of Gaylord, will be Thursday, Oct. 10, at 10:30 a.m., at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Gaylord. The Rev. Fredric Hinz will officiate.

Mrs. Boerner died Sunday, Oct. 6, 2013, at Abbott Northwestern Hospital in Minneapolis.

Visitation will be Wednesday, Oct. 9, 2013, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Gaylord. Visitation will continue one hour prior to the service on Thursday.

The organist will be Jeanne Bruss, and congregational hymns will be “Abide With Me,” “On Eagle’s Wings” and “In the Garden.”

Honorary pallbearers will be her granddaughters, Jessica Serbus, Pamela Pomplun-Morgan, Ashley Pomplun and Amanda Mans. Pallbearers will be her grandsons and nephews, Jeremy Serbus, Joshua Mans, Tyler Holmgren, Joe Morgan, Matthew Wieman, Patrick Bartels, Daniel Wieman and Jay Bartels. Interment will be in the church cemetery.



Marilyn Boerner

Marilyn Gertrude Tessmer was born Dec. 15, 1941, at home in Gaylord, to Helbert and Mabel (Kohls) Tessmer. She was baptized as an infant on Dec. 28, 1941, and confirmed in her faith as a youth on March 25, 1956, both at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Gaylord. She received her education at Immanuel Lutheran Parochial School and Gaylord High School.

On April 21, 1960, Marilyn Tessmer was united in marriage to Marvin Pomplun. This union was blessed with four children.

On October 15, 1977, she was united in marriage to Donald Boerner at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Gaylord. After their marriage, the couple resided in Gaylord.

Mrs. Boerner was employed at Michael Foods for more than 30 years. The Boerners shared 24 years of marriage before Mr. Boerner died in November 2001.

Mrs. Boerner was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Gaylord and its Ladies Aid.

She enjoyed working, shopping, gardening and flowers, playing cards, her pets, listening to Daniel O’Donnell, and going on vacations with her sisters. She was a very caring person. Mrs. Boerner especially loved spending time with her family and friends.

Survivors include her children, Mark (Patricia) Pomplun of Henderson, Lisa Mans and her special friend, Dale Sickmann, of Arlington, and Ricky (Tammy) Pomplun of Gaylord; stepchildren, Steve Boerner of Gaylord, Amy Baake of Florida, Sara Bowers of Minneapolis and Fred Boerner of California, and their spouses; grandchildren, Jessica Serbus and her significant other, Dan Graczak, Pamela (Joe) Pomplun-Morgan, Ashley Pomplun, Amanda Mans and her special friend, Tim, Jeremy Serbus, Joshua (Courtney) Mans and Tyler Holmgren; great-grandchildren, Leah Serbus, Kailey Graczak, Brody Serbus, Allie Serbus, Amara Larson and baby boy Morgan; son-in-law, Craig Serbus of Henderson; sisters, Joleen (Allen) Bartels of Winthrop and Denise (Carl) Wieman of Owatonna; nephews, other relatives and friends.

Preceding her in death were her parents, Helbert and Mabel Tessmer; daughter, Lori Serbus; and husband, Donald Boerner.

Arrangements were by Egesdal Funeral Home in Gaylord. Online obituaries and guest book are available at www.hantge.com. Click on obituaries and guest book.

Emil Theodore Ellis, 75, of Glencoe

A Mass of Christian Burial for Emil Theodore Ellis, 75, of Glencoe, was held Monday, Oct. 7, at the Church of St. Pius X in Glencoe. The Rev. Anthony Stubeda officiated.

Mr. Ellis died Tuesday, Oct. 1, 2013, in an automobile accident near Glencoe.

The organist was Sue Mielke. Song leaders were Shari Templin and Kelly Blissenbach. Musical selections were “Be Not Afraid,” “On Eagle’s Wings,” “Here I Am, Lord” and “Amazing Grace.”

Military honors were by the Glencoe American Legion Post 95. Pallbearers were Randy Wahlstrom, Tim Lenz, Vince Haag, Michael Wahlstrom, Devon Bratz, Paul Anderle Jr. and Ryan Wahlstrom (honorary). Interment was in the Glencoe Catholic Cemetery in Glencoe.

Mr. Ellis was born Jan. 27, 1938, in Glencoe, to Ed and Sophie (Ondracek) Ellis. He was baptized in his home by the Rev. Moloney and rites were supplied later on March 20, 1938, at St. George Catholic Church in Glencoe. He was confirmed in his Catholic faith on July 18,

1951, by the Rev. James Bryne at St. George Catholic Church.

Mr. Ellis received his education at a country school in Biscay. He entered active military service in the U.S. Army on Jan. 10, 1961, and served his country in Germany as a tank driver. He received an honorable discharge on Jan. 9, 1963.

On May 8, 1965, Mr. Ellis was united in marriage to Bernice Catherine Schlangen at St. Agnes Catholic Church in Roscoe, Minn. They made their home on the family farm in rural Glencoe. Their marriage was blessed with eight children, Tim, Randy, Lorie, Jodi, Pam, Gary, Tricia and Lonnie. They shared over 48 years of marriage.

Mr. Ellis began as a farmer and developed a business buying and selling farm equipment. He was a member of and regularly ushered at St. Pius X Catholic Church in Glencoe.

Mr. Ellis was an honest, hardworking businessman who sacrificed much for his wife and children. He was a man of few words, but when he spoke, people listened. He enjoyed trips to visit family and dancing with his wife.

He made many lifelong friends through his business and was recognized at truck stops and diners across the Midwest. He was once crowned King of the neigh-

borhood “Koniska Days” and often answered his phone jokingly as the “Biscay Sheriff.” Mr. Ellis lived life to its fullest and loved every minute he spent with his family and friends.

Survivors include his wife, Bernice Ellis of Glencoe; children, Tim Ellis of Glencoe, Randy Ellis of Eden Prairie, Lorie (Randy) Wahlstrom of Hutchinson, Jodi (Tim) Lenz of Victoria, Pam Ellis of Chicago, Ill., Gary (Jared Dawn) Ellis of Camdenton, Mo., Tricia Ellis of Brooklyn, N.Y., and Lonnie Ellis of Washington, D.C.; grandchildren, Ryan Wahlstrom, Michael Wahlstrom, Vince Haag, Devon Bratz, Morgan Ellis, Joshua Lenz, Tori Lenz and Max Ellis; brother, Edwin “Eddy” Ellis of Glencoe; brother-in-law, Paul Anderle of Silver Lake; nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends.

Preceding him in death were his parents, Ed and Sophie Ellis; sisters, Edna Anderle and Margie Tupa, and Doris Ellis, who passed in infancy.

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.

Death

Orville ‘Hap’ Elling, 87, of Glencoe

Orville “Hap” Elling, 87, of Glencoe, died Friday, Oct. 4, 2013, at Abbott Northwestern Hospital in Minneapolis.

A memorial Mass of Christian Burial will be held Friday, Oct. 11, at 2 p.m., at the Church of St. Pius X in Glencoe.

A gathering of family and friends will be held at 1 p.m. prior to the service at the church.

Arrangements are with the Johnson-McBride Funeral Chapel in Glencoe. An online guest book is at www.hantge.com.

The apple of my eye is in the pie

As fall rolls in, so does the apple harvest.

There is an apple tree on my grandma’s property that usually produces lots of apples. I don’t know what kind they are. They are not good to eat, but are great for baking. We love to peel, cut and freeze them for later in the year.

One of my favorite apple desserts is deep dish apple pie from my Grandma Ramige. My mom would make it a lot when I was growing up. It’s really easy, especially with the cut-up apples from the freezer.



My Turn Now

By Karin Ramige Cornwell

Deep Dish Apple Pie

Batter:
1/2 cup butter
3/4 cup sugar
1 egg, beaten
1 cup flour
1 teaspoon baking powder

Cream butter and sugar. Stir in beaten egg. Add flour and baking powder.

Slice enough apples to fill the bottom of a 9x9-inch baking dish. (As much or more that would be used for a pie).

Sweeten with 1/2 cup of sugar and cinnamon to taste.

Cover with batter. Bake at 350 degrees for one hour.

Note: Peaches are great with this recipe too. I have been looking for other apple desserts and have yet had time to try them. We had dinner at my in-laws the other night and my mother-in-law made a great and easy apple dessert.

Rustic Apple Pie

1 refrigerated pie crust or homemade (grandmas’ secret recipe to follow).
1 (21 oz.) can apple pie filling (or 2-3 cups

of sliced apples with sugar and cinnamon)
1 lemon
1 tablespoon butter, cut into small pieces
1 tablespoon sugar

Place pie crust on a rimless baking sheet sprayed with non-stick spray or in a pie pan. Roll pie crust into a rough 13-inch circle, if not already rolled out.

Place pie filling or apple mixture in center of pastry, leaving a 2-inch border all around. Grate 1 teaspoon of lemon peel; squeeze 2 teaspoons of lemon juice from the lemon. Sprinkle both over pie filling. Scatter butter over top.

Fold pie crust back over pie filling to make an uneven edge of 1-1/2 inches, leaving center of pie filling exposed. Sprinkle sugar over pastry border.

Bake 20 minutes at 450 degrees until the filling is bubbly and the pastry is golden brown. A little longer if using fresh apples. Cool slightly.

I think both desserts require at least a scoop of vanilla ice cream when served.

Grandmas’ Secret Pie Crust Recipe

My Grandma Margaret would tell the story of how perfect my Grandma Hazel’s pie crusts were. She finally asked her for the recipe. Grandma Hazel went to the freezer and pulled out a box of Pappy’s Frozen Pie Crust.

I haven’t tried to make my own or tried any other brand. It’s what my grandmas used so it is what I use, too.

Menus

Oct. 14-Oct. 18

Millie Beneke Manor

Senior Nutrition Site

Monday — Tator-tot casserole, green beans, peaches, bread, margarine, pudding, low-fat milk.

Tuesday — Bratwurst, whole potatoes, buttered cooked cabbage, bun, margarine, dessert, low-fat milk.

Wednesday — Lasagna, California-blend vegetables, lettuce salad with dressing, garlic bread, margarine, bar, low-fat milk.

Thursday — Oven-crispy chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, mixed vegetables, bread, margarine, poke cake, low-fat milk.

Friday — Meaty beef stew with carrots and potatoes, cole slaw, bread stick, margarine, banana, low-fat milk.

GSL Elementary

Breakfast

Monday — Tony’s breakfast pizza or Cinnamon Toast Crunch and string cheese and apple juice cup, low-fat milk.

Tuesday — Pancake on a stick with syrup or apple cinnamon muffin and yogurt, mandarin oranges, low-fat milk.

Wednesday — French toast sticks with syrup or Golden Grahams and string cheese, diced peaches, low-fat milk.

Thursday — No school.

Friday — No school.

Helen Baker/Lakeside lunch

Monday — Sloppy joe on a whole-grain bun, deli combo sub, oven-baked tator tots, celery sticks with dressing, apple wedges, pineapple tidbits.

Tuesday — Beef soft-shell tacos, ham and cheese on whole-grain bread, refried beans, lettuce and tomato cup, banana, chilled applesauce.

Wednesday — Roast turkey in gravy, whole-grain dinner roll, chef salad with egg, cheese and croutons, bread stick, mashed potatoes, baby carrots, grapes, chilled peaches.

Thursday — No school.

Friday — No school.

Junior/Senior High breakfast

Monday — Breakfast pizza or Cinnamon Toast Crunch and blueberry muffin, diced pears, low-fat milk.

Tuesday — Pancake on a stick with syrup or oatmeal with cinnamon and raisins, mandarin oranges, low-fat milk.

Wednesday — Breakfast burrito or ultimate breakfast round, yogurt, diced peaches, low-fat milk.

Thursday — No school.

Friday — No school.

Junior/Senior High lunch

Monday — Hamburger or cheeseburger, potato wedges, seasoned corn, marinated cucumbers and tomatoes, baby carrots with dressing, apple, pineapple

tidbits.

Tuesday — Breaded chicken parmesan over whole-grain pasta, seasoned peas, carrot, raisin and pineapple salad, jicama sticks with dressing, banana, chilled applesauce.

Wednesday — Chicago-style hot dog with relish, diced onions and sauerkraut, oven-baked french fries, sweet-corn salad, cauliflower with dressing, grapes, chilled peaches.

Thursday — No school.

Friday — No school.

First Lutheran School Lunch

Monday — Chicken patty on a bun, sweet potato fries, broccoli with dip, pineapple, milk.

Tuesday — Ham slices, bread, au gratin potatoes, peas, peaches, milk.

Wednesday — Sloppy joe on a bun, tator tots, vegetables with dip, pears, milk.

Thursday — No school.

Friday — No school.

St. Pius X School Lunch

Monday — Hamburger on a whole-grain bun, french fries, pears, milk.

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

Wednesday — Beef enchiladas, refried beans, applesauce, bread, milk.

Thursday — No school.

Friday — No school.

Blood drives announced for October

Several area American Red Cross blood drives are planned for October.

The first is set for Ridgewater College, Hutchinson, Wednesday, Oct. 23, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The second is Tuesday, Oct. 29, from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m., at the Silver Lake American Legion.

The third is Thursday, Oct. 31, from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m., at Crossroads West Church, 10478 Bell Ave., Plato.

Many people can donate blood, but even healthy donors are sometimes temporarily deferred due to low hemoglobin levels. The American Red Cross recommends eligible blood donors eat a well-balanced diet with extra iron-rich foods prior to their donation this fall.

During the fall, iron-rich produce such as broccoli, kale, sweet potatoes, spinach, apricots and chard are in season and, therefore, more abundant.

Food can have two types of iron, heme and nonheme. The body can absorb up to 30 percent of heme iron, primarily found in meat, but only 2 percent to 10 percent of nonheme iron. Foods high in vitamin C, such as leafy greens, peppers and citrus fruits, help with iron absorption.

The Red Cross also recommends iron supplements for regular blood donors after consulting with their personal health care provider or phar-

macist.

Visit redcrossblood.org/iron to learn more.

Healthy blood donors help patients in need every day. Make an appointment to roll up a sleeve by calling 1-800-RED CROSS or visiting redcrossblood.org.

All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card or driver’s license or two

other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age (16 with parental consent in some states), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

People

Daughter born to Masons

Josh and Ashley (Ardolf) Mason of Silver Lake announce the birth of their daughter, Elliana Cindy, on Sept. 15, 2013, at Ridgeview Medical Center in Waconia. Elliana weighed 8 pounds, 8 ounces, and was 19 inches in length. Her older brother is Indy Mason. Grandparents are Gerald and Cindy (Novak) Ardolf of Silver Lake and Mark and Brenda Mason of St. Bonifacious. Great-grandparents are Larry and Joann Ardolf of Silver Lake and Harry and Darlene Pawelk of New Germany.

Lambert among graduates

Sydney M. Lambert of Glencoe was among the Sept. 21 graduates of the Arts Institute International Minnesota in downtown Minneapolis. Lambert received an associate of applied science in culinary.

Cacka, Gardner note birth

Brianna Cacka and Nick Gardner of Hutchinson announce the birth of their son, Nickolas Nathaniel Gardner, on Sept. 11, 2013, at the St. Cloud Hospital. Nickolas weighed 6 pounds, 5 ounces, and was 19 inches long. Grandparents are Dave and Jen Cacka of Hutchinson and Linda Gardner of Apple Valley. Great-grandparents are Rollin and Carol Kubasch of Hutchinson, Joseph Gardner of St. Paul and the late Grace Gardner.

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5th-grade Panther Paws

Lakeside Elementary in Silver Lake announced its September recipients of the Panther Paw awards for the fifth grade. Honored were, front row, left to right, Dawson Meyer, Makayla Ronngren,

Hailey Schultz, Mikayla Witte and Morgan Chmielewski. In the back row are Zach Bargmann, Megan Stoeckman, Regan Spears, Mitchell Brenhaug and Devin Forcier.



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6th-grade students of month

Ten sixth-grade students were selected to receive the Panther Paw awards for September at Lakeside Elementary School in Silver Lake. Honored were, front row, left to right, Mikayla Beneke,

Breanna Templin, Sydney Lepel, Madelynn Emery and Grace Garoutte. In the back row are Earl Janke, Cole Janke, Dylan Dahlke, Jay Ackerson and Preston Sturges.

Medicare annual open enrollment ends Dec. 7

The Medicare annual open enrollment period is Oct. 15 through Dec. 7. If you wish to change Medicare Part D or Medicare Advantage coverage for 2014, all changes must be made before Dec. 7. Coverage will then begin Jan. 1, 2014.

For plan comparisons, trained Senior LinkAge Line® counselors will be available by appointment at the Hutchinson Senior Center on Tuesday, Oct. 29, and Tuesday, Nov. 26 from 10

a.m. to 1 p.m.

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Fire prevention

October is Fire Prevention Month in Minnesota and youngsters from local preschools and elementary schools had an opportunity to learn about fire prevention and safety from local firefighters on Monday. Above, Riley Tembon, J.J. Tembon and Cameron Rand listened as Glencoe firefighter Tom Brinkman, right, explained things like fire detectors and drop-and-roll technique in case of a fire. The preschoolers also had an opportunity to tour the fire hall, see the fire trucks and try on the fire-fighting equipment.



City residents embrace 1-sort recycling program

By Rich Glennie
Editor

According to September statistics from the city’s one-sort recycling program, residents have embraced the new program and the volume of recyclables collected has jumped 131.5 percent over 2012 figures.

That was the report Monday night at the Glencoe City Council meeting, and Mayor Randy Wilson said, “every month it is going up. All indications are it’s successful.”

In September 2011, 15.6 tons of recyclables were collected from the county’s five-sort program. That declined to 14.6 tons in 2012, or a decrease of over 6 percent.

But when the city went to a one-sort program earlier this year, its 2013 September total was 33.8 tons or 131.5 percent over the 2012 total.

“People are really utilizing single-sort,” Wilson said.

In other matters, City Council:

- Heard that a new MS4 (Municipal Septic Storm Sewer System) application to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) may require “serious changes” to city policies or ordinances.

The new rules are aimed at putting more restrictions and tightening up the program that addresses storm water issues and pollution in Glencoe.

April Ryan of Short Elliott Hendrickson (SEH) said a draft plan needs to be sent to the MPCA by the end of October, and the city has a year to implement the new policies within that plan.

She said the main emphasis of the new regulations is “written documentation” of the policies and how they are

implemented.

City Council will review the draft proposal at its Oct. 21 meeting.

- Approved an order to repair property at 506 E. 15th Street after it was discovered the rental unit was discharging raw sewage at the home. It was inspected by the police department and McLeod County Public Health and determined to be hazardous.

- Approved a one-year extension request on property tax abatement on Scott Nokes’ Glencoe Law Office. It was noted the 2012 taxes from the renovation work did not generate enough for the abatement program to work.

The timing of renovating the old theater building in 2011 created minimal 2012 taxes. The full tax increase of \$2,847 a year was seen in 2013.

Adding another year to the program “has no impact on the city,” Wilson said.

He added that Nokes “has done a nice job” in fixing up the old building. “It is significantly improved. That is what this (abatement) program is all about.”

- Approved a motion to have the county deed to the city a parcel of tax-forfeited property south of the Glencoe Municipal Light Plant. The property was once owned by the Chicago & Milwaukee Railroad and CMC Real Estate. The real estate company went “belly up years ago,” Larson said.

The property is currently used for parking for the Light Plant staff and customers. Larson said the aim is to continue to use it in that manner.

- Heard that the Department of Transportation (MnDOT) has denied a re-

quest to reduce the speed to 30 mph on Highway 22 (13th Street) at Glen Knoll Road instead of further into the city.

MnDOT ruled the current speeds are reasonable, and there would be no change at this time.

The speed of the decision caught council members and Police Chief Jim Raiter by surprise. MnDOT cited a study, but no city official has seen a study or knows when it was done.

- Approved its 2014 health insurance policy with Health Partners, beginning Dec. 1, at an increase of 1.7 percent.

- Heard that an investment group has purchased the former Bosch/Telex building on 14th Street and is now looking for tenants.

- Heard that the elm/leaf site on the east side of Glencoe is now open each day, according to Mike Drew, city parks and street supervisor.

Now that the city street sweepers have been cleaning the streets, the site is being used by the city each day, except for Sunday, and thus is open to the public, too.

He said the site is being monitored daily as well.

In a related matter, residents living near catch basins are asked to keep leaves out of the drains during rain events to cut down on flooding.

- Heard that work will begin and last until the end of October to repair catch basins, manholes and parking lanes along 10th Street and other streets in the city. Gary Schreifels, supervisor of water and wastewater, said there will be a lot of work on Highway 22 through the city.

Healthcare Act topic of seminar

“Healthcare Act and How It Affects the Small Business” is the topic of an educational seminar scheduled for 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m., Wednesday, Oct. 16, in the senior room of the Glencoe City Center.

Glencoe Area Chamber of Commerce member Terry Jones of Professional Insurance will be the presenter.

“If you operate a business with less than 50 employees and you have questions about the Affordable Healthcare Act; this educational seminar is for you,” said David Nelson, chamber president.

Jones will address rules that apply to employers with less-than 50 employees.

- Does an employer have to go to

the exchange?

- Can an employer offer optional plans?
- How does the employer get the tax credit?
- What notices need to be presented to employees?
- Does a small employer have to contribute towards the plan?
- Please explain the special small business open enrollment.

“Again, this is a free seminar provided by a member of the Glencoe Area Chamber of Commerce for the benefit of Glencoe area businesses,” Nelson said.

There also will be a cup of coffee and a pastry waiting for you at the door, Nelson added.

Townships Continued from page 1

“We know we won’t save the entire amount of boarding costs,” said Rehmann, but the county is hoping to save about \$100,000 annually.

Rehmann also handed out a summary of the project, which will include:

- A 5,600-square-foot addition to the southeast corner of the courthouse that will include an entry, restrooms, weapons screening, sheriff’s office and waiting space;
- A reorganization of the sheriff’s office lobby for access from the new entry and security. The lobby will then have 24-hour access.
- Relocate the jail booking area to create safer space and operational improvements.
- Renovate 5,000 square feet of jail space for housing, programs, medical and storage.
- A 6,000-square-foot addition to the jail for added housing, storage space, program space and offices.
- An addition of 6,000 square feet to the jail for a vehicle sallyport, pre-booking, a kitchen and video visiting.

About \$5 million of the \$7 million total cost, which includes other security improvements in the courthouse, will be for the jail improvements, Rehmann said.

Annamarie Tudhope, longtime publisher of the Glencoe Enterprise,

had bequeathed the bulk of her estate — between \$3.8 and \$4 million — to McLeod County for the express purpose of building a new jail.

If the County Board decides to proceed with the project, it will ask County Attorney Mike Junge to approach the probate court to see if the estate can be released for funding the project.

A township official pointed out that even if a judge approves the release of Tudhope’s money, the county will still need about \$1 million for the jail portion of the project.

Wright said the county hopes to either bond or use reserve funds to make up the difference.

Wright also said that the proposal, if built, “should fill our needs for at least the next 20 years.”

Rehmann also noted that citizens at a recent public hearing had protested a planned closing of the north entrances. The county’s security committee will likely recommend that those entrances remain open, but be secured during “high-profile” hearings.

The County Board has set Oct. 22 as the date on which it will decide if it will continue its pursuit of the project and ask Junge to approach the court about the Tudhope estate.

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—Ann from Glencoe



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Corrections & Clarifications

In last week’s front page Homecoming candidates photo, two words were left out, “left to ...” like in left to right. As a result, the boys in the photo were misidentified. It should have read, left to

right, Lou Iocona, Adam Eberhard, Cole Petersen, Dalton Clouse and Colton Lueders.

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racy in its reports. If you find an error, bring it to our attention. Call 864-5518 and ask for Rich Glennie, editor.