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Seneca seeking OK for more seasonal worker housing

City planning
commission sets
public hearing

By John Mueller

Editor

For the third time since it was originally granted permission for housing seasonal workers on its property in Glencoe, Seneca Foods is seeking permission to build a facility for additional space for traveling workers.

Thursday, Feb. 11, the Glencoe Planning and Industrial Commission unanimously agreed to schedule a public hearing on Seneca's request to build three additional housing units containing 32 beds each on the company's campus. The hearing for the additional 96 beds will be held Thursday, March 11, 7:05 p.m. The company is also looking at adding additional housing in the future, according to Glencoe City Administrator Mark Larson.

"Seneca's been a very good neighbor. They've put a lot of people through school," said Kevin Dietz, a member of the commission. "We should help them out."

Each of the three housing units, which the company refers to as "barracks," will be about 112½ feet by 34½ feet. The buildings will be made of wood, protected by a sprinkler system. They will be south of East 11th Street and will have eight rooms, showers, bathroom and janitorial facilities.

Space needed

Jerry Zaske, Seneca plant manager, said the company needs the additional space to facilitate spreading employees out because of the COVID-19 pandemic. The company also rents about 100 hotel rooms in the area for seasonal workers.

Seneca was initially granted a permit to house seasonal workers on land zoned industrial in 1989. The company's permit was amended in 1995 and 2015 regarding the length of time the housing could be open each year, Larson said. The company has complied with the requirements of the original permit and subsequent amendments, he said.

The 1989 permit, which was granted to Green Giant at the time, was for no more than 552 occupants of seasonal-worker housing. The 1995 amendment extended the special-use permit from 90 to 120 days. In 2015, the company added a frozen and canned operation after the corn pack. The city OK'd extending the special-use permit to 165 days to accommodate the corn and carrot packs.

Commission members supported scheduling a public hearing on the plan. Dietz, a former Glencoe Police Department patrolman, noted the importance of more specific locations in the event of a call for emergency services. Larson said the topic would be discussed in an upcoming meeting with the Glencoe Fire Department chief.

The city will notify property owners within 500 feet of Seneca property of the upcoming public hearing.



Chronicle photo by Brianna Taggart

Valentine's Day prep

Christian Wendt spent the afternoon in Britta Aldrich's Glencoe-Silver Lake preschool class making arts and crafts for Valentine's Day with his classmates Wednesday, Feb. 10. The class celebrated the holiday with a pizza party, piñata, passing out valentines, reading stories, making heart crowns and an indoor "snowball" fight.

Colorado tech. company eyeing a place in Glencoe

A Colorado Springs, Colo. company is making plans to use a small piece of land and purchase plenty of power from the municipal power utility beginning this spring.

Bit 49 will bring a data mining operation to land Glencoe Light & Power owns adjacent to the substation on Armstrong Avenue and East 11th Street. Dave Meyer, Glencoe Light & Power general manager, updated the planning and industrial commission Thursday, Feb. 11, of the company's plans.

The company will utilize initially up to three structures approximately

the size of semi-trailers loaded with computer equipment for data mining and processing crypto currency blockchain transactions. The structures will be placed on land leased from Glencoe Light & Power, Meyer said. Construction of the structures is expected to begin this spring, said Felipe Pinto, Bit 49's chief executive officer. The company had hoped to begin work on the structures last fall, Meyer said.

A big customer
Meyer said the facilities would

operate around the clock and use significant amounts of electricity purchased from the municipal utility. The electrical load will be over 90 percent of the structures' maximum capacity, Meyer said. It has the potential to be Glencoe Light & Power's largest customer, he said. He said Bit 49 could eventually use as much as 10 percent of the utility's capacity.

The computer equipment will be maintained by up to five technicians as the facility grows, Meyer said. The structures will be enclosed in an area surrounded by security fencing

tying in to the fencing around Seneca Foods' seasonal worker housing. The structures will be fan-cooled. Minnesota's temperate climate made the region desirable as a site, Pinto said.

The upper Midwest, with access to Canada and centrally located between the East and West coasts, plus highway access and an international and regional airport nearby also worked in Glencoe's favor. But the biggest factor leading to Bit 49's bringing a facility to Glencoe is the utility and a favorable rate structure, Pinto said.

Minnesota's use of other forms of generating electricity, like wind, was also an attractive factor, he said.

Planning commission members seemed interested in the informational update. The concerns mentioned included possible noise from the cooling fans. Noting the area is zoned industrial and the small piece of land is adjacent to a canning factory, Meyer is guardedly optimistic the operation will be successful.

Besides Pinto, Bit 49 is led by chief operating officer Cody Nelson.



Glencoe-Silver Lake FFA chapter members sold over \$18,000 in fruit and butter braids for their fruit sales this academic year. (From left to right) Chapter Reporter Afton Nelson, Vice President Kyle Hagen, Sentinel Zach Wanous, Treasurer Logan Clouse, President Eli Kuehn and Secretary Elisabeth Schmieg helped make the sales happen to fund opportunities for the group throughout the year.

Weather



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Thur., 2-18



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Looking back: It's been a bit chilly the last week or so. But we hardy northerners are accustomed to cold. Imagine how the folks in southern Texas are doing.

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Feb. 12	-2.....	-15.....	0.10"
Feb. 13	1.....	-16.....	0.00"
Feb. 14	-3.....	-21.....	0.00"
Feb. 15	-7.....	-13.....	0.00"

Chronicle News and Advertising Deadlines

Temperatures and precipitation compiled by Robert Thurn, weather observer

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.

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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.

The Bloodmobile will be at 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).

The Red Cross is testing blood, platelet and plasma donations for COVID-19 antibodies. The test may indicate if the donor's immune system has produced antibodies to this coronavirus, regardless of whether an individual developed COVID-19 symptoms. Red Cross antibody tests will be helpful to identify individuals who have COVID-19 antibodies and may now help current coronavirus patients in need of convalescent plasma transfusions.

COVID-19 antibody test results will be available within one to two weeks in the Red Cross Blood Donor App or donor portal at RedCrossBlood.org. A positive antibody test result does not confirm infection or immunity. The Red Cross is not testing donors to diagnose illness, referred to as a diagnostic test. To protect the health and safety of Red Cross staff and donors, it is important that individuals who do not feel well or believe they may be ill with COVID-19 postpone donation.

Online comp. plan workshops

Glencoe is hosting two online workshops on its proposed comprehensive plan Feb. 18, 1 to 2 p.m., and 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

To participate in the no-cost workshops, register online at <https://bit.ly/Glencoe1pm> for the 1 p.m. session and <https://bit.ly/Glencoe630pm> for the 6:30 p.m. session.

For more information, visit the plan's website – www.glencoeplan.org or contact Lynn Neumann, assistant city administrator, by email at lnemann@ci.glencoe.mn.us or call her at 864-6951.

Free bus rides for vaccinations

Trailblazer Transit is offering transportation at no cost to customers for any rides related to a COVID-19 vaccination.

Caretakers and children may also ride along at no cost. Customers will need to coordinate with their health care providers or the vaccination clinics to schedule the appointments for the vaccines and then contact Trailblazer to schedule the transportation. Rides for vaccinations are scheduled subject to bus availability and are coordinated with other rides in normal fashion.

Trailblazer Transit may extend hours into the evening or add hours on Saturdays for the purpose of providing COVID-19 vaccination transportation. Please call toll-free 1-888-743-3828 to ask any questions and to schedule your transportation. The buses are clean, safe, and comfortable.

Masks are required on the bus and social distancing policies are in effect.

Happenings policy reminder

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

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



Chronicle photos by John Mueller

Preparing a delicious dinner

The quartet of (from front) Kevin Bulau, Zach Woytcke, Kevin Lindeman and Ron Donnay were among the team of volunteers preparing a delicious meal for Friday's Knights of Columbus fish fry. Proceeds from the event will go to a variety of causes around the county. About 1,450 people were served for the popular event at the Pla-Mor Ballroom. The event was switched to a drive-thru style.

A long line of cars filled waited their turn to pick up their Alaskan pollack fish dinners. The line extended out the Pla-Mor Ballroom's parking lot and up to East 10th Street.



Coalition: Pandemic trimmed traffic, but higher speeds led to more serious crashes

The arrival of COVID-19 in March caused more McLeod County motorists to stay home and drive less during the year. But when they did leave home, statistics from county law enforcement agencies indicate drivers were involved in more serious crashes involving a higher rate of injuries.

The McLeod County Toward Zero Deaths Safe Roads Coalition contends the data illustrate why motorists need to slow down and pay more attention to their driving.

"With restaurants and bars not able to be open, we saw a lot less traffic, especially in the evening hours, which lessens the chances for a crash," said Scott Wawrzyniak, a patrol sergeant for the McLeod County Sheriff's Office and a member of the coalition. "Unfortunately, the number of injury crashes did not decline drastically and the number of persons injured in crashes increased in McLeod County in 2020. This likely ties in with the statewide trend of increased speeds resulting in more serious crashes."

Fewer crashes

The pandemic's arrival early in 2020 resulted in a dramatic downturn in crashes. Only 21 crashes were reported in the county in March, 22 in April and 14 in May. During a normal year, the average number of crashes for each of those months is 40.

For the year, McLeod County saw 439 crashes resulting in 114 injuries, including three fatalities, compared to 581 crashes resulting in 119 injuries, including one fatality, in 2019. During the past five years, the county has reported, on average, three fatalities per year.

1 in 4 crashes resulted in injuries

According to the data, injuries occurred in 26 percent of crashes in 2020, compared to 20 percent in 2019. In crashes investigated by the McLeod County Sheriff's Office, which mainly centered on incidents on more higher-speed rural roads, injuries occurred in 36 percent of crashes in 2020, compared to 31 percent in 2019.

"It is hard to track exactly how speed played a factor in the majority of crashes because law enforcement relies on the word of the driver(s) regarding their speed, except in very serious or fatal crashes where a crash reconstructionist leads the investigation and is usually able to give an exact speed of the vehicle(s) involved," Wawrzyniak said. "I would say with the data showing an increase in injuries per crash that speed likely played a higher role in crashes this year as higher speeds lead to more severe crashes."

COVID played a role

Wawrzyniak believes

COVID-19 had a role in the higher speeds. With the uncertainty of the virus, many agencies did not participate in the state and federally funded Towards Zero Deaths enforcement grant, which led to significantly less traffic enforcement. "I believe that the decrease in enforcement played a role in the increase in percentage of injury crashes in 2020," Wawrzyniak said.

The Minnesota Department of Public Safety's Office of Traffic safety is working with the Minnesota State Patrol and other law enforcement agencies – as well as regional groups such as the McLeod County Toward Zero Deaths Safe Roads Coalition – to get speed back under control on all roads. The approach is using data from various sources to strategically target areas, times, seasons and events that produce the ongoing speeding threat. The goal is to reduce poor driver behavior to save lives and prevent injuries.

Hands-free law impact unclear

While speed is receiving increased attention, the impact of the state's 18-month-old hands-free mobile phone law is still unknown.

"I do not know if the state's hands-free law is having an impact on crashes, or distracted driving in general," Wawrzyniak said. He believes a hands-free call may

take a motorist's mind off the road the same as having a phone in one's hand.

"This is another hard statistic to track as it relies significantly on the statements of driver(s) as to their action and thus involves an incriminating statement," he said. "As with the speeding statistic, it uses a lot of time and resources to obtain evidence of speed and phone use in regards to a crash and thus most agencies in Minnesota don't have the resources to investigate those causes in every crash that occurs."

Wawrzyniak said those types of intensive investigations are generally reserved for serious or fatal crashes. "Without those investigations, that proof is generally not there to add to the crash reports and overall will show a low number of crashes resulting from speed or distracted driving, when in fact a majority of crashes are the direct result of speeding or distracted driving," he said.

The bottom line, Wawrzyniak said, is motorists are accountable for their behavior behind the wheel. "It shows once again that each individual needs to take responsibility when they are behind the wheel and place their focus on driving versus all the other distractions available to them," he said.

The data did not provide details about factors such as speed, alcohol or other drugs, or the use of seat belts.

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wants people to know they don't have to be a farmer or have farming history to join. Most of GSL's chapter members don't even live on a farm, according to him.

"If you're not a farm kid or you don't have farm history, don't feel scared to join because that's not what it is," Hagen said. "It's trying to get people to understand agriculture and what it involves. There's small animals. There's science and forestry. There's so much that can prepare you for future occupations that people just don't understand."

Gaining confidence

Lizzie Schmieg, GSL's chapter secretary, works with reindeer for her FFA projects. And as much as she's helped take care of them, they've helped her too. Her confidence grew while she showed them in contests.

There are many people who don't know about reindeer at the contests, so she's had to learn to take charge and make sure everyone is being as safe as possible around these "potentially dangerous" animals, Schmieg said.

"It's been such a growing experience for me, because I was never that confident of a

person," Schmieg said. "It's helped me be a lot more confident with what I have to do. I help manage shows, so I'm growing in that area too."

Along with growing her confidence, Schmieg likes how FFA offers her a space to relate with people, which is her favorite part.

"I love the people," Schmieg said. "I love how invested they are in what they do. I love how we're all centered around agriculture."

She wants more people to know that FFA isn't just about farming. It's about learning to be a leader, manage things and work as a team, which can all help in future endeavors.

Becoming leaders

Afton Nelson, GSL's chapter reporter, splits time between five cows for her projects.

She's currently a junior in high school but started working with cattle in 2016. Nelson is proud she knows what goes into taking care of them and which traits to look for when choosing a cow to show at a contest.

Nelson began her journey of showing cows at a bovine camp in Owatonna. She liked it so much that she became a

counselor there. She wants to share her love and knowledge like others did for her.

Her favorite part has been going to national and state conventions though.

"I like interacting with people," Nelson said. "We have little booklets that you can get people to sign, and I have lifelong friends that I've met from those things, and it's really cool how we can connect with other people that are interested in the same things as us."

Like Hagen and Schmieg, Nelson encourages anyone to join FFA, because it's not about "Future Farmers of America" anymore. It's about science and forestry too.

"You don't even have to know anything to join," Nelson said.

FFA Week plans

FFA chapter members will be giving out care packages to first responders Monday, Feb. 22. The school will also have a trivia and photo challenge on social media throughout the entire week.

The group will be handing out a Dairy Queen gift card to whoever wins FFA trivia at GSL Tuesday, Feb. 23.

Chapter members will have

a staff appreciation breakfast Wednesday, Feb. 24, from 5:30-7:30 a.m. GSL staff will order from a menu and have food delivered to them. There is also a region vs. state qual-

fier that evening.

Thursday, Feb. 25, is FFA Chapter T-Shirt Day, and a schoolwide selfie challenge starts that day and continues to Friday.

Friday night, Feb. 26, chapter members will have a sled-ding and skate night.

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National Lutheran Schools Week

First Evangelical Lutheran School students (from left) Erika Goche and Kryptan Wisch did some crafting to celebrate National Lutheran Schools Week, which took place Jan. 25-29. The week gave Lutheran Church Missouri Synod schools the ability to pro-

claim and celebrate God's blessings within its communities. "Sent to Serve" was the theme for this year's celebration and students celebrated in various ways like collecting food for the food shelf and having dress-up days.

Weather, wrong parts put Brownton public works projects on hold

By Brianna Taggart
Staff Writer

Brownton's city projects are going to be slowing down as mistakes in ordering parts and cold weather have affected contractors' ability to work.

KHC Construction ordered the wrong mixers for the wastewater treatment plant project, according to Chris Knutson of the city's contract engineering firm, Short Elliott Hendrickson (SEH).

The original parts came from Ireland and it took about four months to get them. Now, the city has two options. The first option is to order new parts and wait about four months to get it, delaying the project further. The second option is to try and make use of current mixers and try to either find a kit

to make it work with the power the city has or change the amount of power it uses.

Councilor Jesse Messner suggested Knutson continue to look at numbers and costs to figure out what to do next to finalize the project, which is near completion.

"They're getting close to the end," Knutson said about KHC.

Messner made the motion to approve KHC's \$265,489.18 payment application. Councilor Doug Block seconded it and it passed, 5-0.

BLD Services, on the other hand, is facing the problem of cold weather in regards to Brownton's sanitary sewer improvements. BLD workers won't be around until the temperature warms up, according to City Clerk Lori

Cacka.

Solar ordinance draft

The city council also discussed the blueprints of a new solar ordinance.

Councilor Lori Copler suggested only allowing building-integrated solar panels, and Messner agreed.

"I don't think we should allow ground-mounted ones," Messner said.

The councilors unanimously agreed to send the first draft of this ordinance to the planning commission, which Copler is the commissioner for. There isn't a date for when the planning commission is going to look at it yet, because Copler wants to learn more information about solar panels.

"She wants to have some background and suggestions

before she just throws it at people," Cacka said.

In other news, the city council also:

- Renewed its contract with Lutheran Social Services, which allows the group to use the community center.

- Agreed to pay McLeod County \$769 to take aerial photos of the city in 2022.

- Approved the Brownton Bruins' liquor license.

Will history be remembered in lessons our children learn in the years to come?



Rich Glennie

learned it to begin with.

There is a short video circulating called, "Sixth of June." It should be required viewing for all Americans old and young. If you don't tear up over it, then you are hopelessly lost. The video is located at www.sixofjune.com/ for your consideration.

It's a video of an annual commemoration of D-Day on June 6, 1944 by the small French village of Sainte Mere Eglise. American paratroopers fought there on D-Day and for many days after, and many died attempting to free the French from Nazi occupation.

Even after 77 years, the French still remember what Americans did for them.

The short film is gut-wrenching. It will bring tears to your eyes because of its powerful presentation. But it also evokes sadness because most of the D-Day participants are dying off, and those coming behind are already forgetting their sacrifices.

Susan Eisenhower, granddaughter of Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, is featured in the 15-minute film and spoke of her experience with groups of American students. She asked how many of the group knew who George Marshall was. She said only one hand went up. She asked if any of them

knew of Gen. George Patton. Again only that same one hand. That one child was from Zimbabwe, she added.

"We don't teach this history anymore," she added about Americans.

Which begs the question: What are we teaching our children about our history?

As a student, memorization was an important aspect of learning 60 years ago. I recall memorizing President Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address. We had to recite the Preamble to the Constitution. We had to name all the states in the Union, their capitals, where they were located on a U.S. map and even when they joined the Union.

"The Pledge of Allegiance" was a requirement each morning to start the school day, and it was explained what it all meant.

Many of us baby boomers were offspring of World War II veterans, who had returned from the war to restart their lives. Patriotism was emphasized and practiced.

And we learned about the three branches of government — executive, legislative and judicial — and how each functioned as a check-and-balance to the other. There was a full year dedicated to civics and political science emphasizing being a good, well-informed citizen.

Rather than asking why are we teaching our children today, maybe the better question is what are we not teaching them?

Rich Glennie was the editor of *The Chronicle* for 23 years. He retired Aug. 1, 2014.



Weather Corner

By Jake Yurek

Goodbye bone-chilling cold.

We were bound to get a cold streak after our relatively tame/warm start to winter, but the last couple weeks have definitely paid our tab. Temperatures will slowly inch up as we progress to the weekend with perhaps a run at the freezing mark by Sunday. Average highs should be close to 30 degrees, so it was slightly painful to not get above zero multiple days in a row.

We should return to 20s Saturday and hopefully make a quick run to freezing Sunday/Monday. In terms of weather, the big story this week will be the two storms to slam the same area from Texas through the Kentucky valley and up the East Coast.

If you were thinking of heading that way, don't. We'll be quiet the next seven days with our next potential chance of snow coming in late Sunday/Monday. The forecast models are hinting at the storm missing us and hitting Iowa, but it'll be something to watch as I think it'll end up being closer than they think.

Early next week, we should cool back down behind a cold front but it'll be nothing like we just dealt with so big deal right? Have a great week everyone, enjoy the warmer weather this weekend.

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Wednesday night: Lows, 1-6 to 0, clouds.

Thursday: Highs, 8-16, lows, -8 to -2; partly cloudy.

Friday: Highs, 10-18, lows, -6 to 0; mostly clear.

Saturday: Highs, 16-22, lows, 7-13; partly cloudy.

Sunday: Highs, 26-34; partly cloudy.

Weather Quiz: How much worse can a cold streak get for us, compared to the one that just hit?

Last week's question: Which is more dangerous: -40 degree air temp. with no wind or -20 degree air temp. with wind chill at -40 degrees?

Answer to last week's question: They're both extremely dangerous, but any time you have a breeze at those low temperatures it acts to ramp up the risk quickly. The wind takes away the layer of air around your skin's surface and allows it to cool down faster. That's why it almost seems like it hurts to face into the cold wind after only a few seconds.

Remember: I make the forecast, not the weather.

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How is the school staff holding up?

Our view: Children can't learn if staff is struggling

It's no secret there is significant pressure on the legislature and local school districts to return children to the classroom as soon as possible. We understand the concerns people have raised regarding the health and well-being of children who have been out of the classroom, away from friends and activities for far too long.

If it is safe, we agree children need to be returned to the classroom as soon as possible. While our weekly poll is far from scientific and formal, it was disheartening to see the majority of even a tiny sample of respondents indicate teachers should be required to go back to the classroom without vaccinations. If we demand they are back in class teaching, school staff should be among the early recipients of the COVID-19 vaccines.

Returning children to their classrooms is a huge step towards a return to normalcy. Children in school also provide parents the chance to return to the workplace.

But what about the staff, the teachers and paraprofessionals who help children learn? We were thrilled to hear the school board members show interest publicly in the state of the GSL School District's teaching staff.

Just as students are less

likely to benefit from a quality education if they are not on sound footing physically and emotionally, teachers and paraprofessionals need to be safe, mentally and physically healthy, to provide children the quality education the community expects. Some teachers are struggling trying to meet the educational needs of children in their classroom and some who are learning online. It's not just the amount of work, though that plays a role, it's the loss of connection between educator and student.

The rate of children struggling academically in GSL classrooms has elevated since the start of the pandemic. Dedicated teachers take it personally when some of the children they are charged with teaching are unable to keep up and thrive.

We understand teachers don't want to talk publicly about the pressures they face in a world tainted by COVID-19. With families of their own and health challenges they face each day, they know the pandemic is no hoax.

Like the students, we hope teachers and paraprofessionals will soon be able to resume doing what they do well in a safe and healthy environment.

- jm

Tough topic, wise planning

Kudos to the Glenco City Council and staff for discussing the maintenance of city streets with a hope of delaying the inevitable big-ticket reconstruction projects.

Glenco has some city streets in its neighborhoods that are old and getting older. These aren't the high traffic count roadways like East 10th Street, North Hennepin, Morningside and East 16th Street, though they will all eventually need attention. With the help of its engineers from Short Elliott Hendrick-

son (SEH), the city will consider recommendations for street maintenance that will, we all hope, provide the city the most bang for its buck.

SEH is expected to bring back recommendations in the next month or so. There are two inevitabilities here – people want good streets at a minimal cost and bituminous pavement will crack sooner than people think it should.

We applaud the effort to plan for the future and try to minimize the impact on taxpayers.

- jm

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online at www.glencoenews.com

Question of the week

Should McLeod County loosen its rules on permitting solar gardens?

- 1) Yes; it's my land. Don't take my property rights.
- 2) No; we must preserve farmland no matter what.
- 3) I'm not certain.

Results for most recent question:

What's your favorite variety of Girl Scout cookies?

- 1) Thin Mints® – 37%
- 2) Samoas® – 21%
- 3) Shortbread® – 14%
- 4) Lemon-Ups® – 9%
- 5) Other – 19%

Total votes: 43
Next poll question runs Feb. 17-23



MCAs will take valuable time away from student learning

By Denise Specht

The decision to proceed with the Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments (MCAs) in Minnesota's public schools this spring will take away valuable instructional time educators need to focus on their students' academic and emotional needs.

After a year of traumas, disruptions and distractions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, I doubt any parents or educators would disagree that Minnesota's students need extra attention this spring.

But instead of giving our undivided focus to students, educators will spend a huge amount of time administering what most of us consider the least useful assessment of the year. Classroom educators never see the MCA questions so it's almost impossible to use it to evaluate our own lessons, and besides, we don't see the results until the summer when the students who

took the tests have moved on.

The issue is now on the minds of educators because the Minnesota Department of Education said earlier this week state and federal law requires districts to administer the MCAs this spring as if this was a normal school year, unless there's new direction from the federal and state governments.

This is a mistake. This has not been a standard year. We don't need a standardized test.

Without new guidance, the online reading, math and science MCAs will be administered in-person in school buildings. There is no option for administering the test remotely to families that choose distance learning, although parents may opt out of their children as in previous years.

The department has already signaled its concerns with the reliability and comparability of the 2021 testing data by asking for federal permission to discount its weight in the

state's North Star accountability plan. The state's plan would put more weight on data from 2018-19 and 2021-22 instead.

The concern is justified. At best, during a normal year the MCAs can give a fuzzy snapshot of how the public school system is doing and allow for some comparisons between districts. But this pandemic school year has seen wild differences between districts in how students have been learning.

For example, how can you compare the performance of two districts that offered distance learning for at least part of the year when the students in one had access to high-speed internet and the other didn't?

Further, this year has been incredibly stressful for students and educators. There's no good reason to add to it, but now we're required to pile on testing anxiety this spring. Why do this to kids when the only thing we're going to get out of is data that

doesn't help individual students and the state already doesn't trust?

It's time to change the laws requiring this expensive, damaging, waste of time.

Denise Specht is the president of Education Minnesota, the labor union of more than 86,000 educators in Minnesota.

Letter to the editor

He says state rep.'s response proves his point

To the editor,

After reading Glenn Grunhagen's Feb. 10 response to my earlier letter (Feb. 3), I rest my case.

Dana Melius,
St. Peter

Reminding President Biden of his promise for 'unity'

By Rep. Michelle Fischbach

With a call for "unity," President Joe Biden assumed the presidency pledging to bring Americans of all political backgrounds together. But just days into his presidency, Biden signed dozens of executive orders that fulfilled campaign promises to his farthest-left supporters and abandoned American workers.

His unilateral action goes far beyond the standard fare for a new administration; never has one president wielded executive power so frequently in his first days. President Biden's orders are already reverberating through the country, shutting once-bustling construction sites, and relegating the livelihoods of hardworking Americans to irrelevancy.

But the president's legislating by executive fiat threatens more than just the promise of unity on which he campaigned. His orders already killed the Keystone XL

pipeline and have emboldened opponents of the Enbridge Line 3 Pipeline Replacement Project, as well. This project, which is already underway, will result in a new oil transport pipeline to replace an existing, deteriorating pipeline. After dozens of public meetings, environmental reviews, and stakeholder negotiations – including unanimous approval from the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission – the project finally got underway last year.

Line 3 has been the subject of piercing rhetoric for years; it is a favorite punchline of urban environmentalists and liberal special interest groups. Now, those far-left politicians and special interest groups – buoyed by the president's action to deny the Keystone XL pipeline its necessary federal permits – are demanding the administration ground Line 3, too. If they succeed, it would be catastrophic for northern Minnesota.

For years, communities around the pipeline's pro-

posed route have embraced its promise of an economic boost. With \$2.9 billion in private investment, it is the largest privately financed construction project in the state's history. The project is expected to bring more than \$160 million in construction-related revenue to communities near the pipeline's proposed route and will support thousands of jobs.

These are skilled labor jobs filled by hardworking Minnesotans who cannot simply "build solar panels instead," as one of the president's top advisors suggested.

Additionally, the communities of northern Minnesota

rely on the tax revenue generated by Enbridge. In fact, Enbridge estimates it will contribute an additional \$35 million in property taxes the first year Line 3 is fully in service. This tax revenue supports our schools, funds essential services and helps protect our environment. Line 3 will be a major boost to long-term, reliable energy in Minnesota,

and will aid in our pursuit of affordable, sustainable energy for Minnesota consumers.

Despite his promises to bring the nation together, President Biden is bowing to the radical left. At a time when the American people need every competitive advantage, the president threatens to stifle our "Great American Comeback" in its tracks.

To be sure, our nation's significant challenges require bipartisan solutions. Minnesotans – like the American people – are resilient, innovative, and hardworking.

But we need a partner in the White House.

President Biden said he'd be an American president, whether you voted for him or not. Now, he needs to make good on his pledge.

Michelle Fischbach, a first-term Republican, represents Minnesota's Seventh Congressional District, which includes McLeod County, in the U.S. House of Representatives.



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People

Local couple welcomes son

Kaitlyn and Nathan Woytcke of Glencoe recently celebrated the arrival of their son at Glencoe Regional Health.

Wesley August Woytcke was born weighing 8 pounds, 15 ounces and was 22 inches in length.

Wesley was welcomed home by Elaina, his older sister, and grandparents Leigh and Joel Cohrs of Glencoe, Jesse Woytcke of Glencoe and Michelle Waldner of Glencoe.

Area students lauded at NDSU

Over 4,300 students, including many from the Glencoe area, made the dean's list for the fall semester at North Dakota State University. A student must earn a 3.50 or higher GPA and be enrolled in at least 12 class credits to qualify for the honor.

A pair of students from Brownton attending North Dakota State University earned spots on the dean's list for the fall semester.

Brandi R. Pikal, studying agricultural communication, and Kendra White, a pharmaceutical science major, both made the list.

Glencoe's Will T. Higgins, a business administration student, and Paige A. Litzau, studying pharmaceutical science, made the fall semester dean's list at NDSU.

From Plato, Josh P. Kuehn, a mechanical engineering major, and Sydney R. Lepel, a radiologic sciences student, made the dean's list.

Silver Lake's Arlene O. Nowak, a social science education major, made the dean's list.

Gepson honored at ISU

Glencoe's Peter John Gepson was one of more than 11,000 Iowa State University students recognized for outstanding academic achievement by being named to the fall semester 2020 dean's list.

Gepson earned a GPA of at least 3.50 on a 4.00 scale while carrying a minimum of 12 credit hours of graded course work.

Graduated from UNC

Glencoe's Addison Luehrs, earned a bachelor of science degree in dietetics and recently graduated from the University of Northern Colorado in Greeley.

Luehrs was one of 930 UNC students to graduate in 627 degree programs. The school held a virtual commencement exercise recognizing graduates from the fall, spring and summer terms.

Lauded at Dakota State

A pair of local students were honored for their success at Dakota State University. A total of 572 full-time and 173 part-time students qualified for the president's academic honors list for the 2020 fall semester at Dakota State University (DSU) in Madison, S.D.

Glencoe's Jose Mendoza and Silver Lake's Riley Ruzicka were honored for their academic work. They achieved a GPA of 3.5 to 4.0 to qualify for the honors list.

On GAC's dean's list

Local students earned academic honors and a spot on the dean's list at Gustavus Adolphus College during the fall semester.

To make the list, students had to earn a 3.7 GPA on a 4.0 scale.

Glencoe's Haley Lukes made the list. Plato's Kaitlyn Doolittle and Bennett Lepel earned the honor. Silver Lake's Kathryn Nowak also earned a spot on the dean's list.

Lauded at Minnesota Morris

Glencoe's Laura Popelka and Plato's Austin Pinske have been named to the University of Minnesota Morris Dean's List for the fall 2020 semester.

To be eligible for the dean's list, Popelka and Pinske achieved a GPA of 3.666 or higher while taking 12 or more credits on the A-F grading system, with no incompletes or non-satisfactory grades.

Local pair honored

A pair of area students have been honored for their academic success at the College of St. Scholastica in Duluth during the fall semester.

Plato's Emily Thalmann, a junior majoring in exercise physiology, earned a spot on the dean's list for the semester. Kaitlyn Uecker of Brownton, a sophomore majoring in social work, also made the school's dean's list.

Dean's list honorees earned a 3.75 GPA or above on a 4.0 scale.

Pair earns spots on UMC list

Glencoe's Abigail Maunu and Savanna Rose Weber of Silver Lake are among the students who earned spots on the fall semester dean's list at the University of Minnesota, Crookston.

Both Maunu and Weber are in the bachelor of science program for agricultural science at UMC. To qualify for a place on the dean's list, students had to complete 12 or

more letter-graded (A-F) credits while attaining a 3.66 GPA.

Area students make UMD list

Glencoe and area students at the University of Minnesota Duluth (UMD) were recently honored with places on the dean's list with GPAs of 3.5 or higher.

Brownton's Sacha R. Willhite, a junior, is studying social work in UMD's College of Education and Human Service.

Glencoe's Bethany C. Cross, a sophomore, made the dean's list studying biology in UMD's College of Science and Engineering (SCSE).

Plato's Anna M. Mackenthun, a senior, is also studying biology in UMD's Swenson College of Science and Engineering.

Glencoe trio makes NCC list

Three students from Glencoe attending Normandale Community College in Bloomington have earned spots on the dean's list for the fall semester.

Amy Abress, Elizabeth Goff and Mason Trippel earned the academic honor while enrolled in at least nine credits and earning a GPA of at least 3.5 for courses completed in the fall semester.

Locals make SMSU dean's list

Glencoe students earned academic honors for their classroom work during the fall semester at Southwest Minnesota State University in Marshall.

Emily Rademacher earned dean's list high honors with a 4.0 GPA.

Kaylee Lemke and Genevieve Paggen, both from Glencoe, earned dean's list honors with GPAs between 3.5 and 4.0.

Plato's Hecksel graduates

Plato's Erica Hecksel was among the 420 seniors at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls who recently graduated.

Hecksel graduated UW-RF with a bachelor of science degree in business administration.

Pikal graduates with honors

Brownton's Brandi Rose Pikal was among the 980-plus graduates from North Dakota State University at the university's fall 2020 graduation ceremony.

Pikal graduated from NDSU with honors Jan. 29. She earned a bachelor of science degree in agricultural communication.

Students honored at SCSU

Students from the area have earned spots on the dean's list for the fall semester at St. Cloud State University.

The dean's list includes Brownton's Kristine Major, a student in SCSU's College of Liberal Arts studying graphic design; Glencoe's Devin Fleck, studying mechanical engineering in the university's college of science and engineering; Plato's Briel Steen and Hannah Youngblood, who are studying criminal justice in the school of public affairs; and Silver Lake's Taylor Zitur, a student in SCSU's School of Education studying elementary (K-sixth grade) education.

The five students are among more than 1,300 students at SCSU earning the academic honor. To be eligible for the honor, students must have a grade point average of 3.75 or higher on a 4.0 scale.

Oberlin on chancellor's list

Glencoe's Carlee Oberlin, who is studying equine and animal science at the University of Minnesota, Crookston, has earned a spot on the university's chancellor's list for the fall semester 2020.

To qualify for a place on the chancellor's list, Oberlin completed 12 or more letter-graded (A-F) credits while attaining a 4.0 GPA.

Local duo graduates from SCSU

Two local students were among the 874 graduates from St. Cloud State University after its fall 2020 semester.

Glencoe's Alec Nelson graduates with a bachelor of science in cybersecurity. Plato's Briel Steen graduated with a bachelor of arts in criminal justice studies. Steen earned magna cum laude honors.

Glencoe student honored at BU

Glencoe's Kenzie Boozikee, a senior at Bethel University, has earned a spot on the dean's list for the 2020 fall semester.

The daughter of Sherri and Kevin Boozikee, Kenzie made the list earning a GPA of 3.6 or greater.

Pair earns spots on UMC list

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Chronicle photo by Brianna Taggart

Taking a break

Jackson Lebens enjoyed play time in Britta Aldrich's Glencoe-Silver Lake preschool class last Wednesday afternoon, Feb. 10. He and his classmates spent time playing with toys and making arts and crafts before their Valentine's Day party Thursday, Feb. 11.

Obituaries

Virgil Vacek, 75, of rural Glencoe

Virgil J. Vacek, 75, husband of Mary Kay, of rural Glencoe, passed away Tuesday, Feb. 9, at his home in rural Glencoe.



Virgil Vacek

A Mass of Christian burial was held Sunday, Feb. 14, 2 p.m., at St. Anastasia Catholic Church in Hutchinson with interment in the church cemetery.

The Rev. Paul Wolf was the officiating clergy.

Bev Wangerin was the organist.

Lucy Newcomb was the song leader.

"Well Done," "Amazing Grace," "Shepherd Me, O God," "Give Me Jesus," "Only In God," "This Is Holy Ground," "Song of Farewell" and "Fly Like A Bird" were the musical selections.

The Silver Lake American Legion Honor Guard Post 141 provided military honors.

Aislin Vacek, Aleda Vacek, Kendis Vacek, and Marek Vacek were the honorary urn-bearers.

Brandon Vacek, Saijal Vacek and Matalynn Vacek were the urn-bearers.

Virgil James Vacek was born Aug. 14, 1945, in Hutchinson. He was the son of James and Helen (Pilarski) Vacek. Virgil was baptized as an infant and confirmed in his faith, both at St. Joseph

Catholic Church in Silver Lake. He received his education in Hutchinson and was a graduate of the Hutchinson High School Class of 1963.

Mr. Vacek entered active military service in the Army National Guard. On May 14, 1966, Virgil was united in marriage to Mary Kay Rannow at St. Adelbert's Catholic Church in Silver Lake. This marriage was blessed with three sons, David, Matthew, and Aaron. Virgil and Mary Kay resided on their farm in Hassan Valley Township, rural Glencoe. They shared 54 years of marriage.

Virgil was first employed at the Glencoe Creamery, followed by Schwartz Manufacturing in Cokato, Hutchinson Manufacturing, and then began working at Scherping Systems Inc. in Winsted, until retiring in February of 2006. He also farmed his land in Glencoe for several years. Virgil was a member of St. Anastasia Catholic Church in Hutchinson. He was also a member of the Knights of Columbus Council No. 1841, the American Legion Post 141 in Silver Lake where he spent a great amount of time volunteering, the Silver Lake Sportsman Club, and the DAV No. 37 in Hutchinson.

Virgil enjoyed hunting, fishing, gardening, working with metal, woodworking, and cutting wood. He also enjoyed smoking meat, making maple syrup, collecting mushrooms, and wild rice. He loved sharing his produce

with others. He especially enjoyed spending time with his family, grandchildren, and friends.

Mr. Vacek passed away Tuesday, Feb. 9, at his home in Glencoe, at the age of 75 years. Blessed be his memory.

Virgil is survived by his wife, Mary Kay Vacek of Glencoe; sons, David Vacek and his wife, Tanya, of Glencoe; Matthew Vacek and his wife, Jennifer, of Duluth; Aaron Vacek and his wife, Tessa, of Minnetonka; grandchildren, Brandon, Saijal, Aislin, Aleda, Matalynn, Kendis and Marek; siblings, Roger Vacek and his wife, Carolyn, of Hutchinson; Robert Vacek of Verndale; Marjorie Nowak of Neosho, Mo.; James Vacek and his wife, Debbie, of California; Terry Vacek and his wife, Linda, of St. Charles, Mo.; Jane Dennison and her husband, Steve, of Glencoe; many other relatives and friends.

Mr. Vacek is preceded in death by his parents, James and Helen Vacek; brother, Christopher Vacek; sister, Julie Vacek in infancy; and brother-in-law, Clarence Nowak.

The Dobratz-Hantge Chaps in Hutchinson handled the arrangements. Its website – www.hantge.com – includes obituary and guestbook information.

—Thank You—

The family of Roland G. Bergs would like to thank you for your support, kind words, cards and memorials.

We are grateful to all of the people who attended the visitation and memorial service, who sent flowers, and plants and people who continue to share stories about how and when they met Roland.

It's amazing how many people knew him and how and when they met him.

God bless you all!!

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People

Area students shine at SDSU

Area students enjoyed academic success during the fall semester at South Dakota State University. Several area students have earned spots on the university's dean's list.

To earn dean's list distinctions in SDSU's colleges, students must have completed a minimum of 12 credits and must have earned at least a 3.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale.

Brownton's Allie Jean Harpel, Kendra Marie Kujas, Brittney Rose Medina and Carson Dean Streich made the dean's list. Kujas, Medina and Streich earned 4.0 GPAs.

Glencoe's Katelynn Ann Kunkel, Michaela Ann Neyers and Erin Lydia Schultz made the dean's list. Kunkel and Schultz had 4.0 GPAs.

Lillian Nicole Schneider of Plato also made the dean's list at SDSU.

SL trio lauded at UW-La Crosse

Three students from Silver Lake have earned spots on the dean's list at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse for the fall semester 2020.

The three students are Gabriell Bayerl, a public health and community health education major; Kaitlyn Popp, majoring in biology: biomedical science concentration and Rachael Popp, exercise and sport science major: exercise science.

To be eligible for the dean's list at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, students must have earned not less than a 3.5 semester GPA and carried a minimum of 12 credits.

She noticed plenty changed in 62 years

By Brian Haines
McLeod County Historical Society

It was the 1930s. On a paved highway between Glencoe and Brownton, Mrs. Carrie Working rode in a 1930s automobile.

The car rode gently over the paved road, and out the window, Carrie looked on at the two-story farmhouses, large fields, big barns, and cars that sped down the highway on which they rode. It had been 62 years since Carrie had been here, long ago moving to Grand Forks, N.D. As she rode through the countryside of her childhood home, she couldn't help but marvel at how much things had changed.

Carrie had last seen her childhood home in 1868, and at that time, a trip to Glencoe, made by oxcart or horse and buggy, took about three hours, a far cry from the 15 minutes by automobile. She recalled, "All of the roads in the vicinity of Glencoe were in terrible shape when I was a girl. Sometimes, they were impassable, and farmers were forced to walk, picking their way over fields and meadows, carrying home supplies on their backs. Farmers did the roadwork, but they had little equipment and not enough time. There was very little money available for

road work".

Indeed, the paved road Carrie Working rode along must have been a great change from the wagon trails that once led between the settlements in McLeod County. Not only were the conditions better, but the time it took to travel between the communities shorter. "When I was a girl, a trip to Glencoe with a horse and buggy was quite an event, although it was only 10 miles.

No need for speed

On a nice summer evening when the roads were good, it was a pleasant drive. We had no desire for speed as we knew nothing about anything on the roads speedier than horses. We seemed to have more time than is the case now. But many's the time I have had a new white dress spoiled after much ironing and starching by being forced to get out of a buggy or wagon when it was stuck.

Climbing over the wheels was usually disastrous to clothes. Sometimes the girls in the party had to help push, and we never knew, if we went to a dance or party some distance away, when we would get home. We went anyway and thought nothing of it. In truth, we generally had a good time even when the roads were blocked with

huge drifts of snow."

The farms also had changed immensely since the days of the settlers, especially in the 1930s when bigger equipment was available for clearing land and tilling the soil. Carrie recalled, "Most of the farmhouses were plain frame or log structures, many without paint. The barns were small and often unpainted. Few cows were kept, and the fields did not appear as neat and well kept as those along the paved highway."

And today?

The world of 1868 was certainly far different than 1930. One must wonder, however, what that same person would say if they saw our world today, aside from place names, would they even know it was the same place? Roads have been raised, woods have been cleared, and even the gambrel-style barn and silo has become a part of history. With streetlights, fast automobiles, and cell phones, one would have to assume our link to the past is fast diminishing, existing only on paper and in the memories of those like Carrie Working.

Brian Haines is the executive director of the McLeod County Historical Society.

History

From the Stewart Tribune archives

100 Years Ago

February 18, 1921
Lester Koeppen, Editor

Annual village and township elections come this year on Tuesday, March 8th, and voters about town are more than a little quiet this spring in regard to possible candidates for the several village offices which are and will be vacant. Stewart is using the Australian Ballot System, which does away with the old moth-eaten caucus system entirely. There will be several offices to be filled this year. Mayor "Bill" Cayott's term expires and there seems to be some doubt as to whether he will file again. There will have to be one trustee elected to serve three years in Mr. Richards' place. The term of Harry Koeppen as clerk also expires. The term of Treasurer Fred Rehse also expires this year. Rehse has been treasurer for so long that he is considered a fixture in the place.

Auto tax may be from \$10 to \$30 - Ford automobile owners would pay an average of \$10 a year automobile license fees, Dodge owners \$24 and those of other cars up to \$30 for Packards, under a new tentative schedule of license fees completed last week by the House subcommittee on the subject. On the basis of 300,000 cars to be licensed in the state under the

Good Roads amendment No. 1 plan, the new tentative proposal will yield \$5,732,277, it is estimated.

75 Years Ago

February 21, 1946
Harry Koeppen, Editor

We are wondering how many of you folks noticed that the Tribune entered its fiftieth year with last week's issue. We are sorry to have "slipped up" on this matter, but we thought we'd bring it to your attention. Plans for the near future are to get out an anniversary edition.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Forcier - Victim of Small Pox. The untimely death of a Stewart lad, Walter Forcier, 22 years old, occurred at Kyushu, Japan, on January 27th. His wife, the former Evelyn Vokal, being informed by a telegram from the War Department. Walter entered the service on October 10, 1944, and went overseas with the 32nd Infantry Division last March.

A fine group of ninety hunters gathered at School Dist. No. 70 Sunday afternoon to pursue the "Little Red Fox". A grand total of 61 jack rabbits was reported, but no fox! According to reports brought to the Tribune office, the fox was trapped in a quarter-mile circle, but with a determined sprint, got through the circle of

men and away to freedom once more. Next Sunday afternoon, the Round Grove Rod & Gun Club will stage their last hunt of the year.

60 Years Ago

February 16, 1961
Kermitt T. Hubin, Editor

Richard Barnes, Stewart's basketball captain was named to the Minneapolis Star's "Prep Stars of the Week", in the Tuesday issue of the paper.

While attempting to unload a tractor from a truck by himself Friday afternoon, Ray Ludowese had the misfortune of being injured when the tractor fell on him.

50 Years Ago

February 18, 1971
Kermitt T. Hubin, Editor

The State Crime Bureau and McLeod County Sheriff's Office is investigating a burglary of the Stewart Elevator here early last Thursday morning. Elevator manager, Fred Prieve stated that entry was made thru a warehouse door. The culprits forced an inside door to the office where a large safe was sawed open. An undisclosed amount of cash was missing. The safe was undoubtedly the prime target of the thieves, as nothing else was missing.

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From the Brownton Bulletin archives

100 Years Ago

February 17, 1921
O.C. Conrad, Editor

Mrs. E. M. Laraway had the misfortune to fracture her right lower limb below the knee about a week ago. She was descending the cellar stairs and thinking she had reached the bottom, she fell the last two or three steps.

The young friends of Miss Alma Schimmelpfennig helped her celebrate her birthday at her home in this village Sunday evening. Miss Alma was equal to the occasion and showed her guests a good time.

Shortly after the noon hour yesterday, a call came to the village saying that the Emil Albrecht home, six miles southeast of town was on fire and several auto loads from here responded. The first trace of the fire was discovered in the attic and its origin is unknown, but it is believed that a defective chimney was the cause.

75 Years Ago

February 14, 1946
Milton D. Hakel, Editor

Corporal Magnus Redmann arrived home in Brownton this morning after having received his honorable discharge from the U. S. Army. He had returned from overseas only a week ago, landing at Los Angeles on February 6. He had spent the last four and a half months at Hickam field in Hawaii. Redmann is

a veteran of 38 months service. He served as a dental technician and a medical corpsman with the army air forces. He wears the American Theater, Asiatic - Pacific Theater, Victory and Good Conduct ribbons.

Brownton defeated Winthrop 33-31 last Friday night at Winthrop, looking unimpressive as they accomplished the victory. The Bears usually good shooting luck deserted them and they were hard pressed to stay ahead of their rangy opponents.

50 Years Ago

February 18, 1971
Charles H. Warner, Editor

On the strength of three champions -- 120-pounder Roy Guerrero, 165-pounder Glenn Alssleben and heavyweight Fred Bipes -- along with five second places, the Brownton wrestling team won its first 212 Conference tournament the past weekend.

Burglars made off with an undisclosed amount of cash from the Stewart Elevator sometime Thursday morning. McLeod Sheriff Leon Odegaard said the break-in was discovered at 7:30 a.m. Thursday when elevator manager Fred Prieve arrived to open the business for the day.

Although Prieve had not determined by Monday the amount of cash missing, he estimated it could be \$5,000, Odegaard said. Mrs. Chris Betker of Seattle, Wash., formerly of Brownton,

has been named a preliminary winner in the 21st annual Pillsbury bakeoff contest. Her original recipe was selected as a winner from some 250,000 entrants. She has already won a 4-day Hawaii trip, \$100, a new range and the chance to win more prizes in the final bakeoff to be held in Honolulu later this month.

20 Years Ago

February 21, 2001
Lori Copler, Editor

McLeod West Schools are putting plans in place for its second annual residency with bluegrass musicians Raymond McLain and Mike Stevens. A highlight will be the opportunity for both McLeod West students and community members to be tutored by McLain and Stevens for guitar, banjo, fiddle and harmonica.

McLeod West Schools have suffered a double whammy from this year's particularly snowy and frigid winter - the school district is \$25,000 over budget in fuel cost and snow buildup on the Brownton Campus roof has resulted in leaks in four different areas.

Rachel Wagner and Megan Wieweck, both of Stewart, were named to the academic high honor list for fall semester at Minnesota State University, Mankato. To be named to the high honors list, a student must achieve a perfect 4.0 grade-point average.

From the Silver Lake Leader archives

75 Years Ago

February 16, 1946
Delbert Merrill, Publisher

Sheriff Art Tessmer is reported to have nabbed a youthful bunch that were responsible for a number of car thefts recently. Detailed information is lacking, it is reported that Sheriff Tessmer set a trap for the youngster and caught them in a neighboring town.

Saturday night, about 9:30, Brownton residents learned somewhat as to the effects and "feel" of an earthquake, when a kerosene storage tank at the Milwaukee trackside blew up as it was being filled with kerosene from a tank truck. The blast was strongly felt through the downtown section of the town. The Brownton Bulletin says no fire resulted and following the completion of the unloading truck, the driver drove away, his work completed.

According to the Wright-County Journal Press, a recent soil test of 75 farms cooperating in the Wright County District County Soil Conservation Program, found that one third of them (25) were found to have an acid soil condition. Remedy for such a soil nature is the use of lime and from the test it was believed that

approximately one third of all the county farms were of acid soil. Farmers were warned to investigate such possibilities before purchasing any soil fertilizers.

60 Years Ago

February 16, 1961
Wilbert Merrill, Publisher

Boy oh Boy that was sure a swell spell of weather we had. A record high temperature was set the other day, it's easy getting around without snow, and in general things are beginning to look toward spring.

Ron Makovsky is a patient at the Glencoe hospital entering there Tuesday morning for treatment of a broken leg. Ron suffered the fracture below the knee when a cow kicked him while doing chores about five-thirty Tuesday. He is a patient at the Glencoe hospital where his wife, Ellie, is a nurse.

A large number of enthusiastic folks attending the annual meeting of the Silver Lake Farmers Shipping Association, managed by Otto and Milo Stritesky, heard the annual reports presented and showed the association had a record high year in the total number of pounds of livestock shipped (nearly four million).

From the Chronicle archives

30 Years Ago

February 13, 1991
Bill C. Ramige, Editor

Julie Miller and Denise O'Donnell roll cookie dough into balls during the creative foods class at Glencoe High School. The class baked the cookies for the Glencoe High School graduates who are serving in Operation Desert Storm. The 22 juniors and seniors donated their own money to send the cookies.

Crime in McLeod County has increased about 10 to 15 percent in the last four years, according to Mike Junge, county attorney. Junge Tuesday told the McLeod County Board of Commissioners there were 262 adult criminal cases in the county during 1990. In 1989, some 297 cases were reported, but of that figure, 64 were strictly drug-related, he said. In all, 37 driving under the influence, 19 aggravated driving under the influence. Aggravated driving simply means those people continued to drive even though their licenses already had been revoked. Burglary and theft also were problems in McLeod County in 1990. Juvenile charges were up slightly in 1990 compared to the previous years.

Glencoe 8th grader to make 2nd trip in 3 years to regional spelling contest - After a heart-pounding and palmsweating tie-breaker, Marcia Dammann of Glencoe won the district-wide

spelling bee Friday. Dammann spelled "centaur" correctly, winning a Merriam-Webster dictionary. Her opponent in the final tie-breaker, Joel Duenow, another eighth grader at Glencoe, was named alternate and won a thesaurus. They will participate in the regional spelling bee in Mankato.

20 Years Ago

February 21, 2001
Rich Glennie, Editor

Former Glencoe Eagles' basketball coach and pioneer in women's athletics, Jan Willard, accepts congratulations from Minnesota State High School League executive Dorothy McIntyre, in Glencoe. Willard was given an equity ring in honor of her accomplishments that helped create equal opportunities for women in athletics.

A total of 3,381 people walked through the second annual Glencoe Area Business Expo over the weekend in the Panther Field House.

The new intensive behavioral intervention program is making a positive difference in the overall school climate at Glencoe-Silver Lake High School, according to students and staff. The theme that permeated conversations with students and staff was that students know what is expected of them and are accountable for their actions. "They (Jones and principal Scot Kerbaugh) don't

take as much crap," said Jeremy Spaude, senior at GSL. "They kick you out faster." "They were tough right away," said Shelly Withus, GSL senior. There were 158 discipline referrals in the first semester of school this year, Jones said. Last year there were a total of 1,625 discipline referrals.

10 Years Ago

February 16, 2011
Rich Glennie, Editor

Glencoe-Silver Lake's fall musical "Beauty and the Beast" received a number of honors through the 2010 SpotLight Musical Theatre Trust. The GSL actors will be honored at the annual June SpotLight Showcase. Top honor of outstanding performance in a leading role by Logan Schumacher as Gaston; honorable mention in a leading role for Beatrice Winter as Belle, Adam Broderius as Lumiere.

Having lost back-to-back games to Wright County Conference foes Waconia and Watertown-Mayer, the GSL girl's basketball team got back on track last weekend by playing downright stingy defense. GSL guard Michaela Schuft drives for two of her game-high 19 points against Delano.

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Glencoe-Silver Lake guard Mylea Monahan (4) cut off the lane to the basket for Annandale's Lauren Campbell in the second half of GSL's win last Tuesday.

Panthers boys' hoops split, prepare for tough road

After a week that saw the Glencoe-Silver Lake boys' hoops team endure a tough loss on the road and enjoy a second half rout at home, the Panthers are hitting the road for contests they expect will be difficult as they try and secure their spot near the top of the conference.

GSL lost a tough game Monday, Feb. 8, in Blue Earth against one of the section's tougher teams and then came home and blew Dassel-Cokato out of the gym in the second half of the Feb. 11 tilt. Despite play that is arguably solid, at times, coach Rob DeCorsey is looking for more consistent play offensively and defensively.

Blue Earth Area 81, Panthers 73

GSL faced a top-five ranked team on the road and made the game close with a solid second-half comeback effort after the Buccaneers took a 19-point lead to inter-

mission.

GSL arrived in Blue Earth focusing on its game and with little advance information on the Bucs style of play. DeCorsey said Blue Earth is the presumptive runner-up in the southern half of the section to a powerhouse Waseca team.

The 47-28 lead had DeCorsey reminding his team about the importance of competing, playing as a group and challenging the group's motivation. The discussion motivated a solid second half comeback, with a solid defensive effort. The overall rally pulled GSL back into the game. GSL outscored the Bucs, 45-38, in the second half. GSL put the clamps on Blue Earth's top scorer, Cam Anderson, in the second half. Anderson scored 21 in the first half but was limited to one two-point hoop and eight free throws in the second half.

"I was proud of the fact we

could still do it," DeCorsey said. "The guys really played hard in the second half."

GSL's Mitchel Jaskowiak led the second half effort. He scored 23 of his team-high 28 points in the second half. Blake Mickolichuk chipped in 10 points in the second-half rally.

Besides Jaskowiak, Blake Mickolichuk finished with 18 points. Mitchel Klockmann added nine while Jaden Uecker and Eli Ehrke both finished the game with six points. Sawyer Kaczmarek added four points and Jacob Christianson finished the game with two.

Panthers 87, Dassel-Cokato 59

The Panthers came out of the game on fire with a 10-0 run in the opening minutes of the Feb. 11 game that the Chargers matched.

Christianson led the GSL attack in the first half, scoring 13 points, including two

Girls' hoops charges over Annandale, Dassel-Cokato

By Brianna Taggart
Staff Writer

The Glencoe-Silver Lake girls' basketball team charged into last week's games and never slowed down, winning both.

"I really like where our team defense is at," head coach Jeff Monahan said. "We have been playing multiple defenses and the girls are doing a great job transitioning back and forth between them."

Panthers 58, Annandale 51

The Panthers started their journey to victory at home last Tuesday, Feb. 9, against the Annandale Cardinals.

Monahan thought it was a great first half of basketball as the teams stayed neck and neck and ended halftime tied, 31-31.

The second half stayed back and forth as GSL was down, 47-46, with just about five minutes left to go. The Panthers hit a three-pointer and then a steal that led to a layup that put them in the lead.

GSL stayed fueled, and Audrey Peterson had a good night hitting a couple free throws, according to Monahan.

Up next:

- GSL hosts Watertown-Mayer Thursday, Feb. 18, 7 p.m.
- GSL at Litchfield Tuesday, Feb. 23, 7 p.m.

GSL ended the night with a tight win 58-51 over the Cardinals.

Miah Monahan had a strong night scoring 31 points and Kendall Guerrero scoring eight.

Panthers 66, DC 44

The Panthers weren't ready to give up the ball when they went head-to-head against Dassel-Cokato Chargers Thursday, Feb. 11, at their away game.

Monahan said the team had some "really nice stretches" in the first half, especially on the defensive side of the ball. GSL was able to get a 14-point lead but were stuck at 26 points for about three minutes, which made time for DC to make up some points. Halftime ended 31-24 with the Panthers still in charge of the game.

Kendall Guerrero knocked down back-to-back three-pointers in the first three minutes of the second half and

helped push the lead to 17 points.

"I thought the girls played very well coming out of half-time, and I liked how we rebounded and played with energy in the second half," Monahan said.

GSL finished the game with a solid 66-44 win over DC.

Mylea Monahan took the lead with scoring and earned 27 points with Miah Monahan next with 16 points.

The Panthers are staying on their home court this week with two games at Glencoe-Silver Lake High School. They played against Rockford Tuesday, Feb. 16. Scores weren't available to The Chronicle at the time of publication.

WCC Girls' Basketball

Team	Conf.	Overall
NL-S	7-0	10-0
Panthers	5-1	7-2
W-M	4-2	8-2
Litchfield	3-3	4-3
Rockford	3-3	4-5
Annandale	2-4	3-6
HLWW	1-6	1-8
DC	0-6	0-9

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Boys basketball

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Chronicle photo by John Mueller

Glencoe-Silver Lake forward Mitchel Jaskowiak (2) powered his way to the basket to dunk the ball during a fast break in the second half of the Panthers' win over Dassel-Cokato Thursday night, Feb. 11, in Glencoe. Jaskowiak finished the game with 27 points. The Panthers topped DC, 87-59.

Depleted GSL struggling on the mat amidst tough competition

Team's focus is recovery, prep for sections

Unable to put its top lineup on the mat, the Glencoe-Silver Lake/Lester Prairie wrestling team has shifted its focus from winning dual meets to making sure wrestlers are healthy and in top form for the sectional team and individual competitions next month.

The Panthers are able to barely put half their starting lineup on the mat, said coach Lance Wurm. Those wrestlers who are dealing with injuries will be held out of the lineup and work to be ready to return. They and the rest of the team will continue to train and hone skills.

Wurm said the Panthers are working to avoid small mistakes. He's also looking for younger wrestlers to take the opportunity to enjoy success at the varsity level.

"Little mistakes can become big mistakes," he said. "We've got to get better and avoid those little mistakes."

Minnetonka 49, Panthers 22
The Skippers won the first six weight classes on the mat or by forfeit and built a 32-0 lead on the way to a big win Thursday, Feb. 11, in Glencoe.

GSL/LP didn't win its first team points of the match until

Up next:

- Tomorrow, Thursday, Feb. 18, 5 p.m., at Annandale/Maple Lake and Rockford Area.
- Tuesday, Feb. 23, 5 p.m., host Sibley East and Watertown-Mayer.

the 145-pound match. Jace Cacka won a major decision victory. At 152 pounds, GSL/LP's Zach Voelz pinned his opponent at the 4:53 mark. Voelz suffered a knee injury. Its severity is to be determined, Wurm said.

After Minnetonka won the 160- and 172-pound matches, the Panthers' Keegan Lemke pinned his opponent at the 40-second mark, cutting Minnetonka's lead to 39-16.

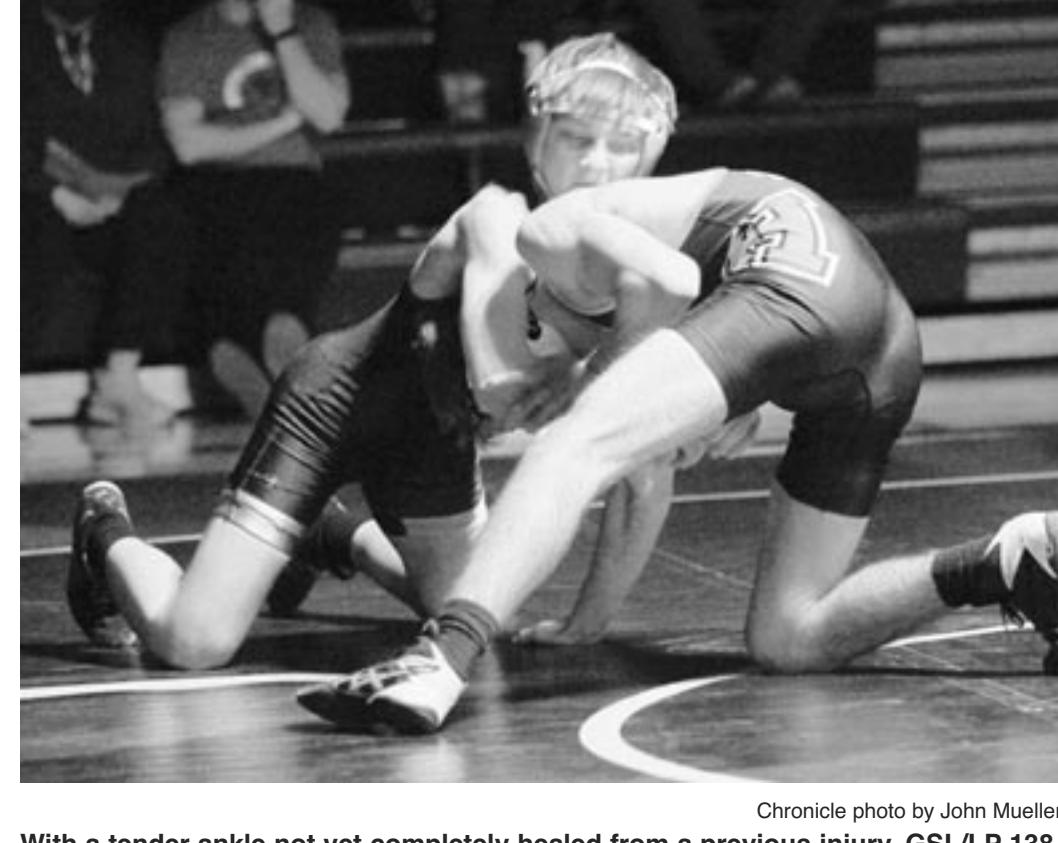
The Panthers' final points came when Marco Iracheta won the 285-pound match by a pin at 1:25.

Litchfield/D-C 66, Panthers 6

GSL/LP forfeited four of the first six matches against Litchfield/Dassel-Cokato on the way to a big victory.

Litchfield/D-C won its first match on the mat at 126 pounds, a pin that gave the Dragons a 24-0 advantage. They won the 132-pound match by decision and the 138-pound contest by forfeit to expand the lead to 33-0.

Cacka won the Panthers'



Chronicle photo by John Mueller

With a tender ankle not yet completely healed from a previous injury, GSL/LP 138-pounder Carter Ruschmeier (top) defeated Hutchinson's Parker Peterson, 8-6, Tuesday in Glencoe. The Tigers topped the Panthers, 36-33.

New Century Academy team Tuesday, Feb. 9, in Glencoe.

At 145 pounds, GSL/LP's Miguel Anderson won a major decision, 14-3. In the 285-pound match, Marco Iracheta won his match by fall at 2:17.

Panthers 76, New Century Academy 0

The Panthers claimed the win over an under-manned

cision at 138 pounds. Cacka pinned his opponent at 145, and Voelz won the 152-pound match by a pin, knotting the team score at 21-apiece.

The Tigers won the 160-pound class by a decision and GSL/LP's Lemke evened the score again, 24-24, with a win at 170 pounds.

But Hutch took command with a win by fall at 182 pounds and expanded its lead to 36-24, winning the 195-pound class by forfeit.

GSL/LP saw its effort come up just short. The Panthers' Carter Ziegler won the 220-pound class by a decision and Iracheta pinned his opponent to finish the match three team points shy of victory.

WCC Wrestling

Team	Conf.	Overall
WM-ML	4-0	15-1
Ann./MLake	3-0	12-3
DC-Litch.	2-0	14-2
Waconia	1-0	15-3
Hutch	2-1	9-5
NL-S	2-2	7-8
New Prague	1-1	8-2
HL-W-W	1-1	10-5
MWtonka	1-2	11-3
Delano	1-4	7-11
Orono	0-2	4-8
Rockford	0-2	2-6
Panthers	0-3	4-9

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Glencoe's O'Donnell named Activities Administrator of the Year

When his playing days were over, Brad O'Donnell was looking for some way to stay involved in sports and activities. The 1987 Glencoe High School graduate turned a bum knee into a career working with athletics and community education.

Today, the Minnesota Interscholastic Activities Administrators Association (MIAA) selected Brad O'Donnell, the director of athletics, activities and community education at St. Clair High School, for the 2020-21 "Paul Krueger" Class A Activities Administrator of the Year.

He's been actively involved at the state and national levels since becoming director of activities, which led to O'Donnell being named Section 2A Activities Director of the



Brad O'Donnell

Year in 2007 and 2021.

Learned by playing

O'Donnell played football, baseball and basketball while at GHS. He participated in non-sports activities – like choir and school plays, "West Side Story" and "You're a Good Man Charlie Brown."

The activities took the

place of sports when his knee forced O'Donnell off the field, he said. As much as he missed his time with teammates, O'Donnell met his future wife, Jennifer Garouette, while participating in a GHS theater production. She was also in "West Side Story." She literally knocked O'Donnell off his feet when they met in the hallway during his senior year.

They met by accident

"She came running down the hallway," he said. "I didn't realize at the time she was a sophomore."

The friendships and memories O'Donnell made while participating in sports and activities have lasted through the years. He recalls the basketball team he was on which had a penchant for late-game

heroics.

"We were the cardiac kids," he said. "It's those memories, the bus rides and the times you spend with your friends."

In college, O'Donnell earned a teaching degree. He taught physical education, adaptive physical education and coached. He coached baseball, basketball and a season of tennis. His resume includes a stint in Mankato at Loyola High School before moving to St. Clair in 2010 to advance his career to the administrative level.

As an administrator, he remembers the lessons he learned from coaches in Glencoe and throughout his past, coaches like Dennis Roisum, Scott Ekholm, Don Tangen. They taught him lessons about working as a team

and putting the good of the group ahead of personal interests.

Helping his coaches

As an administrator, O'Donnell enjoys supporting the work coaches perform. Earlier this winter, he helped arrange a last-minute game between GSL's girls' basketball team and St. Clair. The Panthers topped the Cyclones that night.

O'Donnell just wants to help students enjoy the best possible experience and build the kind of memories he enjoyed over the years.

O'Donnell's been a member of the Nevada Interscholastic Activities Administrators Association (NIAAA) for the past 29 years, worked at a number of state tournaments over the years and a

variety of other things.

He's won the NIAAA State Award of Merit, NIAAA Distinguished Service Award for the State of Minnesota, NIAAA Conference Presentation Faculty Award, Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL) Leadership Citation Award and the MSHSL Distinguished Service Award.

O'Donnell has also worked to earn a myriad of credentials over the years that includes a physical education, adapted PE and coaching degree from Minnesota State University, Mankato, in 1992. He also earned a master of science in sports management with an emphasis in dealing with difficult and challenging personalities from Indiana University in 2011.

Gymnasts gears up for Annandale

By Brianna Taggart
Staff Writer

The Panthers' gymnastics team is ready to jump into its home meet tomorrow night, Thursday, Feb. 18, after having an unscheduled break last week.

The team's meet at Rock-

ford Friday, Feb. 12, was canceled because the Rockford gymnastics team had to quarantine.

This is a new week though and head coach Kim Hahn is ready for GSL's dual meet against Annandale at 6 p.m.

The competition also

marks parent's night, but it will look different than past years.

There won't be a typical march of parents with their gymnasts like past years because of COVID-19 guidelines, but they will still be acknowledged.

Boys basketball

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Up next

- Friday, Feb. 19, 7 p.m., at Watertown-Mayer
- Tuesday, Feb. 23, 7 p.m., host Litchfield

olichek and Jackson Stifter both had four points for GSL. Eli Ehrke, Jacob Baumgarten, Klockmann and Blake Mick-olickel all finished the game with two points.

WCC Boys Basketball

Team	Conf.	Overall
Annandale	5-0	6-0
Rockford	5-1	8-1
Panthers	4-1	5-4
Litchfield	5-2	6-2
Wtown-Myr	3-3	5-3
NL-Spicer	1-5	3-6
HL-W-W	1-6	3-6
D-C	0-6	1-8

(As of Feb. 16)

Records

Glencoe Police

Monday, Feb. 8

9:02 a.m. – Police assisted Brownton police trying to find a woman who fled her home on the 600 block of North Second Street in Brownton. The woman has warrants for her arrest and fled her residence when BPD officer responded to a report of a disturbance.

11:33 a.m. – Stopped near the intersection of East 13th Street and North Owen Avenue, a Glencoe man, 65, was cited for driving without proof of insurance. He received a verbal warning for the level of opacity on his vehicle's windows.

11:37 a.m. – A person on the 1900 block of North Ford Avenue called for medical help. A woman with abdominal pain was transported to the hospital.

1:23 p.m. – A person on the 500 block of East Seventh Street called for medical help. A woman injured in a fall was transported to the hospital.

1:24 p.m. – A person on the 1200 block of East 15th Street reported a case of identity theft. Police are investigating.

6:59 p.m. – A Brownton man, 37, stopped near the intersection of Highway 212 and Morningside Drive was cited for driving without proof of insurance and warned verbally about various equipment violations.

9:05 p.m. – Police issued the driver of a vehicle stopped near the intersection of Highway 212 and Morningside Drive a written warning for driving with prohibited lights (blue, facing forward inside cab).

Tuesday, Feb. 9

7:05 a.m. – A Glencoe man, 47, stopped near the intersection of East Seventh Street and North Chandler Avenue was cited for possession of drug paraphernalia, violating a stop sign and failure to drive with due care.

11:05 a.m. – A woman from Eagan, 24, stopped near the intersection of North Hennepin Avenue and East 10th Street for speeding was also cited for driving after license revocation.

11:47 a.m. – A person on the 500 block of Abby Lane reported drugs in the parking lot behind a vehicle.

5:52 p.m. – A person on the 1400 block of Prairie Avenue called for medical help. No officer was needed.

6:05 p.m. – A Glencoe man, 25, stopped near the intersection of North Ford and East 10th Street was cited for possession of drug paraphernalia and issued a verbal warning for insurance violation and an expired registration.

6:53 p.m. – A woman arrested on the 500 block of East Eighth Street on an outstanding warrant posted bail and received a new court date.

7:38 p.m. – A person on the 1600 block of East 12th Street reported receiving threatening calls referencing a previous resident.

Wednesday, Feb. 10

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.

7:01 a.m. – A 24-year-old man from Ogema stopped near the intersection of East 10th Street and North Pryor Avenue for speeding was arrested on an outstanding warrant from Ottertail County.

8:06 a.m. – Citing junk and a vehicle with an expired registration, a blight letter was issued to the owner of property on the 1700 block of East 14th Street.

8:51 a.m. – A business on the 2300 block of East Ninth Street reported the theft of gasoline.

2:32 p.m. – A property-damage crash in a parking lot on the 2200 block of East 11th Street was reported. Insurance information was

exchanged.

9:37 p.m. – Police and firefighters responded to a fire alarm on the 1700 block of East 16th Street. There was no fire.

Thursday, Feb. 11

12:49 a.m. – An officer checked on a trailer in the 1000 block of Knight Avenue. The trailer's doors were open but did not appear they had been broken into. There was nothing in the trailer.

2:16 p.m. – Police responded to a report of a child who ran away from school. The child was found by a parent near the intersection of East 10th Street and North Hennepin Avenue and brought home.

3:27 p.m. – The driver of a vehicle stopped near the intersection of East 16th Street and North McLeod Avenue received a verbal warning about engaging in a cellular phone call while driving.

4:41 p.m. – A person on the 500 block of East Eighth Street called for medical help. A woman was transported to the hospital.

9:19 p.m. – A person on the 1400 block of East 15th Street reported the back window of a vehicle was broken.

10:56 p.m. – Police assisted county deputies with a driving complaint near the intersection of Highway 212 and Acorn Avenue in Plato.

District Court

The following gross-misdemeanor and felony cases were handled in McLeod County District Court Feb. 5, 9 by McLeod County District Court judges Jody Winters and Jessica J.W. Maher.

Cassandra Dawn Shemanek, 20, of Glencoe, previously appeared in district court and pleaded guilty to one gross-misdemeanor count of possession of a controlled substance and one misdemeanor count of violation of a domestic abuse no contact order for an offense on or about June 14, 2020. Judge Winters stayed the imposition of sentence Feb. 5 and placed Shemanek on probation for two years. The conditions of Shemanek's probation are that she serve eight days in the McLeod County Jail, serve 260 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, attend a victim-impact panel, and pay a fine and surcharge of \$85.

Tyler Michael Arneson, 22, of Eden Valley, entered a plea of guilty to one felony count of failure to register as a predatory offender for an offense that occurred on or about Nov. 20 through Dec. 16, 2020. Judge Maher stayed the imposition of sentence and placed Arneson on probation for two years. The conditions of probation are that Arneson serve 90 days in the McLeod County Jail, serve 260 days of electronic-home monitoring/electronic alcohol monitoring, complete a chemical-dependency evaluation, follow the recommendations of the evaluation, have no use or possession of alcohol or non-prescription drugs, attend a victim-impact panel, and pay a fine and surcharge of \$85.

Scott Brian Wingate, 33, of Hutchinson, pleaded guilty to one felony count of possession of a controlled substance for an offense that occurred on or about July 29, 2020. Judge Winters stayed the imposition of sentence Feb. 5 and placed Wingate on probation for three years. The conditions of his probation are that Wingate serve 90 days in the McLeod County Jail, complete a chemical-dependency evaluation, follow the recommendations of the evaluation, have no use or possession of alcohol or non-prescription drugs, attend a victim-impact panel, and pay a fine and surcharge of \$85.

Timothy James Hansen, 34, of Silver Lake, pleaded guilty Feb. 9 to one felony count of possession of a controlled substance for an offense that occurred on or about Jan. 25. Judge Maher ordered Hansen to serve 21 months in prison and pay a surcharge of \$85.

Brent Allen Leyde, 28, of Hutchinson, pleaded guilty Feb. 9 to one gross-misdemeanor count of driving while impaired for an offense that occurred on or about Feb. 7. Judge Maher stayed the imposition of sentence and placed Leyde on probation for two years.

9:02 a.m. – The sheriff's office spoke with a person over the phone regarding a theft. The deputy cleared with a report.

10:12 a.m. – The sheriff's office spoke with a person over the phone regarding a theft. The deputy cleared with a report.

12:45 p.m. – The sheriff's office assisted the Hutchinson police

complete a chemical-dependency evaluation, follow the recommendations of the evaluation, have no use or possession of alcohol or non-prescription drugs, attend a victim-impact panel, and pay a fine and surcharge of \$385.

Tyler Terrence Elbert Ashford, 19, of St. Paul, previously appeared in district court and pleaded guilty to one felony count of possession of burglary or theft tools for an offense that occurred on or about Sept. 13, 2020. Ashford appeared in district court for sentencing Feb. 9. Judge Maher stayed the execution of 24 months in prison and placed Ashford on probation for three years. The conditions of probation are that Ashford serve 180 days in the McLeod County Jail and pay a fine and surcharge of \$385.

12:50 a.m. – The sheriff's office spoke to a person over the phone with questions. The deputy advised the person of their options.

4:37 p.m. – The sheriff's office responded to a rolling domestic in the area of County Road 2 and 215th Street, north of Silver Lake.

Wright County sheriff's office also responded. The situation was mediated.

7:10 p.m. – The sheriff's office assisted the Brownton police with a motorist assist in the area of Highway 212 and Plum Avenue, south of Brownton.

7:15 p.m. – The sheriff's office spoke to a person over the phone with questions. The deputy advised the person of their options.

1:16 a.m. – The sheriff's office responded to a report of a 911 hang up on 212th Street, southeast of Winsted. Everything was fine. Lester Prairie police and Winsted police also responded. The deputies cleared with a report.

7:05 a.m. – The sheriff's office assisted the Glencoe police with a traffic stop on Chandler Avenue in Glencoe.

8:59 a.m. – The sheriff's office assisted a motorist in the area of County Road 2 and 155th Street, north of Glencoe. The deputy followed the vehicle to the hospital.

2:01 p.m. – The sheriff's office assisted the MN State Patrol with a motorist assist in the area of Highway 22 and 150th Street, northwest of Glencoe.

6:41 p.m. – The sheriff's office responded to a medical on 170th Street, east of Hutchinson. Hutchinson fire and Allina ambulance also responded. Upon arrival, it was determined the person was deceased. The death investigator and local funeral home were requested to the scene. The deputies cleared with reports.

6:46 p.m. – The sheriff's office assisted the Winsted police with a motorist assist in the area of Babcock Avenue and Highway 7, south of Winsted. The deputy cleared with a report.

8:52 p.m. – The sheriff's office assisted the Glencoe police with a report of suspicious activity on East 15th Street in Glencoe.

Wednesday, Feb. 10

4:14 a.m. – The sheriff's office assisted the Glencoe police with a traffic stop in the area of Highway 212 and Dairy Avenue, east of Glencoe.

7:01 a.m. – The sheriff's office assisted the Glencoe police with a traffic stop in the area of East 10th Street and Pryor Avenue in Glencoe.

8:39 a.m. – The sheriff's office responded to an assist on Main Street in Stewart. The deputy advised the person of their options.

12:05 p.m. – The sheriff's office assisted the Brownton police with an unwanted person on North 2nd Street in Brownton. The deputies cleared with a report.

1 p.m. – The sheriff



Pastor's Corner

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A Friendship with God

In our experience, Lent is not the most popular of Christian seasons, emphasizing as it does fasting and repentance. Lent begins today with Ash Wednesday and will conclude on the Saturday before Easter, which makes it a season of forty days. If forty days seems an excessively long time for practicing self-denial, there is precedent. Christians recall that Jesus spent forty days in the desert, fasting and undergoing temptations, preparing for his entry into public ministry. In commemoration of those forty days, many modern Christians prepare themselves for Easter by observing forty days of some form of self-denial. Some choose to give up something upon which they are needlessly reliant (chocolate? gossip? television? anger?) Some make special efforts to serve others more (and themselves less.) Some find ways to give of their time, or talent, or resources, or energies in more sacrificial ways.

The basic idea is that nudging distractions out of our lives and focusing more carefully upon matters of significance provides the opportunity for deeper reflection upon our relationship with God. And why not dedicate forty days to such a worthy aim? Is forty days really so burdensome?

The ancient Desert Fathers and Mothers of the third century in Egypt certainly didn't think so. These extraordinary folk decided that they would renounce all possessions, social status, marriage, money, and comfort – for a lifetime! – all to promote their friendship with God. They moved to the desert and dedicated themselves exclusively to meditation and prayer, fasting and service to others.

The modern church still treasures the stories of wisdom and insight that emerged from their experiences in the desert. Maybe that's because the Desert Fathers and Mothers are shown not as other-worldly paragons of virtue, but as human beings just as prone to temptations and distractions as we are, who simply worked with faithful diligence to master their faults and failings.

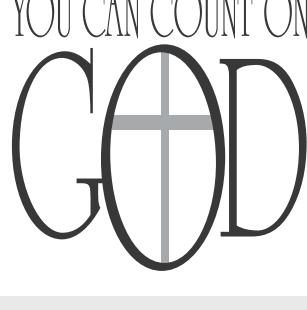
For example, many of the desert dwellers discovered early on that walking away from civilization did not guarantee that its hold on them would be easily vanquished. Many found they still thought wistfully about the luxuries they'd left behind. Or maybe they were haunted by fear or loneliness or worry. And so the desert monks found a pattern to follow when such unwanted distractions occurred. They did three things: notice, quarantine, and replace. In other words, they took pains to notice and fully acknowledge the distracting thoughts. Then, they intentionally and firmly set the unwanted thoughts aside. And finally, they replaced those thoughts with loving prayer. Notice, quarantine, replace. This pattern for disciplining thought was not undertaken for its own sake, but in order to allow the desert dweller to nudge distractions from focus and create more mental space for encountering God.

We have the season of Lent before us. Maybe this year, when worries and distractions abound for so many of us, we could see this season as providing an invitation to deepen our friendship with God. Let's notice what threatens that friendship. Let's quarantine it. Let's replace it with love. If forty days isn't enough time, let's give it a lifetime.

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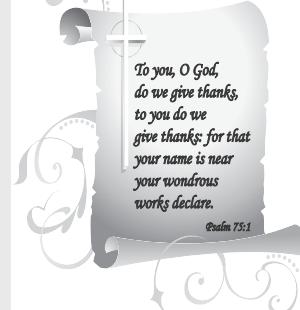
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Sun., Feb. 21 — Sunday school, 8:30 a.m.; worship, 10 a.m.

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Katherine Rood, pastor
www.christluth.com

Email: office@christluth.com
Wed., Feb. 17 — Ash Wednesday
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Preston Lake Township, T-115-N-R-31-W, sections 11, 12, 13, 14, 23, and 24 all in Renville County, Minnesota.

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The outlet benefits to CD 129 furnished by JD 15 will affect properties within the following sections:

Martinsburg Township, T-114-N-R-32-W, sections 17, 19, 20, 29, and 30 all in Renville County, Minnesota.

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The outlet benefits to CD 33B currently furnished by JD 15 via the outlet benefits determined by the viewers to be furnished to CD 129 will affect properties within the following sections:

Martinsburg Township, T-114-N-R-32-W, sections 13, 19, 20, 24, and 30 all in Renville County, Minnesota.

The following owners of property benefited by CD 33B are affected by the viewers' determination of an outlet benefit furnished by JD 15 to CD 129 due to the outlet benefit CD 129 currently furnishes to CD 33B: B U B O L T Z / R A N D Y , BUBOLTZ/RANDY & SARA/TRUSTEES OF RANDY BUBOLTZ REVOCABLE TRUST, CARDINAL FAMILY FARMS LLLP, FREDRICKSON/RUTH, HAGG PARTNERS & M HAAG FAM TR, JOHNSON/ JEROME & GAIL, JOHNSON/TIMOTHY, LUDEWESE/DAVID T., PETERSON/RONALD B, ROEBKE/JAMES & EILEEN T R U S T E E S / T R S , ROEBKE/MICHAEL S. CREDIT SHELTER TRUST, SANDGREN/DOUGLAS & DARLENE/, SANDGREN/KURT D & SUSAN K, SARA C BUBOLTZ REV TR, WEHKING/KATHLEEN, WULKAN/DELFIN, Renville County Highway, and Martinsburg Township.

A hearing to consider the consolidation of CD 129 and 33B is presently scheduled for February 23, 2021 at 8:30 a.m., or thereafter as the agenda allows

A copy of the benefits and damages statement, as well as all property owners' reports are available for inspection at the Renville County Public Works Office, 105 South 5th Street #319, Olivia, Minnesota 56277, the McLeod County Auditor-Treasurer's Office, 520 Chandler Avenue North, Glencoe, MN 55336, and Sibley County Auditor-Treasurer Office, 400 Court Ave, Gaylord MN, 55334.

Dated: January 20, 2021

/s/ Marc Iverson,

Renville County Auditor

/s/ Marilee Peterson,

Sibley County Auditor-Treasurer

/s/ Connie M. Kurtzweg,

McLeod County Auditor-Treasurer

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McLeod County

NOTICE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Commissioners of McLeod County, Minnesota, will receive sealed proposals for the marketing and sale of McLeod County real estate. Bid Specifications are available from McLeod County Administration:

McLeod County Government Center

520 Chandler Avenue North
Glencoe, Minnesota, 55336
mcleod.administration@co.mcleod.mn.us

Proposals will be received until 2:30 P.M. on February 25, 2021.
Dated: February 05, 2021

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ Sheila Murphy
County Administrator

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Assumed Name

CERTIFICATE OF ASSUMED NAME

Assumed name: Superior Lite Campers

Principal Place of Business: 14142 110th St., Glencoe, MN 55336 USA
Nameholder: Performance Engineering of Glencoe, Inc., 14142 110th St., Glencoe, MN 55336 USA

By typing my name, I, the undersigned, certify that I am signing this document as the person whose signature is required. I further certify that I have completed all required fields, and that the information in this document is true and correct and in compliance with the applicable chapter of Minnesota Statutes. I understand that by signing this document I am subject to the penalties of perjury as set forth in Section 609.48 as if I had signed this document under oath.

Signed by: Thomas Ische
Mailing Address: None provided
Email: tnische@gmail.com

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Notice of Hearing

STATE OF MINNESOTA BUFFALO CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT

DRAINAGE AUTHORITY FOR BUFFALO CREEK WATERSHED DITCH (WD) 79-2

The matter of the Petition of Kevin J. and Penny Lindeman for outlet to drainage system pursuant to statutes section 103E.401

NOTICE OF HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, the Board of Managers of the Buffalo Creek Watershed District, seated as the Drainage Authority for WD 79-2, pursuant to statutes chapter 103E, shall hold a public hearing on the Petition of Kevin J. and Penny Lindeman to outlet land in section 4 of Penn Township, McLeod County. The Board will consider the petition and a proposed outlet charge and future benefits value at the hearing. The hearing is required pursuant to statutes section 103E.401. The hearing shall be held at 1:00 p.m. on Tues-

day, February 23, 2021, at the Watershed District meeting room at the Glencoe City Center, 1107 11th St. E., Glencoe, MN 55336. The petitioners and all other interested parties may appear and be heard.

Due to the COVID 19 Pandemic, you may choose to attend the hearing remotely by phone or video conference on your computer. For access instructions to attend the hearing remotely, please contact John Kolb at (320) 656-3503 or jkolb@rindenonan.com by 4:00 p.m. on Monday, February 22, 2021.

Don Belter, Board President

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Bergen Township

BERGEN TOWNSHIP 2021 ANNUAL MEETING LOCATION CHANGE

The 2021 Annual Meeting for Bergen Township will be held in person on Tuesday, March 10th, 2021 at 7:00pm. NEW Location: King Pin Pub - Back Room, Plato. Virtual meeting info can be found at www.BergenTownship.com .

Tiffany Eggert
Clerk of Bergen Township
651-247-6883

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Round Grove Township

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION ROUND GROVE TOWNSHIP

The citizens of the Town of Round Grove in McLeod County is hereby notified that the Annual Township Meeting and Election will be held on Tuesday, March 9, 2021. St. Matthews Church in Fernando, MN. The business meeting will begin at 1:15 p.m. The agenda will include the Township budget and levy and other proper business. Election polls will open within 10 minutes of the meeting being adjourned or continued, but no later than 4:00 p.m. and will remain open until 8:00 p.m. Elections are for one Supervisor for a three-year term, and Treasurer for a two-year term. The Board of Canvass will meet after the election. The meeting and election will be in-person with social distancing and masks are required because of Covid-19. St. Matthews Church is located at 2402 County Rd 7, Stewart, MN. Meeting in the basement and the Election will be held at the Town Hall Located at 20731 50th St. Stewart, MN. In the event of inclement weather, the Annual meeting and election will be held at the same times/places scheduled on March 16, 2021.

Deborah Zellmann, Clerk
320-510-2088

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Glencoe-Silver Lake School Board

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

GLENCOE-SILVER LAKE SCHOOLS - INDEPENDENT

SCHOOL DISTRICT #2859

DATE: February 8, 2021

TIME 7:00 p.m.

PLACE: GSL Schools Community Room #443/444

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

At the January 11th Board meeting, Director Christianson moved to nominate Director Luckhardt for the position of School Board Vice Chairperson. Director VonBerge moved to nominate Director Alsleben for the position of School Board Vice Chairperson. Three votes were taken with the same results: a three to three tie vote. Another vote was taken during the February 8th meeting. Directors Alsleben, Lemke, and VonBerge voted for Director Alsleben. Directors Luckhardt, Lindeman, and Christianson voted for Director Luckhardt. A three to three tie vote. Another vote will be taken at the next regular school board meeting on March 8th.

The Board Approved the consent agenda and addendum to the consent agenda; Hiring's: Dan Prehn Junior and Senior High Paraprofessional Classroom Supervisor, Shelby Geis Junior and Senior High LTS Paraprofessional - Study Hall Supervisor, Alan Lavendar Junior and Senior High Paraprofessional Classroom Supervisor, Resignations: Michelle Hooper Lincoln Elementary Special Ed Paraprofessional, Leave Requests: Cheryl Templin - FMLA February 12, 2021 through April 2, 2021.

The Board approved the following: 2022-2023 school year calendar; Termination and Nonrenewal for Julia Schumann, Monica Rakow, Amy Stock, Tess Dablec, Teagan Hill-Norby, Stacy Palmer, Patrice Mickolich, Megan Nelson; hiring of 7-12 Special Education Teacher; increase of special education paraprofessional hours due to student needs.

The board will bring back the following policies for adoption at the next School Board meeting; 206, 210, 401, 408, 408, 409, 414, 430, 722

The following donations were accepted with appreciation; Panther Boosters Club \$25,000 Athletic Field East Parking Lot, Panther Boosters Concessions Stand \$10,000 Athletic Field East Parking Lot, Orville Brinkman Memorial \$500 FFA, Brownton Lions \$500 Close Up, Silver Lake American Legion Auxiliary \$100 Close Up, Glencoe Lions Club \$500 Close Up.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:04p.m. Complete minutes and all documents relating to this meeting are on file and available for review at the Superintendent's Office, 1621 East 16th Street, Glencoe.

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Child care in rural Minnesota

Communities struggle with dearth of options

By John Mueller
Editor

Businesses in rural Minnesota struggle to hire and later retain employees, a challenge they deal with in an ongoing cycle. Locally, the problem is manifested in the number of licensed in-home child care providers in McLeod County.

In 2015, there were about 115 in-home providers, also known as family day care providers, in McLeod County. Today, there are about 80, said Amy Berry, a licensing specialist with McLeod County. As for commercial child care centers, there are 15 licensed in the county – nine in Hutchinson and four in Glencoe. They are licensed by the state. Many of them are churches and some are educationally affiliated.

"I do know we need more," said Berry, referring to the number of family child care options in the county. "I talk to the providers and have heard the phone calls they get from desperate parents."

The state of child care will be a topic of discussion tomorrow, Thursday, Feb. 18. The Center for Rural Policy and Development will present a webinar on the topic at no

cost from 2:30 to 4 p.m. People interested in the presentation can register at www.ruralmn.org or watch it on the center's YouTube Channel later this week.

The Center for Rural Policy and Development is presenting the webinar because businesses in the rural part of the state are having trouble recruiting and retaining workers needing child care for their families. The presentation will include people from different sections of rural Minnesota. There will be a portion of the event dedicated to discussing potential solutions as well as a panel discussion, said Marnie Werner, a member of center's staff and one of the presenters.

Today, providers are limited to the number of children they can have in their homes. Glencoe's Kristin Kohout has been providing in-home childcare for about 7½ years. She started when her oldest child, Emma, was an infant. Today, the first group of infants she initially cared for is in first grade.

Limits on children

In-home providers like Kohout are limited to 12 children, of which one can be an

infant and one can be a toddler. With 10 or fewer children, they are permitted to have up to two infants. Berry said about 95 percent of the family day care providers in the county operate at the maximum number of children allowable. Their operations are inspected and their houses must pass safety checks all designed to keep children safe.

Kohout provides care for children of nine families. Two of the families have children who are cousins.

"It all depends on the families I have," Kohout said. "Right now, I have usually have been between 10 and 12."

With family day care operations at capacity, families looking for child care are resigned to waiting for openings, she said.

At 34, Kohout doesn't see the day when she prepares for closing down her family day care operation. She's on the young end of the continuum of providers in the county. Berry said providers are closing their operations because they have reached the age when they're no longer interested in running a day care operation. She said concerns



Photo courtesy of Kristin Kohout

Kristin Kohout has been providing in-home day care for 7½ years. She's pictured with (from left) Evan Myers, herself holding Claire Keenan and Kyla Keenan, Addison Graczyk, Mackenzie Ortloff and Brady Longhenry.

about COVID-19 have prompted some providers to step back.

Kohout and her family paid close attention to cleaning and protecting their environment and still the family had to quarantine for 24 days earlier. Her operation is back up and running. She sees no glaring advantages between in-home centers and commercial operations. She's appreciative of the support she received from families during

the quarantine and after she reopened.

Kohout is especially appreciative of the support she and other in-home providers receive from Berry. She's a resource for information and overcoming challenges.

"If she doesn't know, she tracks it down and gets back to you," Kohout said. "She's definitely willing to help."

Despite the challenges day care providers face, she still enjoys taking care of young-

sters. She treats all her children like one big family.

"They come into our home. We spend as much time during the day with them as our own kids," Kohout said. "We treat them like our own children."

Berry wants to see more people consider in-home day care.

"Ideally," she said, "it'd be great if we could get back up to about 100."

State chief justice issues order limiting court activity

Minnesota Supreme Court Chief Justice Lorie S. Gildea recently issued a statewide order effective this month limiting in-person activity in courthouses for an additional 45 days and creates standing criteria to hold criminal jury trials during that time.

"We are keeping the doors to justice open in a manner that prioritizes health and safety," Gildea said via a press release. "Through online hearings, socially-distanted courtrooms, and our self-help centers, Min-

nesotans have had a place to turn to find support, resolve their disputes, and protect their rights during this unprecedented time."

Under the order, no new criminal jury trials will begin before March 15, unless the chief judge in the district where the trial is to be held grants an exception. Exceptions shall be granted for criminal cases meeting three criteria – the defendant has requested a speedy trial, the defendant is in custody, and the case involves a felony or

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No in-person civil jury trials will be held before March 15, unless an exception is granted by the chief judge in the district where the trial will be held after consultation with the Chief Justice. The order does allow a civil jury trial to take place remotely if all parties and the judge are in agreement.

Provisions extended

The new order extends provisions that were included in an order issued last fall limiting in-person activities in court facilities because of a significant increase in COVID-19 infection rates across the state, according to the release. These include:

- Remote hearings: Hearings across all case types will be conducted remotely to the extent possible. The district chief judge for in-person proceedings under limited circumstances may grant excep-

tions.

- Appellate courts: Proceedings in appeals pending before the Minnesota Court of Appeals and the Minnesota Supreme Court will continue as scheduled by those courts.

- Civil commitment: Proceedings that are before the commitment appeal panel shall continue as scheduled and be conducted remotely to the extent possible.

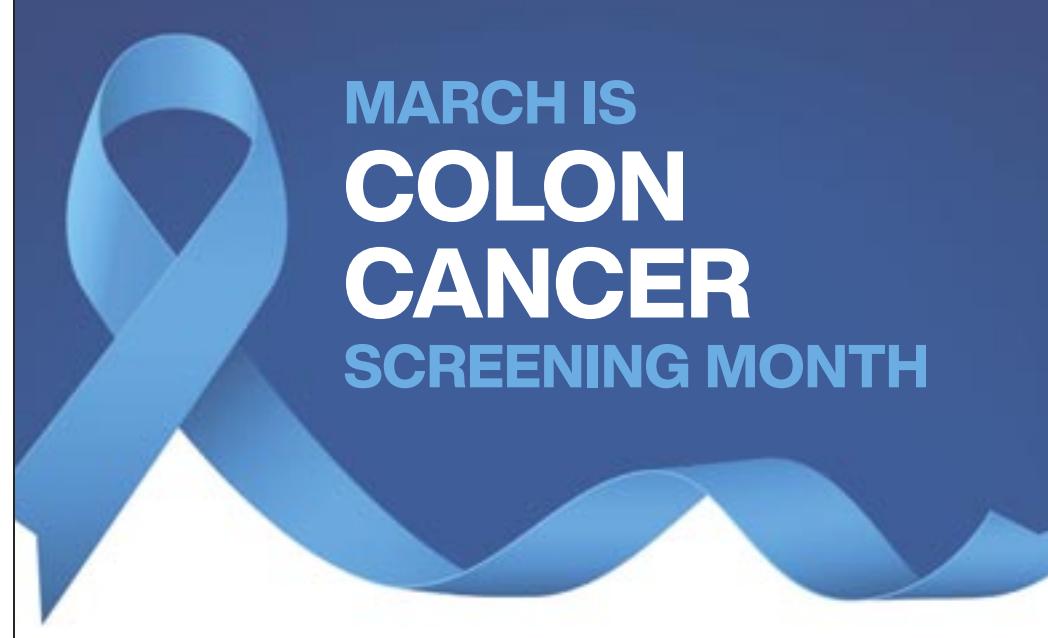
- Case filings: Courts will continue to accept filings in all case types.

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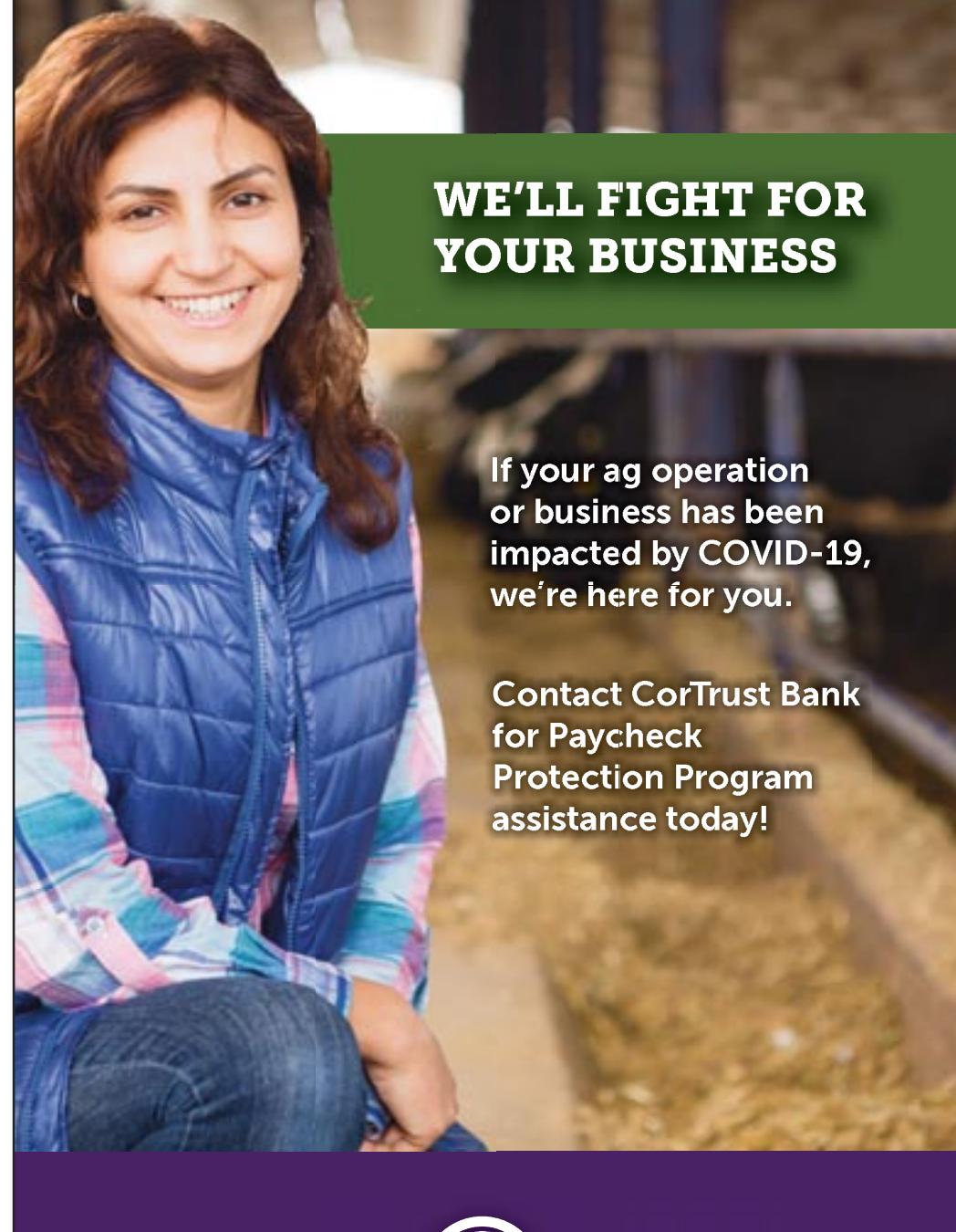
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