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New mayor will measure council's interest in change

Voss, Olson begin learning curve

Monday

By John Mueller

Editor

Glencoe's new mayor wants to know if the city council is interested in change or the status quo. Starting this week, he plans to find out.

Voss won election with an overwhelming margin of victory after former mayor Randy Wilson decided he wouldn't seek re-election after 16 years. Voss won with 1,168 votes, over 57 percent of the vote in a three-person race.

"I really didn't think I'd get that many votes," Voss said last week. "I didn't know that much about campaigning."

He hopes the two other mayoral contestants, Barbara Jenneke (740 votes) and David Stark (421 votes), will continue to serve the community. Jenneke and Stark are on the

comprehensive plan steering committee and Stark on the planning advisory commission.

Temperature check

Voss now wants to take the temperature of the rest of the city council's interest in new ways of operating. He and Sue Olson, who represents Glencoe's first precinct, were sworn-in Monday night, Jan. 4. Olson topped Milan Alexander in his first re-election bid, 371 to 346.

A Glencoe native, the new mayor wants to know if anything can be done to improve internet service in Glencoe. He said a business recently paid to bring better internet service into the city for its own use. Improved internet service might be an amenity that attracts more businesses to the area, one of the new mayor's goals. The city doesn't have a franchise agreement with any in-

New Mayor

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Chronicle photo by John Mueller

Ryan Voss, Glencoe's first new mayor in 16 years, took the oath of office from City Administrator Mark Larson at the beginning of the Glencoe City Council meeting Monday, Jan. 4.

City may offer bars a helping hand with liquor license fees

New council struggles with appointments

By John Mueller

Editor

Trying to find a way to help the five businesses that hold liquor licenses, the Glencoe City Council indicated it was willing to waive the fees for the licenses for 2021 or until the state loosens restrictions included in its pandemic response.

The city council unanimously agreed to waive the \$3,000 liquor license fee and \$200 Sunday liquor license fee for the five license holders as a form of dispensation because of the inability to use the license during a COVID-19 pandemic. The council took on the proposal for a fee holiday in the form of the first reading of a proposed ordinance. Ordinances require three readings to be passed.

State law allows the city to waive or pro-rate it should Gov. Tim Walz allow businesses that sell liquor to reopen for business during 2021.

"I think it's good. We found something we can do for these businesses because they're hurting," said Councilor John Schrapp.

Councilor Allen Robeck also supported the effort, noting the city should help out the liquor license holders and other businesses. He said there are a lot of people out there hurting because of the economic impact caused by the pandemic.

City Attorney Mark Ostlund said the city of Glencoe can't just broadly waive fees for businesses without triggering a statutory process for business subsidy. Ostlund said the business subsidy process is a detailed and long process. The council will revisit the proposed fee holiday when it meets again Jan. 18.

"It's good we can do something," said Mayor Ryan Voss, adding the bars don't have the luxury of allowing takeout drink orders.

Appointment debate

In its first meeting of 2021, the new city council revisited bickering over appointments to boards and commissions and workshop meetings during the portion of the agenda dedicated to organizing how the city could conduct its business in 2021.

The council was divided on appointments and reappointments of councilors and private citizens to committees, boards and commissions. The division involved members of a committee, commission or board, liaison positions where a council member doesn't vote but reports back to the city council and

License fees

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GSL eyeing students' return to school later this month

Jan 19: Elementary in-person, junior-senior high goes hybrid

By John Mueller

Editor

If the numbers continue to move in the right direction, school children in Glencoe-Silver Lake School District will be back in the classroom later this month.

That's exactly where Glencoe-Silver Lake School District administrators want them.

Preschool classes will start anew Jan. 11. Thanks to an order from Gov. Tim Walz, Tuesday, Jan. 19, following the MLK Day federal holiday, kindergartners through sixth-graders will be back in their classrooms. Junior and senior high school students will be back in hybrid

learning, with a portion of the students in school and the others learning via distance learning on a rotating basis. The planned return date is assuming there is no post-holiday spike in the number of cases and the 14-day case rate from the Minnesota Department of Health.

The district wants to let parents know of its plan, fully recognizing the plans could change unexpectedly.

"We're trying to find that balance, to be far enough ahead so parents can plan and hoping the numbers get better and better," said Chris Sonju, GSL's superintendent.

Students returning to the classroom, especially in the elementary

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Silver Lake holiday lighting winners set their sights on next year



Chronicle photo by Brianna Taggart

Leah Spring and Dean Ellingson won first place in the Silver Lake Winterfest lighting contest at the end of December for their lighting display at 300 Frank Street. Spring is planning on adding more decorations to the house next year.

By Brianna Taggart

Staff Writer

Swirling peppermint candies line the pathway leading up to "The Castle" in Silver Lake as red, blue and yellow bulbs adorn the house and a manger, reindeer and the Grinch set the scene on the fluffy snow in front.

"It looks kind of like a gingerbread house to me," Leah Spring said about the Victorian-style house she owns with her partner Dean Ellingson at 300 Frank St.

Silver Lake's Winterfest took a different shape this past holiday season as everything, besides its annual lighting contest, was canceled. Four houses were awarded for their displays last month with Spring and Ellingson's 'gingerbread house' winning first place with a \$50 cash prize.

Bruce Bebo, who started Winterfest 19 years ago as Silver Lake's

mayor, said judging consisted of three groups of two people from the Winterfest committee and Silver Lake Women's Club. Every house within about a one-mile radius of the city was eligible for the contest and each group marked their top four lighting displays. They discovered the winners based on a point system after that.

"(Spring and Ellingson's house) had a lot of lights and they did it very tastefully," Bebo said. "And of all the six judges, they were number one on all of them."

While there may have been some houses with more lights, Bebo said it's not about the number of lights and decorations but the style of them instead.

New lights, same tradition

Spring and Ellingson moved to

Silver Lake last June from Eagan with their five children to be around their three adult children who live there and excitedly moved into "The Castle."

Spring first saw the house about 20 years ago around the holidays and remembered the bright, white lights it was decorated with, and it always stayed in the back of her mind until she convinced Ellingson to move there last year. The couple has put Christmas decorations up for about 10 years and they don't plan on stopping.

They're looking to use their \$50 winnings to buy more decorations for next year's holidays.

'One of everything'

"My goal has always been to have

SL lighting winners

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Weather



Wed., 1-6

H: 30° L: 19°



Thur., 1-7

H: 28° L: 19°



Fri., 1-8

H: 27° L: 19°



Sat., 1-9

H: 27° L: 16°



Sun., 1-10

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Looking back: Our mild winter continued through the holiday week. Sunday was a great day to visit the sledding hill and rink. The city has tables at the rink for now.

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Jan. 3 30.....13.....0.00"
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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

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.

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).

Club hosting corn giveaway

Shady Lane Sportsman's Club will host a corn giveaway for wildlife Saturday, Jan. 9 starting at 7:30 a.m. No breakfast will be served.

The club is at 17656 461st Ave. between Glencoe and New Auburn.

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.

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A successful fundraiser

GSL National Honor Society students Bethany Hagen (left) and Lilly Ehrke were among the 60-plus bell-ringers who accepted donations for the Salvation Army Red Kettle Fundraiser at Dollar Fresh and Coborn's during the holiday season. Bell-ringers ac-

cepted donations in the red kettles Nov. 14 to Dec. 24. The total was \$11,463.56 but does not include mobile donations. The money will be used to help people in McLeod County.

New plow trucks for McLeod County

By Karin Ramige
Publisher

After a fairly mild snow season to date, the heavy snows the last couple of weeks are a reminder of the importance of snowplows.

The McLeod County Highway Department is always looking at its fleet of trucks and ways to economize the fleet.

At its last board meeting of 2020, Dec. 29, the McLeod County Board approved the purchase of two 2022 Mack Tandem chassis from Nuss Truck and Equipment of Roseville at the state contract price not to exceed \$280,000 for the two trucks, or \$140,000 each.

The chassis will have a fifth wheel for pulling the department's semi-trailers used in the summer and have a salt/sand spreader mounted to

the rear for winter use.

The two chassis will replace a 2000 and 2004 Sterling tandem snowplows with plow packages. They are estimated to have trade-in values of \$15,000 and \$18,000, respectively.

When the new vehicles arrive, which is expected in mid-summer 2021, the existing semi tractors will be sold as well.

In addition to the two chassis, the board approved the purchase of two truck equipment packages from Towmaster Truck Equipment of Litchfield for a total cost of \$239,438 and \$119,719 each.

In other business, the county board:

- Heard the number of positive COVID-19 is slowly decreasing. Health and Human

Services Director Berit Spors reported as of Monday, Dec. 28, the county has seen 3,043 cumulative positive cases since the start of the pandemic, an increase of 188 since the last board meeting on Dec. 15.

Spors also reported there were 95 McLeod County residents hospitalized with 10 in intensive care units (ICU). The ages of those hospitalized ranges from 27 to 98.

There have been 39 COVID-related deaths in McLeod County, with nine in the previous two weeks.

As of the Jan. 5 board meeting Spors reported the total number of cumulative cases had increased to 3,123 in the last week adding while the numbers have slowed, there are concerns of a possible surge coming from the impact of holiday gatherings.

There are currently 100 residents hospitalized with 10 in ICU.

- Passed a resolution to accept an additional \$709,743.09 in CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Funds (CRF).

The funds are the county's share of the \$216.8 million economic relief package approved by the state legislature in December.

As part of the resolution, the board approved the extension of the CRF Committee approved in August 2020.

The committee will work to distribute the funds as laid out by the state.

- Scheduled a flag dedication ceremony at the new government center Friday, Jan. 8 at 10 a.m. The ceremony will be held outside. Tours of the new facility will not be provided at this time.

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level, will find their teachers in a facemask and face shield. Students will be required to wear a facemask. The elementary classrooms will especially spread out. There will be no physical interaction between students and minimal one-on-one contact with teachers.

Specialists for elementary art and music classes will come to the classrooms, but students will travel to the gymnasium and lab for phys. and STEM or classes where the location is important, Sonju said. On buses, students will be in assigned seats and, just like before, with masks on. There will be no eating or drinking on the buses, the superintendent said.

Plenty of room

Junior and senior high students will find their classrooms spread out to take advantage of the hybrid delivery model and attendance. Staff has made the adjustment to spread out desks and items in the classroom to maximize student and staff safety, Sonju said.

Today, Jan. 6, and next Wednesday, Jan. 13, staff will spend the afternoons planning how they'll meet the needs of students in the different delivery model.

"We know what to do," Sonju said. "We've been in person and hybrid before. I believe our staff will handle everything very well."

The superintendent and school board members discussed plans to return to school during the December school board meeting. Board members and administrators

noted the educational importance of returning students to the classroom.

"Politically it is important to have students return to our classrooms and schools," said Director Jamie Alsleben, chairman of the GSL School board. "Education has evolved into a politically divisive hot potato with emotions playing a role. Educationally, the importance of in-person learning cannot be denied when science shows it is safe to do it."

There is no doubt, Alsleben said, distance, in delivery and acceptance of lessons, has been an obstacle for students, families and staff. He said people need to realize returning to buildings and going forward will not be the same as it was before.

"There will be a whole new set of obstacles that will need to be addressed. There will be an entire new set of needs that students will bring back with them," Alsleben said. "Let's not be fooled that returning alone will be the silver bullet that magically makes the new educational needs caused and highlighted by the pandemic go away."

It's been a challenge

Sonju and the board recognized the distance learning has been challenging. The district has at times had trouble keeping contact with some of its students. The district noted the rate of students failing classes has risen during the pandemic and the distance learning it has required. Alsleben, an elementary school teacher in the Eden Prairie School District, said GSL has worked hard to

provide its students the best opportunity it can during the pandemic.

"It will be extremely difficult to do everything that is needed in our school system to provide a great education for our students," he said. "There has not been anything easy about this pandemic. Educators are the most creative and talented group of people to address these difficulties with grace, collaboration and love of what they do and most importantly for whom they do it."

Staff health

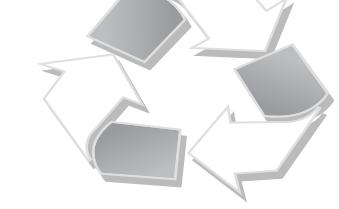
The district and school board are also concerned about the health of the district's teaching staff, especially at a time when the availability of qualified substitute teachers is at a premium. The district has had some of its licensed teachers opt-out of teaching in class from home for health-related reasons throughout the school year.

"I am concerned about every staff member's health. We shouldn't try to fool anybody by pretending to be health experts. We are education experts," Alsleben said.

"All of our staff members have a role in interacting with students and families, so there will be interactions that we must be concerned about addressing in the safest manner possible by following the guidelines placed upon all districts."

He stressed the importance of people inside and outside the district sites following the guidelines set forth by the Minnesota Department of Health to help keep people safe. Alsleben said the district would be monitoring the situation locally, working locally with county and regional health and education professionals and making adjustments as needed.

"If the health of our staff is negatively impacted, we'll have to make decisions accordingly in addressing our delivery model," he said.



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Brownton mayor says the city is 'right where we want to be'

By Brianna Taggart
Staff Writer

People aren't the only ones coming up with new year resolutions and looking ahead to 2021. Surrounding cities are too.

Brownton Mayor Norman Schwarze is looking forward to the new year, and he's planning on projects slowing down as things come to a close.

"I'm looking forward to our projects being done," Schwarze said.

Dollar General should open in the next month or two, and the city's street and water projects are soon coming to a conclusion too. Schwarze is hoping Brownton won't need to touch the natural gas project for another 30 to 40 years or the new street maintenance for 15 to 20 years.

"Hopefully we should be good to go for a long time and over the next group of councilors," Schwarze said.



Chronicle photo by Brianna Taggart

Brownton started work on its Dollar General on the corner of Highway 212 and South 5th Avenue last summer. Brownton Mayor Norman Schwarze said the building has come a long way and expects the store to open in the next month or two.

Along with putting the finishing touches on things, Schwarze is also looking forward to the city installing new electrical meters. He said this will help the city with utilities, and people will have

a better understanding of how much electricity they're using.

He doesn't have any concerns for the new year and said the city is doing OK financially.

"We should be right where we want to be," Schwarze said.

The Chronicle also reached out to Stewart Mayor Jason Peirce and did not receive a comment.

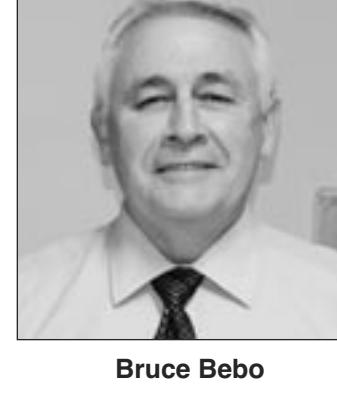
Mayor, two council members take oath of office in Silver Lake

By Karin Ramige
Publisher

The Silver Lake City Council welcomed two new faces and one familiar face to its tanks at the annual organizational meeting Monday, Jan. 4.

Bruce Bebo was sworn in as mayor, returning to the council after a two-year hiatus. Newcomers Sandie Adams-Bruins and Michelle Schneider were also sworn in as new council members, filling the seats of longtime council members Brenda Fogarty and Nolan Johnson. The new members join councilors Chris Penaz and Josh Winfrey.

The council quickly moved through the annual appointments. Penaz will serve as acting mayor in Bebo's absence as well as serve as the public works liaison. Adams-Bruins will serve as the public safety liaison, which includes working with the McLeod County Sheriff's Office, fire department and ambulance service. Councilor Josh Winfrey will serve as the liaison to the community development and planning commission. Schneider will serve



Bruce Bebo



Sandie Adams-Bruins



Michelle Schneider

as the liaison for the municipal liquor store. Mayor Bebo will serve as the city administration liaison. The liaisons serve as representatives between the department heads and the city council. They do not serve in a supervisory role but allow the respective council members to gain and contribute insight into the appointed areas.

The liaisons' duties include working with the department and employees to be able to update the council on the budget and workings of the department throughout the year. The liaison appointments usually rotate on an annual basis to allow councilors

to have the opportunity to work with different city departments. The 2021 Silver Lake Personnel Committee will consist of Bebo, Penaz and the department head of hiring department. Dale Kosek was appointed as the deputy weed inspector and Sheriff Tim Langenfeld as the civil defense director and emergency response coordinator. In addition to the liaisons, Bebo appointed The McLeod County Chronicle as the legal newspaper; Gavin, Janssen and Stabenow, LTD, of Glencoe as the city attorney; and First Community Bank and Minnesota Municipal Money Market Fund as

the official city depositories.

The Silver Lake Economic Development Authority will continue to be the members of the city council. Regular meetings will continue to be held on the third Monday of each month. The meetings in January and February will be held on the Tuesday following the first Monday of the month due to federal holidays.

The quarterly meetings will be held on the first Monday of January, April, July and October. All meetings are scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m. in the lower level of the Silver Lake Auditorium.

New mayor

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ternet provider and Voss wants to know if such an agreement would benefit the community as a whole. He wonders if the city council would be interested in establishing a task force to study the possibilities.

"I want to know why we have the worst damn Internet in this town," Voss said.

Engineering firm

The mayor is also interested on where the other council members stand on issues like the city's longtime working relationship with Short Elliott Hendrickson (SEH), its contract-engineering firm. He likes the idea of working with various firms so the city has a wider range of options rather than being limited by the ideas and fees SEH brings to the table.

Voss wants to know if the city might be money ahead to invest in hiring its own in-house engineer who could work with firms, an option that might save the city money in the long run, Voss said.

"I want to see what our options are and what the council's appetite for it is. Maybe we're too small. Maybe there's not enough work," Voss said. "If I find out what we have here is a good deal, I'll let it lay."

Voss is also interested in how the council feels about the city's current building official, MNSPECT. He's concerned an overly vigorous interpretation and application of the building code could make

work more difficult and expensive for tradesmen working in Glencoe.

The new mayor also wants to make sure job descriptions of key city staff are updated and performance reviews are regularly completed. He said City Administrator Mark Larson's performance should be reviewed just as the county administrator's work and school district superintendent's performance are annually reviewed.

Voss wants to make certain job descriptions are current. The council might be wise to seek Jenneke's advice on some human resources issues.

Voss believes he has a good read on where councilors Paul Lemke, Cory Neid, Allen Robeck and John Schrupp stand on certain issues. Voss met individually with the councilors to exchange ideas and asked about their individual plans and concerns. Schrupp and Robeck are the city council veterans on a city council that hasn't had a new mayor since George W. Bush was president and Hurricane Katrina battered New Orleans.

Interested in growth

Olson learned there weren't too many people in the 400 or so homes in her precinct with significant gripes to be addressed. She suspects her victory might have been part of a movement for change.

"Everyone was very friendly," she said.

She wants to see the com-



Councilors Sue Olson and Cory Neid were sworn-in Monday night.

munity grow, particularly in the commercial-industrial sector. The comprehensive plan could facilitate that goal. Olson wants to see the city make redevelopment of existing commercial buildings easier.

"I don't think people come in and build new buildings any more. Now, it's doing upgrades and renovating," she said. "You don't want to see additional challenges at a time when they don't have extra money laying around."

Olson sees the potential of allowing commercial buildings with merchants at street level and residential properties upstairs. Olson said people want more businesses downtown and a more vibrant commercial core in the area.

Olson hopes she'll be part of a city council willing to take on challenges with open minds and respectful of differ-

ent opinions. She wants to see investment in the community, outlay that will benefit the community as a whole. Olson considers herself open-minded and looks forward to learning about how the city council goes about its business.

Olson was born in Glencoe but her family moved to Hutchinson while she was in grade school. She wants to see the community thrive with a council that works well together. Olson wants to see the city council welcome growth and investment in Glencoe.

She expects to spend plenty of time learning how the city works, from managing budgets to how councilors work together.

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Weather Corner

By Jake Yurek

Happy 2021. We'll start the year calm and quiet with no big storms on the horizon.

If you're a fan of the sun, this forecast won't be for you, as clouds will dominate most of the week with only peeks of sunshine. The good news is, there won't be much, if any, precipitation falling out of the clouds to muck things up.

We're in a fairly stagnant pattern, so things won't change much from day to day. High temperatures will generally be in the 20s to 30s, with lows in the teens and lower 20s. Winds will be calm most of the week. For January, it's going to feel quite nice.

A weak system will try to move into Minnesota Tuesday but will hit a wall and get shoved to the south, so I'm thinking we didn't get anything from that one. The next chance of snow would be Saturday, but it should be a light snow if we see anything at all. Looking our farther, there's no big break in the pattern to change things drastically, as our normal pool of arctic January air just isn't anywhere close to our area.

Hopefully, we can just skip the worst of it this year and we're not doomed to a frigid March-April.

Have a great week everyone. Enjoy the nice January weather.

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Wednesday night: Lows, 17-23; clouds.

Thursday: Highs, 24-32, lows, 15-21; mostly clear.

Friday: Highs, 22-30, lows, 14-20; clouds.

Saturday: Highs, 22-30, lows, 10-16; clouds.

Sunday: Highs, 20-28; clouds.

Weather Quiz: How does the temperature affect snowfall totals?

Last week's question: How can we accurately measure snowfall totals when the wind is as high as it is during a blizzard and snow gets blown all around?

Answer to last week's question: Snow is officially measured in tubes and buckets which help protect it from the wind. Precipitation is also melted and measured, so in severe cases, you'd be able to estimate snowfall by the amount of liquid vs. the temperature.

Remember: I make the forecast, not the weather.

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Treat all staff fairly

Our view: Council gave non-union staff reason to look at organizing

Congratulations to the voting members of the Glencoe City Council. Their 3-2 vote in favor of a 2 1/4 percent raise for non-union staff is the kind of decision city non-union employees can point to and realize there are benefits to organizing a union.

With opposition only from Councilor Allen Robeck, the council voted Dec. 21 to approve a negotiated 2 1/4 percent cost-of-living increase for 25 non-union full- and part-time staff. Monday, Dec. 7, the council voted for a 3 percent cost-of-living increase for unionized police officers. The city budgeted for a 3 percent cost of living adjustment (COLA) for all its employees.

Robeck proposed a 1.6 percent increase for the non-union employees. He voted against the 2 1/4 percent COLA bump. He also voted against the 3 percent COLA increase for police two weeks earlier.

This is not about which employee group deserves a bigger raise or which group, union or non-union, is more valuable to the city. Both groups are important.

This is about the Glencoe City Council saying the union group should receive a slightly larger COLA increase than non-union. Considering the city needs to keep pace with other cities and the private sector or risk losing staff, Councilor John Schrupp said he favored the 3 percent increase. But Schrupp voted for the 2 1/4 percent increase. Had the council rejected the 2 1/4 percent increase, he announced his intention to make a motion for a 3 percent raise for non-union staff.

All employees are on the same insurance coverage. They have been told not to expect an insurance rate hike for 2021. The only difference between the groups is that 12 public works staff will be eligible for around-the-clock on-call pay every third week. That additional pay is \$250 per week.

The city council's action is a solid argument the non-union staff could make about the disparity between COLA increases for union and non-union staff. In 2018 and 2019, union members received a 2 1/2 percent COLA adjustment compared to the 2 percent adjustment non-union members received.

But we are not endorsing or opposing union membership. There are pros and cons to organizing. Forming a union is a decision for employees to make individually. But when employees see the city council consider increasing COLA from 1.6 to 3 percent for non-union staff after voting in favor of a 3 percent adjustment for unionized employees, consideration of union membership is understandable.

Ideally, all employees would see their pay linked to performance. A pay-for-performance model is difficult to implement. Among other things, it requires every supervisor to have an in-depth knowledge of every facet of every task.

What is disappointing is the obvious difference in the way the council treated the different employee groups. The council met twice behind closed doors to negotiate with agents of the union representing Glencoe police. The council did not publicly discuss wage increases for employees once before the Dec. 21 meeting.

All the city's employees no doubt appreciate facing no increase in insurance rates for 2021. The non-union staff sees the difference in the size of the COLA increases the council arbitrarily decided they would receive and the increase the council negotiated with union reps. They also know the two-year police contract contains a provision to reopen the police contract if the health insurance rates exceed 5 percent for 2022.

They should be treated equally.

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For now, it's only the second toughest job in America

By Lee Hamilton

Joe Biden won't become president of the United States for a few weeks yet, but it's fair to say he's already feeling the pressures of the office. I think being president-elect may be the second hardest job in the world.

For one thing, as president-elect he's encircled by people who want something from him: appointments, jobs, internal disputes settled. Right now, political players of all sorts – people who supported him, people who opposed him, interest groups of all kinds and descriptions – are angling to get his ear. I remember standing behind a rope line once when President-elect Bill Clinton passed by. A gentleman standing next to me yelled, "Mr. President; be sure to sign HR 101" or whatever the bill number was. Then he ducked out of line and left. I've often wondered what he charged his clients for that little shout-out.

We've already seen what else lies in store, as President-elect Biden announces cabinet picks. He will be analyzed backward and forward and criticized as being too liberal, too conservative, too timid, too bold, too committed to elites or not committed

enough to expertise. This welcome-by-fire happens to every incoming president.

There's also the realization that they do not get to make easy decisions. Every decision a president or president-elect makes is tough, because the easy ones have been dealt with before he even sees them. How to fulfill promises, how to deal with Congress, what to do about a slew of issues that will soon land on his desk – all will require hard decision-making.

In some ways, this will come to a head quickly, at his first State of the Union address. In every administration, one of the biggest fights both internally and among interest groups is to get a sentence or two in the speech, since that's where a president sets out policy for the world to see. People do all sorts of things to get their phrase or topic mentioned, and the sorting process is fraught.

It's hard to know in advance exactly what the key policy issues will be, but it's not hard to guess. The pandemic will be a top priority from the get-go, as will the Russian hacking of our government's computer systems. Climate change, economic growth, and racial issues will feature prominently. Infrastructure development is al-

ways of importance. And in foreign affairs alone, there are enough challenges to try the most resolute politician: Iran, Afghanistan, China, Russia, Great Britain and Europe, global trade and so on. Setting priorities will come down to the president and his closest advisors: that is, after all, what presidents do. The federal bureaucracy is huge and filled with talented people and resources. Focusing it on the big things is a major part of the president's job.

But beyond specific policies, President-elect Biden has another set of challenges on his plate. He has said that he wants to "restore the soul of America" and to help our "better angels prevail." The period since his election has only confirmed that we face serious concerns about the health of our democracy and its institutions, and about government agencies' ability to perform effectively and without partisan or political interference. He has talked about bipartisanship throughout this year and will have to find a way to make it a reality in the face of determined opposition from Republicans and serious doubts among Democrats.

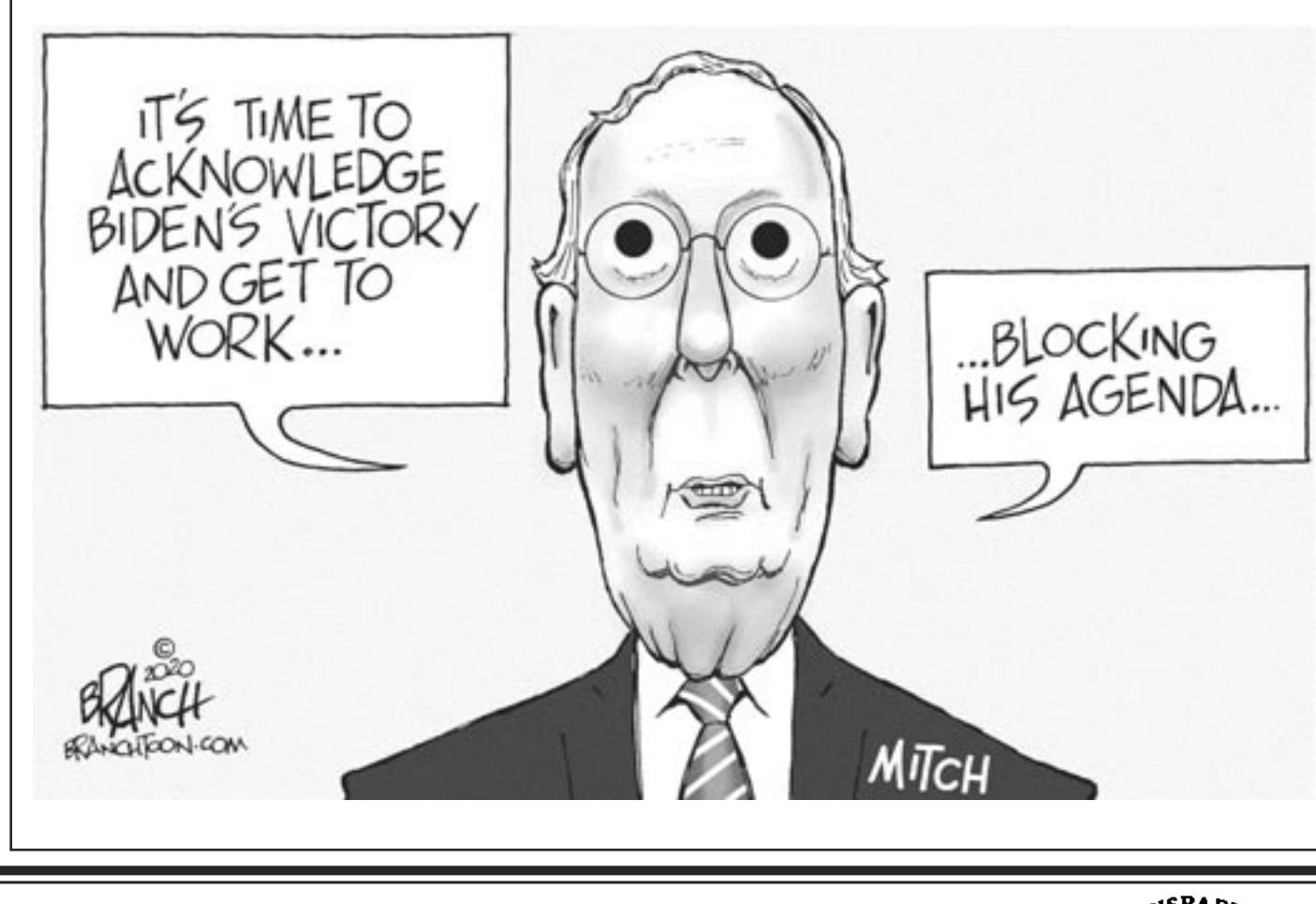
Moreover, he has to restore the dignity of a presidency that has suffered withering at-

tacks on its norms and prestige under his predecessor.

And while he won't be able to avoid hot-button culture wars, he won't be able to solve them, either. So he'll have to do his best to address them without letting them dominate. An incoming president cannot afford to let matters that are extraneous to his core policies capture him – though he can try to lower the temperature on them.

In the end, perhaps his most important task will be to refocus the nation's political will on the many challenges we face, and to project a sense of optimism that as a country we can address and solve them. Americans understand their complexity. What they want is a leader who can bring us together to work on them.

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.



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Question of the week

Without proof accepted by a court, do you agree with claims the Nov. 3 election results are fraudulent?

1) Yes.
2) No.
3) I just want this whole mess to go away.

Results for most recent question:

Are you confident 2021 will be a better year than 2020?

1) I really believe it will be – 36%
2) I think we have a long way to go – 36%
3) There's too much uncertainty; I'm not sure – 28%

Total votes: 36
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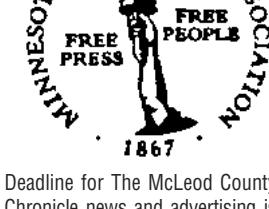
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Ben Franklin wrote in the Pennsylvania Gazette in 1731: "If printers were determined not to print anything till they were sure it would offend nobody there would be very little printed."



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Obituaries

Roger Schultz, 72, of Glencoe

Roger Vernon Schultz, 72, of Glencoe, passed away Wednesday, Dec. 30, 2020, at St. Joseph's Hospital in St. Paul.



Roger Schultz

A memorial service will be held Friday, Jan. 8, 2021, 11 a.m., at First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Glencoe, with interment at a later date.

Pastor Peter Adelsen will be the officiating clergy.

Yvonne Schuette will be the organist.

Roger's daughter-in-law, soloist Victoria Schultz, will perform "Because He Lives."

"On Eagle's Wings," "Abide With Me" and "For All The Saints" will be the congregational hymns.

Roger's grandchildren and great-grandchildren – David Huitt, Gracie Schultz, Jadon Schultz, Jaxon Schultz, Alexander Schultz, Jonathan Bolland, Hayden Bolland, Julian Huitt and Lola Huitt will be honorary urn-bearers.

Roger's granddaughters – Hayley Bolland and Hattie Schultz – will be the urn-bearers.

Roger Vernon Schultz was born Aug. 12, 1948, in Gaylord, Sibley County. He was the son of Vernon Albert and Lucille Martha (Podratz) Schultz. Roger was baptized as an infant Sept. 5, 1948, by Rev. Stahlke at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Gaylord and later was confirmed in

his faith as a youth May 20, 1962, by Rev. R. F. Meissner at First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Glencoe. Roger received his education in Glencoe, attending Stevens Seminary and graduating with the Glencoe High School Class of 1966. Roger furthered his education by attending Minneapolis School of Massage and Body Work for two years with a degree in massage.

On Nov. 3, 1973, Rev. E. W. Blumenkamp united Roger in marriage to Sally Ann Greskovics at First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Glencoe. Roger and Sally made their home in Glencoe. Their marriage was blessed with three children, Stephen, Michael and Jessica. Roger and Sally shared over 47 years of marriage.

Mr. Schultz was a farmer and massage therapist until 2015 when he retired. He was an active member of First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Glencoe. As his ministry to the church, he was on the board of evangelism and served as the church secretary for two years. Roger was also an elected county official and served for many years as the supervisor for the McLeod Soil and Water Conservation District beginning in 1997.

Roger loving being involved. He enjoyed spending time on the pontoon fishing. Family was very important to him and he treasured the time spent with them and his friends.

Mr. Schultz passed away Wednesday, Dec. 30, at St.

Joseph's Hospital in St. Paul, at the age of 72 years, 4 months and 18 days. Blessed be his memory.

Roger is survived by his wife, Sally Schultz of Glencoe; children, Stephen Schultz and his wife, Victoria, of Glencoe, Michael Schultz and his wife, Jamie, of Silver Lake, Jessica Bolland and her husband, Jeremy, of Brownton; grandchildren, David Huitt and his wife, Brittney, Hattie Schultz, Gracie Schultz, Jadon Schultz, Jaxon Schultz, Alexander Schultz, Hayley Bolland, Jonathan Bolland, Hayden Bolland; great-grandchildren, Julian Huitt, Lola Huitt; mother-in-law, Milos Greskovics of Glencoe; sister, Dianna Austin and her husband, Gary, of Burnsville; brothers, Douglas Schultz and his wife, Flavia, of Glencoe, Mark Schultz and his wife, Annmarie, of Chanhasen; sisters-in-law, Judy Metcalf and her husband, Lane, of Williamsburg, Va., Cathy Greskovics of Coon Rapids; nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends.

Roger was preceded in death by his parents, Vernon and Lucille Schultz; brother, Gregory Schultz; father-in-law, Stephen Greskovics; sister-in-law, Bette Smith; brother-in-law, David Greskovics.

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

Dorothy Ide, 85, of Hutchinson

Dorothy L. Ide, 85, of Hutchinson, passed away Friday, Dec. 25, at her home in Hutchinson.



Dorothy Ide

A funeral service was held Thursday, Dec. 31, 11 a.m., at Grace Lutheran Church in Hutchinson with interment following in the Oakland Cemetery in Hutchinson.

Rev. Greg Tobison was the officiating clergy.

Elizabeth Kurth was the organist.

"Amazing Grace," "What A Friend We Have In Jesus" and "Old Rugged Cross" were the congregational hymns.

Dorothy's great-grandchildren – Andrew Mack, Joshua Mack and soon-to-be baby Mack – were the honorary casket-bearers.

Dorothy's grandchildren – Christine Lende, Jordan Mack, Colin Mack, Allison Sherwood, Alex Ide and Nicole Manteuffel – were the casket-bearers.

Dorothy Lydia Ide was born March 19, 1935, in

Glencoe. She was the daughter of Herbert and Adeline (Tessmer) Schauer. Dorothy was baptized as an infant on April 7, 1935, and was later confirmed in her faith as a youth on May 15, 1949, both at First Lutheran Church in Glencoe. She received her education at Glencoe High School.

On Sept. 5, 1959, the Rev. Fetto Fellwock united Dorothy in marriage to Hillard Ide at First Lutheran Church in Glencoe. This marriage was blessed with four children, Merlin, Gloria, Donald and Carol. Dorothy and Hillard resided and farmed in rural Lester Prairie, before moving to Hutchinson in 1969. They shared 45 years of marriage until Hillard passed away Nov. 28, 2004.

Mrs. Ide was employed at Burns Manor in Hutchinson where she worked in the laundry department. She then began employment at the Hutchinson Health Hospital also in the laundry department. She retired in 2002. Dorothy was member of Grace Lutheran Church in Hutchinson.

Dorothy enjoyed sewing, flowers, traveling, and collecting coins. She especially

enjoyed spending time with her family, grandchildren and friends.

Mrs. Ide passed away Friday, Dec. 25, at her home in Hutchinson, at the age of 85 years. Blessed be her memory.

Dorothy is survived by her children, Gloria Mack and her husband, Ernest, of Park Rapids, Donald Ide and his wife, Michelle, of Glencoe, Carol Louisiana and her husband, Dave, of St. Paul; grandchildren, Christine (Brent) Lende, Jordan (Kimm) Mack, Colin Mack, Allison Sherwood, Alex Ide, and Nicole Manteuffel; great-grandchildren, Andrew Mack, Joshua Mack and soon-to-be baby Mack; sisters-in-law, Margaret Schauer, Linda Schauer and Edna Ide; many other relatives and friends.

Mrs. Ide is preceded in death by her parents, Herbert and Adeline Schauer; husband, Hillard Ide; son, Merlin Ide; brothers, Earl Schauer, Hillard Schauer, Marvin Schauer and Victor Schauer; and sister, Eileen Harborth.

The Dobratis-Hantge Chapels in Hutchinson handled the arrangements. Its website – www.hantge.com – includes obituary and guest-book information.

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Mr. Rhodes passed away Wednesday, Dec. 30, at his lake cabin in Nevis at the age of 60 years and 6 days. Blessed be his memory.

Scott is survived by his spouse, Ron Burandt of Glencoe; mother, Janet Rhodes of Menomonie, Wis.; brother, Kurt Rhodes and his wife, Scarlette, of Spring Lake, N.C.; sister, Lynn Kittel and her husband, John, of Menomonie, Wis.; nephews, Jace Kittel, Zach Kittel, Erick Rhodes, David Rhodes; along with many other family members.

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On Sept. 16, 2015, Scott was united in marriage to Ronald W. Burandt Jr. in Las Vegas, Nev. Scott and Ronald made their home in Glencoe. They shared 20 years together.

Scott worked most recently at Coborn's in Glencoe where he was the natural foods and floral manager. Scott also represented Coborn's at the Glencoe City Chamber of Commerce. Scott also worked for Pamida for 20 years and was the store manager at the Glencoe location. Mr. Rhodes retired July 1, 2018.

Scott enjoyed traveling on cruises. He went on many travels to various cities in Mexico, with Playa Del Carmen being his favorite. Las Vegas was an annual staple for many years, as he loved the lights and shows. Mr. Rhodes also loved finding and selling antiques for many years. Fishing, along with bon fires and laughter at his beloved cabin up north with friends and family when he

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James Martinson, 64, of Cokato

James Craig Martinson, 64, of Cokato, passed away at University of Minnesota Hospital in Minneapolis Dec. 19.

Visitation will be held today, Wednesday, Jan. 6, 4 to 8 p.m., at Swanson-Peterson Funeral Home of Cokato. Interment will be at Cokato City Cemetery.



James Martinson

children, Jimmy, Jessica and Joey.

Mr. Martinson worked for Moberg Motors as an auto mechanic for several years. He spent 32 years working for the family business, Martinson Construction. Afterwards, he worked a variety of jobs including driving bus for DC, which he really enjoyed. He worked hard being a public servant. He served on the Cokato Fire Department for 30 years and the Cokato Ambulance for several of those years. He achieved many ranks in the fire department, retiring as a captain. One of his greatest joys was serving on the department with his eldest son, Jimmy. He was a lifetime volunteer at the Cokato Corn Carnival.

James was born in Litchfield Jan. 6, 1956, to Arnold and Pauline (Clements) Martinson. He attended Elim Mission Church. While in school he was active in 4-H, Boy Scouts and various sports. He graduated from Dassel-Cokato High School in 1974. He attended some classes at Northwestern Bible College and then went on to Hutchinson Vocational Technical College and studied automotive. On Nov. 3, 1979, he married his high school sweetheart Debra (Berg) at Gethsemane Lutheran Church in Dassel. They made Cokato their lifelong home and settled just south of Cokato. The union was blessed with three

children, Jimmy, Jessica and Joey. Mr. Martinson is survived by his wife, Debbie; three children, Jimmy (Janell) Martinson of Cokato, Jessica (Austin) Engelsmeier of Brownton, Joey Martinson (Shawna) of Monticello; seven grandchildren, Easton, Emma, Addison, Ellie, Gracelyn, Abram, Callan; two brothers John (Kristie) Martinson, Bruce (Shelley) Martinson and many nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents.

Swanson-Peterson Funeral Home and Cremation Service is handling the arrangements. Its phone number is 320-286-2534 and its website – swansonpeterson.com – includes obituary and guest-book information.

Mark Wilkins, 57, of Glencoe

Mark Robert Wilkins, 57, of Glencoe, passed away Wednesday, Dec. 23, at his home in Glencoe.

A memorial service will be held at a later date due to COVID-19.



Mark Wilkins

confirmed in his Catholic faith March 2, 1977, all at St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Glencoe. He received his education in Glencoe, Minnesota, graduating from Glencoe High School.

Mr. Wilkins made his home in Glencoe. He worked as a mechanic in small engine repair and also worked at Totino's in the maintenance department. Mark attended Church of St. Pius X in Glencoe. He was an avid sportsman and enjoyed hunting and fishing. Mark also loved NASCAR. Family was very important to him and he treasured the time spent with them and his friends.

Mark passed away

Wednesday, Dec. 23, at his home in Glencoe, Minnesota, at the age of 57 years, 8 months and 23 days. Blessed be his memory.

Mr. Wilkins is survived by his brothers, Jeffrey Wilkins of Glencoe, David Wilkins of Golden Valley; son, Douglas Lueck of Nicollet; other relatives and many friends.

Mark was preceded in death by his parents, Raymond and Emily Wilkins.

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

Death notices

Roland Bergs, 93, of New Auburn Township

Roland Bergs, 93, of New Auburn Township, rural Arlington, passed away Saturday, Jan. 2, at Ridgeview Medical Center in Waconia.

A funeral service will be held Saturday, Jan. 9, 11 a.m., at Zion Lutheran Church in Arlington, with interment following at the Zion Lutheran Cemetery in New Auburn Township, Minnesota.

Visitation will be held Saturday, Jan. 9, 10 to 11 a.m., one-hour prior to the service at the church. No luncheon will be served due to COVID-19. The service will be livestreamed at www.zionarlington.org.

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Looking back at 2020

We've heard 2020 is a year best left in the rearview mirror. The Chronicle is taking a look back at the community news of the past year and how we handled life here during 2020.

This is the second, and final, part of a multi-part series of the stories we wrote to keep you informed.

July

July 1

McLeod County wants people wearing face masks in crowded areas

McLeod County is encouraging people to wear non-medical grade face masks in public settings where social distancing measures are difficult to maintain to slow the spread of COVID-19.

Minnesota Department of Health says 10-50 percent of virus carriers are asymptomatic. Wearing masks helps control the virus and has been shown to lower COVID-19 spread, according to a McLeod County press release. MDH says people should avoid enclosed spaces with groups of people, where the virus can linger in the air for long periods of time.

Silver Lake City Council forms police department committee

The Silver Lake City Council heard the city of Lester Prairie discuss a proposal to merge the police departments of the two cities and has created a committee that will include the Lester Prairie city administrator and two council members.

Joining the committee from the city of Silver Lake will be Mayor Dorothy Butler, City Clerk Jon Jerabek and Councilor Chris Penaz.

Jerabek reported a few Lester Prairie council members had reservations about the idea but were willing to further explore the option.

July 8

Caribou Coffee coming to Coborn's

People will have another option for getting their caffeine fix and frothy coffee in the area.

Caribou Coffee will make its Glencoe debut late this summer and will feature a seating area along with a drive-thru at Coborn's at 2211 11th St. E.

Remodeling for this franchise coffee shop was expected to start Tuesday, July 7.

To PD or not to PD, that is the question Silver Lake is still trying to answer

The Silver Lake City Council has been discussing the future of police services in the city since the departure of former Police Chief RJ Cripps in December 2019.

The council faced another setback when it learned that current full-time police officer Ian Coates accepted a conditional job offer with the city of Glencoe pending the background investigation. He is expected to leave his position with the city by the end of July.

In the last month, Lester Prairie and Silver Lake formed a committee consisting of city staff, the mayors and representatives of the councils.

Lester Prairie asked Silver Lake to commit to hiring two full-time officers and pay 40 percent of the chief's salary, which is estimated to be \$135,847 in 2021.

Silver Lake's portion of the 2021 budget is estimated at \$281,777 – a proposed 9.51 percent increase to the current 2020 police budget. City Clerk/Treasurer Jon Jerabek pointed out these numbers were only estimates as there were many unknowns with a merger.

July 15

County's COVID cases on the rise, tops 100 confirmed cases

McLeod County has seen a "rapid incline" in the number of positive COVID-19 cases

over the last couple of weeks, Interim Health and Human Service Director Meagan Mohs told the county board Tuesday morning, July 7.

McLeod County has seen an increase of 23 cases in the prior 14 days, bringing the total to 93, adding at that rate of increase the number would surpass 100 by the end of last week. As of Tuesday, July 14, the county's positive case count was at 103, with no COVID-19 related deaths.

Stewart City Council OKs maintenance work, land trade

Stewart Maintenance Supervisor Scott Markgraf presented his recommendation to seal coat Bowman Street, Martha Street, Mill Street, Hall Street and city hall parking lot at the July 13 council meeting.

The council selected Bargin Inc. in Mountain Lake to perform the work at \$28,613.

The council also decided to go with Farm-Rite Equipment Inc. in Dassel to repair storm water tile on Dwight and Pamela Wiechman's property. Some of the city's stormwater runs onto the Wiechmans' property. The operation will cost \$275 a day, \$975 a week and \$3 per loaded mile.

To fix a clerical error, the city council also approved a land trade between the city and Jonathan and Kate Maiers's property. The Maiers will receive one acre of land and the city will receive seven-tenths of an acre of land.

July 22

Car show rolls into Glencoe, drives a big crowd downtown

Art Wemhoff, a Winsted resident, has had a passion for cars spanning back to the 1970s.

Wemhoff would peruse the car shows back then and dream of the day he would show off a sweet ride of his very own. While Wemhoff restored a car, his longtime friend, Jerry Strauss, prefers to buy them instead. He currently owns a 1966 Chevrolet station wagon.

They both showed off their vehicles at Glencoe's car show Sunday, July 19.

"Everyone should do it once," Strauss said. He attended the show with his grandson. "I'm just glad someone's having shows, because everything's been canceled because of COVID. This is cool."

Split city council vote sets comp. plan on hold

Despite an overwhelming show of support for a well-known city consultant recommended to help lead the creation of a comprehensive plan, a split city council vote sent the process back to the drawing board.

Monday, July 20, the council voted 3-2 against selecting Community Development Group/Moxie/Short-Elliott Hendrickson (SEH) to lead the process over SRF Consulting.

Trailblazer starts two-year journey for bus replacement

It's a two-year process between passing a resolution seeking funding for new buses is OK'd to the time the vehicles might arrive here in 2022. Last week, the transit service's board of directors started the process.

Trailblazer Transit's board of directors, recently unanimously approved a resolution seeking new buses from the Minnesota Department of Transportation.

July 29

Glencoe man aiming to reopen ballroom along Lake Marion

Steve Krueger has been working to reinvigorate the former Glencoe Enterprise Building. Now he's setting his sights on turning an equine equipment store on Highway 15 to a ballroom.

Tuesday, Aug. 4, the McLeod County Board is scheduled to consider Krueger's request to rezone the property at 11431 Highway 15 in Collins Township to a highway business so he can

reopen a ballroom. The McLeod County Planning Commission endorsed the request at its July 22 meeting.

Silver Lake council votes 3-2 to contract with sheriff's office

The Silver Lake City Council decided to pursue a contract with the McLeod County Sheriff Office for its police service at its meeting Monday, July 20.

After being without a full time chief since December and receiving the resignation of its only full-time officer, the council had to make a decision.

August

Aug. 5

Pedal power – Glencoe in Motion wants OK for bike routes

With a hope the effort will have more people mounting a bicycle for a ride around the city on designated routes, a group is asking the city to create bike lanes around Glencoe.

Monday, Aug. 3, the city council approved a request to schedule a public hearing for Aug. 17 to consider elimination of on-street parking on the side of the street where a designated bike lane will be located. The proposal calls for \$15,400 for striping of the streets to allow for bike lanes.

GSL gets go-ahead to welcome students back to school

If the number of students and staff testing positive for COVID-19 remains stable, the Glencoe-Silver Lake School District will be able to welcome students back to the classroom when the 2020-2021 school year is slated to begin.

Last week, Gov. Tim Walz released his plan to allow districts to welcome back students, assuming there is no significant uptick in the number of reported cases. The governor's plan allows for schools in counties to resume in-classroom learning depending on the number of cases, districts will have the flexibility to have all students in school.

Women escape from roof of burning house

A fire erupted and destroyed a New Auburn house Tuesday, July 28, around 11:25 p.m.

One of house's apartments was an upstairs unit, and the residents of that one needed help getting out. They fled to the roof and got off it with help of sheriff's deputies.

The house at 7488 Seventh Ave. was divided into three apartments, and two of the units were occupied at the time of the fire. Five adults and five children were living there, but no one sustained serious injuries.

Aug. 12

A Kennedy running for president visits Glencoe, area

There was no doubt in her mind Glencoe and McLeod County is an area politically dominated by Republicans, but as she campaigned in Glencoe and Hutchinson last week, Alyson Kennedy was confident she could find supporters.

Kennedy is running for president as a candidate for the Socialist Workers Party.

Kennedy needs 2,000 signatures to get her name on a ballot in Minnesota. Kennedy worked for those signatures in Willmar Tuesday, Aug. 4, and Hutchinson and Glencoe Wednesday, Aug. 5.

Food shelf rolls into surrounding areas with mobile outreach program

Ice cream trucks are a common type of vehicle people are used to seeing exploring the streets of communities, but a new vehicle may soon be spotted in the surrounding areas: a food shelf on wheels.

The McLeod Emergency Food Shelf has distribution sites in Glencoe and Hutchinson, and now it's bringing services on the road with a new mobile outreach program, "Driving away hunger." Mon-

day, Aug. 10, marked the program's debut.

McLeod County sees spike in COVID-19 cases, passes 200

McLeod County has seen a spike in the numbers positive COVID-19 cases it has seen in recent weeks.

Interim Health and Human Services Director Meghan Mohs told the McLeod County Board of Commissioners the county had 138 official cases reported by the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) at its meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 4.

That number increased by more than 46 percent, then with MDH reporting 202 cases in the county Tuesday morning (Aug. 11).

Aug. 19

City OKs helping GSL Schools with CARES funding

Two weeks after the council informally supported the idea of helping out the Glencoe-Silver Lake School District with a portion of the CARES Act funding it doesn't expect to use, the city council formally OK'd a written agreement covering the assistance.

The council voted Monday, Aug. 17, unanimously to pass the agreement providing the school district up to \$250,000 of the city's anticipated \$415,000 in eligible funding through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act.

Late filings fill out ballots for fall city council elections

A bevy of filings last Tuesday filled out the list of candidates seeking election to Glencoe and area city councils and the Glencoe-Silver Lake School District.

The filing period closed Aug. 11, after The Chronicle went to press. Filings were listed on the Minnesota Secretary of State's website.

Five people, including three incumbents and a former director, are seeking three positions on the Glencoe-Silver Lake School Board.

Directors Jamie Alsleben, Kevin Kuester and Donna VonBerge are running for re-election. Former Director Clark J. Christianson wants to return to the school board.

David Brown is also running for a spot on the board.

A three-person race has emerged for mayor of Glencoe. Ryan Voss filed July 29 and Dave Stark threw his hat in the ring Aug. 10. Barb Jenneke joined the race on the final day of the filing period.

Councilor Milan Alexander and Sue Olson are running for the first precinct seat.

Incumbent Cory Neid and Kerry Ward will run for the seat representing the city's fourth precinct.

SL approves contract with sheriff's office on split vote

After nearly an hour of public comments regarding the matter, the Silver Lake City Council voted 3-2 to approve a 50 hour-per-week contract for police services with the McLeod County Sheriff's Office at its meeting Monday, Aug. 17.

The 3-2 vote was the same division of the city council when it voted in July to disband the city's police department and contract services with the sheriff's office.

Councilor Josh Winfrey then made the motion to approve a contract for 50 hours of weekly coverage for an estimated annual total of \$168,985, which includes the contract amount of \$155,272, plus estimated additional expenses of \$27,713 and \$14,000 of estimated revenue.

Aug. 26

Back to school: GSL to open Sept. 8 in hybrid mode

The recent surge in COVID-19 cases has the Glencoe-Silver Lake School District changing its plans. What was anticipated as an opening day with all students in school has now been switched to a hybrid model where students will switch from online learning to time in the classroom.

The Glencoe-Silver Lake School District plans to open school Tuesday, Sept. 8.

A new 'cup of joe' in Glencoe – Caribou opens at Coborn's

The sound of grinding coffee beans, people telling a cashier their orders and names being called for people to pick up their drinks accompanied a long line of customers with groceries in their hands and the hustle and bustle of a busy coffee shop last weekend.

While this may be a common scene to some stores, this was brand new for Coborn's in Glencoe as Caribou Coffee opened Saturday, Aug. 22.

Glencoe's Dollar Fresh opens Friday

Dollar Fresh, a grocery store chain owned by Hy-Vee, will have its grand opening this Friday, Aug. 28, starting at 7 a.m.

The new grocery store is located at 33223 10th St. E.

Scott Rehmann announced his plans to retire Sept. 22.

In a letter to the county board, Rehmann said he is retiring after suffering a stroke Aug. 30. It affected the right side of his body, impacting his ability to perform the essential functions of the job such as driving a vehicle, holding a firearm and performing many of the other basic tasks needed to work as a law enforcement officer.

GSL facing declining enrollment for 2020-21

The Glencoe-Silver Lake School District is looking at a decline in enrollment for the 2020-21 school year.

As of the Sept. 14 school board meeting, Michelle Sander, the district's business manager, reported GSL had 1,482 students down from 1,541 last spring. This decline equates to nearly \$500,000 in annual revenue from the state for the district.

Silver Lake mayor, council candidate withdraw from race

Silver Lake Mayor Dorothy Butler has withdrawn as a candidate for re-election. She said her husband, Gary, has also ended his candidacy for a city council seat.

Dorothy Butler announced her decision Monday, Sept. 14, via social media and confirmed it Tuesday morning.

Sept. 23

Brownton Dollar General to start 'dirt work' around Oct. 1

Construction for Brownton's Dollar General is moving forward and could start as soon as Oct. 1.

The news came at the Brownton City Council's special meeting Sept. 16, a day after the landowner signed the remaining annexation papers for the property that will house the new commercial development. The agreement to acquire and annex just over two acres calls for the city to annex more land than it needs for Dollar General so it can facilitate future commercial development.

GSL will welcome (all at once) its K-6 students back to school

Thanks to declining number of positive COVID-19 cases in McLeod County in the past two weeks, the Glencoe-Silver Lake School District can welcome back all its elementary students back to school Monday Sept. 28.

Sept. 30

Local group organizes free food event, feeds hundreds

Hundreds of vehicles looped around the McLeod County fairgrounds, trunks open and windows rolled down, while volunteers gathered around them promising free food last Thursday,

GSL finally begins winter sports season Competition may begin next week

A little bit of normalcy arrived at Glencoe-Silver Lake High School when winter sports athletes were able to begin preparing for the winter season.

Gov. Tim Walz's executive order allowed youth sports to resume Monday, Jan. 4.

Unlike the typical year, where the transition from fall to winter sports affords athletes a week or two off, students have been unable to formally practice and work out with teammates for almost a month. Now, they'll have little time to prepare for the start of life competition.

"The first day of practice was awesome," said GSL girls' hoops coach Jeff Monahan. "It was fun to see us practicing and the girls going

up and down the floor, but we also had moments where passes were hitting the walls and bouncing around the gym. But, as practice went on we started to get a little sharper in each drill. I don't think it will take this group long to get up to speed."

Wrestling coach Lance Wurm said his team's opening day practice went really well.

"They didn't have to be shown a lot of new stuff because we have a lot of returning kids with experience and it looked like the first day of practice with the conditioning level," he said. "It felt good to be back in the room and seeing the kids work hard."

At gymnastics practice, the first day of practice was simi-

lar to past years with stretching, conditioning and watching skills come back from being off their regular season, said coach Kim Hahn. The team took the time for cleaning between events, sanitizing, social distancing and mask wearing.

Panthers will be ready

"We will do all that we can to have the entire team ready for our first competition as we have in past years," Hahn said. "Everyone working diligently to get routines and requirements in for each event they plan to compete in."

GSL boys' basketball coach Rob DeCorsey worked his team hard during the opening day.

"It was a first day and we did some things a little differently than most years, with the amount of returners back," he said. "The guys worked hard and got tired very quickly, mentally as well as physically."

The GSL-Lester Prairie wrestling team opens its season Thursday, Jan. 14, 5 p.m., in New Prague. The girls' varsity hoops team hosts Holy Family Jan. 14 at 5:30 p.m. The boys will be at Holy Family that night at 7 p.m. The gymnastics team is slated to open its season Thursday, Jan. 28. The dance team's schedule lists its first meet Feb. 4 in Litchfield.

The rules from the Minnesota State High School League say student-athletes

can practice with their teammates in groups of 25 or fewer. Basketball players and dancers must wear masks in competition. Their coaches have to wear masks and face shields. Wrestlers and gymnasts don't have to wear a mask in competition.

"The mask thing is what it is. It is going to take some time to get used to, but the guys will be OK. We cannot make them an issue," DeCorsey said. "There are other states that are wearing them, without issue and the boys can do it, too."

For gymnasts, the masks and face shields will definitely have an impact on athletes and coaches both during practice and meets, Hahn said. Wearing something on your

face in general is different when it comes to breathing, sight, no longer being able to read lips when it comes to communicating with each other on events, Hahn said.

"But we will adapt and incorporate more hand signals if need be for more effective communication between coaches and athletes to ensure the safety of everyone involved is number one," she said.

The MSHSL's rules prohibit fans from attending competitions. The media is prohibited from attending practices and games for photographs as of Jan. 4, said Dean Schwirtz, GSL's activities director. GSL will present its games on the school's YouTube channel.

Looking back at the year in Panthers' sports

Glencoe-Silver Lake High School's sports teams enjoyed their share of success during 2020. Here's a quick look at how the Panthers fared since 2019-2020 before COVID-19 shut sports down last spring and athletes in softball, track-and-field, baseball and golf were unable to compete.

Girls' soccer

The cooperative effort with Hutchinson may have only produced a pair of wins for the GSL-Hutchinson team, but coach Michael Jacobsen lauded the team's improved play.

GSL-Hutch earned two wins over Mayer Lutheran this season. But the team also played tough against quality teams like Waconia, Holy Family Catholic, Orono and Delano. Hutch-GSL battled New Prague to a draw.

The team closed its season with a 2-1 setback in the sectional competition against Willmar.

Boys' soccer

In its inaugural season with Hutchinson, the team earned three victories and was competitive in several other matches.

GSL-Hutch opened the season with a big win Aug. 28. The team battled Central Minnesota Christian and Rockford to draws before 2-1 wins over Jordan and Delano.

There were tough losses, but the caliber of play increased over the course of the season, said coach Richard Appleby.

The season ended with a 3-0 loss in the sectional playoffs.

Volleyball

With a limited schedule this year because of the pandemic, GSL competed in dual matches against seven different teams this past fall.

GSL won half its 12 matches.

After a 2-3 start, with wins over Dassel-Cokato and Annandale, GSL took three matches from Howard Lake-Waverly-Winsted. The Panthers dropped three matches and finished its season abruptly Nov. 20 with a win over Rockford.

GSL senior hitter Miah Monahan earned all-state honors.

Football

In a season that started several weeks late and ended Nov. 20 regardless of the outcome, the Panthers finished the regular season at 3-3 and dropped their lone playoff game.

After a tough loss at Litchfield Oct. 9, the Panthers rolled over Holy Family and topped Dassel-Cokato. A stunning 18-point loss to Watertown-Mayer and thumping

at Annandale followed. GSL got off the deck and beat Zimmerman Nov. 12 in a thrilling game that went down to the final play.

But the season ended with Dassel-Cokato exacted revenge for the 21-13 defeat. The Chargers beat the Panthers 35-7 on the football season's finale.

Dance

The GSL dance team had the best competition in team history Saturday, Jan. 11 at Holy Family Catholic High School in Victoria. The team brought home the third-place high kick trophy and placed 4th in the jazz competition. They competed in the Wright County Conference Jazz Dance meet in Orono finishing in eighth place.

The Glencoe-Silver Lake Pantherettes faced tough competition at the Wright County Conference Championship Monday, Jan. 20 at New London-Spicer High School. The team finished ninth in both jazz and high kick for the season.

Girls' basketball

The Panthers battled to a 14-14 overall record last winter in a tough Wright County Conference where they won six of 14 games.

In the first portion of the season, they were 3-3 before their holiday tournament with wins over Delano, Sibley East and Gibbon-Fairfax-Winthrop. They won the opening game of their holiday tournament before a storm nixed the tournament finale.

After four tough losses, including a 66-38 thumping to Jordan, the Panthers rallied, winning six of their next nine games in January. GSL closed out the month with a 62-52 win over Annandale and opened February with a 56-48 win over Tri-City United to improve their record to 12-10.

The Panthers dropped three of four heading into the section playoffs, but beat TCU before an inspired performance, a 61-54 season-ending loss in the section quarterfinals against Jordan.

Boys' basketball

Like the girls, the GSL boys had an up-and-down season last winter. They also finished the campaign at 14-14 overall in a season that included inspired performances and frustrating setbacks.

And like the girls, the GSL boys saw their season end against Jordan in a thrilling playoff loss that was a far better performance than the 22-point setback GSL endured Jan. 2.

After a 0-3 start, GSL ran off three wins. The Panthers took advantage of non-conference games against Minnesota River Conference

teams. GSL defeated Tri-City United, Belle Plaine and Le Sueur-Henderson before the back at Jordan.

GSL won the opening game of its holiday tournament, a 13-point win over Lester Prairie/Holy Trinity. They split the month of January, winning six of 12 games. One of the losses was a heart-breaking 59-57 loss to Annandale Jan. 31, a game where the Panthers couldn't maintain a lead.

The Panthers were 3-4 in February before the end of the regular season. They topped Le Sueur-Henderson in the playoff opener and saw their season end in a six-point loss to Jordan.

Wrestling

The GSL-Lester Prairie wrestling team finished with a 15-12 record in dual meets and advanced three wrestlers – Sawyer Varpness, Carter Ruschmeier and Keegan Lemke – to the state meet last winter.

After a season-opening dual meet setback, the Panthers finished third at 10-team tournament. They ran off a pair of dual-meet wins over Benilde-St. Margaret's and Rockford before a tough loss at Mound.

GSL/LP finished sixth at an invitational in Chaska involving big schools. The Panthers split four dual meets the rest of the month of December, wrestling to wins over Sibley East and Paynesville.

The Panthers opened the new year with a fourth-place showing in Oglivie. They battled to dual meet wins over Lake Crystal-Wellcome Memorial, New London-Spicer, St. Clair/Mankato Loyola, Spectrum, Central (NYA), Kerkhoven-Murdock-Sunburg, BOLD, Fulda/Murray County Central, Windom/Mountain Lake and New Ulm to wrap up the regular season.

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Gymnastics

The members of the GSL gymnastics team worked to improve their skills on a regular basis with a goal of being at their best at the end of the season. Regardless of team scores, the Panthers sent junior Marissa Greeley to the state meet, one of the high points of the season.

As a team, GSL posted a near-season-high performance in the section competition Feb. 13.

Greeley punched her ticket to the state meet. She competed in the vault and advanced with a 9.25 score. She just missed a state berth in the floor exercise.

Spring sports

Baseball, golf, track and softball were put on hold last spring.

By the summer, American Legion and town baseball games were played. For those who couldn't compete last spring, COVID-19 was a reminder to appreciate what they had.

GSL sprinter/hurdler Will Higgins, a member of the GSL Class of 2020, summed up his recognition of the privilege of participation. He had hoped for one last chance to win a state meet berth. By late March, he was accepting the inevitable.

"That's why you work hard every day, so that when it's over, there are no regrets," Higgins said.



Chronicle file photos
GSL gymnast Marissa Greeley earned a state meet berth on the vault last year.



The GSL girls' hoops team saw its season end in the section playoffs. Miah Monahan led the team in scoring last year.



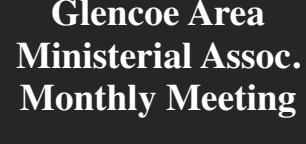
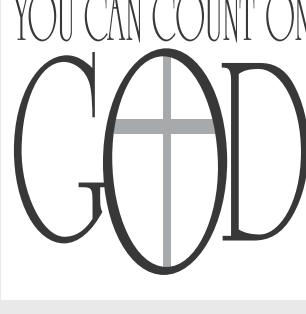
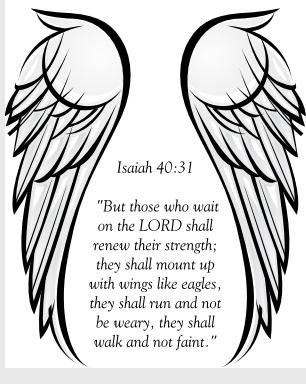
The GSL girls' cross-country running team enjoyed a solid season this fall that ended with a berth in the state meet. The GSL boys ran their way into the state meet.



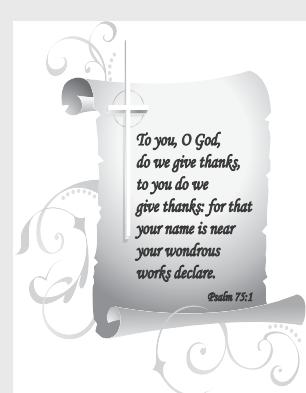
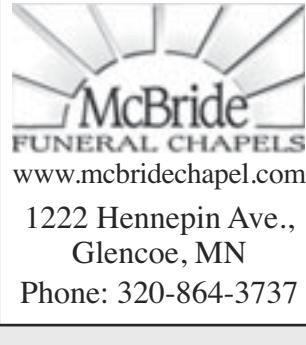
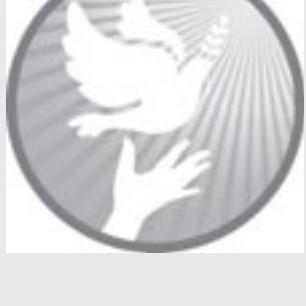
The Panthers' cross-country runners finished among the top teams in the conference at the Wright County Conference meet Oct. 10 in Cokato.



Three GSL wrestlers (from left) – Sawyer Varpness, Carter Ruschmeier and Keegan Lemke – earned state meet berths last winter.



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



Pastor's Corner

Why make resolutions?



The dawn of a new year is a time when many people take inventory of the previous 12 months and begin thinking about ways they can improve their lives in the coming year. Such looking ahead can provide inspiration and motivation.

Resolving to make changes at the beginning of a new year is a tradition for many people. Even when people veer off course from their resolutions, many pick themselves up, dust themselves off and try again year after year.

The custom of making resolutions is celebrated in many areas of the world. But how did the custom begin?

History.com states that the origins of New Year's resolutions can be traced to the ancient Babylonians, who purportedly made promises to the gods to earn good favor for the coming year. These resolutions were personal promises of growth and redemption and were made in conjunction with the start of a new year which, at the time, began in mid-March and not January.

Common resolutions revolved around getting out of debt or returning borrowed items. The Babylonians tried to fulfill these resolutions so that the pagan gods would bestow favor on them, including a rich harvest, for the coming year.

The Romans were the first to change the calendar to have the new year begin on January 1. January was named for the Roman god Janus, who had dual faces. Romans believed that Janus could not only look back into the previous year, but also look forward to the next one. So Romans made promises to Janus to do good deeds in the months to come and learn from past mistakes.

Early Christians also embraced resolutions as chances to repent and redeem themselves through positive actions. Although there are still some religious ties to resolutions, New Year's resolutions are still largely practiced today. And unlike making promises to God or pagan gods, resolutions are now most often personal promises focusing on self-improvement.

The largest percentage of resolutions made today, according to Statistics Brain, involve self-improvement or education-related goals.

Sharing one's resolutions with a third party can help people stay motivated as they pursue their goals.

Resolutions have been made for thousands of years, and millions of people still make them today.

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Thurs., Jan. 7 — Men's Bible

study, 9 a.m.

Sun., Jan. 10 — Sunday school,

8:30 a.m.; worship, 10 a.m.

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Wed., Jan. 6 — "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.

Fri., Jan. 8 — Women's Bible Study via Zoom, 10:00 a.m.

Sun., Jan. 10 — Live Streamed Online Worship Service, 9:00 a.m.; 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. 11 — Quilting (two groups meeting for one hour), 12:30-2:30 p.m.; Televised Worship Service on Channel 10, 3:00 p.m.

Wed., Jan. 13 — "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.; Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

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Sun., Jan. 10 — All Virtual Services

until further notice on Zoom, 10:00 a.m. to participate, call 320-282-3030

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Wed., Jan. 6 — Sacrament of Rec-

onciliation, 5:00-5:20 p.m.; Mass,

5:30 p.m.

Thurs., Jan. 7 — Sacrament of Rec-

onciliation, 5:00-5:20 p.m.; Mass,

5:30 p.m.

Fri., Jan. 8 — No Mass

Sat., Jan. 9 — Sacrament of Rec-

onciliation, 9:00-10:00 p.m.; Mass,

6:00 p.m.

Sun., Jan. 10 — Mass, 10:00 a.m.;

Mass in Spanish, 11:30 a.m.

Mon., Jan. 11 — No Mass

Tues., Jan. 12 — No Mass

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5:30 p.m.

Rev. Dr. Bob Baggott and Rev. Dr.

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Congregational Church, Glencoe on

Sunday morning at 9:15 a.m. You

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at 4:30 p.m. and Fridays at 7:00 p.m.

For our Shut-In's at Long Term Care,

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a.m. and Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. in the

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Wed., Jan. 6 — Public School Con-

firmation -Distance Learning.

Thurs. Jan. 7 — FLS Chapel (Pastor

Welch), 8:10 a.m.; Re-Org Meeting,

7:00 p.m.

Sun., Jan. 10 — Divine Service, 8:00

a.m.; Adult Bible Study, 9:15 a.m.;

Divine Service with Communion,

10:30 a.m.

Mon., Jan. 11 — Quilt Tying, 1:00

p.m.

Tues., Jan. 12 — Staff Meeting, 1:00

p.m.

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Wed., Jan. 6 — Confirmation Class,

4:00 p.m.

Sun., Jan. 10 — Worship Service,

10:00 a.m.

Wed., Jan. 13 — Confirmation

Class, 4:00 p.m.; Council Meeting,

5:00 p.m.

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No Services or Church Activities

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Sun., Jan. 10 — Sunday Morning

Worship, 9:00 a.m.

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Sun., Jan. 10 — Worship with

Communion, 9:00 a.m.

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Records

Glencoe Police

Monday, Dec. 28

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

4:05 a.m. – Police responded to a 911 hang-up call from a person on the 1400 block of East 16th Street. The person told the officer the cat hit the button on the phone.

12:21 p.m. – A person on the 300 block of South Edgewood reported a four-wheeler on the road.

2:47 p.m. – A person came to the police station on the 900 block of North Greeley Avenue to report the possible theft of a cell phone.

3:03 p.m. – A person on the 600 block of West Park Street requested a welfare check on a family member. Everything was OK.

3:56 p.m. – A person on the 500 block of Abby Lane called for medical help. A woman suffering rib pain was transported to the hospital.

4:04 p.m. – A small amount of marijuana and drug paraphernalia was located on the 1400 block of Loudon Avenue.

6:27 p.m. – An Inver Grove Heights man, 19, stopped near the intersection of Highway 212 and Cameo Circle was arrested for fourth-degree DWI, possession of a small amount of marijuana and drug paraphernalia. The passenger, a Minneapolis woman, 18, was cited for under-age-21 consumption.

9:09 p.m. – Police left door tags at businesses on the 1000 block of North Hennepin Avenue reminding the tenant of the city ordinance requiring snow be removed from the sidewalk.

9:10 p.m. – Police left door tags at business on the 1000 block of North Hennepin Avenue reminding the tenant of the city ordinance requiring snow be removed from the sidewalk.

11:25 p.m. – Police stopped a vehicle after the man driving a truck backed into cement surrounded garbage bins near the intersection of East 11th Street and Union Avenue and did not check for damage. The truck was damaged; the concrete was not damaged.

Tuesday, Dec. 29

4:53 p.m. – Responding to a vehicle in the ditch near the intersection of Highway 212 and Falcon Avenue, police issued the driver, a 23-year-old Plymouth man, a verbal warning for careless driving and then cited him for possession of a small amount of marijuana.

12:36 p.m. – Police were asked to perform a welfare check on a person on the 1400 block of East 16th Street. A woman was transported to the hospital.

4:15 p.m. – A woman fell, was injured, and transported to the hospital.

7 p.m. – A person on the 900 block of East 15th Street reported a fraud. Debt collector reportedly called asking for money.

8:01 p.m. – Police were called to assist McLeod County Sheriff's deputies at the hospital.

Wednesday, Dec. 30

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. Two of the vehicles were towed.

2:34 p.m. – Police left a door tag at a house on the 1600 block of East 10th Street reminding the occupant of the city ordinance requiring snow be removed from the sidewalk.

2:36 p.m. – Police left a door tag at a house on the 1600 block of East 10th Street reminding the occupant of the city ordinance requiring snow be removed from the sidewalk.

2:43 p.m. – Police left door tags at houses on the 1200 block of North Chandler Avenue reminding the occupants of the city ordinance requiring snow be removed from the sidewalk.

2:44 p.m. – Police left a door tag at a house on the 1200 block of North Chandler Avenue reminding the occupant of the city ordinance requiring snow be removed from the sidewalk.

2:48 p.m. – Police left door tags at houses on the 1300 block of North Chandler Avenue reminding the occupants of the city ordinance requiring snow be removed from the sidewalk.

2:51 p.m. – Police left door tags at houses on the 400 block of East 13th Street reminding the occupants of the city ordinance requiring snow be removed from the sidewalk.

Additional lanes on the

sidewalk.

7:03 p.m. – A person on the 2600 block of East 11th Street reported the theft of \$41.65 worth of gasoline.

Thursday, Dec. 31

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. Two of the vehicles were towed.

6:41 a.m. – A person on the 1400 block of East 16th Street called for medical help after a woman fell. Medics helped her up. She signed-off from transport.

1:18 p.m. – An officer spoke with a person on the 100 block of Andrew Drive after the man relocated snow from the driveway to a street, a violation of city ordinance. The man said he would clean up the mess and not blow snow on to the street again.

3:28 p.m. – Police issued a verbal warning to a driver engaged in a cellular phone or video call near the intersection of North Armstrong and East Eighth Street.

Friday, Jan. 1

12:06 a.m. – A person on the 1700 block of East 11th Street reported fireworks coming from a block or two to the south. The pyrotechnics stopped when police were in the area.

2:57 a.m. – Police received a report of a possible fight on the 1700 block of North Newton Avenue. A person was cited for fifth-degree assault.

9:12 a.m. – A woman on the 1200 block of North Elliott Avenue asked police who gets the stimulus checks of the children.

4:08 p.m. – A man on the 800 block of North Greeley Avenue asked police for assistance with a walk-through of his property.

6:36 p.m. – A person on the 200 block of East Eighth Street reported a child's inappropriate behavior.

Saturday, Jan. 2

Police issued four citations for on-street parking in violation of the city's ordinance prohibiting on-street parking between Nov. 1 and April 1. Two of the vehicles were towed.

6:06 p.m. – A bonfire on the 1400 block of North Cedar Avenue was reported.

6:25 p.m. – The driver of a vehicle stopped near the intersection of Highway 212 and North Chandler Avenue, a Fairfax woman, 41, was cited for driving without proof of insurance and warned about driving without a license in possession and an expired registration.

6:42 p.m. – A Shakopee woman, 43, stopped near the intersection of Highway 212 and Morningside Drive was cited for failing to maintain her lane. She was warned about having no proof of insurance.

8:48 p.m. – Police noticed a suspicious vehicle on the 700 block of Morningside Drive. The license plates on the vehicle were altered. The plates were seized.

9:13 p.m. – A person on the 1000 block of North Elliott Avenue reported the theft of a tool box from inside a storage container on a semi.

Sunday, Jan. 3

Police issued six citations for on-street parking in violation of the city's ordinance prohibiting on-street parking between Nov. 1 and April 1. Two of the vehicles were towed.

1:50 p.m. – A Glencoe man, 46, stopped near the intersection of East 10th Street and North Ives Avenue was cited for failing to maintain a lane.

11:11 a.m. – A woman from Clark, S.D., 47, stopped near the intersection of North Hennepin Avenue and East Ninth Street was cited for driving without wearing a seat belt.

11:19 a.m. – A person on the 1800 block of East 12th Street called for medical help. A woman, 91, was displaying symptoms of a stroke. She was transported to the hospital.

11:43 a.m. – Police received a report of a missing 4-year-old child near the intersection of East 11th Street and North Ford Avenue. The child walked to a nearby sledding hill to play with friends.

12:29 p.m. – Police placed door tags on two buildings on the 800 block of North Greeley Avenue. The tags remind people of the ordinance requiring the sidewalks be cleared of snow.

1:02 p.m. – A woman from Gaylord, 21, stopped near the intersection of East 10th Street and North Judd Avenue was cited for driving after license revocation.

6:17 p.m. – A woman from New Prague, 19, stopped near the intersection of Highway 212 and

North Chandler Avenue was cited for using a wireless communications device while driving.

6:32 p.m. – A Glencoe man, 22, stopped near the intersection of East 11th Street and Baldwin Avenue was cited for driving without a Minnesota driver's license.

8:54 p.m. – A Plymouth man, 20, stopped for speeding near the intersection of Highway 212 and Hilton Avenue was cited for possession of drug paraphernalia. He was warned about speeding and the address on his license.

11:59 p.m. – A Mansfield, Ill., man, 27, stopped near the intersection of Highway 212 and Falcon Avenue was cited for driving without an expired license. He was warned about no proof of insurance and failing to display current registration.

District Court

The following gross-misdemeanor and felony cases were handled in McLeod County District Court Dec. 30 by District Court Judge Jody Winters.

Cooper Thor Radke, 28, of Plymouth, previously pleaded guilty to one gross-misdemeanor count of possession of a controlled substance for an offense that occurred on or about Sept. 28, 2019. Judge Winters stayed the adjudication of sentence and placed Radke on probation for two years. The conditions of Radke's probation are to serve eight 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 \$285.

Melissa Mae Mackey, 40, of Norwood Young America, pleaded guilty to one gross-misdemeanor count of possession of a controlled substance for an offense that occurred on or about March 1. Judge Winters stayed the adjudication of sentence and placed Mackey on probation for two years. Mackey also pleaded guilty to one misdemeanor count of driving under the influence of a controlled substance for an offense that occurred on or about March 1. Judge Winters stayed the imposition of sentence and placed Mackey on probation for three years. Mackey also pleaded guilty to one misdemeanor count of driving under the influence of a controlled substance for an offense that occurred on or about March 1. Judge Winters stayed the imposition of sentence and placed Mackey on probation for three years. The conditions of probation are that Mackey serve 12 days in the McLeod County Jail, serve 18 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 controlled substances, attend a victim-impact panel, and pay a fine and surcharge of \$185.

Gerald Scott Judkins, 59, guilty to one felony count of possession of a controlled substance and one gross-misdemeanor count of driving after cancellation after being deemed inimical to the public safety for an offense that occurred on or about March 5. Judge Winters sentenced Judkins to serve 18 months in prison and pay a surcharge of \$85.

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Jeremiah S. Jessen, 40, Stewart, speed, \$125, SO; Gerald S. Judkins, 58, fleeing a peace officer by means other than a motor vehicle; Charles P. Lemmer, 50, Breezy Point, speed, \$135, SO; Gina K. Wickenhauser, 51, Norwood Young America, drive over/around barricades, \$125, SO; Cory R. Otto, 22, Winsted, open burning, \$285, DNR; Ashley M. Anderson, 25, Cokato, operate vehicle with illegal headlight or tail-light covers, \$125, window tint, \$50, front and rear license plates required, \$30, MSP;

Delvin E. Bethke, 67, Stewart, speed, \$100, no proof insurance, dismissed, MSP; Mitchell J. Bondhus, 18, Lester Prairie, speed, \$125, Terrence A. Cuhel, 51, Glencoe, speed, \$135, MSP; Myles R. Davis, 22, Silver Lake, hands-free law, \$135, MSP; Keith C. Gorton, 29, Monticello, speed, \$145, expired driver's license, \$100, MSP; Edwin Hernandez, 27, Hutchinson, failure to stop at stop signs or stop lines at entrance to through highway, \$135, MSP; Michael T. Hoyne, 60, Blaine, speed, \$135, MSP; Brent S. Karel, 31, Hamburg, speed, \$135, MSP; Sandra J. Kretsch, 62, Chaska, speed, \$125, MSP;

Devon E. Markgraf, 20, Hutchinson, under-21 possessing alcohol, \$185, muffler required, \$135, MSP; Yesenia M. Martinez, 28, Silver Lake, no Minnesota driver's license after 60 days residency, \$185, MSP; James P. Moore, 72, Bloomington, speed, \$145, MSP; Samuel S. Newbloom, 25, Silver Lake, window tint, \$135, MSP; Hannah J. Norlin, 22, Litchfield, speed, \$135, MSP; Juan D. Perez, 33, Willmar, speed, \$135, MSP; Eusebio R. Rojas, 37, Minneapolis, speed, \$100, MSP; Matthew C. Schmidt, 18, Becker, speed, \$145, MSP;

Ronald J. Scheider, 58, Sauk Centre, speed, \$100, no driver's license in possession, dismissed, MSP; Luis N. Solis Rodriguez, 35, Richfield, speed, \$135, no Minnesota driver's license, \$100, MSP; James S. Tamba, 31, St. Paul, speed, \$100, MSP; Petr I. Tkachenko, 54, Glencoe, hands-free law, \$135, MSP; Bernabe A. Vasquez, 30, Hutchinson, speed, \$135, MSP; Charity J. Wienandt, 15, Carver, speed, \$135, MSP; Grant M. Yearling, 18, Hutchinson, speed, \$125, MSP; Jeffrey M. Zajac, 46, Nicollet, expired registration, \$115, no proof insurance, \$200, MSP; Kenneth J. Farniok, 19, Delano, headlamps required on all motor vehicles, \$125, WPD; Rebekah J. Kutz, 39, Winsted, driver must carry proof of insurance, dismissed, WPD; Shaw M. Zemlicka, 20, Hutchinson, driving without a valid license, \$185, WPD.

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3:56 p.m. – The sheriff's office responded to a report of property damage on Merriam Street in Biscayne. The deputy cleared with a report.

4:43 p.m. – The sheriff's office responded to a vehicle in the ditch in the area of Vale Avenue and 190th Street, west of Hutchinson. The MN State Patrol, Hutchinson fire and Allina ambulance also responded. The vehicle was towed. The deputy spoke with the driver and cleared with a report.

5:55 p.m. – The sheriff's office responded to a car vs. deer crash in the area of 190th Street and Vale Avenue, west of Hutchinson.

7:33 p.m. – The sheriff's office responded to a child custody situation on Mowbray Street in Stewart. The situation was mediated.

9:46 p.m. – The sheriff's office observed a suspicious vehicle on Lake Hook Road, northeast of Hutchinson. As a result, a 34-year-old from Cincinnati, Ohio, was arrested for probable cause charge of DWI and transported to the McLeod County jail in Glencoe. The deputies cleared with a report.

Legal Notices

Summons

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF MCLEOD
DISTRICT COURT
FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Case Type: Dissolution without
children
Court File No. 43-FA-20-1585
SUMMONS

Without Real Estate

In Re the Marriage of:

Michael Raymond Boyd,

Name of Petitioner

and

Stephany Del Boyd,

Name of Respondent

THE STATE OF MINNESOTA TO
THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPON-

DENT:

WARNING: YOUR SPOUSE HAS FILED A LAWSUIT AGAINST YOU FOR DISSOLUTION OF YOUR MARRIAGE. A COPY OF THE PAPERWORK REGARDING THE LAWSUIT IS SERVED ON YOU WITH THIS SUMMONS. THIS SUMMONS IS AN OFFICIAL DOCUMENT FROM THE COURT THAT AFFECTS YOUR RIGHTS. READ THIS SUMMONS CAREFULLY IF YOU DO NOT UNDERSTAND IT, CONTACT AN ATTORNEY FOR LEGAL ADVICE.

1. The Petitioner (your spouse) has filed a lawsuit against you asking for dissolution of your marriage (divorce). A copy of the *Petition for Dissolution of Marriage* is attached to this Summons.

2. You must serve upon Petitioner and file with the court a written *Answer* to the *Petition for Dissolution of Marriage*, and you must pay the required filing fee. *Answer* forms are available from the court administrator's office. You must serve your *Answer* upon Petitioner **within thirty (30) days** of the date you were served this *Summons*, not counting the day of service. If you do not serve and file your *Answer*, the court may give your spouse everything he or she is asking for in the *Petition for Dissolution of Marriage*.

This proceeding does not involve real property.

NOTICE OF TEMPORARY RESTRAINING PROVISIONS

Under Minnesota law, service of this summons makes the following requirements apply to both parties to the action, unless they are modified by the court or the proceeding is dismissed:

(1) Neither party may dispose of any assets except (a) for the necessities of life or for the necessary generation of income or preservation of assets, (b) by an agreement of the parties in writing, or (c) for retaining counsel to carry on or to contest this proceeding.

(2) Neither party may harass the other party.

(3) All currently available insurance coverage must be maintained and continued without change in coverage or beneficiary designation.

(4) Parties to a marriage dissolution proceeding are encouraged to attempt alternative dispute resolution pursuant to Minnesota law. Alternative dispute resolution includes mediation, arbitration and other processes as set forth in the district court rules. You may contact the court administrator about resources in your area. If you cannot pay for mediation or alternative dispute resolution, in some counties, assistance may be available to you through a nonprofit provider or a court program. If you are a victim of domestic abuse or threats as defined in Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 518B, you are not required to try mediation and you will not be penalized by the court in later proceedings.

IF YOU VIOLATE ANY OF THESE PROVISIONS, YOU WILL BE SUBJECT TO SANCTIONS BY THE COURT.

Dated: December 14, 2020

/s/ Michael Raymond Boyd

Petitioner
665 Southview DR S. W.
Hutchinson, MN 55350

E-mail address:
mrbboyd75@yahoo.com

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Probate

STATE OF MINNESOTA
DISTRICT COURT
COUNTY OF MCLEOD
FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT
PROBATE DIVISION
Court File No: 43-PR-20-1683

Estate of
Luella E. Lehner,
Decedent

NOTICE AND ORDER OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR FORMAL PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on March 1, 2021 at 8:30 a.m., a hearing will be held in this Court at McLeod County Courthouse, 830 11th Street East, Glencoe, Minnesota, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the Will of the Decedent and for the appointment of Jeffrey L. Lehner who address is 4402 Dempsey Ave SW, Waverly, MN 55390 as personal representative of the Estate of the Decedent in an unsupervised administration.

Any objections to the petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper and if no objections are filed or raised, the personal representative will be appointed with full power to administer the Estate, including power to collect all assets, pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, to sell real and personal property, and to do all necessary acts for the Estate.

Notice is also given that (subject to Minn. Stat. 524.3-801) all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claim to the

personal representative or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this Notice or the claims will be barred.

Dated this 24th day of December, 2020.

/s/ Jody Winters
Judge of District Court

/s/ Karen V. Messner
Court Administrator

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Probate

STATE OF MINNESOTA
DISTRICT COURT
COUNTY OF MCLEOD
FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT
PROBATE DIVISION
Court File No: 43-PR-20-1683

Estate of
Richard L. Knisely, aka,
Richard Lloyd Knisely and Richard
Knisely,
Decedent

NOTICE OF INFORMAL PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is given that an Application for informal probate of the Decedent's Will, dated April 1, 2004, ("Will"), has been filed with the Registrar. The application has been granted.

Notice is also given that the Registrar has formally appointed Karl L. Knisely, who address is 8590 Maple View Dr., Cologne, Minnesota, 55322, as personal representative of the Estate of the Decedent. Any heir, devisee or other interested person may be entitled to appointment as personal representative or may object to the appointment of the personal representative. Unless objections are filed with the Court (pursuant of Minn. Stat. 524.3-607) and the Court otherwise orders, the personal representative has full power to administer the Estate including, after 30 days from the date of issuance of letters, the power to sell, encumber, lease or distribute real estate.

Any objections to the probate of the will or appointment of the Personal Representative must be filed with this Court and will be heard by the Court after filing of an appropriate petition and proper notice of hearing.

Notice is also given that, subject to Minn. Stat. § 524.3-801, all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the personal representative or to the Court Administrator within four (4) months after the date of this Notice, or the claims will be barred.

Dated this 29th day of December 2020.

/s/ Debra Kohout
Registrar

/s/ Karen V. Messner
Court Administrator

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McLeod County

McLeod County Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes

11/17/2020

Commissioners Nagel, Shimanski, Krueger and Wright were present. Pohlmeier was excused from attendance.

Krueger moved, Wright seconded and motion carried 4-0 to approve the agenda as revised. Roll call: Shimanski – aye; Wright – aye; Krueger – aye; Nagel – aye.

Wright moved, Shimanski seconded and motion carried 4-0 to approve the consent agenda. Roll call: Shimanski – aye; Wright – aye; Krueger – aye; Nagel – aye.

Wright moved, Krueger seconded and motion carried 4-0 to award McLeod Publishing Inc. (Glencoe, Minnesota) the printing of the 2019 McLeod County Financial Statement for a cost of \$800.00 with funds from the Administration budget (01-031). Roll call: Shimanski – aye; Wright – aye; Krueger – aye; Nagel – aye.

Wright moved, Krueger seconded and motion carried 4-0 to approve the Budget Committee recommendation to re-allocate the \$500,000.00 Reserved for to-be-determined Costs fund balance of the CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Fund to the Business and Non-Profit Assistance fund. Any funds remaining, after distribution to approved Businesses and Non-Profit Assistance recipients for eligible expenses, will be reallocated to the County Emergency Response and Funding of Expenses fund. Roll call: Shimanski – aye; Wright – aye; Krueger – aye; Nagel – aye.

Nagel moved, Krueger seconded and motion carried 4-0 to approve the Conditional Use Permit 20-17 by Kyle Peik to construct a pole shed addition (40'x80'x14'H) to an existing pole shed (39'x47'x16'H) on a platted lot in the "A" Agricultural District within 10.54 acres of Lot-001, Block-001 Deer Haven Acres in Section 2 of Collins Township; (h) Ap-

prove updated Zero Usage document for the County's Microsoft Enterprise Agreement (EA) true-up.

Board Chair Nagel opened the Public Hearing at 9:14 a.m. Wright moved, Shimanski seconded and motion carried 4-0 to approve the McLeod County Fee Schedule for 2021, effective January 01, 2021. Roll call: Shimanski – aye; Wright – aye; Krueger – aye; Nagel – aye.

Shimanski moved, Krueger seconded and motion carried 4-0 to recess at 10:35 a.m. until the next regularly scheduled County Board Meeting on December 01, 2020 at 4:30 p.m. at the McLeod County Fairgrounds, 840 Century Avenue SW, Hutchinson, Minnesota and virtually via Zoom. Roll call: Shimanski – aye; Wright – aye; Krueger – aye; Nagel – aye.

Shimanski moved, Krueger seconded and motion carried 4-0 to close the Public Hearing at 9:18 a.m. Roll call: Shimanski – aye; Wright – aye; Krueger – aye; Nagel – aye.

Shimanski moved, Krueger seconded and motion carried 4-0 to approve the 2021 Children's Mental Health Screening Grant Contract for the period of January 01, 2021 through December 31, 2021 and authorize McLeod County Health and Human Services Director to sign the contract on behalf of the County Board. Roll call: Shimanski – aye; Wright – aye; Krueger – aye; Nagel – aye.

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Krueger moved, Nagel seconded and motion carried unanimously to deny Conditional Use Permit 20-20 by Daniel Rogers, representing Nokomis Energy (Minneapolis, Minnesota) for the Essential Services of a 1-megawatt community solar garden array system with the following finding: 1. It involves Prime Agricultural Land. Roll Call: Krueger – yes; Shimanski – yes; Wright – yes; Pohlmeier – yes; Nagel – yes.

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Wright moved, Pohlmeier seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve final acceptance to Duininck, Inc. (Prinsburg, Minnesota) for County Project (CP) 20-054-02. Roll Call: Krueger – yes; Shimanski – yes; Wright – yes; Pohlmeier – yes; Nagel – yes.

Krueger moved, Pohlmeier seconded and motion carried unanimously to appoint Sergeant Aaron Ward to the position of Chief Deputy, effective December 20, 2020. Roll Call: Krueger – yes; Shimanski – yes; Wright – yes; Pohlmeier – yes; Nagel – yes.

Nagel moved, Shimanski seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the 2021 Final McLeod County Property Tax Levy of \$25,154,644.00, a 2.5% increase over the 2020 Property Tax Levy. Roll

Call: Krueger – yes; Shimanski – yes; Wright – yes; Pohlmeier – yes; Nagel – yes.

Wright moved, Pohlmeier seconded and motion carried unanimously to adopt Resolution 20-CB-39. Roll Call: Krueger – yes; Shimanski – yes; Wright – yes; Pohlmeier – yes; Nagel – yes.

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Pohlmeier moved, Shimanski seconded and motion carried unanimously to adopt Resolution 20-CB-41. Roll Call: Krueger – yes; Shimanski – yes; Wright – yes; Pohlmeier – yes; Nagel – yes.

Krueger moved, Pohlmeier seconded and motion carried unanimously to adopt Resolution 20-CB-42. Roll Call: Krueger – yes; Shimanski – yes; Wright – yes; Pohlmeier – yes; Nagel – yes.

Wright moved, Krueger seconded and motion carried unanimously to set the 2021 salary pursuant to Minnesota Statute 388.18 for the Auditor-Treasurer at \$89,295.00, based upon the responsibilities and duties of the office and taking into account the experience, qualifications and performance of the incumbent. Roll Call: Krueger – yes; Shimanski – yes; Wright – yes; Pohlmeier – yes; Nagel – yes.

Shimanski moved, Pohlmeier seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve updates to the McLeod County Personnel Policy. Roll Call: Krueger – yes; Shimanski – yes; Wright – yes; Pohlmeier – yes; Nagel – yes.

Krueger moved, Pohlmeier seconded and motion carried unanimously to set the 2021 salary pursuant to Minnesota Statute 388.18 for the County Attorney at \$128,131.00, based upon the responsibilities and duties of the office and taking into account the experience, qualifications and performance of the incumbent. Roll Call: Krueger – yes; Shimanski – yes; Wright – yes; Pohlmeier – yes; Nagel – yes.

Shimanski moved, Pohlmeier seconded and motion carried unanimously to set the 2021 salary pursuant to Minnesota Statute 388.18 for the Sheriff at \$103,901.00, based upon the responsibilities and duties of the

office and taking into account the experience, qualifications and performance of the incumbent. Roll Call: Krueger – yes; Shimanski – yes; Wright – yes; Pohlmeier – yes; Nagel – yes.

Pohlmeier moved, Shimanski seconded and motion carried unanimously to recess at 12:51 p.m. until the next Board Meeting on December 29, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. via Zoom and at the McLeod County Fairgrounds Agribition Building, 840 Century Avenue SW, Hutchinson, Minnesota. Roll Call: Krueger – yes; Shimanski – yes; Wright – yes; Pohlmeier – yes; Nagel – yes.

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SL lighting winners

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one of everything from American Christmas," Spring said.

This includes Rudolph, the Misfit Toys, the Grinch and Charlie Brown Christmas. Ellingson said it's nice having the extra space in the yard to give different sections a little theme. The couple has a "Grinch" theme by their driveway and a Nativity scene front and center.

"There are a lot of drive-bys," Spring said. "People will stop and watch the lights change and it's fun to watch."

Spring likes decorating for different holidays because it gives her something to get excited about and look forward to. She took Halloween decorations down Nov. 1 and started putting her Christmas ones up Nov. 2. She officially finished decorating with her family's traditional lighting ceremony Thanksgiving night with Ellingson and their children.

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Many of the decorations have come down since the end of December but Spring is planning on keeping the decorations that are staked down around a little longer.

Christmas nostalgia

People have different reasons for putting lights up every year and for Joe and Cegi Wassman, who came in second place for the Winterfest lighting contest, it comes down to nostalgia and a love of lights.

Joe Wassman, with the help of his children, spent hours adorning their house at 11859 200th St. Wassman, 32, said he's been doing this since he was about 13 years old when his parents were too busy to do it. He's also been helping his grandpa with his display for years.

"My mom and dad never

put up any lights or anything, so I started doing it on my own," Wassman said. "I always liked lights. My dad always had me tinkering with stuff. He was a mechanic, so he always had stuff laying around and stuff to take apart."

Wassman prefers larger lights so people can see them further.

"It's like a Santa village," their 9-year-old daughter Miya said.

The family won \$40 and they're planning on using it at local Silver Lake businesses.

"This year we were like we need to put it back into businesses that are probably struggling," Cegi Wassman said.

Jim and Mary Butler won \$30 for their display at 309 Cleveland Street, and Nancy Brown won \$20 for her lights at 117 Grove Ave.



Chronicle photo by Brianna Taggart

Joe and Cegi Wassman's house on 200th Street in Silver Lake won second place in the city's Winterfest lighting contest. Their children Miya, 9, Renley, 3, and Jayden (not pictured), 12, helped Joe put the lights up.

Looking back at 2020

idents are making their votes count

McLeod County residents are taking advantage of the opportunity to vote by mail.

As of Friday, Oct. 9, 6,757 McLeod County residents are voting by absentee or mail ballot process for the Nov. 3 General Election, and 3,081 ballots have been received as accepted.

Oct. 21

Delays expected as new paving project set to begin near Silver Lake

People can start to expect road delays in the next week or two as a new maintenance paving project is slated to begin on County Road 16 (Jet Avenue) near Silver Lake.

The project is going to take place between Highway 7 and the north county line and on County Road 6 (240th Street) between County Road 16 and County Road 2.

Oct. 28

County to use CRF funds to upgrade fairground bathrooms

The McLeod County Board voted to spend \$286,502 in CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Funds (CRF) to upgrade the restrooms in the horticulture building at the McLeod County Fairgrounds in Hutchinson.

The building is a popular spot for county residents to hold events and this project will allow the facility to operate "safer in this new environment," County Administrator Shelia Murphy said.

Glencoe car dealership changes hands after 98 years in Harpel family

The Harpels set out on a venture in 1922 when they first started a car dealership on East 10th Street in Glencoe, laying the foundation for generational customers to come 98 years later.

Brett Weelborg officially bought Harpel Chevrolet Buick of Glencoe from the Harpels Aug. 10. Brothers Paul and Eric Harpel are staying on board with Paul Harpel overseeing the daily operations.

"None of us are experts," Paul Harpel said. "We learn together. It's a very good partnership."

Silver Lake Council approves Coronavirus Relief Fund spending

The Silver Lake City Council approved expenditures of an additional \$24,400 of the \$60,000 Coronavirus Relief Funds (CRF) at its meeting Monday, Oct. 19.

In addition to a previously-owned pickup truck, the list includes iPads for city councilors, a glass washer at the municipal liquor store, two UV air purifier systems and one furnace for the liquor store, \$3,430 to install five automatic hand washing sinks, an automatic flushing toilet and automatic washing sink in the public works building, two vital sign monitoring units for the ambulance department.

November

Nov. 4

Commission advances plan to reopen ballroom

If everything goes according to plan, Steve Krueger will bring life back to the Lake Marion Ballroom sooner than later.

Last Wednesday, Oct. 28, the McLeod County Planning Advisory Commission voted unanimously to advance to the county board Krueger's request for a conditional-use permit needed to reopen the facility on 2.93 acres at 11431 Highway 15 west of Brownton in Collins Township as an events center.

Glencoe Police Chief Jim Raiter retires after 10 years

Jim Raiter has known for as long as he can remember that he wanted to be a police officer. Now, after about 30 years on the job, he's lived that dream through its end.

Former Glencoe Police Chief Raiter retired last week when he worked his final day Friday, Oct. 30. Tony Padilla, formerly captain for the department, has taken over the position in Raiter's stead.

GSL planning homecoming festivities next week

Despite a pandemic limiting daily attendance at school, Glencoe-Silver Lake High School won't let COVID-19 take all the fun from the school year.

The school's administration and senior student leaders have planned a homecoming week for Nov. 9-13. The week includes dress-up days, fun events and coronation of a homecoming queen and king.

Nov. 11

Glencoe City Council will welcome two newcomers

A pair of newcomers to the Glencoe City Council will take their seats in early January.

Ryan Voss won a solid victory in the race for mayor with 1,618 votes. Barb Jenneke finished with 740 and Dave Stark finished with 421. There were 49 write-in votes.

In Glencoe's first precinct, Sue Olson upset incumbent Milan Alexander. Olson finished 371 votes to Alexander's 346.

City Councilor Cory Neid successfully defended his fourth precinct seat. He defeated Kerry Ward, 383 to 235.

City tables action on sewer line shared between church, house

A proposal to grant an easement for a shared sewer line from a church and former parsonage to East 11th Street turned out to be anything but routine as council members were pointing their concern at city staff and requesting more information on similar situations.

Councilors Cory Neid and Allen Robeck demanded answers at the Nov. 2 meeting on why a shared sewer line between the former Church of Peace and adjacent former parsonage now owned by Ver-

non VonBerge and the street was not addressed before the city implemented a street improvement project on East 11th Street this summer. Their concern put a halt to consideration and possible approval of a request for an easement between the current owner of the church, Buffalo Creek Community Church, and the owner of the former parsonage.

Nov. 18

City OKs ADA transition plan

In the years to come, Glencoe will slowly invest in the quality of its sidewalks and pedestrian ramps in the name of helping pedestrians get around the city easier.

Monday, Nov. 16, the city council unanimously voted approved, with no discussion, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Transition Plan.

COVID-19 cases double in McLeod County in two weeks

The number of positive COVID-19 cases has more than doubled in the past 14 days, McLeod County Health and Human Services Director Berit Spors reported Tuesday, Nov. 17.

The number of positive cases reported in the county as of Tuesday morning was 1,430 cumulative cases. Spors reported 699 cases at the Nov. 3 commissioners meeting. There are currently 24 McLeod County residents hospitalized because of COVID-19 and eight deaths have been reported.

Nov. 25

Silver Lake council hears project process update

The Silver Lake City Council heard an update on the proposed water, sewer and street infrastructure project at its Nov. 16 meeting.

John Roderberg, with Short Elliott Hendrickson Inc. (SEH) reported the preliminary engineering report was submitted to USDA Rural Development within the last few weeks and has already received some feedback. Roderberg told the council the USDA is recommending the city divide the proposed projects into four separate two-year projects in an effort to maximize the city's opportunity for grant and USDA loan funding.

The proposed projects total around \$27 million.

Firefighters keep garage fire from spreading to house

A fire that started in the garage of a house in Bergen Township led to damage in the house, its contents before two people escaped Friday morning, Nov. 20.

The fire at Troy and Kelly Higgins' house on Elderberry Court north of Glencoe was reported at 11:44 a.m. The couple's two sons escaped the house unharmed after the fire was discovered.

Glencoe woman's petition aims to give Congress a shove

Alisha Cox is frustrated, even angered, by news reports

that members of Congress can't agree on the elements of another federal stimulus package. The Glencoe woman is trying to send them a message that help is long overdue.

Cox created an online petition – www.change.org/stimulus-relief-for-the-people – to send to Congress with the hope its members of the House and Senate would realize the partisan bickering and gridlock isn't getting help to the people who have lost their jobs or had their household income cut back because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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display aims to spread 'holiday spirit'

Christmas trees line the paths in the Glencoe Public Library as twinkling lights, ornaments and other decorations set the scenes of different holiday movies.

About 25 trees are showcased for the library's 10th annual Christmas tree display for this year's theme "Christmas Cinema Magic."

Dec. 16

Glennie releases third book, donates proceeds to charities

After 42 years in the newspaper business and six years of retirement, Rich Glennie just can't shake the writing bug.

Glennie's third book, "Squirrels and Other Things that Drive Me Crazy," comes out this week and features some of his columns from the past 35 years.

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

Soeffker still on mend from COVID-19

In April, Steve Soeffker didn't know if he'd live to see another Christmas. Today, he takes nothing for granted. Each day is celebrated and enjoyed.

Soeffker is one of the first survivors of COVID-19. He spent 16 days in intensive care and 16 days in a drug-induced coma. Ten months later, he's still doing physical therapy. He has a self-described "ventilator voice" and he uses a cane to steady his balance.

Man arrested, hospitalized after high-speed chase in Glencoe

A St. Paul man, 31, was arrested following a high-speed vehicle pursuit in Glencoe Friday afternoon, Dec. 11.

The man was arrested around 2:45 p.m. after a brief but wild chase involving police, sheriff's deputies and state patrol troopers. He was taken to Glencoe Regional Health and transferred to Hennepin County Medical Center, Glencoe Police Department Chief Tony Padilla said Monday morning.

Dec. 23

City council OKs levy, budget hikes for 2021

With the expectation to maintain its investment and infrastructure and cover the cost of bonded debt and additional expenses, the Glencoe City Council approved its property tax levy and bonded debt for 2021 Monday evening, Dec. 21.

The city council voted 4-1 in favor of the levy and budget. The levy will increase by 3.7 percent to \$2,877,000. The levy includes \$1.6 million for the general fund and \$400,000 for street overlays. The debt levy includes \$1,277 million for city-approved debt.

Mother-daughter duo finds chamber medallion

Glencoe's Donna Boesche and her daughter, Kaitlyn, found the Glencoe Area Chamber of Commerce's

medallion Dec. 12 in a seasonally decorated planter in front of Gavin, Janssen & Stabenow, Ltd., a law firm on North Hennepin Avenue, just north of East 10th Street.

The prize for finding the medallion is \$500 in Glencoe Bucks donated by Crow River Snow Pros.

On the mend, Jaxson Hoffman giving back to children at hospital over holidays

Christmas at the Hoffman family home in Glencoe will be a little different this year knowing there are children in a hospital who can't celebrate with their families.

Jaxson Hoffman and his parents, Megan and Andrew, were nearly part of that group.

The nine-year-old boy recently celebrated returning home after a nine-day stay at Children