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Restaurants reopen indoor seating

Some businesses await return of regulars

By Brianna Taggart

Staff Writer

The smell of coffee, eggs and bacon wafts around the dining room as chatter and laughter fill the space. Vehicles roll into the parking lot and servers make their way back and forth helping customers.

This is a scene restaurants have had to put on the backburner. However, it was brought back to life last Monday, Jan. 11, when restaurants in Glencoe and around Minnesota were given the green light to re-open indoor seating at 50 percent capacity.

"There's been many hours where we've sat (in those booths) and looked out at the empty parking lot, the lights are off and there's to-go containers laying all over the place, and it's depressing looking out that window day after day," Bump's Family Restaurant co-owner Mike

McGuire said. "So when you do have lights on, music on, phone ringing, people in here and cars in the parking lot, it's motivating and uplifting."

Happy owners, happy customers

Bump's joined other Glencoe restaurants last Monday, Jan. 11, when it opened its doors to the public with limited capacity.

A maximum capacity of 150 people, plexiglass separating booths and a mask requirement for people walking in the lobby sets the scene now at the business located right off Highway 212.

Owners McGuire and Eileen Popelka are just happy to have customers back, and apparently the gratitude goes both ways.

"We're so thrilled to be open, and we make sure we thank everybody

that comes in here," McGuire said. "The funny thing is, they're thanking us for being open, because they're able to get out of the house and go do something. I think they're as happy and grateful that we're open as we are to see them."

They said they're excited to see their regulars, who "feel like family," and joke with them over a cup of coffee again.

Gert & Erma's owner Laurie McCleskey is also ready to see customers inside again.

"We're just hanging in there and seeing our regulars returning," McCleskey said.

With a new capacity of about 20 people in the front room and 15 in the large room in the back, the hardest part is just keeping people separated.

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Savannah Stradtmann served the Bump's Family Restaurant morning rush Friday, Jan. 15. The restaurant opened its indoor seating at limited capacity Monday, Jan. 11, and the Bump's employees have dubbed themselves the "COVID crew."



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Demolition, cleanup

A crew from Rickert Excavating began demolition of the former Sam's Tire shop and office on North Chandler Avenue earlier this month and expects to complete the site cleanup this week. Fire destroyed the shop earlier this fall. It was traced to a battery pack charging in workspace behind the office, said Jeremy Geis, owner of the shop. Sam's Tire relocated to 1231 Ford Ave. N.

City starts McLeod County's process for north complex

Commission sets
public hearing on lot
split

By John Mueller

Editor
With the McLeod County Government Center soon to open for business, the plans for what to do with the north complex began taking shape Thursday when the Glencoe Planning Commission scheduled a public hearing on the county's request to split the 10.4-acre parcel on North Hennepin Avenue into two pieces. It plans to sell the southern half of the property. The public hearing will be held Thursday, Feb. 11, 7:05 p.m.

The county's plan is to retain ownership of the north half of the property. It previously served as the

McLeod County Highway Office and County Shop Area, according to City Administrator Mark Larson. The facility has most recently served the public health nursing staff. The offices currently housed at the north complex include auditor-treasurer, assessor and recorder.

The city is working with its contract engineer, Short Elliott Hendrickson (SEH), to determine the appropriate easement for public services to be retained on the property, Larson said.

City staff is also recommending the county retain the right-of-way for 23rd Street on the south side of the proposed plat. The street was identified in the late-1960s as the corridor for the installation of the

North complex

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McLeod County's North Complex hosts offices that include the license bureau, county auditor, assessor, treasurer and recorder. The county plans to sell the facility on North Hennepin Avenue. Last week, the Glencoe Planning Commission scheduled a public hearing on a lot split of the two portions of the approximately 10.4 acre site.

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Weather



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Thur., 1-21

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Fri., 1-22

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Sat., 1-23

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Looking back: They say we've survived what is traditionally the coldest part of the winter. Last week's low temps. support that. We'll see what comes next week.

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Temperatures and precipitation compiled by Robert Thurn, weather observer

Chronicle News and Advertising Deadlines

All news is due by noon, Monday, and all advertising is also due by noon, Monday. News received after the deadline will be published as space allows.

Happenings

Church's annual meeting

The Glencoe Church of Peace will have its annual meeting Sunday, Jan. 24, following the online church service. The meeting is projected to begin at 11 a.m.

The same Zoom meeting will be used for the meeting as the church service. For meeting log-in information, contact Pat Chiarieillo by email at plchiarieillo@hotmail.com or call at 320-282-3030.

Red Cross blood drives

The American Red Cross is planning blood drives in the area to meet a shortage of Type-O and other types of blood.

The Stewart Community will host a community blood drive with the American Red Cross Friday, Jan. 29, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Stewart Community Center, 551 Prior St.

Good Shepherd Lutheran and Lighthouse Church in Plato will host the Bloodmobile Thursday, Feb. 25. The Red Cross will be at Good Shepherd from 1 to 7 p.m. and at Lighthouse Church in Plato from noon to 6 p.m. Lighthouse Church is at 10478 Bell Ave.

Donors with all blood types – types O positive and negative and other types – are urged to make an appointment to give blood or platelets now using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

McLeod Alliance events

McLeod Alliance will resume its Hispanic Support Group beginning, Jan. 13.

Please call 320-234-7933 for more information.

The McLeod Alliance's annual Strike Out the Violence Bowlathon usually held in February has been canceled.

Happenings policy reminder

Our policy for items in the Happenings column and event promotions has always been "if you charge, we charge." In an effort to support our community, we have been a little generous on the policy, which has caused some organizations to stretch the policy's limits.

Effective July 1, 2019, items in the Happenings section or any promotion of events in The McLeod County Chronicle will be reserved for FREE community events and meeting notices at no charge. Basic information such as date, time and location will be included. All fundraisers and other events where a fee will be charged are considered advertising. We do offer a discounted advertising rate for non-profit organizations. If you have any questions, please contact Publisher Karin Rammie by email at karinr@glencoenews.com or call 320-864-5518.



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Ice hockey hangout

Zach Meyer (left), Blake Mikolichek (middle) and Matt Morshon played ice hockey with a group of nine other boys Sunday, Jan. 10. They spent about four

hours at the ice rink by East 8th Street and North Greeley Avenue. The group, a mix of GSL students and graduates, regularly meet to play hockey.

Crash at Highway 212 and Dairy Avenue sends five to two different hospitals

A crash involving a Chevrolet pickup and an ambulance at the intersection of Highway 212 and Dairy Avenue Thursday, Jan. 14, sent five people to the hospital, all with non-life-threatening injuries.

The crash occurred at 5:40 p.m. at the intersection of Highway 212 and Dairy Avenue east of Glencoe, according

to the Minnesota State Patrol crash report. It occurred when a Chevy Silverado driven by Daymien Christophe Sponsel, 20, and an Allina ambulance on a non-emergency transport crashed in the intersection. The pickup was heading north on Dairy Avenue. The ambulance was heading east on Highway 212, according

to the Minnesota State Patrol crash report. The crash closed the intersection for a couple hours.

Besides Sponsel, passengers in the Silverado included Gillian Aubre Berthiaume, 18, and an infant boy.

Casey James Smith, 24, drove the ambulance. He was not injured in the crash. Richard Dean Howk, 74, and

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committee as well as citizens. The committee would make a recommendation to the city council. Other council members could attend committee meetings. To be determined would be whether or not a councilor not serving on the committee would be allowed to offer input at the committee meeting or be asked to wait until the city council's business meeting to avoid usurping committee members.

Two-plus years ago, the city switched to workshops from committee meetings in an attempt to mollify councilors who felt their voices weren't being heard during committee meetings. But Voss has heard there are times staff isn't exactly certain how the city council wants to proceed coming out of a workshop. The council can't vote formally during a workshop. Without formal votes, its members can reach consensus on issues. Voss likes the idea of a recommendation to council when one is warranted.

Staff needs direction from

North complex

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north trunk sanitary sewer line. This line would retain maximum depth of the utility from the waste water treatment facility at Seventh Street and Vinton Avenue, Larson said.

Commissioner Doug Krueger of Glencoe, the county board chairperson, said the county eventually plans to sell both parcels at the north campus as well as the land currently used for the McLeod County Health and Human Services building along Ford Avenue, a facility that encompasses two city lots. The sale of the HHS facility would likely include the building, a structure that reportedly needs significant repairs. Krueger informally estimated razing the building would cost about

Commissioner Doug Krueger of Glencoe says the county wants to see buildings, land back on the tax rolls.

\$100,000.

The important thing is to get those properties back on the tax rolls," Krueger said.

Krueger was not certain if proceeds from the sale of the land can be used to reduce the amount of the \$12-plus million the county spent on the new government center. The county board is expected to discuss the sale of the properties at an upcoming meeting.

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rated, McCleskey said. It's difficult to do that because of how the space is set up.

She is seeing her afternoon crowd coming back though.

"Hopefully it will go back to what it was," McCleskey said.

Regulars returning

McCleskey is slowly starting to see people return to Gert & Erma's and it's mainly the afternoon crowd of business people she's seeing the most. A lot of the morning customers tend to be "older folks" who are being more weary about coming back, McCleskey said.

"I know it's tough and it's hard for people," McCleskey continued. "The light's at the end of the tunnel, and we'll get there."

Subway, just off of Highway 212 in Glencoe, is also facing slow business according to franchisee Glenn Hussong. With a new capacity of 35 people, his business is down 5 percent from pre-pandemic times.

"The reaction is mixed," Hussong said about the business' slow first week back to indoor dining. "It's always a struggle to get the word out."

The owners from the three businesses said it's also hard to gauge why business is slow right now, because the winter months are the slowest time of the year anyway.

"How much of it is just that time of year and how much of it is people not coming in from the pandemic?" McCleskey asked.

"If we get through February, I'll be more confident (indoor seating) will stick around," Hussong said.

McGuire and Popelka have June circled on the calendar.

"But here we are, middle of

January, plowing through it like everybody else," McGuire said. "This has been a very hard hit industry."

Lasting changes

McGuire and Popelka chalk up their lasting business to their employees, who have all been hired back and been dubbed the "COVID crew," and customers in surrounding areas for being so supportive.

They've been listening to feedback and are planning on keeping the plexiglass around since customers like the privacy it offers them in the booths. They're also going to keep delivering food.

Gert & Erma's will continue offering daily specials, which it started before the second indoor seating shutdown Nov. 20. McCleskey was also excited to introduce some additional healthier options for people with New Year's resolutions they want to stick with in the hopes of attracting more customers.

"It's kind of like opening a new business in a way, because you have to learn all these new things," McGuire said.



Chronicle photo by Brianna Taggart

Bump's Family Restaurant owners Eileen Popelka (left) and Mike McGuire have owned the restaurant just off Highway 212 for 20 years. They said they wouldn't have been able to open its indoor seating to half capacity without the support of their employees and customers. "We'll keep moving ahead," Popelka said.

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Squirrels
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By Rich Glennie

All proceeds will go to the McLeod Emergency Food Shelf and the Salvation Army.



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Sign of an opening forthcoming

Workers from Indigo Signworks installed the signs on the new Dollar General store along Highway 212 at South Fifth Avenue in Brownton Thursday, Jan. 14.

Staff began moving equipment into the 9,100 square-foot store Monday with an expected opening sometime in the next week.

GSL Knowledge Bowl team dominates virtual meet, takes first in 12-team field

By Brianna Taggart

Staff Writer

Glencoe-Silver Lake hosted a virtual Knowledge Bowl meet for 12 schools Saturday, Jan. 16, and came out on top by nabbing all three varsity places.

"Scores were very close across the board and a good time was had by all," Co-Head Coach Eric Anderson said.

Hutchinson, Holy Family Catholic, Lester Prairie,

Renville County West, Lac qui Parle Valley, Dawson-Boyd, Marshall, Murray County Central, Willmar, Russell Tyler Ruthon and Kerkhoven Murdoch Sunburg all joined the meet on a platform called "Discord."

GSL's gold team came in first place with 58.5 points. The purple team came in second place with 54 points and the black team came in third place with 53 points.

The gold team consisted of

Kobe Boozikee, Riley Schuth, Aaron Ward and Devin Forcier. The purple team consisted of Co-captain Paul Sievert, Nathan Warner, Austin Brewton and Zach Reichow. The black team consisted of Co-captain Kayla Reichow, Eli Kuehn, Allie Gronlund and Elida Roskamp.

Fifteen varsity teams and 10 JV teams participated in the meet.

Lucas Brelje, Brooklyn

Kasella and Anna Sievert led the Panthers' JV team to third place with 36 points. The team followed behind Dawson-Boyd's first place of 44 points and Holy Family Catholic blue team's second place of 42 points.

Lucas Brelje, Brooklyn Kasella and Anna Sievert helped.

GSL will go head-to-head in its next Knowledge Bowl virtual meet Saturday, Jan. 23, at 9 a.m.

Stewart City Council finally approves pay hike for current EMS assistant

By Brianna Taggart

Staff Writer

For months, Stewart EMS assistant Carol Nelson has been asking the city council for additional pay for extra meetings she's had to attend through McLeod County Health since last spring.

The city council finally agreed to a solution at its latest meeting, Jan. 11.

In addition to her regular pay, Nelson will now be paid a flat rate of \$200 for the meetings during 2021 after Councilor Kevin Klucas brought this resolution to the council.

"I put it in there because we did not have a pay set," Klucas said. "It used to be \$300. I was thinking half that, but I would go for \$200."

They'll also pay her mileage for the meetings, but the meetings have been through Zoom since last spring.

Klucas made the motion and Councilor Curt Glaeser

seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

Increasing health insurance premiums

The city council also approved to increase the city's monthly health insurance premiums for its employees from \$500 to \$550.

"To keep our employees happy, I think we should do an increase," Klucas said.

This will amount to a total increase of \$2400 in 2021.

Klucas made the motion and Councilor James Eitel seconded it. The increase passed 3-2 with Klucas, Eitel and Peirce in favor of the increase and Councilors Carol Altrichter and Curt Glaeser opposing the increase.

Klucas made an original motion to increase it to \$575 that failed 2-3. Klucas and Eitel were in favor of it, but Altrichter, Glaeser and Peirce voted against it. Glaeser said that increase was too high

and hadn't been accounted for in the 2021 levy.

In other news, the Stewart City Council also:

- Stayed in open session for Public Works employee Michael Hansen's six-month probation review. The council gave him a score of 33 points and he gave himself 28 points. Anything above 30 meets the city council's expectations.

"You voted me higher than myself so I must be doing something right," Hansen joked. "It was an excellent review," Mayor Jason Peirce said.

- Approved to extend without an increase Tim Gennrich's current rent contract on the 22.5 acres of property just off Yankee Avenue. His contract for \$150 per acre was set to expire after the 2021 crop year, but the council unanimously voted to extend it to 2026. Gennrich will now facilitate installation of about 4,000 feet of drainage

tile and will pay all costs of materials and installation by the fall of 2022. "I don't see any reason to not go with (it)," Peirce said. "It would benefit both parties with the extension of his contract. The city would benefit and Tim would benefit as well."

- Accepted a donation of \$6,689.51 to Stewart Fire Department from Collins Township. The funds were addressed to cover personal protection equipment (PPE) and the AED defibrillator. The defibrillator has already been paid for, so Klucas made the motion to use the money for remaining PPE. Glaeser seconded it and the donation passed 5-0.

- Approved the hiring of Neil Meierhofer as a grant writer for \$600 to write a FEMA Grant for the Stewart Fire Department. Glaeser made the motion, Councilor James Eitel seconded it and it passed 5-0.

Short comp. plan survey asks people their likes, dislikes, ideas for improving Glencoe

City will offer longer, detailed survey later this month

As part of the initial steps in creating a comprehensive plan, the steering committee formulating the proposal is looking for input on people's thoughts on Glencoe.

The committee posted on the city's website three questions intended to start conversation on improving the community. The brief survey asks participants their likes, dislikes and ideas for improving

the community to orient the plan's vision and its work, according to the survey.

The survey asks people their name and email address. The email address will not be published. A longer, comprehensive survey that will help orient the details of recommendations is coming at the end of January.

Your thoughts

The survey on the city's website – www.glencoemn.org/glencoecomprehensive-plan-input-needed--asks:

• What do you like the most about living or working in Glencoe?

• What do you not like about living or working in Glencoe? What are some issues we should address?

• What ideas do you have for making Glencoe a better place to live, work in or visit?

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People

It's a boy for Gaylord mom

Diana Shinnick of Gaylord recently welcomed the birth of her son at Glencoe Regional Health.

Carter James Shinnick was born Sunday, Dec. 6. He arrived weighing 8 pounds, 1 ounce and was 20 inches in length.

Carter was welcomed by siblings Shayna and Katelyn Schultz and grandparents Jody Rasmussen of Buffalo and Kenton Shinnick of Murdock.

Graduated from MSU, Mankato

Glencoe and area students were among the 1,300-plus graduates from Minnesota State University, Mankato after the completion of the fall semester. The graduates were awarded their diplomas in a virtual ceremony.

Glencoe graduates include Rachel Bonderman, bachelor's degree of fine arts, magna cum laude; Ashley Schaefer, master's degree of communication disorders; Colt Trebesch, master's degree of elementary education.

Brownston residents graduating from MSU, Mankato, included Erika Mielke, bachelor's degree in registered nursing, baccalaureate completion, magna cum laude; Emily Muetzel, bachelor of science in accounting, summa cum laude; Kaityn Totushek, MACC, accounting.

Dahlke in GAC holiday concert

Glencoe's Morgan Dahlke was among the Gustavus Adolphus College choir performing in the annual presentation of Christmas in Christ Chapel worship service virtually this year because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The service, which was recorded in late October following COVID-19 safety regulations, premiered Saturday, Dec. 19, 7:30 p.m. Following the debut of the video, the 2020 Christmas in Christ Chapel worship service was available for on-demand viewing.

Visit gustavus.edu/ccc to learn more or watch the livestream.

It's a girl for Glencoe couple

Melissa Colon and James Arturo William Johnson recently celebrated the birth of their daughter at Glencoe Regional Health.

Mariana Sofia Johnson was born Dec. 20. She arrived weighing 6 pounds, 5 ounces and was 20 inches in length.

Mariana was welcomed home by siblings Monte Johnson and A'mauri Thompson and grandparents Erica and James Johnson and Ernesto Colon Tirado of Glencoe. Her grandmother is the late Maria Colon.

HL couple has a boy

A couple from Howard Lake is celebrating the birth of their son at Glencoe Regional Health.

Nicole and Anthony Bury's son, George Anthony, was born Dec. 28. He arrived weighing 9 pounds 12 ounces and was 22 inches long.

Mom, dad and their new son were welcomed home by grandparents Brenda and Gary Bury of Montrose and Patricia and Tony Guenningsman of Winsted.

Honored in Alexandria

Glencoe's Adam Garouette was among Alexandria Technical & Community College who earned a spot on the dean's list for the fall of 2020.

Students who made the list earned a grade-point average of 3.5 or higher during the fall of 2020.

GSL alums honored at MSUM

Two Glencoe-Silver Lake graduates earned academic honors at Minnesota State University, Moorhead, during the fall semester.

Logan Artmann, a physical education student, and Abby Gronlund, who is majoring in elementary inclusive education, earned spots on the dean's list. MSU, Moorhead students must maintain a 3.25 or higher grade point average and carry 12 graded credits to qualify for the academic honor.

Students lauded at UW-RF

Students from Glencoe and the area have been honored for their academic success earning places on the dean's list during the fall semester at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls.

The honorees and their majors include Glencoe's Benjamin Donnay, dairy science; Derek Trippel, accounting; Brownston's Brock Draeger, business administration; and Plato's Erica Hecksel, business administration.

To be named to the dean's list, a full-time undergraduate must earn a grade point average of at least 3.5 on a scale of 4.0, or midway between an "A" and "B" average.



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Watching history

Our view: Bring back the old Republican Party

Today, Jan. 20, Joe Biden will be inaugurated as president of the United States. It is one of the important events of the day in our country.

Without court-accepted proof of his election is illegitimate, we should accept that reality. A person can't be found guilty of a wrongdoing without tangible, real proof, not just something we want to believe based on our ideals or what we have been told to believe. There is also another important question on the table many Americans, and people in Glencoe and McLeod County are pondering — what should the Republican Party do in the wake of the Trump presidency and the historic rioting most believe he incited Jan. 6?

As a community newspaper, we prefer to opine on local, regional issues. But the future of our country is too important to ignore based on the scale of what we have all witnessed.

We hope the Republican Party will return to its conservative, family-oriented values of putting people first, of limited government, promoting opportunities and potential people can earn and protecting Americans regardless of their history. We hope the GOP will remember its belief in personal responsibility and the sanctity of all life.

Most of all, we hope the Republican Party, a party ripped apart by the unproven claims unkept promises and self-interest of a narcissist, can heal, come together, and return to its core values. We hope it will be a party willing

to work with, not against, people to attain the best possible America.

We also hope President Biden and the Democrats who hold power in Congress will govern wisely, govern from the ideological middle, and work with their GOP colleagues to compromise. The Democratic Party will have trouble retaining power if it refuses to govern from the ideological middle.

Our country must soon address a balance between its needs, its wants and the ability to find a balance with what it can afford. We must address fiscal sanity, the ability to pay for wants and needs. We must eventually face our responsibilities and our federal deficit.

It will take time to achieve such lofty ideals. It is a noble endeavor, one our state lawmakers should work to achieve as well. We must govern on conscience and not on tribalism. With no proof accepted by a court, our new



Letter to the editor

He says Glennie's opinion not well researched or factual

To the editor,

I have generally appreciated Rich Glennie's past articles, which seemed well researched and provided facts. However last week's letter was devoid of both.

Rich claims that those who believe Trump won the election are "delusional," when in fact, the real delusion is that Biden actually won by an astounding 14 million more votes than Obama received in 2012. Keep in mind that while Trump was doing rallies averaging 25,000 attendees, Biden hid in his basement and any rallies he held were embarrassingly poorly attended.

One America News just reported that several analyses of the presidential election documents almost 4 million fraudulent votes cast for Biden in the swing states (www.oann.com). Consider President Trump was well ahead in all the swing states until vote counting was abruptly suspended. The next morning huge dumps of Biden votes came from large Democrat-controlled cities, providing just

enough votes for Biden to win in all these states. Several statistical analyses have been done showing this is an impossibility, unless there was massive fraud.

I have signed a statement with 58 GOP representatives condemning the violence in Washington D.C. and last summer, whereas Democrats were mostly silent during last summer's violence.

While there may have been some Trump supporters who entered the Capitol unlawfully, The Epoch Times and OAN News have reported that John Sullivan, who is a supporter of BLM and Antifa, was arrested when he was caught on video instigating violence on Capitol Hill Jan. 6 and admitted he posed as a Trump supporter. A thorough investigation should be done.

Now I would like to address a primary reason for the hatred and vitriol from Democrat leaders towards President Trump. Big tech, along with their billionaire / millionaire Democrat donors support a globalist agenda. This globalist agenda, under the Obama / Biden adminis-

tration, transferred millions of U.S. jobs overseas to countries like China in order to use cheap slave labor for economic gain.

President Trump's "America First" agenda opposed this and transferred millions of jobs back to the U.S. for Americans. For instance, China made almost 100 percent of our generic drugs (source: CBS News). Trump brought jobs back to the U.S., seriously reducing the profits for the billionaire globalists. This was one of the primary reasons for their hatred of President Trump.

The Biden administration intends to open the transfer of U.S. jobs overseas to appease their rich supporters. The globalist agenda is how Joe Biden and his son Hunter (allegedly) made millions of dollars from the criminal financial scams with Ukraine, Russia and China.

This is the primary reason Congresswoman Marjorie Taylor Greene (R-GA) has announced she will introduce "Articles of Impeachment" the day after Biden is inaugurated.

The Biden administration also plans to open our borders to illegal immigration for cheap labor, giving free healthcare, welfare, etc. This will again bring in large amounts of crime, sex trafficking, and public health issues. We need legal immigration, but we must stop the exploitation of illegals.

We need to realize that Democrat lawmakers are being influenced by communist / Marxist sympathizers like Sen. Bernie Sanders and Congresswoman AOC, who support Venezuela's communist government policies.

Finally, to those who are traditional Democrat voters, your party has left you and has become the Democrat Socialist Party. It's time you leave the Democrat Party as well.

Rep. Glenn Gruenhagen, Glencoe

Rep. Glenn Gruenhagen represents Glencoe, McLeod and Sibley counties in the Minnesota House of Representatives.

One of Biden's toughest jobs: Unite a polarized America

By Lee H. Hamilton

If the months since the November elections have shown us anything, it's that the U.S. is more deeply divided than we've experienced in a very long time. This has been building at least since the 1990s, starting in Congress and ultimately coming to be reflected in a polarized electorate.

It's reached the point where, rather than take pleasure in the success of a politician elected to the presidency, you have to keep your fingers crossed on his behalf.

For starters, we now have a Congress — and electorate — divided along multiple fault lines. There are, of course, the partisan differences on the complex challenges that beset this country — climate change, economic growth, the pandemic, policing and racial justice, our policies toward China and Russia. Political groups with opinions on these

and other issues are more sophisticated, more active, more insistent, and more aggressive in trying to shape the public dialogue than ever before. Each side tends to be suspicious of the other, viewing their adversaries not just as wrong, but as attacking the national security interests of the country.

Now in the mix, though, we also have the divisions stoked by President Trump, whose desperation to hold onto power has led him and his followers to traffic in conspiracy theories lacking any evidence and to reject the norms, principles, and institutions we've relied on for centuries to build this nation.

There now seem to be two

Republican parties in Congress and in the country at large: one that is interested in enabling and appealing to

people who reject constitutional democracy, and one

that is willing to stand up for it.

What divides us

This is exacerbated by our splintered media and social media universe, our rural/urban/suburban divide, our regional and racial differences, and even ideological differences that were once about policy but today are as much about lifestyle and community preferences as anything else. You get the impression that many Republicans and Democrats — Americans all — live in different worlds today, gravitating toward separate houses of worship, schools, neighborhoods, bars and restaurants, media outlets, movies and television shows. I've even run across people of both parties who don't want their children to marry someone of the other party.

These are not entirely new issues, but they've become sharply more painful. The stark, no-prisoners divisions

in our country make the life of our elected leaders — the people we choose to move our country forward — overwhelmingly challenging. In short, the greater the polarization, the tougher it is to build consensus and solve our problems, even though if you talk to ordinary Americans, they tend to prefer cooperation and bipartisan solutions — though even that has been fraying in recent years.

A bipartisan approach

Every indication is that President-elect Biden identifies himself as a moderate and plans to govern from the center or a bit to its left. His cabinet choices so far have been from the deep pool of centrist Democrats, people with expertise and experience. He believes he can advance his goals through bi-

Hamilton

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Question of the week

Even with restrictions loosened, do you feel safe in restaurants, churches, schools, etc.?

1) Absolutely.

2) Yes, as long as wear masks, socially distance.

3) Not yet; I'll continue to support them from afar.

Results for most recent question:

How much responsibility should President Trump bear for the rioting at the U.S. Capitol Wednesday?

1) None whatsoever — 29%

2) He was 100% responsible for the rioting — 54%

3) It's hard to say — several factors came together — 17%

Total votes: 89

Next poll question runs Jan. 20-26

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Obituaries

Carol Axt, 85, of Hutchinson

Carol Edna (Brinkman) Axt, 85, of Hutchinson, formerly of Glencoe, passed away Tuesday, Jan. 12, at Ecumen Pines Assisted Living in Hutchinson.

A funeral service was held Monday, Jan. 18, 11 a.m., at First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Glencoe, with interment following at the church cemetery.

Pastor Daniel Welch was the officiating clergy.

Yvonne Schuette was the organist and soloist Kevin Axt performed "The Lord's Prayer."

"Rock of Ages" and "How Great Thou Art" were the congregational hymns.

Carol's grandchildren – Nicholas Axt, Christopher Axt, Elizabeth Anderson and Zachary Radunz – were the casket-bearers.

Carol Edna Axt was born



Carol Axt

Aug. 22, 1935, in Glencoe. She was the daughter of Art and Ella (Meyer) Brinkman. Carol was baptized as an infant Sept. 15, 1935, and later was confirmed in her faith as a youth May 15, 1949, both by Rev. Alfred Streufert at First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Glencoe. Her confirmation verse was Psalm 27:4. She received her education in Glencoe, graduating with the Glencoe High School Class of 1953.

On Nov. 27, 1954, Rev. A. H. Fellwock united Carol and Darwin Axt in marriage at First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Glencoe. Carol and Darwin made their home in Glencoe. After Darwin passed away, Carol made her home in Richmond and Hutchinson. Their marriage was blessed with two children, Kevin and Jilann. Carol and Darwin shared over 39 years of marriage until Darwin passed away Dec. 31, 1993.

Mrs. Axt worked at Green Giant in Glencoe and 3M Company in Hutchinson. After 30 years at 3M, she retired in January 1991. Carol was a member of First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Glencoe. She was also a member of the Hutchinson American Legion Auxiliary Post No. 96.

Carol enjoyed bingo, pull tabs, solitaire, jigsaw puzzles, reading and decorating for Christmas. Mrs. Axt loved to watch the Minnesota Twins, the Vikings and a devout watcher of Days of our Lives. Carol also enjoyed being with the family dogs. Family was very important to her and she treasured the time spent with them and her friends.

Carol passed away Tuesday, Jan. 12, at Ecumen Pines Assisted Living in Hutchinson, at the age of 85 years, 4 months and 21 days. Blessed be her memory.

Mrs. Axt is survived by her son, Kevin Axt and his significant other, Katie Dwinnell, of Eden Valley; daughter, Jilann Axt and her husband, Mike Schiesl, of Hutchinson;

grandchildren, Nicholas Axt and his wife, Renae, Christopher Axt and his significant other, Kelli, Elizabeth Anderson and her husband, Luke, Zachary Radunz and his wife, Kayla; great-grandchildren, Emma Axt, Isabella Axt, Devin Axt, Garrett Axt, Gavin Anderson, Quinn Anderson, baby Radunz coming May 2021; sister, Arlaine Farber of Annandale; sisters-in-law, Jeannette Brinkman of Glencoe, Lorna Brinkman of Glencoe; nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends.

Carol was preceded in death by her parents, Art and Ella Brinkman; husband, Darwin Axt; Brothers, Leon Brinkman, Earl Brinkman; brother-in-law, Walter Farber.

The Johnson-McBride Funeral Chapel in Glencoe handled the arrangements. Its website – www.mcbridechapel.com – includes obituary and guest-book information.



Weather Corner

By Jake Yurek

We'll finally see some winter like low temperatures this week as a bout of cold air moves into the area.

Forecasting weather this winter has been a very hit-and-miss endeavor. Our biggest snowfalls were originally forecast as a light 1 to 2 inches and they turned out to be 6-plus inches. Each time a big storm has been forecast, it's fizzled the day of. That was the case last week when Monday I forecast we were only going to get a coating of snow with high wind. Then, a day or two before, the forecast models said we were going to get 6-plus inches and a blizzard. Then the storm hits just like forecast on Monday.

The point of this story is, be wary of any winter storm forecast well in advance. I bring it up because we do have a fairly good size storm taking aim at the upper Midwest for late Saturday into Sunday. Temperatures will be well cold enough for all snow, but there is a lot of question as to who will see it. Right now, the track is bringing it right to us so it'll be something to watch. Could be some fairly decent snowfall totals for wherever it decides to go.

Temperatures will remain warm early in the week with a blast of cold air late Thursday. Low temperatures will dip into below-zero territory with highs having a hard time climbing out of the single digits Friday. Any snow we get will be very light and fluffy, so if we get any wind over the weekend there could be some travel issues... stay tuned.

I don't trust the weekend forecast, so there's no point in looking at the extended this week.

Have a great week everyone. Bundle up, Friday.

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Wednesday night: Lows, 22-28; clear.

Thursday: Highs, 24-30, lows, -3 to 3; clear.

Friday: Highs, 6-14, lows, -6 to 0; clear.

Saturday: Highs, 14-20, lows, 6-12; clouds / snow late.

Sunday: Highs, 18-24, snow.

Weather Quiz: Does our warm January mean we'll pay the price with a cold spring?

Last week's question: Why does lake-effect snow dump so much in certain areas?

Answer to last week's question: Lake-effect snow piles up quickly because of how light it is. Very cold temperatures will blow over open water and create snow bands/squalls of very dry/fluffy snow, which piles up quickly. It's not uncommon for lake effect snow to be measured in feet not inches.

Remember: I make the forecast, not the weather.

Death notices

Duane Bussler, 90, of Glencoe

Duane Bussler, 90, of Glencoe, passed away Wednesday, Jan. 13, at Good Samaritan Society in Winthrop.

In lieu of flowers memorials are preferred.

Arrangements are pending with the Johnson-McBride Funeral Chapel in Glencoe. Its website – www.mcbridechapel.com – includes obituary and guest-book information.

Glen Schwartz, 63, of Glencoe

Glen Schwartz, 63, of Glencoe, passed away Wednesday, Jan. 13, at his home in Glencoe.

No services will be held.

The Johnson-McBride Funeral Chapel in Glencoe is handling the arrangements. Its website – www.mcbridechapel.com – includes obituary and guest-book information.

Orville Dietel, 90, of NYA

Orville Dietel, 90, of Norwood Young America, Minnesota, passed away Thursday, Jan. 14, at his home at The Haven in Norwood Young America.

A funeral service was held Tuesday, Jan. 19, 11 a.m., at the Paul-McBride Funeral Chapel in Norwood Young America, with interment following at the Ferguson Cemetery in rural Norwood Young America.

Visitation was held Tuesday, Jan. 19, 10 to 11 a.m., one hour prior to the service at the chapel.

In lieu of flowers, memorials preferred to Ferguson Cemetery or Friedens County Line Church, 11325 Zebra Ave., Norwood Young America, MN 55368.

The Paul-McBride Funeral Chapel in Norwood Young America, Minnesota is handling the arrangements. Its website – www.mcbridechapel.com – includes obituary and guest-book information.

Betty Feltmann, 81, of Lester Prairie

Betty Feltmann, 81, of Lester Prairie, passed away Friday, Jan. 15, at her home in Lester Prairie.

A private memorial service will be held today, Jan. 20, at the Paul-McBride Funeral Chapel in Lester Prairie, with interment at a later date at Forest Hill Cemetery in Norwood Young America, Minnesota.

The Paul-McBride Funeral Chapel in Lester Prairie is handling the arrangements. Its website – www.mcbridechapel.com – includes obituary and guest-book information.

Lois Goelz, 83, of Redwood Falls

Lois Marie Goelz, 83 of Redwood Falls, passed away Friday, Jan. 15, at Carris Health - Seasons Hospice House in Redwood Falls of natural causes.

A Mass of Christian burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 21, at St. Catherine's Catholic Church in Redwood Falls. The service will be livestreamed on the Stephens Funeral Service Facebook page.

Visitation will be 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., one hour prior to the service at church. Interment will be in the St. Catherine's Catholic Cemetery. Memorials preferred in lieu of flowers. Because of the current COVID-19 restrictions, guests will be required to wear a mask and practice social distancing guidelines. A 50 percent indoor occupancy restriction will be maintained.

The Stephens Funeral Service – Redwood Falls is handling the arrangements. Its website – www.stephensfuneralservice.com – includes obituary and guestbook information. A Facebook link may be found on the site.



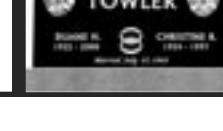
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U of M Extension selects McLeod County students as 4-H ambassadors

Rachel Visser and Allison Wright have been chosen as Minnesota 4-H agriculture ambassadors from McLeod County.

They're just two of the many students from across the state who have been selected for this position. These ambassadors are encouraged by the University of Minnesota Extension to share their 4-H and agriculture stories to the public during statewide agriculture events, according to a statement by the extension.

grounds.

Some raise livestock, while others are knowledgeable about corn and soybean production or vegetable gardening, according to McNeill.

"We wanted youth to have both experiences so when they go out and talk to commodity groups, they can be a voice for 4-H in an agriculture setting," McNeill said.

People can visit www.extension.umn.edu or contact Darcy Cole, Extension educator, at dacole@umn.edu or 320-484-4305.

through whatever they can accomplish. Many Republicans will see political advantage in either peddling the fake narrative that Biden's win was illegitimate or repriming the rejectionist stance taken by minority leader Mitch McConnell when Barack Obama became president.

But with Congress's divisions mirroring the country's, maybe there's also room for hope. If a core of legislators of both parties are willing to work with the Biden administration, find common ground, and pass legislation that makes the country better, then perhaps Washington can actu-

ally set an example that helps a reeling nation heal.

Lee Hamilton is a senior advisor for the Indiana University Center on Representative Government; a distinguished scholar at the IU Hamilton Lugar School of Global and International Studies, and a professor of practice at the IU O'Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs. He was a member of the U.S. House of Representatives for 34 years.

partisanship and cooperation, and he's certainly spent a lifetime in the game and has friends on both sides of the aisle. His political instincts are strong. Democrats' tenuous hold on both the House and the Senate may help him on this front, giving strength to moderates in both parties who are willing to sit down together in the interests of governing the country effectively.

To be sure, there are plenty of forces working against bipartisanship. Many Democrats will be eager to reverse the policies of the last four years and will argue for jamming

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McLeod County preparing COVID-19 vaccination plan

As a registered COVID-19 vaccine provider through the Minnesota Department of Health, McLeod County Public Health has received an initial shipment of vaccine that is for emergency medical services (EMS) staff, individuals giving vaccinations, and people working at COVID-19 community testing sites.

Right now, people eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine are being notified by their employer, assisted living or skilled nursing facility where they live. Once the information is available, McLeod County Public Health will provide information on future priority groups and how they will be notified when they can receive the vaccine.

Ultimately, all Minnesotans will have an opportunity to be vaccinated. However, it won't happen all at once. The vaccine is currently not available to the general public. There's not a so-called list Minnesotans need to get on to receive the vaccine, said Berit Spors, director of McLeod County Public Health. Since Phase 1A is based on employment and place of residence, people eligible for vaccination within this category will be contacted by their employer or the facility where they live to let them know when the vaccine is available to

them.

In later phases, vaccines will be available at settings like your pharmacy or primary care provider, and people will be able to make an appointment to get it. People seeking more information about the COVID-19 vaccine, you can visit the MDH website – www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/vaccine.html – or call 320-864-3185.

A turning point

After a challenging year of navigating this pandemic, Spors, said residents are now at a turning point of having a safe and effective vaccine available to the community

— a huge step forward in the fight against this virus. The Centers of Disease Prevention and Control (CDC), Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) and McLeod County Public Health are working hard to create a plan to distribute the vaccine in a way that:

- Immunizes for impact, and maximizes immediate health benefits, reduces death and serious illness, and minimizes the harm created by COVID-19;
- Provides equitable distribution and access, making sure no procedural or structural issues impact access to

the vaccine among any particular group or population. We want Minnesotans in every corner and every community to know they can trust the process, the safety, and the effectiveness of the vaccine;

- Offers transparency and sharing information as quickly as possible with Minnesotans.

Testing matters

Testing has been one way the county has worked with residents to combat COVID-19. People are encouraged to practice the three Ws – wearing a mask, washing your hands, and watching your distance.

In a press release, McLeod County noted the deaths of 41 McLeod County residents, 97 residents experienced hospitalizations, and overall McLeod County had 3,119 cases of COVID-19.

Spors encourages residents to remain resilient and continue to do their part to work toward returning to a more normal way of living and learning. To stay up to date on McLeod specific information, visit the online dashboard on the county website – www.co.mcleod.mn.us – as well as, access additional information and resources.

History

From the Stewart Tribune archives

100 Years Ago

January 21, 1921

Lester Koeppen, Editor

Victory entered the camp of the local high school basketball quintet last Friday night when Windom College was vanquished, the final score reading Stewart 33, Windom 15. A good crowd attended the first home game and enthusiasm was at a high pitch throughout the contest. Stewart scored first with Hanson making the throw. From then on Windom never held the lead. At half time the locals had accumulated sixteen points to the visitors' nine.

The roads are getting pretty good for wheeling. Geo. Yungk returned home last week after a few days visit near Glencoe.

We have learned that Hutchinson had a fire Monday night. A man, barn, horse and cow burned up but we haven't learned yet whose property it was.

While the acreage of the ten principal crops in 1920 was 2.8% less than in 1919, the total production was 10% more than in 1919. However, the decline in farm prices was so rapid that based on the price Dec. 1, 1920, the total value of the ten crops was only \$265,980,000 based on the price Dec. 1, 1919. A study of the value per acre for the only one of the ten crops which had a higher value per acre in 1920 compared in 1919.

75 Years Ago

January 24, 1946

Harry Koeppen, Editor

For the past three or four weeks, the oil burning heater in the Tribune office hasn't been working just the way it should. Then it happened! Wednesday afternoon, while Harry was up on the big newspaper press, nearing the end of the weekly run, there was a large explosion and a crash. Everyone thought that the press broke down, but within the next few seconds we knew what had happened as the pipes came crashing to the floor and the whole shop was filled with soot! For a few seconds, we stood there dumbfounded and wondering what to do. We finally realized that the soot was beginning to settle on the freshly printed papers. We grabbed the ones that were ready for mailing and ran them over to the post office and tried to cover the rest of them with other papers. So, if you got a paper that was edged in black, we want you to know that it was purely accidental.

Another one of Stewart's business places has changed hands. In a transaction that took place recently, Elmer Kietzman, purchased the stock and fixtures in the place of business known as "John's Place", formerly owned and operated by John Podratz of this village.

60 Years Ago

January 19, 1961

Kermit T. Hubin, Editor

Last Friday evening, the Gopher matmen defeated the Brownton Bears by a score of 33 to 9. The Gophers wrestled well, allowing Brownton only three of the twelve matches and those by very close margins.

Franklin Burke lost about half of the left index finger in a portable feed mill last week. He was hospitalized at Glencoe. The mishap took place at the Chris Kruse farm, north of Stewart. He is able to carry on with work at Burke's General Store in Fernandino.

50 Years Ago

January 21, 1970

Kermit T. Hubin, Editor

Stewart Lions have changed regulations at the Ice Rink this week, to allow the playing of hockey at anytime. The west one-third of the rink will be reserved for hockey, and the east one-half for pleasure skaters.

Last Tuesday Norwood-Young America defeated the Stewart wrestlers 42-6. Only two grapplers from Stewart defeated their opponents. Stewart winners were as followed: Dennis Opitz, Ralph Windschitl, Brad Bierman.

The Stewart Fire Department answered a call to the DuWaynee Woller farm. Washing machine ignited.

From the Silver Lake Leader archives

75 Years Ago

January 19, 1946

Delbert Merrill, Publisher

Mrs. Daryl Roufs of Winsted has received a telegram from the War Department officially certifying to the death of her husband, 1st Lt. Daryl Roufs, in an airplane accident over Holland on April 5, 1945. Memorial services for Lt. Roufs will be held Monday January 21st at the Holy Trinity Church in Winsted.

The number of marriage licenses issued by McLeod County Clerk of Court Heston Benson in 1945 fell 94 below the number issued in 1944, according to figures released by that office.

Fire of unknown origin destroyed a bread truck, 2,000 loaves of bread and other bakery goods and the garage in which it was stored at Hutchinson last Wed. The truck and garage was the property of Ross Nielson of Hutchinson. The loss is estimated at \$4,000.

Monday night, the Silver Lake Auditorium basement was the scene of the first annual Firemen's community get-togethers, as over a hundred friends and members of the department gathered for an evening of fun, cards and refreshments.

Now heading the list of 20 top Nazis being tried for war crimes in Nuremberg, Hermann Goering found diversion in palmer days playing with animals from his mini-nature zoo at Karin Hall estate. Blandly assuming responsi-

bility for all of his official acts and continuing to swear by national socialism, Goering has been the most aggressive of the Hitlerian big-wigs at the British prosecution of principals on charges they violated international treaties.

60 Years Ago

January 19, 1961

Wilbert Merrill, Publisher

The skating rink is in operation near the school, but a majority of the youngsters are plying their blades out on the lake in the absence of snow. The snow that did show for a time was cleaned by the school jeep for several areas on the lake and both hockey and plain skating keep most areas busy.

Floyd Sneed, 32, of Tyler has purchased and is now operating the Winsted Journal, having purchased the newspaper plant and building from Andrew Henjum. Mrs. Sneed and their two children will move to Winsted about February 1st. The Leader joins the friends of the Winsted Journal in welcoming Mr. Sneed and his family to the list of county editors, and the heartiest best wishes to the Andy Henjums.

Walter Lipke, 29, was instantly killed in a single car accident about two o'clock Sunday morning, three miles northeast of Glencoe. Mr. Lipke was a passenger in the car driven by Marvin Luehrs also of Glencoe, the latter being uninjured when the car missed a curve and rolled over.

Coroners inquested was held found driver guilty of criminal negligence.

25 Years Ago

January 18, 1996

Ken and Dorothy Merrill, Publishers

Merging of Silver Lake and Glencoe will be decision of voters in February—It has been successful to many people including Supt. Warren Schmidt, superintendent of both Silver Lake and Glencoe, is now seeing that questions are answered and information given on the upcoming referendum which would join the Silver Lake and Glencoe School districts into one new district. The election is following a plan which has been prepared and approved by both school boards and the state of Minnesota.

10 Years Ago

January 20, 2011

Bill and Joyce Ramige, Publishers

Rachael Posusta and Jesse Tichy, this year's Triple "A" recipients at Glencoe-Silver Lake High School, appear to be outstanding choices.

Slow-starting Panthers rally for 49-40 win—Glencoe-Silver Lake's start to last Tuesday's (Jan. 11) Wright County Conference boys' basketball game at Mound-Westonka was not so hot.

From the Chronicle archives

30 Years Ago

January 16, 1991

Bill C. Ramige, Editor

The Silver Lake School Board Monday turned thumbs down to a pairing proposal offered by Glencoe three weeks ago, voting 6-0 at its regular meeting to reject the plan. Teacher seniority is the biggest obstacle. Glencoe wanted to have control over the seniority list, with its teachers getting first crack at jobs. Silver Lake wants a combined list, based on the most experienced teacher, regardless of district.

"It doesn't really surprise me," Glencoe Superintendent Warren Schmidt said of Silver Lake's rejection. It's like any negotiation, he explained; you take the issues one at a time and try to resolve them.

A Glencoe High School student was told to leave school Tuesday for wearing signs protesting U.S. involvement in the Persian Gulf. Mike Cuchna, 18, of Glencoe wore sandwich signs saying "Blood for oil. Can the price get any higher?" Cuchna said he wasn't shocked that he had been told to leave school if he didn't remove the signs. "I

wasn't disrupting the process with the signs," Cuchna added. If he had brought an AK47 assault rifle to school and demanded the students and teachers listen to him, that would be "disrupting the process," he said.

Cuchna however, was quiet and "going about my own business" he said. Principal Vint Zabel emphasized Tuesday that Cuchna had not been suspended.

Dean Schwirtz scored 20 points and Dave Stuedemann scored 17 points to lift the Glencoe Eagles varsity boys' basketball team 55-53 over Sibley East Tuesday. This was a nonconference game and the Glencoe improved its overall record to 7-4.

20 Years Ago

January 17, 2001

Rich Glennie, Editor

The anticipated showdown over the city's fund balance debate between new Mayor Leon Johnson and city council members occurred Wednesday afternoon, and by all appearances ended in a draw. Neither side was totally convinced the other was right. But when the two-hour finance committee meeting

was over, both sides seemed satisfied they had made their points. Johnson angered several council members with his remarks during the recent election that the city overspent its 1999 budget by \$624,000.

The outdoor ice skating rink and sledding hill was a great place to spend time after school last week while the weather was nice. Nolan Brinkman, 7, enjoyed the sledding hill and Casey Style, 7, and GSL senior Dan Johnson played hockey.

10 Years Ago

January 19, 2011

Rich Glennie, Editor

The McLeod County Board of Commissioners on Tuesday approved the purchase of GPS units and software for its highway department vehicles. The board has been debating the potential purchase the last month. The proposal will place GPS units and associated hardware on 14 county trucks, three graders and sign truck at the cost of \$16,208. The GPS units will record a wealth of information, including locations.

Corrections & clarifications

The McLeod County Chronicle reported the parents of the first baby born at Glencoe Regional Health in 2021 received a car seat from Glencoe VFW Post No. 5102. That information was from GRH's social media post. The car seat was actually donated by the Glencoe VFW Post Auxiliary.

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racy in its reports. If you find an error, bring it to our attention. Contact John Mueller, editor, by email – johnm@glencoenews.com – or call 864-5518.

History

From the Brownton Bulletin archives

100 Years Ago

January 20, 1921

O.C. Conrad, Editor

Smallpox cases pop up here and there around the countryside and in Hutchinson continually. There is not a real epidemic but every precaution should be taken. There are some whooping cough and numerous colds. East of town there seems to be a prevalence of a jaundice condition. One physician stated that it is not a serious sickness but has been unusual around here.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rickert of this village on Monday, January 10.

One of the worst dirt storms experienced in this section for many years prevailed Saturday night and Sunday. The air was filled with flying dust picked up by the fifty mile gale and this coupled with a zero temperature made the day a most miserable one.

50 Years Ago

January 17, 1971

Milton D. Hakel, Editor

Harry Lindemann has purchased the residence and service station on the southwest corner

of the intersection of Grimshaw Ave. and the pavement from Herman Woller Sr. The deal was closed Friday at a consideration reported to be in the neighborhood of \$5,000.

Qm 2/c Burton West was discharged from the Naval service on January 9. He was among 46 Minnesotans released from duty that day at the Separation Center at Great Lakes, Ill.

The Brownton Bears won two more basketball games during the past week, defeating Stewart 37-25 and Central 29-28 in bruising encounters.

50 Years Ago

January 21, 1971

Charles H. Warner, Editor

Funeral services were held Friday, January 15, for Orville Otto Streich, 42, at the Brownton Funeral Home. Orville Streich was born at Glencoe, Minnesota, June 24, 1928, the son of Otto Streich and his wife, Elizabeth (nee Kosek).

Bonnie Hardel, 16, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hardel, has been named Co-ed correspondent for the 1970-71 school year.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Pikal announce the birth of a son to be



Chronicle photo by Brianna Taggart

Ella Malz practiced her shooting skills at practice Wednesday, Jan. 13, as Audrey Peterson closed in on her. Their practice paid off as the GSL girls' basketball team won its first game of the season against St. Clair, Jan. 15.

Girls' hoops knocks the wind out of Cyclones

By Brianna Taggart

Staff Writer

Glencoe-Silver Lake girls' basketball didn't waste any time when it hit the court running at St. Clair for its first game of the season last Friday, Jan. 15.

The Panthers' pack knocked the wind out of the Cyclones with an abundance of rebounds, a strong defense and ended the evening with a 41-point lead in the season-opener.

"I thought the girls came out with a lot of energy and we rebounded very well early, which got our running game going," Head Coach Jeff Monahan said.

The Panthers were originally slated to start the season at home against Holy Family Catholic last Thursday, Jan. 14, but after winter storm complications, the game against the Fire was postponed.

The absence of a home-town advantage couldn't stop GSL's energy though, and Monahan applauded his team

for starting and continuing on a strong note.

Panthers 79, St. Clair 38

The Panthers started strong, scoring 51 points in the first half compared to the Cyclones' 19, earning themselves a 32-point lead.

"After some adjustments on defense, I thought we finished the first half outstanding," Monahan said.

The Panthers scored another 28 points in the second half and the Cyclones added another 19 points to their score. The night ended with a big win 79-38 for GSL.

"We played good defense and we were really active in the passing lanes," Coach Monahan said.

Kendall Guerrero, Miah Monahan and Mylea Monahan all scored in double figures with Guerrero ending the night with 12 points, Miah Monahan with 31 and Mylea Monahan with 14. Coach Monahan said the team is looking to have three or four girls ending each game in

double figures with balanced scoring.

Belle Plaine game

The Panthers continued its season Tuesday night, Jan. 19. Scores were not available to The Chronicle at the time of publication, but Monahan said he was looking forward to playing the "very tough opponent."

"Belle Plaine is last year's

No. 1 seed in sections and has

a very nice team coming

back," Monahan said. "I feel

it should be a great game, and

I'm looking forward to see

how the team responds versus

a very tough opponent Tues-

day night."

Upcoming

The Panthers will host their first home game tomorrow, Thursday, Jan. 21, against Mound Westonka at 7 p.m.

They'll face off against Watertown-Mayer next at Watertown-Mayer High School Tuesday, Jan. 26, 7 p.m.



Chronicle photo by John Mueller

GSL junior center Jacob Baumgarten nailed a short jump shot during practice Thursday afternoon. The junior lefthander and his teammates are looking to rebound Friday night, 7 p.m. at home, from a setback against Holy Family.

Panthers scorched in opener at Holy Family

GSL hosts Central, Waconia this week

A couple of statistics told the fans who couldn't attend Saturday's game at Holy Family all they needed to know about a 23-point loss to Holy Family in the GSL boys' basketball team's opening game.

The Panthers didn't shoot as well as Holy Family. They didn't take care of the basketball as well, committing more turnovers than the Fire, and they were out-rebounded.

GSL coach Rob DeCorsey

was critical of his own per-

formance coaching via Twi-

ter.

It all added up to a 65-42

setback against Holy Family.

"We did not do many

things well," DeCorsey said.

"It kind of looked like a first

scrimmage."

The Panthers had a chance to rebound from the setback last night, Tuesday, Jan. 19, against Central (NYA) in Glencoe. The game was played after The Chronicle went to press. The scheduled game against Annandale has been rescheduled to later in

the season. Friday night, Jan. 22, 7 p.m., the Panthers will host Waconia, Tuesday, Jan. 26, 7 p.m., they'll host Watertown-Mayer. Central fell in its first game to Mayer Lutheran, 74-42.

DeCorsey is focusing more on the Panthers' performance rather than worrying about the opposition.

"We need to take care of our ourselves and worry about the things we can control on our side of the ball," he said.

Holy Family 65, Panthers 42

GSL saw the game slowly slip out of its control in the first half when the Panthers managed just 17 points. GSL trailed 28-17 at intermission. The Panthers were outscored in the second half, 37-25.

GSL made only 10 of 30 two-point and 2 of 17 three-pointers in the game. They were slightly out-rebounded, 38-32. The Fire was red hot from the floor, sinking 16 of 29 two-pointers and 8 of 27 shots from beyond the three-point line.

The tough going was a reminder the going will get tougher against live competition. GSL has been scrimmaging against itself for the

past two weeks. The Panthers were thrilled to be playing against anybody else, DeCorsey said.

GSL handled Holy Family's pressure defense once it advanced the ball into the front court, he said. Its greatest challenge remains good shots in transition situations.

"The guys need to learn it's not a pickup game. You have to perform," DeCorsey said.

The Panthers' defensive struggles came while trying to help each other on defense. Players leaving their own man to help out on defense created too many open shots, he said.

"It wasn't a lack of effort. It was a matter of do your job," DeCorsey said.

Spencer Lemke and Eli Ehrke paced the Panthers with seven points apiece. Blake Mickolichek and Mitchel Klockmann had six points each while Jackson Stifter and Jacob Christianson added four points apiece. Jaden Uecker, Jacob Baumgarten, Jordan Mickolichek and Corey Schmidt scored six points each.

GSL's top scorer Mitchel Jaskowiak and one of its top reserves, Sawyer Kaczmarek, did not play in the game.

GSL/LP wrestlers split first matches in New Prague

The Glencoe-Silver Lake/Lester Prairie wrestling team got a good look at tough competition in its first triangular match of the season Thursday, Jan. 14 in New Prague.

The Panthers saw a big school powerhouse team that dominated the match and claimed a win.

GSL/LP didn't leave New Prague without a win, however. The Panthers claimed a victory over Chaska-Chanhassen.

The Panthers won't be back in competition until Thursday, Jan. 28, 6 p.m., at Maple River. The following night,

Friday, Jan. 29, 5 p.m., GSL/LP will face Scott West and Little Falls in Belle Plaine. The Panthers will host their first match of the season Thursday, Feb. 4, 5 p.m., when Eden Prairie and Howard Lake-Waverly-Winsted come to Glencoe.

Panthers 47, Chaska-Chan 25

The Panthers took control of the match in the second half of the contest.

After the Stormhawks won the 145-pound match to take a 19-14 lead, the Panthers went on a tear, outscoring Chaska-Chanhassen, 33-6, over the next seven weight

classes. In six of the final seven weight classes, the Panthers took points in three pins and two forfeited matches.

Chaska-Chan opened the match with a win at 106 pounds. GSL/LP's Dylan Bargmann won at 113 pounds, giving the Panthers a 4-3 lead. After the Stormhawks won at 120 pounds, GSL/LP's Dawson Meyer pinned his 126-pound opponent at the 1:34 mark to give the Panthers a 10-7 advantage.

GSL/LP had to forfeit the 132-pound match. The Panthers' Carter Ruschmeier won

a major decision at 138 pounds to put the locals up, 14-13. Chaska-Chan won the 145-pound clash with a pin, taking a 19-14 lead and setting the stage for the Panthers' rally.

It started with 152-pounder Jace Cacka pinning his opponent at 3:29. Zachary Voelz won the 160-pound match by a 5-0 decision to give GSL/LP a 23-19 lead in the team scoring. Keegan Lemke pinned his 170-pound opponent at 1:06 and 182-pounder Aaron Higgins won by forfeit, giving the Panthers a 35-19 lead.

At 195 pounds, Jaxin An-

derson won by forfeit and Carter Ziegler pinned his opponent at 220 pounds to give GSL/LP a 47-19 lead before the Stormhawks took the heavyweight match by forfeit.

New Prague 44, Panthers 27

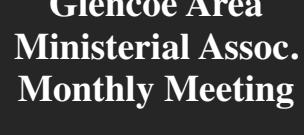
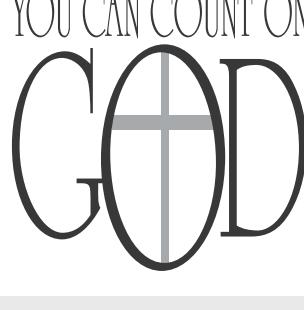
After a close win at 103 pounds, the host Trojans dominated the competition, winning five of the next nine weight classes by pin or forfeit to take a commanding lead.

New Prague led 26-0 on the scoreboard when GSL/LP's Carter Ruschmeier won the 138-pound match by a 6-4 decision. Voelz gave the

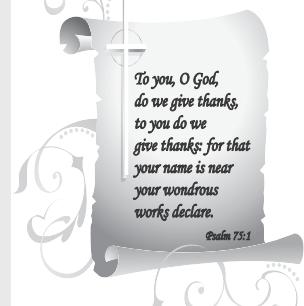
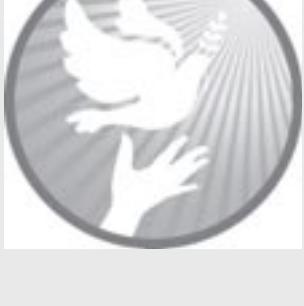
Panthers three more team points with a 5-0 decision at 160 pounds to make the team score, 38-6.

After New Prague forfeited the 170-pound match, GSL/LP's Lemke pinned his opponent, cutting the Trojans' team score advantage to 38-18. The Panthers' Anderson won the 195-pound match by a decision and Ziegler won at 220 pounds by a pin, closing out GSL/LP's scoring.

New Prague won the 285-pound match by default.



(The First Tuesday of each month except June, July and August)



Pastor's Corner

Pastor Jonathan Pixler
Berean Baptist Church, Glencoe



What Should I Be Thinking About?

It is hard these days not to be distracted or overwhelmed by thoughts of fear and anxiousness, especially with our *upcoming election* along with *Covid 19* and a host of other things. There have been days I have had to just shut it all out and just get back to quieting myself down and reading Scripture. I still hear that *small voice* within me in which the Lord gently reminds me to practice being in His Presence and to seeking His will and listening to His voice.

So, what should we be setting our mind on in order to have peace and hear the voice of the Lord? Well, I ran across Philippians 4:8 last week in which a brother in Christ shared about putting a fence of protection around our life. *Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things. Phil. 4:8.*

By setting our minds on the Lord and on good and pure things, we in a sense are building a "protective fence" around our thought life, which affects all of our life, even our physical well-being. By *directing our thoughts upwards*, we are kept safe and it helps us filter out a lot of negative and peace-stealing thoughts. So put the first fence post up of "truth" followed by additional fence posts: *honesty, purity, lovely, good report, virtue, and praise*. Dig deep and place these posts solidly in your mind, and watch how your life is transformed as you make it a practice (a discipline) to think upon these things. May the Lord keep You in His perfect peace always.

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Thurs., Jan. 21 — Men's Bible study, 9 a.m.

Sun., Jan. 24 — Sunday school, 8:30 a.m.; worship, 10 a.m.

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Wed., Jan. 20 — "Anticipating Sunday" Bible Study via Zoom, 9:00 a.m.; Televised Worship Service on Channel 10, 2:00 p.m.; Confirmation via Zoom, 5:45-6:45 p.m.

Thurs., Jan. 21 — GlenField's Worship Service at 10:30 a.m. in the Community Room.

Fri., Jan. 22 — Women's Bible Study at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom.

Sun., Jan. 24 — Live Streamed Online Worship Service, 9:00 a.m.; New Year's Love Offering for designated church family (collecting through January 31st). Listen to service in the parking lot at FM 97.7. No Online Sunday School (Sunday School for Pre-K through 6th grade will resume on Sunday, Feb. 7th.)

Mon., Jan. 25 — Quilting, 12:30-2:30 p.m.; Televised Worship Service on Channel 10, 3:00 p.m.

Wed., Jan. 27 — "Anticipating Sunday" Bible Study via Zoom, 9:00 a.m.; Televised Worship Service on Channel 10, 2:00 p.m.; Confirmation via Zoom, 5:45-6:45 p.m.

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Sun., Jan. 24 — All Virtual Services until further notice on Zoom, 10:00 a.m. to participate, call 320-282-3030

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Fr. John Hayes, pastor

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Wed., Jan. 20 — Sacrament of Reconciliation, 5:00-5:20 p.m.; Mass, 5:30 p.m.

Thurs., Jan. 21 — Sacrament of Reconciliation, 5:00-5:20 p.m.; Mass, 5:30 p.m.

Fri., Jan. 22 — No Mass

Sat., Jan. 23 — Sacrament of Reconciliation, 9:00-10:00 a.m.; Mass, 6:00 p.m.

Sun., Jan. 24 — Mass, 10:00 a.m.; Mass in Spanish, 11:30 a.m.

Mon., Jan. 25 — No Mass

Tues., Jan. 26 — No Mass

Wed., Jan. 27 — Sacrament of Reconciliation, 5:00-5:20 p.m.; Mass, 5:30 p.m.; Religious Education, 6:30-7:45 p.m.

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Rev. Dr. Bob Baggott and Rev. Dr. Casey Baggott Facebook Live message at our Facebook Page: First Congregational Church, Glencoe on Sunday morning at 9:15 a.m. You will also be able to watch it on our local Cable Channel 10 on Tuesdays at 4:30 p.m. and Fridays at 7:00 p.m. For our Shut-In's at Long Term Care, it can be seen on Mondays at 9:30 a.m. and Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. in the Chapel.

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Church is reopened, but if you feel safer not to come inside services will continue on www.stjohnsccc.org or can listen to the service in your vehicle.

Peace

The LORD will give strength unto his people;

the LORD will bless his people with peace.

Psalm 29:11

cle in the parking lot, tune into FM 103.3.

Sun., Jan. 24 — Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.; Annual Meeting Following Service.

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN

300 Croydon St., Stewart

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www.godsall101.org

Wed., Jan. 20 — Mission Quilting, 9:30 a.m.; 7&8 Confirmation, 5:30 p.m.; Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Sun., Jan. 24 — Sunday School, 9:00 a.m.; Worship, 10:00 a.m.

Wed., Jan. 27 — 7 & 8 Confirmation, 5:30 p.m.

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Wed., Jan. 20 — Womens Group, 9:00 a.m.; Bible Study, 4:00 p.m.

Thurs., Jan. 21 — Breakfast with Pastor, 9:00 a.m.

Sun., Jan. 24 — Adult Forum, Sunday School, 9:00 a.m.; Worship (Alt. Annual Meeting

Wed., Jan. 27 — Bible Study, 4:00 p.m.

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Sun., Jan. 24 — Worship, 10:00 a.m.; Kid's Church 10:00 a.m.

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Rev. Dawn Quame

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Wed., Jan 20 — Confirmation Class, 4:30 p.m.

Sun., Jan. 24 — Worship followed by Annual Meeting, 9:00 a.m.; Sunday School, 10:20 a.m.

Wed., Jan. 27 — Confirmation Class, 4:30 p.m.

GRACE BIBLE CHURCH

300 Cleveland St., Silver Lake

Dr. Tom Rakow, pastor

320-327-2325

www.silverlakechurch.org

Wed., Jan. 20 — Confirmation Class, 6:00 p.m.; Bible Study/Prayer Time, 7:00 p.m.

Sat., Jan. 23 — Men's Bible Study, 7:00 a.m.; Women's Bible Study, 9:00 a.m.

Sun., Jan. 24 — First Light Radio Broadcast on KARP 106.9 FM, 7:30 a.m.; Pre-Service Prayer Time (Adult Sunday School Room), 9:15 a.m.; Morning Worship Service, 9:30 a.m.; First Light Radio Broadcast on KDUZ 1260 AM, 11:30 a.m.

Wed., Jan. 27 — Confirmation Class, 6:00 p.m.; Bible Study/Prayer Time, 7:00 p.m.

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Sun., Jan. 24 — Faith Presbyterian Church Silver Lake will resume in church at 10:00 a.m. Members who feel comfortable attending are also encouraged to wear a mask. Six feet distancing is also in place.

Records

Glencoe Police

Monday, Jan. 11

8:32 a.m. – A person on the 400 block of West 18th Street called for medical help after a woman fell and was injured. She was transported to the hospital.

11:52 a.m. – A person near the intersection of North Armstrong and East 12th Street provided police with a license plate found in a car wash.

Noon – A person on the 1400 block of North Union Avenue reported an obscene flag in a yard. The owner of the yard indicated he would remove the flag.

6:27 p.m. – Police were notified of a vehicle repossession on the 500 block of East Eighth Street.

6:31 p.m. – The driver of a vehicle stopped near the intersection of East 11th Street and Eagle Avenue received a verbal warning for violating the law on using hands-free cell phone calls.

7:19 p.m. – The driver of a vehicle stopped near the intersection of East 10th Street and North Ives Avenue received a verbal warning for violating the law on using hands-free cell phone calls.

9:14 p.m. – A Redwood Falls man, 21, stopped near the intersection of North Chandler Avenue and East Sixth Street was cited for driving with a suspended license.

Tuesday, Jan. 12

Police issued three citations for on-street parking in violation of the city's ordinance prohibiting on-street parking between Nov. 1 and April 1.

12:11 a.m. – A Minnetonka man, 40, stopped near the intersection of highways 212 and 22 was arrested for third-degree DWI.

2:41 a.m. – Police checked on a suspicious vehicle in the park on the 1400 block of North Union Avenue. The driver received a verbal warning about being in the park after hours.

1:13 p.m. – A person stopped at the police headquarters on the 900 block of North Greeley Avenue after receiving a snowmobile as a gift from a friend. The person wanted to make sure the snowmobile wasn't stolen.

3:09 p.m. – A 24-year-old Glencoe man stopped on the 2200 block of East 11th Street received a verbal warning for the opacity of window tint and was cited for driving after license revocation.

4:08 p.m. – Police received a report of a man suspiciously attending to license plates on a vehicle. The officer determined the guy was replacing old license plates with new plates for a co-worker.

4:57 p.m. – Firefighters were dispatched to the 300 block of Scout Hill Drive. There was no fire and everything was OK.

5:10 p.m. – A person on the 1800 block of East 12th Street called for medical help. A dehydrated woman was transported to the hospital.

8:06 p.m. – A person on the 700 block of Morningside Drive reported a shopping cart from Coborn's had been at the Super 8 Motel for some time. The report says the cart was "escorted" back to Coborn's.

Wednesday, Jan. 13

1:21 a.m. – The driver of a vehicle who reportedly failed to dim his headlights was pulled over near the intersection of East 13th Street and North McLeod Avenue. A Woodbury man, 55, received a verbal warning for failing to dim his headlights and was cited for driving without proof of insurance.

7:50 a.m. – A backpack was found on the 2600 block of East 11th Street. It was released to its owner.

10:39 a.m. – A Hutchinson woman, 61, stopped near the intersection of East 11th Street and North Ives Avenue was cited for engaging in a cell or video call while driving.

12:09 p.m. – Police received a complaint about a vehicle near the intersection of North Armstrong Avenue and East 12th Street. The driver possibly flashed a knife.

1:15 p.m. – A person on the 1400 block of Prairie Avenue called for medical help. A woman was transported to the hospital.

2:29 p.m. – A person on the 600 block of East 13th Street reported receiving a glitter bomb from an unknown sender.

3:26 p.m. – A Glencoe man, 32, stopped on the 1500 block of North Russell Avenue was arrested on an arrest warrant from Texas.

4:03 p.m. – A disruptive man on the 600 block of East 10th Street was reported by the staff at Glencoe Wine & Spirits. The man had a ride coming from Hutchinson. He was allowed to stay at the store and wait for the ride.

6:37 p.m. – A Glencoe woman,

54, was stopped near the intersection of Highway 22 and 120th Street. She was cited for failing to reduce speed for an oncoming emergency vehicle.

6:43 p.m. – A 29-year-old Norway Young America man stopped near the intersection of Highway 22 and Lace Avenue was cited for speeding and not having a child properly restrained in the vehicle.

6:53 p.m. – A possible case of fraud was reported. A woman on the 2400 block of East 14th Street reportedly caught the case while the transaction was still pending. There is no money missing.

Thursday, Jan. 14

12:29 p.m. – Police and an ambulance crew responded to a call for medical help from a person on the 1400 block of Prairie Avenue. They were not allowed in the building. A staff person opened the door.

4:22 p.m. – Police on the 900 block of North Greeley Avenue assisted a woman looking for directions to the sheriff's office.

4:34 p.m. – During a traffic stop near the intersection of North Pryor Avenue and East 15th Street, a Glencoe man, 32, was cited for driving with expired license plates and no proof of insurance.

5:10 p.m. – A man on the 1100 block of North Baldwin Avenue asked police for assist contesting his water bill. He was advised the issue was a civil matter.

5:17 p.m. – During a traffic stop near the intersection of West 13th Street and North Fir Avenue, a 29-year-old Hutchinson man was warned about driving with loud exhaust. He was cited for driving after license revocation and without current proof of insurance.

5:40 p.m. – Police responded to an injury crash at the intersection of Highway 212 and Dairy Avenue. A Chevy Silverado northbound on Dairy Avenue and an ambulance on a non-emergency transport heading east on Highway 212 crashed.

9:21 p.m. – A person on the 1400 block of North Owen Avenue called police after a person knocked on the door and walked in asking for Rick. The person left after being told nobody named Rick lived in the house.

District Court

The following gross-misdemeanor and felony cases were handled in McLeod County District Court Jan. 8, 12 and 15 by District Court judges Eric Braaten, Jody Winters and Jessica J.W. Maher.

Taylor Patrick Sells, 32, of St. Paul, pleaded guilty to one felony count of an ineligible person in possession of a firearm for an offense that occurred on or about April 12, 2020. Judge Braaten ordered Sells to serve 60 months in prison and pay a surcharge of \$285.

Christopher Wayne Schwarze, 32, of Brownston, pleaded guilty Jan. 8 to one felony count of possession of a controlled substance for an offense that occurred on or about Dec. 17, 2020. Judge Maher stayed the imposition of sentence Jan. 15 and placed Schwarze on probation for one year. The conditions of probation are she serve one day in the McLeod County Jail, serve 10 days of sentence-to-service work/community work service, complete a chemical-dependency evaluation, follow the recommendations of the evaluation, have no use or possession of alcohol or non-prescription drugs, and pay a fine and surcharge of \$485.

Jake Robert Harley Schmidt, 28, of Winsted, previously pleaded guilty to one felony count of possession of a controlled substance for an offense that occurred on or about Jan. 1, 2020. Schmidt appeared in McLeod County District Court for sentencing. Judge Maher stayed the adjudication of sentence and placed Schmidt on probation for three years. The conditions of his probation are that Schmidt serve 10 days in the McLeod County Jail, serve 10 days of sentence-to-service work/community work service, complete a chemical-dependency evaluation, follow the recommendations of the evaluation, have no use or possession of alcohol or non-prescription drugs, and pay a fine and surcharge of \$300.

Willy John Schmidt, 46, of Gaylord, previously pleaded guilty to one felony count of theft of a motor vehicle for an offense that occurred on or about Nov. 27, 2019. Judge Maher sentenced Schmidt Jan. 12. She stayed the imposition of sentence and placed the defendant on probation for five years. The conditions of Schmidt's probation are that the defendant serve 90 days in the McLeod County Jail, complete a chemical-dependency and mental-health evaluations, follow the recommendations of the evaluation, have no use or possession of alcohol or non-prescription drugs, and pay a fine and surcharge of \$300.

3:26 p.m. – A Glencoe man, 32, stopped on the 1500 block of North Russell Avenue was arrested on an arrest warrant from Texas.

4:03 p.m. – A disruptive man on the 600 block of East 10th Street was reported by the staff at Glencoe Wine & Spirits. The man had a ride coming from Hutchinson. He was allowed to stay at the store and wait for the ride.

6:37 p.m. – A Glencoe woman,

ommendations of the evaluations, have no use or possession of alcohol or non-prescription drugs, and pay a surcharge of \$85.00. The issue of restitution is reserved for 30 days.

Sara Ann Paulson-Holen, 23, of Buffalo, pleaded guilty to one felony count of possession of a controlled substance for an offense on or about July 30, 2020. Judge Maher stayed the adjudication of sentence Jan. 15 and placed Holen on probation for three years. The conditions of Holen's probation are that she serve 15 days in the McLeod County Jail, serve 15 days of sentence-to-service work/community work service, complete a chemical-dependency evaluation, follow the recommendations of the evaluation, have no use or possession of alcohol or non-prescription drugs, and pay a fine and surcharge of \$750.

Edna Patricia Resendez, 36, of Glencoe, previously pleaded guilty to one felony count of violation of a no-contact order for an offense on or about June 14, 2020. Resendez appeared for sentencing Jan. 15. Judge Maher stayed the imposition of sentence and placed Resendez on probation for three years. The conditions of her probation are that she serve 15 days in the McLeod County Jail, serve 15 days of sentence-to-service work/community work service, attend individual therapy, and pay a fine and surcharge of \$485.

Sean Daniel Askerud, 39, of Silver Lake pleaded guilty Jan. 15 to one felony count of possession of a controlled substance for an offense on or about Sept. 12, 2020. Judge Maher stayed the adjudication of sentence and placed Askerud on probation for three years. The conditions of probation are that he serve 15 days in the McLeod County Jail, serve 15 days of sentence-to-service work/community work service, attend individual therapy, and pay a fine and surcharge of \$485.

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9:21 p.m. – A person on the 1400 block of North Owen Avenue called police after a person knocked on the door and walked in asking for Rick. The person left after being told nobody named Rick lived in the house.

The following gross-misdemeanor and felony cases were handled in McLeod County District Court Jan. 8, 12 and 15 by District Court judges Eric Braaten, Jody Winters and Jessica J.W. Maher.

Taylor Patrick Sells, 32, of St. Paul, pleaded guilty to one felony count of an ineligible person in possession of a firearm for an offense that occurred on or about April 12, 2020. Judge Braaten ordered Sells to serve 60 months in prison and pay a surcharge of \$285.

Christopher Wayne Schwarze, 32, of Brownston, pleaded guilty Jan. 8 to one felony count of possession of a controlled substance for an offense that occurred on or about Dec. 17, 2020. Judge Maher stayed the imposition of sentence Jan. 15 and placed Schwarze on probation for one year. The conditions of probation are she serve one day in the McLeod County Jail, serve 10 days of sentence-to-service work/community work service, complete a chemical-dependency evaluation, follow the recommendations of the evaluation, have no use or possession of alcohol or non-prescription drugs, and pay a fine and surcharge of \$485.

Jake Robert Harley Schmidt, 28, of Winsted, previously pleaded guilty to one felony count of possession of a controlled substance for an offense that occurred on or about Jan. 1, 2020. Schmidt appeared in McLeod County District Court for sentencing. Judge Maher stayed the adjudication of sentence and placed Schmidt on probation for three years. The conditions of his probation are that Schmidt serve 10 days in the McLeod County Jail, serve 10 days of sentence-to-service work/community work service, complete a chemical-dependency evaluation, follow the recommendations of the evaluation, have no use or possession of alcohol or non-prescription drugs, and pay a fine and surcharge of \$300.

Willy John Schmidt, 46, of Gaylord, previously pleaded guilty to one felony count of theft of a motor vehicle for an offense that occurred on or about Nov. 27, 2019. Judge Maher sentenced Schmidt Jan. 12. She stayed the imposition of sentence and placed the defendant on probation for five years. The conditions of Schmidt's probation are that the defendant serve 90 days in the McLeod County Jail, complete a chemical-dependency and mental-health evaluations, follow the recommendations of the evaluation, have no use or possession of alcohol or non-prescription drugs, and pay a fine and surcharge of \$300.

3:26 p.m. – A Glencoe man, 32, stopped on the 1500 block of North Russell Avenue was arrested on an arrest warrant from Texas.

4:03 p.m. – A disruptive man on the 600 block of East 10th Street was reported by the staff at Glencoe Wine & Spirits. The man had a ride coming from Hutchinson. He was allowed to stay at the store and wait for the ride.

6:37 p.m. – A Glencoe woman,

Tuesday, Jan. 12

1:27 a.m. – The sheriff's office assisted the Hutchinson police with an assist in the area of Southeast Adams Street and Southeast 3rd Avenue in Hutchinson.

4:14 a.m. – The sheriff's office assisted the Glencoe police with a 911 hang-up on East 1st Street in Glencoe.

9:09 a.m. – The sheriff's office assisted the Brownston Police with a report of a burglary on Division Street in Brownston.

10:22 a.m. – The sheriff's office responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle in the area of County Road 7 and Vale Avenue, southwest of Hutchinson. Because the vehicle was unoccupied and posed as a hazard, it was towed.

10:53 a.m. – The sheriff's office responded to a medical on Main Street in Stewart. Stewart fire and Buffalo Lake ambulance also responded. One person was transported to the Hutchinson hospital.

1:05 p.m. – The sheriff's office spoke to a person over the phone with a civil issue. The situation was mediated.

4:12 p.m. – The sheriff's office responded to a report of fraud on Summit Avenue in Silver Lake.

4:37 p.m. – The sheriff's office spoke with a person over the phone regarding harassment. The deputy advised the person of their options.

4:57 p.m. – The sheriff's office assisted the Glencoe police with a report of a fire on Scout Hill Drive in Glencoe.

5:08 p.m. – The sheriff's office assisted the Lester Prairie police with an alarm on Central Avenue in Lester Prairie.

6:37 p.m. – The sheriff's office responded to a report of a theft on 70th Street, west of Stewart. The deputies cleared with reports.

7:42 p.m. – The sheriff's office responded to a vehicle in the ditch in the area of 30th Street and Oday Avenue, southwest of Brownston. Everything was fine.

8:16 p.m. – The sheriff's office spoke with people over the phone regarding a suspicious phone call. The deputy advised the people of their options.

11:15 p.m. – The sheriff's office assisted the Glencoe police with a traffic stop in the area of Morning-side Drive and East 10th Street in Glencoe.

9:15 a.m. – The sheriff's office removed debris from the road in the area of County Road 9 and 165th Street, south of Lester Prairie.

12:09 p.m. – The sheriff's office assisted the Glencoe police with a driving complaint in the area of Armstrong Avenue and East 12th Street in Glencoe.

1:24 p.m. – The sheriff's office spoke with a person over the phone with questions. The deputy advised the person of their options and cleared with a report.

1:38 p.m. – The sheriff's office responded to a theft on Major Avenue, east of Hutchinson. The investigation will continue.

2:49 p.m. – The sheriff's office responded to a fraud on Major Avenue, east of Hutchinson. The investigation will continue.

3:51 p.m. – The sheriff's office responded to a two-vehicle crash in the area of Juul Road and Dale Street in Hutchinson. The first vehicle was a 2019 Ford Explorer, owned by the City of Hutchinson and driven by a 31-year-old man of Hutchinson. The second vehicle was a 2014 Town and County van, driven by a 59-year-old woman of Hutchinson. There were no injuries. The deputy cleared with a report.

4:18 p.m. – The sheriff's office responded to a medical on Falcon Avenue, west of Lester Prairie. Silver Lake ambulance, Allina ambulance and Silver Lake fire also responded. One person was transported to the hospital.

4:43 p.m. – The sheriff's office responded to an alarm on 115th Drive, northwest of Brownston. Everything was fine.

6:25 p.m. – The sheriff's office responded to a medical on 125th

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An Admit/Deny hearing has been scheduled on February 22, 2021, at 2:30 p.m. at the McLeod County Courthouse at 830 East 11th Street, Glencoe, MN. Your presence is required. If you fail to attend the hearing on February 22, 2021, at 2:30 p.m., the Court will adjudicate S.A.R. and L.G.R. as in need of protection and services by default, without your appearance and input. You may obtain a copy of the petition, and any Order issued from the Court, from McLeod County Court Administration.

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Glencoe-Silver Lake School Board

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
GLENCOE-SILVER LAKE SCHOOLS - INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #2859
DATE: January 11, 2021
TIME: 7:00 p.m.
PLACE: GSL Schools Community Room #443/444

Interim Board Chair Alsleben called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The following board members were present: Alsleben, Christianson, Lindeman, VonBerge, Lemke and Luckhardt. In addition, Superintendent Chris Sonju; Business Manager Michelle Sander; Administrative Assistant Trisha Zajicek, GSL Technology Staff Mike Morris; Karin Ramige, McLeod County Chronicle.

Interim Board Vice Chair Lindeman administered the Oath of Office to re-elected School Board member VonBerge and Alsleben and newly elected School Board member Clark Christianson.

Officers were elected for 2021. Director Luckhardt moved to nominate Director Lindeman for the position of School Board Chairperson. Director VonBerge moved to nominate Director Alsleben for the position of School Board Chairperson. Directors Lindeman

man, Christianson, Luckhardt, and Lemke voted for Director Lindeman. Directors VonBerge and Alsleben voted for Director Alsleben. Interim Board Chair Alsleben declared Director Lindeman the candidate elected by majority vote of 4 to 2 and directed the acting clerk to so record in the minutes.

Director Christianson moved to nominate Director Luckhardt for the position of School Board Vice Chairperson. Director VonBerge moved to nominate Director Alsleben for the position of School Board Vice Chairperson. Directors Lindeman, Christianson, and Luckhardt voted for Director Luckhardt. Directors Lemke, VonBerge, and Alsleben voted for Director Alsleben. No majority was reached.

Director Lindeman moved to nominate Director VonBerge for the position of School Board Clerk. After the third call for nominations. Board Chair Lindeman declared the candidate elected by acclamation and directed the acting clerk to so record in the minutes.

Director Alsleben moved to nominate Director Lemke for the position of School Board Treasurer. Director Lindeman moved to nominate Director Christianson for School Board Treasurer. Director Lemke declined the nomination. Board Chair Lindeman declared the candidate elected by acclamation and directed the acting clerk to so record in the minutes.

The Board approved the consent agenda and addendum to the consent agenda; Hiring's: Sarah Domoradski Elementary Long Term Substitute Teacher from 1/4/2021 until 06/02/2021, Ben Lagergren Junior/Senior High Long Term Substitute Teacher from 1/4/2021 until

06/02/2021, Josh Ekong Junior/Senior High Special Ed DHH/DCD Para, Jared Saunders High School Science Fair Advisor, Resignations: Jean Horrmann Lakeside Elementary Special Ed Para Professional, Leave Requests: Shelia Hustad FMLA extension to March 1, 2021.

Director Luckhardt motioned to set the regular School Board meetings for the second Monday of each month, beginning at 7:00 p.m. and to meet in the GSL High School Community Room #443/444, and if required, a second meeting, held on the fourth Monday at 7:00 p.m. in the GSL High School Community Room #443/444. Director VonBerge seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Director Lindeman motioned to adopt the committee assignments for 2020 as specified:

Board Committees: Operations (Facilities, Food Service and Transportation) - Jamie Alsleben and Jason Lindeman, Finance - Jamie Alsleben and Clark Christianson. Negotiations - Jamie Alsleben and Alicia Luckhardt (Support), Clark Christianson and Donna VonBerge (Support), Jon Lemke and Jason Lindeman (Certified). Personnel (includes Meet & Confer) - Jon Lemke and Donna VonBerge. Policy (includes Wellness) - Alicia Luckhardt and Donna VonBerge.

Board Representatives: MSBA Legislative Liaison: Clark Christianson. Minnesota State High School League: Jon Lemke Board Liaisons to District Committees: Community Education - Jamie Alsleben, Community Schools - Jon Lemke, ECFE - Donna VonBerge, Field House - Jon Lemke, Health & Safety - Jason Lindeman, Insurance - Jon Lemke, Little Crow ITV Board - Clark Christianson.

Leadership Teams: District Leadership Committee and Board Liaison

(Curriculum/WBWF/Staff Development) - Alicia Luckhardt. Lincoln Elementary - Alicia Luckhardt. Lakeside/grades 3-6 - Jason Lindeman. GSL Jr. High School/ grades 7-8 - Clark Christianson. GSL Sr. High School/grades 9-12 - Donna VonBerge Technology - Donna VonBerge.

Director Luckhardt seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

The Board approved the following: authorize Michelle Sander, Business Manager, to make payment (prior to School Board approval) of claims that cannot be deferred until the next Board meeting without loss to the district of discount privileges and, further, authorize Michelle Sander to initiate and transact electronic transfers for the purpose of investing excess monies and for payment of bond principal and interest as provided by M.S. 123B.02, Subd 18.; delegate the following statutory duties of the Clerk to the administrative staff: the keeping of the book of minutes of all School Board meetings, the preparation of reports that shall include the condition and value of school property, receipts and disbursements in detail and such other financial matters as may be called for by the Minnesota Department of Education, the length of the school term and the enrollment and attendance by grades, and the names and post office addresses of all directors and other officers, and such other items of information as may be called for by the Commissioner of Education; adopt the resolution directing the administration to make recommendations for reductions in programs and positions and reasons therefore for the 2021-2022 school year. A roll call was taken all voted in favor; set the Meet and Confer meeting for Wednesday, February 3, 2021 at 3:30p.m. in the GSL Community Room 443/444. To prepare a recommendation for the school board on the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 school year calendar; approve the fundraising requests for the second half of the 2020-2021 school

year as submitted.

Board adopted the following policies 205, 410, 413, 419, 516, 601, 607, 613, 616

The following donations were accepted with appreciation: Stevens Seminary \$4,000 Close Up, Plato American Legion Post 641 \$1,300 Close Up.

A third vote was taken to elect a Vice Chairperson. Directors Lindeman, Luckhardt, and Christianson voted for Director Luckhardt. Directors Lemke, VonBerge and Alsleben voted for Director Alsleben. No majority was reached. Another vote will be taken at the next regular scheduled board meeting Monday, February 8, 2021.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Complete minutes and all documents relating to this meeting are on file and available for review at the Superintendent's Office, 1621 East 16th Street, Glencoe.

Glencoe-Silver Lake School District #2859 by: Alicia Luckhardt, Board Clerk

These minutes are unofficial until approved by School Board action.

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City of Brownton

Brownton Fire Department Relief Association Notice of Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Brownton Fire Department Relief Association will meet after the monthly business meeting of the Brownton Fire Department at the Brownton Fire Hall on Monday, February 1.

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The Koniska Bridge over the Crow River was built in 1904. It is a 90-foot clear span bridge with no center supports. It served farm equipment, motorists, pedestrians, anglers and more. In 1965, McLeod County commissioners designated it as a historical site.

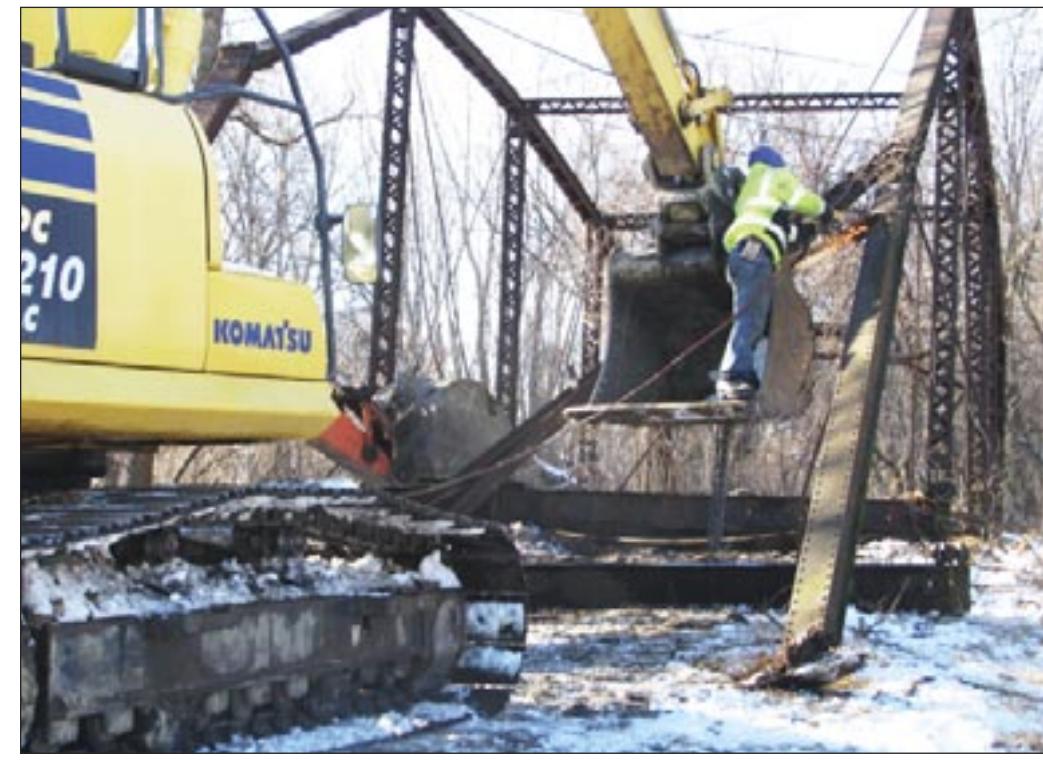


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By 2020, the bridge was decaying to the point the county was concerned about its stability. It had been removed from the county roads system. Last fall, the county paid Structural Specialties of Hutchinson \$10,000 to raze the bridge.

Remembering the Koniska bridge, gristmill

By Ron Pulkrabek

The 1904 Koniska Bridge over the Crow River, located on County Road 11, three miles northeast of Biscay, was to be cut up for scrap or hopefully moved to a new location. It is a 90-foot clear span bridge with no center supports. In 1965, county commissioners designated it as a historical site. The historic bridge was replaced by a new bridge 500 feet to the south. So it sat there for 116 years for people, as an informal meeting place to remember the good-old days and drive across in their horse and buggies. The bridge was used by 12-ton steam tractors pulling threshing machines, rumbling across at top speed of $2\frac{1}{4}$ miles per hour. The tractor driver must have prayed during the trip over. It was later used as a single-lane crossing by cars and trucks, by pedestrians, by anglers to casually wet a line, and even by couples perhaps seeking some romance underneath.

bridge with a 90-foot span and 12-foot approaches.

Built in three months

June 2, 1904: Pursuant to notice duly given, the bids published below were received by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Rich Valley Wednesday, June 1st for the construction of a steel bridge to span the Crow River at a point in Section 20, in said town and the bridge to be 90 feet in length.

June 8, 1904: The contract for the new bridge was let Wednesday. The stonework abutments and grading will commence immediately.

July 21, 1904: The foundation for the new bridge spanning Crow River at Koniska began July 5. The old bridge was torn down and so teams must ford the river at a place just north of the site, where a road was cleared for that purpose.

July 28, 1904: The stone abutments for the new bridge are completed on one side. The other side is coming up fast. It is only a question of a few weeks' time before the bridge will be completed.

Sept. 8, 1904: Our bridge we have been waiting for, was completed last week. With the exception of the floor it is an all-steel structure, 90 feet in length, 16 feet wide, and 16 feet high. It is safe to say it is one of the finest bridges in the county, a fact of which the citizens of Koniska can well feel proud. The town board of supervisors met at the town site of Koniska last Monday and received bids for the construction of the grades leading to the new bridge. Anthony Wosmek was awarded the contract to be completed by Sept. 15.

The board will meet again next Saturday, 9 a.m., for the purpose of selling planks from the old bridge. Sept. 15, 1904: Hurrah, no more fording the river for our citizens. As of now, the new bridge and grades are now entirely completed for the purpose of traveling. Jos. Cacka was the first to cross it. Construction time? 103 days.

In 2020, McLeod County approved a contract to remove the bridge built in 1904. The firm from Hutchinson won the contract. The

razing was delayed for fear of starting a grass fire during dry conditions.

Jan. 4, 2021: Two men using cutting torches and a helper with two small cranes attacked the 116-year-old, 90 foot, clear span, metal Koniska Bridge. By evening piles of scrap iron lay on the eastern banks of the Crow River. There goes history.

In 1970, county officials designated it as a historical site. In 2019, county officials decided it was a liability

Koniska gristmill

May 15, 1858: Koniska is a new town which has recently sprung up. The town has good waterpower, which is owned by Mr. Spencer, and he is now busily engaged in building a saw and grist mill. It is bound to be a place of good deal of movement. A 500-foot long by 10-foot high earthen dam was built. The millpond will eventually fill up with water and a controlled gating system will feed water across a water wheel to operate the mill.

Nov. 6, 1858: The new mill will be ready in about three weeks. The waterpower is destined to cause the place to really grow. Capital investment is frequently sought near waterpower.

Jan. 1, 1859: We learn today that these valuable mills are to be inaugurated today and a number of prominent citizens will be present. This is the first water mill put into operation west of Minnetonka Mills, with the exception of Kingston. We need more mills in McLeod County. Where are our capitalists?

Open in high water

July 16, 1859: We are pleased to learn that these mills, throughout the high water, have been in operation every day. This proves the dam across the Crow River is permanent and the mills will run year around.

Nov. 26, 1859: We have received from the proprietors of the Koniska Mills, a sample of meal ground that cannot be surpassed. Mr. Baker, their millwright, is the best workman in the state.

Sept. 15, 1860: Koniska Mills announces today that they can manufacture as good

white flour as any in the state. They take the following tolls: wheat 1/8 and corn 1/7.

April 24, 1873: The gristmill now rests against the bridge some 20 rods from its old site. Most of the machinery was removed before it went off with the floods and fast-moving water. The Young brothers have been trying for the last seven years to keep the mill operating, but almost every year some part of the dam needs work. They will head to two harbors to start all over again. For all the money they spent they might as well have thrown their money into the Crow River from the start.

Undercut

May 19, 1879: "DAM GONE" states the headlines. Due to high water during the spring, swirling water destroyed the apron and dug a deep hole under the dam. It appeared OK in the evening, but the following morning much destruction had taken

place. A temporary dam will be put in place. The old dam cost over \$2,000 three years ago.

Sept. 23, 1880: Fred Ludwig of Koniska has his new gristmill in first rate working order and is tuning out a fine grade of flour. Fred has a pretty good knowledge of the milling business and solemnly avows that no man shall go away from his mill dissatisfied. This is the last entry found.

The only remnant of the mill is the solid iron, 400-pound, five-inch diameter by 10 feet long water wheel axel. It was used as a doorstep in front of our granary. I've stepped on it many times. In 2010, I helped the present owners of the farm, Marvin and Verdella Moehring, move it to the McLeod County Historical Society Museum. It sits across a small stream west of the Museum. In 1858, how did they build this, 500 foot long by 10 feet high, with horses and walk-behind scrapers holding two cubic

feet of dirt? It must have taken 15,000 trips. Although now covered with trees and brush, parts of the earthen dam are visible on both sides of the Crow River from the new bridge on County Road 11.

Eventually, trains came through Glencoe and Silver Lake. The creamery closed in 1941. Koniska wasn't needed any more. Today, in 2021, it has a population of one person. In 1952, as a teenager, I helped my grandparents remodel the only house in Koniska they lived in for 10 years. The Koniska Cemetery has 87 souls lying under the sod. Twenty-three are Pulkrabek related.

If you visit, slow down. Don't miss the Koniska sign.

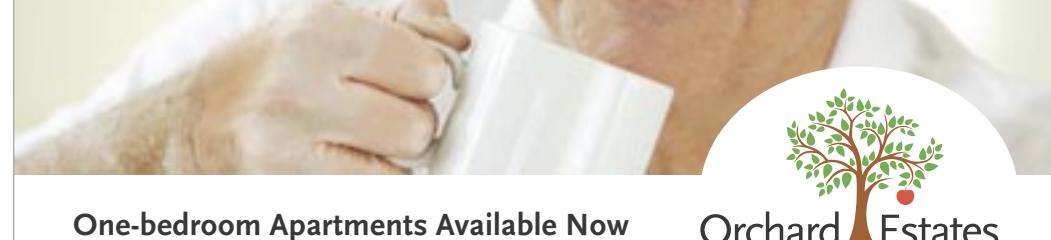
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