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Kids hunt eggs, visit Easter bunny at Oak Leaf Park

Franklin Printing, Inc., hosted an Easter egg hunt on Saturday at 10 a.m. at Oak Leaf Park. The hunt was open to children up to 10 years. Goodie bags were given to all who participated and special prizes were awarded as well. Above, parents and children rush out onto the field to find the eggs. At left, Piper Gonzalez gets a hand from Cynthia Gonzalez with her overflowing basket. Below, Brady Goff high-fives the Easter bunny with sister Gemma and mom Missy.



Glencoe man charged with lying to FBI, making threats at Walgreens store

Abdul Raheem Habil Ali-Skelton, 23, of Glencoe, is facing a felony charge of making a false statement to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), according to documents filed in U.S. District Court in St. Paul.

Ali-Skelton is accused of having communications with terrorists in Syria, and then lying to the FBI about when those communications took place.

The charge against Ali-Skelton alleges:

"On or about July 16, 2015, in the state and district of Minnesota, in a matter within the jurisdiction of the Federal Bureau of Investigation ("FBI"), an agency of the United States, and in an offense involving international terrorism, Abdul Raheem Habil Ali-Skelton, did knowingly and willfully make a false, fraudulent, and fictitious material statement and representation to agents of the FBI, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1001(a)(2), that is, the defendant stated that his last contact with Syria-based members of the designated foreign terrorist organization the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant ("ISIL") was in May or early June 2015, when in fact the defendant well knew that he had been communicating with such individuals as recently as July 4, 2015."

The complaint was dated March 22.

Ali-Skelton is being represented by attorney Robert Richman. Ali-Skelton is slated to appear before Judge Donovan W. Frank in U.S. District Court in St. Paul on April 27 at 10:30 a.m.



Olmsted County booking photo Abdul Ali-Skelton

Ali-Skelton also was arrested Sunday by the Brooklyn Park Police Department for allegedly threatening to "kill everyone" in a Brooklyn Park Walgreens. The incident happened about 2:50 a.m.

The police department said Ali-Skelton could be heard over the phone making the threats in a phone call by employees to the police dispatch center.

Ali-Skelton is being held in the Hennepin County Jail on charges of threats. Bail has been set at \$30,000.

According to court records, Ali-Skelton has five traffic-related convictions, and was convicted on petty misdemeanor drug charges in Olmsted County. In a couple of those traffic charges, his address was listed as Eagan.

City considers options for filling city center job

By Rebecca Mariscal Staff Writer

The city of Glencoe's finance and strategic planning committee met Wednesday, March 23, to discuss the city center event coordinator position.

Hannah Huttner-Hallahan resigned from the position and the resignation was accepted at the City Council meeting on March 21.

City Administrator Mark Larson said the city can look at combining the coordinator opening with economic development responsibilities.

Currently, the city contracts with the Glencoe Chamber of Commerce for about 12 hours a week of economic development service, but

Larson said the city hasn't been getting its money's worth in the past. With the opening at the Chamber, Larson said now is a good time to end the contract and merge the responsibilities into the coordinator position.

This new position would be an assistant city administrator or assistant to the city administrator, Larson said. The responsibilities will include development, communications, marketing and managing the city center.

Currently, the coordinator position has a salary of about \$48,000. The city pays \$25,520 to the cham-

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County to launch pilot rural residential recycling program

By Lori Cople Editor

McLeod County is planning a pilot program of curbside collection of recycling in three rural residential areas.

The topic was on the agenda of the Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) Monday morning. SWAC currently consists of members of the county board.

Sarah Young, acting solid waste director, said the three areas were se-

lected by West Central Sanitation, which provides recycling collection for the county.

"The areas were determined by the space left on trucks after the regular route was finished," said Young. That way, West Central would not have to provide additional trucks or drivers during the pilot timeframe, which will be until April of 2017.

Two rural residential areas are located in Acoma and Hutchinson townships near Hutchinson. The

other is north of Highway 212 between County Road 1 and Cable Avenue, east of Glencoe and west of Plato.

The cost of participation to residents would be \$3 per month, said Young.

Commissioner Joe Nagel, who lives in one of the target areas near Hutchinson, noted that other companies already offer recycling pickup, at a cost of about \$5.70.

Nagel said his concern is that resi-

dents would not switch handlers for just a year, even if they can save on the monthly charge.

"It's just a concern I have," said Nagel.

The committee unanimously approved going ahead with the project. About 227 households could potentially participate in the pilot project.

In other rural recycling business, Young brought forth a proposal to have the county buy a collection truck for the large collection bins,

rather than contracting with a hauler.

Young presented a spreadsheet that showed that the purchase of a used truck with a front-end bin holder and dumper, as well as side arms for the dumping of residential bins, would cost about \$240,000. Young said the cost was estimated "on the high end" for a truck that was six to seven years old.

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Weather

				
Wed., 3-30 H: 50°, L: 38°	Thur., 3-31 H: 48°, L: 32°	Fri., 4-1 H: 40°, L: 31°	Sat., 4-2 H: 43°, L: 29°	Sun., 4-3 H: 47°, L: 32°

Looking back: Near-record highs have given way to more March-like temperatures.

Date	Hi	Lo	Precip
March 22	53	32	0.00
March 23	32	27	2.00
March 24	51	24	0.00

March 25	51	22	0.05
March 26	45	36	0.21
March 27	49	29	0.15
March 28	61	43	0.00

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

Chronicle News and Advertising Deadlines

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

Child Print program set for April 11-14

The McLeod County Sheriff's Office will conduct its annual "Child Print" program April 11-14.

The department will collect finger prints from children in kindergarten and sixth grade, as well as fifth graders at Park Elementary School in Hutchinson.

Parents can keep the prints on file for use in identifying children should they be abducted or have another emergency that would require identification.

The schedule for finger printing is:

- Monday, April 11 — Howard Lake-Waverly-Winsted kindergarten, 8:30 a.m.; Glencoe-Silver Lake Lake-side sixth grade, 9:40 a.m.; Northwoods Elementary, Hutchinson, kindergarten and sixth grade, 11:30 a.m.; St.

Anastasia, Hutchinson, kindergarten and sixth grade, 1 p.m.

- Tuesday, April 12 — Lester Prairie Elementary, kindergarten and sixth grade, 8:30 a.m.; New Discoveries Montessori, Hutchinson, kindergarten and sixth grade, 10:15 a.m.; Over Savior's Lutheran, Hutchinson, kindergarten, 11:20 a.m.

- Wednesday, April 13 — Holy Trinity, Winsted, kindergarten and sixth grade, 9:45 a.m.; Immanuel Lutheran, Hutchinson, kindergarten and sixth grade, 11:30 a.m.; Park Elementary, Hutchinson, fifth grade, 1:30 p.m.

- Thursday, April 14, West Elementary, Hutchinson, kindergarten, 9 a.m.

Letters have been sent home to parents with appropriate forms.



Chronicle photos by Rebecca Mariscal

GSL Jazz Band hosts SMSU, pro drummer

The Glencoe-Silver Lake Jazz Band held its concert Tuesday, March 22, with guest appearances by the Southwest Minnesota State University ensemble and acclaimed drummer Mike Clark. The GSL jazz band took the stage first to play several of their songs. The SMSU ensemble showcased a few of their pieces before bringing Clark up to join them. Above, Clark plays with the SMSU ensemble. At right, GSL student Brandi Pikal plays the baritone saxophone during GSL's portion of the performance.



Happenings

Abundant Table meal set

The Abundant Table community meal is set for Wednesday, April 6, in Christ Lutheran Church basement fellowship hall, 1820 Knight Ave., Glencoe. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. for fellowship; the meal will be served at 5 p.m. The meal is open to anyone, including families and children, the elderly and anyone seeking fellowship or in need of a helping hand. The menu includes ham, scalloped potatoes, vegetables, coleslaw, fruit, Abundant Table bread and cupcakes. Please call the church at 320-864-4549 so that it can prepare for your presence.

Depression support groups

The Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance of Mid Minnesota is hosting two depression support groups, one located in Hutchinson and one in Glencoe. The Hutchinson group meets Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. and Wednesdays from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Hutchinson Library. The Glencoe group meets Wednesdays from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Glencoe Regional Health Services, Conference Room F.

New Auburn spring fling

The New Auburn Lions Club is sponsoring a Spring Fling Brunch Sunday, April 3, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at the New Auburn City Hall. The menu includes scrambled eggs with ham and cheese, hashbrowns, homemade muffins, coffee, juice and milk. There is a charge for the meal; proceeds go to community projects. Please bring a food item for Sibley County FoodShare.

MMS health services board

Meeker-McLeod-Sibley Community Health Services will hold its quarterly community health board meeting Thursday, April 14, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Please note the time change for this meeting. It will be held in the large meeting room at the McLeod County Household Hazardous Waste/Solid Waste Management, 1065 Fifth Ave. SE, Hutchinson. The meeting is open to the public.

Blood drives set in county

Area blood donors will have five opportunities to give blood in McLeod County in April, according to the Red Cross. The first blood drive is set for Thursday, April 7, from 12:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., at River of Life Church, 170 Main St., Winsted. There are three opportunities in Hutchinson: on Monday, April 11, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Hutchinson High School, 1200 Roberts Rd.; on Tuesday, April 12, from noon to 6 p.m., at Peace Lutheran Church, 400 Franklin St.; and Thursday, April 14, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., at Ridgewater College, 2 Century Ave. On Wednesday, April 13, from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m., the bloodmobile will be at the Brownton Community Center, 310 Second St. N.

Pizza, preplanning event

There will be a free community workshop, Pizza and Preplanning, Thursday, March 31, at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m., at Unhinged! Pizza, 2408 Ninth St. E, Glencoe. Presenters include Brenda Hornick, funeral preplanning; Joel Rimstad, Medical Assistance; Scott Nokes and Mark Ostlund, attorneys; and Jim Fahey of Fahey Sales. Advanced registration is required by calling 320-864-3737.

SL Sportsmen's Board meet

The Silver Lake Sportsmen's Club will hold its annual Board of Directors Meeting on Saturday, April 2 at 7 p.m. at the Silver Lake Legion.

Plato citywide garage sales

The Plato citywide garage sales will be held Friday, April 15, and Saturday, April 16, starting at 8 a.m. Balloons will mark participating locations.

Glencoe seniors meetings

The Glencoe Senior Citizens meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 12:30 p.m. in the seniors room at the Glencoe City Center. Sheephead is played on Tuesdays, and both sheephead and 500 are played on Thursdays. All seniors over 55 are invited. For more information, call 320-510-1551 and leave a message.

To be included in this column, items for Happenings must be received in the Chronicle office no later than 5 p.m. on Monday of the week they are to be published. Items received after that will be published elsewhere in the newspaper as space permits. Happenings in Glencoe, Brownton, Stewart, Plato, New Auburn, Biscay and Silver Lake take priority over happenings elsewhere.

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ber for its economic development services. With these numbers, Larson suggested a salary of between \$50,000 and the lower end of \$60,000.

With this salary, Larson said the city would still have money left over for a part-time employee to take on some of the smaller tasks of the coordinator that will not fit with an assistant administrator job, like setting up for events.

Mayor Randy Wilson said the city needs to make sure the position emphasizes the importance of the economic development aspect and the idea that the position would need to be proactive in that development. Larson said the candidate would be expected to become certified in economic development after being hired.

Council Member Dan Perschaw said it's important that the position does not neglect the promotion of the event center and other details, as the main idea of the center is that it generates revenue.

Larson said the hope is a candidate might be in the community now, or originally from the community, as it often takes a year or two to become familiar with it. The position will hopefully attract someone with the education that is from Glencoe.

The committee discussed giving the necessary 30-day notice to cancel the contract with the chamber. Larson said that would likely have to be done by the Council, but he would check to see if he had the authority to do so on his own.

The contract and the position will be discussed at the next City Council meeting on April 4 at 7 p.m.

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She said there already is an existing truck driver position that could be utilized to run the truck, so there would be no additional cost for labor.

Over a 10-year period, Young said the county could realize an estimated savings of \$1.33 million.

Young also said that collections could also be more efficient, because the county could set its own schedule for emptying the bins, rather than relying on the availability of a contractor.

County Commissioner Doug Krueger suggested

looking at smaller, local haulers.

"I'd like to see a comparison with smaller vendors," said Krueger. "It seems like more and more truckers are getting into the roll-off business."

Young said that the county has not sent out a request for proposals (RFP) since 2010, so that it could also follow Krueger's suggestion and see if it could get the service at a more economical rate.

Commissioner Paul Wright said the purchase of a truck was a major issue, and sug-

gested that the committee take the matter under advisement.

"We don't have to make a decision today," said Wright.

The committee also approved the construction of an enclosure of its glass chutes to prevent paper from blowing around. The cost is \$12,390.

The committee also approved an extension of its contract with the Adult Training and Rehabilitation Center (ATHC) to lease 10,000 square feet of a building in Watertown.

The lease allows McLeod County to process recycled material with employees provided by ATHC. Young said ATHC is working to get single-sort material from the west metro area.

Wright said the contract started in January for a three-month period.

"The partnership is working very, very well," he said.

The program will be reviewed again in October or November. The current contract is for six months.

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Anger is a feeling we all have experienced at one time or another-some of us more frequently than others. However anger is actually not the primary emotion; behind anger are the true feelings of hurt or fear. We use anger as a sword and shield because we do not want to appear or feel vulnerable by expressing the feelings of hurt or fear. Anger also accomplishes secondary goals such as keeping people away from us or getting our way. It disrupts the relationship we have with others and eventually, with frequent use of anger, it destroys these relationships. In some cases, there are legal consequences to the use of anger. One can look on anger as a habit we form in reacting to certain events, situations or people and it is a matter of changing that habit to form a better way of responding. I have facilitated anger groups for over thirty years and have seen the majority of group members accomplish these changes with support and effort on their part. Every one of us is capable of changing our habits and the way we react if we choose to do so.

Michael Gormley is a Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker, Licensed Psychologist who has worked with Anger/Domestic Violence groups for over 30 years. Mr. Gormley has worked with probation agents in counties such as Carver, Litchfield and Stearns. Mr. Gormley provides individual, marriage, family and group therapeutic services at Journey Mental Health Services in Glencoe, Minnesota. If you are interested in scheduling an appointment with our office, please contact (320)864-4109.

Happy 40th Birthday, Karin
on April 4

County Board awards bids for road work

By Lori Copley
Editor

Lower costs for fuel and hot mix resulted in lower-than-expected bids on McLeod County highway projects.

The County Board, at its March 22 meeting, approved bids for two of its major projects slated for this summer.

William Mueller & Sons of Hamburg was the low bidder on both of the projects.

One project is the bituminous reclamation and paving of County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 4, more commonly known as Melody and Major avenues, between CSAH 3, or 110th Street, and State Highway 7.

Mueller & Sons submitted a bid of just over \$1.61 million for the project, the lowest of four received. County Highway Engineer John Brunkhorst said the bid was 22 percent below the engineer's estimated cost for the project.

Mueller & Sons also was the low bidder on the rehabilitation and paving of County Road 55 (155th Street) between CSAH 2 and Falcon

Avenue. That project is combined with the rehabilitation of CSAH 11, also 155th Street, between Highway 22 and CSAH 2.

The total cost of that will be \$1.947 million, which Brunkhorst said is 30 percent under the engineer's estimate.

The County Board also approved a bid of \$18,500 from Luedtke Contracting of Hutchinson for driveway culvert installation on the 155th Street project.

In other highway department business, the County Board approved the purchase of a single-axle chassis, a box and a cross conveyor with a sand bag attachment to be used as a patching truck. The total cost came to \$141,387 for all three components.

Brunkhorst said the truck will replace a 1991 truck with 84,350 miles and 5,900 hours.

He added that the county had been offered a \$12,000 trade-in for the truck, but that he would prefer to sell it on the Minn Bid online auction site.

"We think we can get a little more for it than what we

were offered for the trade-in," said Brunkhorst.

In other business, the County Board:

- Finalized two bids for its jail expansion and courthouse security project.

The board approved a bid of \$177,833.94 for temperature controls for the heating, ventilation and air conditioning system from NAC Mechanical & Electrical Services of Vadnais Heights.

Building Maintenance Supervisor Scott Grivna said the original bid was \$190,000, but the construction managers were able to remove some items from the original specifications, and then added in controls for the kitchen area.

The board also approved the fire protection bid, for the sprinkling system, for a total cost of \$163,972. Commissioner Paul Wright said a change order allowed the county to deduct \$25,475 from the original bid.

- Approved a conditional use permit for Brent Reiner to continue a gravel mining operation in Lynn Township. The item was originally on the March 8 agenda, but was

tabled because of issues with a proposed haul route.

- Set a tentative 2017 meeting schedule. Administrative Assistant Donna Rickeman said she was trying to schedule meetings on the Glencoe City Center schedule. Most board meetings will now be held at the City Center while the jail construction project is going on.

The next meeting, April 5, will be held at Hutchinson High School to accommodate the Boys and Girls County day. The April 19 meeting will most likely be at the Trailblazer Transit facility because of a conflict with the City Center.

- Agreed to enter into an agreement with CGI Communications — at no cost to the county — that will allow the company to develop a video promoting the county.

County Administrator Pat Melvin said the county will sell advertising to finance the video, which will be included as a link on the county website.

Corrections & Clarifications

The Legion State photograph listed one of the Auxiliary members as Darlene Haag. The member is actually Leone Kujas.

errors.

The McLeod County Chronicle strives for accuracy in its reports. If you find an error, bring it to our attention. Call 320-864-5518 and ask for Lori Copley, editor.

In an article about the 100th anniversary of the Brownton Coop Ag Center, United Farmers Cooperative Board of Directors President Jeff Franta was incorrectly identified as Jeff Mander-scheid.

The Chronicle regrets the

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NOTICE

The Glencoe Water Department will be flushing hydrants beginning April 4th and ending approximately June 30th, 2016. This maintenance program is designed to check operations and flows of hydrants, provide maintenance on the hydrants, and flush out any high iron content in the distribution system. If you experience any rusty water problems during this time, please call 864-5586 so the problem can be corrected as soon as possible. It is possible at the time of flushing to experience a temporary loss of pressure. This is a normal occurrence and the pressure will be restored in a short period of time. Sorry for any inconvenience you may encounter during this maintenance period.

Thank you, Glencoe Water Department



Chronicle photo by Tom Carothers

'Summer Nights' at the start of spring

Soloists Taylor Kaczmarek and Gabe Christensen played the roles of Sandy and Danny as the Glencoe-Silver Lake eighth-grade choir performed "Summer Nights" as part of its three-song set at the GSL seventh- through 12th-grade

choir concert Monday, March 21, in the high school auditorium. Concertgoers were treated to a night of 17 total songs performed by five different GSL choirs.

Sibley Co. Senior Expo set April 19

The Sibley County Senior Expo is set for Tuesday, April 19, at the Arlington Community Center.

The day will begin with coffee cake, coffee, and juice being served at 9 a.m. Local providers will have informational booths on display. Local crafters will have their wares available throughout the day. Anyone interested in setting up a hobby or crafts sales booth can contact the Sibley County Extension Office at 507-237-4100. There is no charge to have a craft booth.

The Slew Foot Family Band will be the featured afternoon entertainment. There also will be a presentation on navigating round-abouts, Dental Goodness by Dr. Jared Gustafson, and Looking for the Good Life by a motivational speaker, Kris Langworthy. A meal will be served at noon, and the day's events will conclude at 2:15 p.m.

The event is made possible through co-sponsorship by the Ridgeview Sibley Medical Center and Sibley County Veterans Services. For more information, contact the Sibley County Extension Office at 507-237-4100, your local community education office, or your local senior citizens center.

Glencoe Volunteer Fire Department
FIREFIGHTER

The Glencoe Volunteer Fire Department is now accepting applications for volunteer firefighters. If you have always thought about being a firefighter and are interested in being part of a great organization serving your community, this is the opportunity for you. Qualifications include: Must be at least 18 years of age, possess a valid Minnesota driver's license, live within a 5-minute response time of the Glencoe Fire Station, and compliance of the City of Glencoe hiring practices.

Applications may be picked up, completed and returned to:
City Administrator's Office • 1107 11th St. E, Glencoe, MN
or online at www.glencoe.mn.org. Applications must be received by Friday, April 8, 2016. Notification will then be sent to applicants for the time and date for the testing procedures that will include physical agility, written examination and oral interview.

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County planners consider permit for salvage business

By Lori Copley
Editor

The McLeod County Planning Commission approved a conditional use permit for the operation of a small salvage yard near Lester Prairie, but attached several conditions after hearing concerns of residents in the area.

The applicant is Calvin Dolezal, who would like to salvage and recycle vehicles, white goods and other products on a Klaustermeier farm just off County Road 23.

Neighbors and residents noted that the property is bordered by property within the city limits, and near neighbors include the new Glencoe Regional Health Services medical clinic and a new Casey's convenience store.

Dolezal said he is aware of the aesthetic concerns of neighbors, and is already trying to put up a fence.

"We're stepping up, getting ahead of it," said Dolezal. He also said the business tries to move its vehicles and appliances through as quickly as possible, so that there was little or no stockpiling.

Resident Mary Ann Teubert said she was concerned about the impact on the city.

"I just don't think this is the place to have it," Teubert

said. She added later that the city had "worked hard" to combat blight and unlicensed vehicles.

And Ed Mlynar said that while he also would prefer that the business not be located there, compromise would be best. He suggested a three-sided structure to hide the business site, which includes a small area of land and the use of part of a hog shed to store parts.

The city of Lester Prairie also weighed in, suggesting a barrier to prevent ground contamination, spot inspections, proper enclosure and fencing and that all reclamation and storage should be done inside the designated, enclosed area.

Dolezal said he had "no problem with a nicer fence" to screen the operation.

In the end, the commission will recommend approval to the County Board, with several conditions:

- That Dolezal acquire a Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) permit, and provide a copy to the city of Lester Prairie. He also is to check into whether an Environmental Pollution Agency (EPA) permit also is required.

- That he erect an 8-foot, uniformed colored steel fence to enclose the area on three

sides (the back side is a wooded area).

- Put a lockable gate on the west end.

- Have the area checked by the highway department, since it is on a Safe Schools route.

- Provide a bond or letter of credit in the amount of \$50,000 in case of clean-up of a spill or to clean up the area if the business closes.

- All material must be kept within the fenced area.

All of the requirements must be met by Oct. 1.

The County Board will consider final approval of the permit at its April 19 meeting at 10 a.m. Because there were concerns raised, the item will be on the regular agenda, rather than the consent agenda.

In other business, the commission recommended approval of two kennel permits and a conditional use permit for the construction of a shed.

Brian Roushar of West Country Kennels requested a kennel permit to board, train a breed up to 70 dogs in Bergen Township on property along Bush Prairie Road.

Roushar said the kennel will have 15 of its own dogs for breeding, and the rest of the permit is for boarding and

training dogs.

Roushar said there will be a sound-proofed building, and the dogs will only be allowed out when he is on the property.

There were no concerns raised by neighbors, and the commission voted to recommend approval to the County Board.

Woodland Beagles, owned by Jerry and Stacy Stibal, asked to have their kennel permit amended to allow up to 30 dogs at their kennel on Babcock Avenue, rural Lester Prairie. They are currently permitted for 20 dogs.

Again, no concerns were raised and the commission is recommending approval by the County Board.

Also approved was a conditional use permit for Jan Meske to construct a detached garage on his property on County Road 7 in Hutchinson Township.

The commission found no issues with the garage and will recommend approval to the County Board.

Both kennel permits and the garage permit will be on the County Board's consent agenda on Tuesday, April 5.

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Ties with terrorism hits close to home

Our view: Glencoe man's situation reminds us that terrorism is global issue

It is not unusual to hear of Minnesotans with ties to terrorists in the Mideast. For whatever reason, Minnesota leads the nation in the number of youth that are being recruited by ISIL and other terrorist cells.

But we were all stunned last week when it was announced that a Glencoe man, Abdul Ali-Skelton, was being charged in federal court with lying to the FBI about his alleged communications with terrorists in Syria.

And we were even more stunned when Ali-Skelton was arrested Sunday for allegedly making threats to kill people in a Brooklyn Park Walgreens.

Other than his previous police record, which contains minor traffic, parking and drug charges, we cannot find out much about Ali-Skelton.

Nor is there any indication on how, if charges are true, he came into contact with terrorists in Syria.

As stories about terrorist connections with Minnesota unfold, we are learning a lot about those who are "recruited" into ISIL and other cells.

Like so many youths who join gangs, are recruited by sex traffickers and are lured by drug dealers, these are young adults who have a sense of disconnectedness. They have weak family ties, and are struggling to find their place in their communities. They are looking for a surrogate family and a community that will give them a sense of belonging, a purpose to their lives.

That is typically what we do quite well in America. This

land of opportunity is particularly opportunistic for our youth. There is a myriad of programs — from 4-H to sports to a huge host of clubs and extracurricular activities — that can help our young people grow, learn and find their places in the world.

Unfortunately, most of the programs end with high school graduation or shortly thereafter. Research tells that the human brain — particularly for young men — doesn't reach its full maturity until the mid to late 20s. Many young people make poor choices in that gap between high school and the time they finally "settle down" and become productive members of society.

So how do we prevent these young people from being recruited — whether it be by gangs, terrorists, sex traffickers or drug dealers?

We need to work at the issue from both sides. One side is to eliminate gangs, sex trafficking, terrorists, etc.

The other is to take a hard look at ourselves and our society, and try to figure out how to make our youth feel they belong, feel they are connected to their families, feel they are part of their communities, during that gap between high school and that time in their 20s when they finally mature.

The solutions are not easily come by, the battle not easily won. But for the sake of our young adults, we must continue seeking the solution, we must continue to fight the battle.

— L.C.



Time to return good manners to politics

What seems to pass for discourse nowadays is ... volume. Those who can outshout their opponents seem to think they are the winners.

Recent incidents involving metro school district meetings as well as Minnesota House committee meetings have been disrupted by loud-mouthed protesters, who seem to think their views are the only ones that need to be heard ... and loudly.

Or the Black Lives Matters screamers who think they can browbeat political and civic leaders into seeing their point of view by shouting down anyone who disagrees, or who does not immediately agree to their views. Not sure when they were anointed the judge and jury in the Jamar Clark investigation.

Wow! And is this going to be the way we conduct public business, and establish public policy going forward?

One quick look at the current political campaign may indicate these might be the methods of choice in disrupting speeches and squelching discussions of today's real issues.

Recently, I was invited to a gathering of the Glencoe Study Club, a group of women interested in a wide variety of topics. I happened to have the topic of the night ... newspapers.

The women posed some very thoughtful, and at times, tough ques-



Rich Glennie

tions about the newspaper business, and I tried to answer those questions. There was no shouting, no finger-pointing, no conspiracy accusations, just questions about newspapers.

Like, who writes the editorials? Why do you have to run the court news, and how much does it cost? Is there any topic the newspaper would not touch?

Tough questions, and the answers were never simply yes and no, but more complicated.

In the end, it was a pleasant evening of discourse, the way it was meant. Polite, calm and thoroughly enjoyable.

I thank the women for their attentiveness and their interest in their local newspaper. After all, it is their newspaper, and it needs their sup-

port, not only financially, but in exchanging information with other readers, including sharing opinions with one another.

Which gets us back to the current state of discourse in this state and country. The one thing I learned in the newspaper business is you cannot talk and listen at the same time. When your mouth is open, your ears are closed. And when you are shouting and screaming at other people, their ears are closed, too.

Perhaps we need to all go back to old school where it was pounded into us that we do not interrupt others when they are speaking. It is simply bad manners. When the person is done speaking, then you may speak.

Shouting over another voice simply adds to the air pollution and does nothing to solve problems. Perhaps the teaching of manners in school needs to be added to the current curriculum since many younger adults have no clue on how to properly behave in public.

Check any gathering for cell phone use, and you'll see what I mean.

Rich Glennie was the editor of The Chronicle for 23 years. He retired Aug. 1, 2014, but still plans to submit an occasional column.

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Question of the week

Should smartphone companies provide law enforcement "backdoor" access to phone data?

- 1) Yes, it's an important tool for law enforcement.
- 2) No, it's a violation of personal privacy.
- 3) I don't know.

Results for most recent question:

Do you think the media's coverage of Trump is too much?

- 1) Yes, we need to hear more about other candidates — 58%
- 2) No, it's fair because he's the GOP's frontrunner — 36%
- 3) I don't know — 7%

45 votes. New question runs March 23-29.

Guest Column:

Try to understand before you reject it

By Lee H. Hamilton

If there's a theme that sets this political season apart, it's the voters' utter disdain for most of the people who practice politics. They're fed up with politicians, they've lost faith and confidence in the political elite, and they don't believe that the realm where politicians ply their craft — government — works.

The two presidential contenders who have most channeled this frustration, Donald Trump and Bernie Sanders, have electrified many voters who want to get this message across. They've mobilized new voters, people more mainstream politicians haven't reached. The involvement of more Americans in the political system, though it unsettles the old order, is bracing.

There are many legitimate reasons for these people to be turned off by the political system today. But I'd argue that if you're hell-bent on shaking up the system, you also need to understand it — and under-

stand that certain features are likely to persist no matter how hard you try to change them.

The first is that it is very hard to make our representative democracy work. We make progress incrementally, over years if not generations. The first president to press hard for affordable, accessible health care was Harry Truman. It's taken us that long even to get close — and no one would argue that the work is done.

So you have to approach politics with great patience. Our system discourages the rush to judgment — it puts a premium on including as many voices as possible, which takes time in a complicated country. The process is inevitably slow, noisy and messy, the results fully satisfy no one, and more often than not the best we can do is to muddle through.

Which is why in our system, there's rarely a sense of completion. The work — on health care, taxes, the environment, you name it — is never done. Nothing is ever finally

settled. There is no ultimate solution.

Many people are also turned off by what lies at the center of our system: deal-making. This involves a clash of ideas in the public arena, compromise, and negotiation, which make a lot of Americans uneasy. Yet it's how we resolve our differences — and has been since the first day of the United States' existence.

So politicians who insist on purity impede solutions. There ought to be a healthy tension between idealism and realism, but we have to find a pragmatic way to combine them. We have to consider different points of view, the intense involvement of special interest groups, and in many cases the robust interest shown by ordinary citizens. This makes it challenging to come to an agreement on complicated issues, but it's necessary to keep the country from

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History

From the Brownton Bulletin archives

100 Years Ago

March 30, 1916
O.C. Conrad, Editor
Buffalo Creek has been on a rampage all week and on Tuesday a huge mass of ice blocked the west side of the town bridge. After an hour's work by a crew of men, the blockage was released and the huge chunks of ice went down the stream pell mell. The creek is just outside its banks, and the adjacent low land is under water.

Mrs. Henry Gehrke, residing two miles west of Brownton, was operated upon for an abscess on her head last Friday at the Herman Schimmelpfennig home in this village. She is getting along as well as can be expected. Dr. E.L. Mauer of this village, assisted by Dr. W.M. Wheeler of Glencoe, performed the surgery. William Griebie has purchased a lot near the Lutheran church on the north side of town on which he will erect a modern residence during the spring and summer. Mr. Griebie has rented his farm to Henry Hagen, who

will occupy the same this fall. Mr. Griebie and his mother will occupy the residence in the village sometime this fall.

75 Years Ago

March 27, 1941
Milton D. Hakel, Editor
Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Damask are the proud parents of a son, Phillip George, born to them on Tuesday, March 18. Friends and relatives gathered at the Julius Quast home Friday evening and helped twins Elda and Zeldia celebrate their birthday anniversary.

50 Years Ago

March 31, 1966
Charles H. Warner, Editor
Warren "Buster" West and Kathy Tongen were recently named delegates to the American Legion and Auxiliary Boys and Girls State to be held this summer. Eight Brownton students — Dale Borchardt, Lonnie Lindeman, Craig Madsen, Robert

Paulson, Judy Henke, Betty Lindeman, Nyla Schwarzrock and Rhonda Spiering — attended the annual Boys and Girls County at the courthouse in Glencoe Tuesday.

20 Years Ago

March 27, 1996
Lori Copler, Editor
Snow throwers and snow plows were a common sight Monday as the area tried to dig out from under 10 inches of snow dumped by a storm system Sunday afternoon and night.

10 Years Ago

March 29, 2006
Lori Copler, Editor
Residents likely wondered why a virtual fleet of police cars was parked near McLeod West High School Wednesday, March 22. Superintendent Tom Hiebert said the officers conducted a search with a K-9 unit and assisted staff and students with a lockdown drill.

10 Years Ago

April 5, 2006
Rich Glennie, Editor
Terry Hawkos, retired former Glencoe teacher, was informed by letter this week that he, his brother Mike Shaw of Hutchinson, and Jim Allen of Naples, Florida, will be inducted into the Minnesota Rock & Country Hall of Fame on May 27 as the band "Shaw-Allen-Shaw."

Dain Haukos and Tanner Mackenthun of the Glencoe-Silver Lake boys' basketball team have been named to the 2005-06 All-Wright County Conference squad. Teammates Matt Eckhoff, Nick Fisher and Eric Rose each received honorable mention.

Six Glencoe-Silver Lake youth wrestlers in kindergarten through sixth grade, plus two others in seventh and eighth grades are headed to the Northland Youth Wrestling Association state tournament. They are: Michael Donney, Jordan Rolf, Nicholas Brejle, Triston Weber, Dalton Clouse, Teddy Petersen, Alex Jenson and Kyle Melchert. Each qualified by placing first, second or third at a regional tournament.

13, daughter of Marj (Wosmek) and Nic Frieler, has been accepted as a finalist in the Teen Division of the Miss Minnesota American Coed Pageant to be held March 29 and 30 in St. Paul.

10 Years Ago

March 30, 2006
Ken and Dorothy Merrill, Publishers
Michael and Kim (Laxen) Schauer of Lester Prairie announce the birth of their son, Trevor Michael, on Thursday, March 16, 2006, at Hutchinson Hospital. He weighed 10 pounds, 5 ounces, and was 22 inches long. Grandparents are Tim and Mary Laxen of Winsted and Steve and Patsy Schauer of Silver Lake.

Ken and Sheronda Moore of Hutchinson announce the birth of their son, Jayden Thomas, on Wednesday, March 22, 2006, at the Hutchinson Hospital. He weighed 7 pounds, 15 ounces, and was 20 inches long. Grandparents are Linda Klima of Silver Lake and Tom and Cheryl Moore of Dothan, Alabama.

From the Stewart Tribune archives

ent G.A. Lippert has officially announced that Miss Laurel Klima will be the valedictorian of the graduating class of 1941 of Stewart High School and Miss Dorothy Ahlers will be the salutatorian.

Dennis Roger was the name given to the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Miller at christening services Sunday. Mrs. William Miller, Albert Sell and John Luehring served as sponsors.

A son was born Sunday, March 28, at the Loretto Hospital in New Ulm to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Maiers.

50 Years Ago
March 31, 1966
Kermit T. Hubin, Editor
The Stewart Fire Department burned the old Mangold house Monday afternoon. The Bernard Kuttners plan to erect a new home on the site.

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coming apart.

Congress in recent years has reached new levels of polarization and failure to address the major issues of the day. In public meetings, I often encounter a yearning for leadership to solve all our problems, usually along the lines of, "Where are the Abe Lincolns of our day?" Sadly, it's a false hope. Our problems are made by us and have to be resolved by us. Abraham Lincoln's not around any more.

We cannot look to government to solve all our problems. Indeed, we live in an era in which government

faces more and more problems it cannot effectively deal with. Increasingly, citizens have to step forward and fill the void that government leaves. The relevance of the citizen increases every day as power is more diffused, technology empowers individuals, and social media allows more citizens to express their views, vent their frustrations, and to mobilize organizations.

We may well be moving into the century of the citizen. I think of the woman who got rail-crossing signals fitted out at dangerous intersections in Indiana after her daughter

was killed at a rail crossing with no signals. Or of my neighbor, who helped build a movement to press for accurate labeling of food ingredients, because he was diabetic and had no way to know the sugar content of goods. Our communities and lives are better because of citizen action. Indeed, unless citizens boost their involvement and contributions, many of our problems will not be solved.

Lee Hamilton is director of the Center on Congress at Indiana University. He was a member of the U.S. House of Representatives for 34 years.

Record

Glencoe Police

TUESDAY, MARCH 22
5:07 a.m. — Officers assisted the ambulance with a medical on 12th Street E.
5:15 a.m. — An officer answered questions regarding a possible phone scam on 10th Street E.
1:40 p.m. — Officers conducted a welfare check on a person on Ford Avenue N who had not showed up for work the past two days.

1:58 p.m. — An officer responded to a blight issue on 13th Street E involving trash in the backyard and behind the house.
5:28 p.m. — A theft, possibly a civil issue, was reported on Hennepin Avenue N.
9:12 p.m. — An officer responded to a reported theft on 14th Street E.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23
8:47 a.m. — An officer took a fraud report on 10th Street E.
8:53 a.m. — Officers stopped a suspicious vehicle in the area of Oak Leaf Road and DeSoto Avenue S.

THURSDAY, MARCH 24
5:49 p.m. — A sandbag was discovered in the middle of the road on 13th Street E near Greeley Avenue N.
6:25 p.m. — The Tyler Police Department asked for assistance in checking on a vehicle that may have been involved in a hit-and-run accident in Tyler.
10:45 p.m. — A barking dog

complaint was received on Seventh Street E. A responding officer did not hear any dogs barking in the area.

FRIDAY, MARCH 25
9:06 a.m. — An officer and Allina Ambulance responded to a medical on 16th Street E. A person was taken by ambulance to the Glencoe hospital.
6:19 p.m. — Officers responded to a medical on 10th Street E.

8:15 p.m. — Officers responded to a property-damage accident on 13th Street E.
11:10 p.m. — Two juveniles were discovered walking in a ditch off Highway 212 near Morningside Drive. An officer took them home.

SATURDAY, MARCH 26
12:02 a.m. — Verbal warnings were issued for curfew violations, driving without headlights and a provisional license violation at a traffic stop in the area of Hennepin Avenue and Reeds Lane. The parents of the juveniles were notified and asked to pick their children up.

1:14 a.m. — A driver was cited for driving after revocation and arrested on a warrant at a traffic stop at 16th Street E and Union Avenue. A verbal warning was given for no muffler.
5:09 p.m. — A citation was issued for driving after revocation and verbal warnings given for stopping, standing or parking in an alley at a traffic stop on 15th Street E near Pryor Avenue N.

6:59 p.m. — A citation for speeding was issued at a traffic

stop in the area of 11th Street E and Chandler Avenue.

11:10 p.m. — Officers responded to an argument between two brothers on 16th Street E. A citation was issued for minor consumption.

SUNDAY, MARCH 27
6:52 p.m. — A loose dog charged a couple walking their dog on 11th Street E. The owner of the dog that charged was cited for having too many dogs at the residence.

MONDAY, MARCH 28
9 a.m. — An officer answered questions from a resident on First Street E regarding a possible fraud.

1:04 p.m. — An officer responded to a possible mental health issue on 16th Street.

2:29 p.m. — An officer responded to a barking dog complaint on 14th Street E, and found the complaint to be unfounded. The dog barked once in a 10-minute time span.

2:50 p.m. — An officer responded to a blight complaint regarding a vehicle with expired tabs and flat tires on Judd Avenue N. The owner was advised to get updated tabs.

3:14 p.m. — The police and fire departments responded to a fire alarm on Knight Avenue. There was no fire.

3:33 p.m. — Officers responded to a physical domestic on Pryor Avenue N.

3:59 p.m. — The theft of 1977 tabs from a vehicle was reported on Newton Avenue.

From the Chronicle archives

30 Years Ago

April 2, 1986
Bill Ramige, Editor
The Country Kitchen restaurant in Glencoe has been given the Eagle Award for quality, service and cleanliness for 1985 in competition among Country Kitchen restaurants throughout the United States and Canada.

James Mathews, son of Anna Mathews of Glencoe, won a cabinet-making and millwork contest at North Hennepin Technical School in Brooklyn Center. He received a first-place plaque for his project and will participate in the national contest in June in Phoenix, Arizona.

20 Years Ago

April 3, 1996
Rich Glennie, Editor
The Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) updated upcoming state highway projects for McLeod County for the county commissioners at their meeting. For 1996, a \$1.5 million mill and overlay is planned for Highway 15 from Brownton to Winthrop with additional by-

pass and turn lanes. Also for 1996, Highway 15 from Hutchinson to Dassel will receive a seal coat, and Highway 212 near Glencoe will get some surface preservation.

Glencoe police are investigating two burglaries at the Henry Hill Intermediate School over the weekend and think a third burglary at Glencoe Oil may be related. The first burglary was reported at Henry Hill on Saturday. The building was broken into a second time on Monday. It is difficult to determine what, if anything, was stolen because of no classes because of the spring break. Glencoe Oil was burglarized Sunday and a handful of change was taken from the till.

Glencoe-Silver Lake juniors Tiffany Martin and Josh Engelmann qualified to participate in the National Business Professionals of America competition in Phoenix on May 1. Martin placed second in the desktop publishing contest at the state contest. Engelmann was first in the information processing specialist contest.

From the Silver Lake Leader archives

75 Years Ago

March 29, 1941
Delbert Merrill, Publisher
Eighty-two McLeod County families have turned fluffy cotton into fine new mattresses during the past two weeks as a part of the mattress-making program sponsored by the county Extension office and AAA.

John J. Schultz was elected chairman of the board of supervisors of Hale Township at the organization meeting held March 18. All officers elected at township election qualified according to law and assumed their offices.

The cornerstone of Silver Lake's new Community Building was laid Tuesday afternoon with simple but impressive and highly important ceremonies. Laying of the corner stone marked the first official public gesture in the erection of the building.

Marlene O'Hagan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton O'Hagan, celebrated her third birthday Friday.

50 Years Ago

From the Stewart Tribune archives

100 Years Ago
March 31, 1916
Koepen Brothers, Editors

John Lewin has been a pretty sick man this past week, due to blood poisoning in his thumb. He is much better as of this writing, however.

The Stewart Garage has installed a Torit 6300 welding machine and is now in a position to weld anything that has nerve enough to break in this part of the country.

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Mittlestadt died last week after a very brief illness. Interment was made in the Lutheran cemetery Sunday, the Rev. C.H. Kowalske officiating.

75 Years Ago
March 28, 1941
Harry Koepen, Editor
Stewart School Superintendent-

Sibley GOP convention set April 2

The Sibley County Republican Party will be holding its 2016 convention Saturday, April 2, at 9 a.m., in the Sibley County Courthouse Annex Basement, 400 Court Ave., Gaylord.

The delegates and alternates who were elected at the recent caucuses will gather to

adopt resolutions to amend the Republican Party platform and to elect delegates and alternates to represent them at the upcoming 7th District convention and the state convention.

Attendees also will hear a legislative update from state Sen. Scott Newman and state

Rep. Glenn Gruenhagen, who are both seeking re-election in November.

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. Guests are welcome to attend as observers. For more information, call 320-864-3911.

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Wait before rushing to do spring lawn chores

Spring temperatures have been above normal and perennial plants are breaking dormancy earlier than a typical spring. One of the common questions is when should we pull the mulch off of our perennial plants? Based on the recent weather, it is probably a good time to pull much off of your plants. Plants will yellow or rot if they are under mulch with warmer conditions and moisture. We are seeing a lot of temperature swings, so just keep checking on your perennial landscape plants and be prepared to mulch them again if we get into a cold stretch with freezing temperatures.

The average spring frost-free date for south-central Minnesota is between May 8 and May 14. There is only a 10 percent chance for temperatures of 32 degrees F or less on or after these dates. Any-



Farm Notes

By Nathan Winter

thing before those dates will increase the likelihood of a killing spring frost and after those dates would lessen the likelihood. It is probably best to pull mulch off, but be prepared if spring weather conditions go back to normal or below. The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources' State Climatology Office has a map available to see your spring frost-free dates: <http://z.umn.edu/14hr>.

Taking this information into consideration, it is also important to look at temperature swings. Typically, once

we get into warmer weather, it is more likely that we will stay over that 32 degrees F, but that is not always the case.

Another factor is where those plants are in your ecosystem. If the perennial plants are near the house, they are more likely to handle the colder temperatures than if they are out in a lower area in the yard.

Another consideration is weighing out the health of the plants under the mulch. If they are yellowing, they are probably in need of sun and

oxygen. You may need to remove the mulch carefully from the plants and then put it back on if the weather outlook turns colder than 32 degrees F. Don't get too hasty removing mulches over the perennials.

On lawns, be sure to stay off of the lawn until it is firm. Walking and driving on lawns will create compaction issues while they are soggy and wet. Walking and driving not only create issues with the soils, but it also creates problems with lawn health because you are walking on tender crowns that are not strong this time of year. Wait until the lawn has firmed up and there is some spring growth. Although you think it would be helpful, raking too early could set your lawn back.



Weather Corner

By Jake Yurek

If only Monday and Tuesday were the weekend this week. Our highs early this week climbed well into the 50s and even 60s in some locations in association with a warm push of air ahead of a large mid-week storm. Rain and possibly even thunderstorms should have pushed into the area late Tuesday and will linger all day Wednesday and even into Thursday. Highs will keep the precipitation mostly in the form of rain, with perhaps a light coating Wednesday night into early Thursday. The rain showers should wrap up Thursday, leaving fairly decent rainfall amount (an inch isn't out of the question).

Behind the storm things will cool off just in time for the weekend, unfortunately, with highs struggling to get out of the 30s or low 40s. Saturday could be a tad breezy as well, so it will feel even colder. The only good news for the weekend is we should have mostly clear skies ... so at least it will look decent out.

Have a great week, everyone; happy April!
 Ma dobry weekendem Mit dobry vikend
 Wednesday night — Lows 34-40; rain.
 Thursday — Highs 38-45, lows 27-33; morning snow, with rain showers ending.
 Friday — Highs 38-45, lows 26-32; partly cloudy.
 Saturday — Highs 38-45, lows 20-26; mostly clear and breezy.

Sunday — Highs 36-44; mostly clear.
 Weather Quiz: Do we have to worry about severe weather in April?

Answer to last week's question (What are some of April's weather extremes?): Highest temperature, 95 degrees, April 21, 1980; lowest temperature, 2 degrees, April 13, 1962; most precipitation, 2.58 inches, April 6, 2006; most snowfall, 13.6 inches, April 14, 1983. The average high goes from 50 at the start of the month to 65 by month's end.

Remember: I make the forecast, not the weather!



Glencoe girl to compete in Little Miss pageant

America's Little Miss Organization announces that Olivia Gonzalez has been selected to represent Glencoe in the state competition for the title "America's Mini Miss Minnesota." America's Little Miss Organization is a "non-glitz" pageant that encourages young ladies to showcase their personalities from within.



Olivia Gonzalez

In April 2016, Olivia will join other contestants from across the state in the city of Bloomington. Contestants participate in on-stage questions and introductions, as well as evening gown and sportswear competitions.

Olivia is the daughter of Jorge and Sarah Gonzalez. Olivia is an energetic 4-year-old. She attends the ECFE afternoon class and loves going to learn new things and meet friends. She loves reading, riding her bike and loves wearing princess dresses every day. She is honored to represent Glencoe in the America's Little Miss Minnesota State Pageant.

The winner of the America's Little Miss-Minnesota State Pageant will receive many prizes, including many opportunities for a full year as a role model and spokesperson, and will represent Minnesota at America's Little Miss national competition which will be held the first week of August in Orlando, Florida.



Chronicle photos by Rebecca Mariscal

Wee Friends' Easter visit

Wee Friends Preschool visited Grand Meadows Senior Living in Glencoe on Tuesday, March 22, for Easter activities. The group read a story, made an Easter necklace and sang songs. Above, the students listen attentively to the story. At left, Verone Witthus and Bria Pierson work on their necklaces.



Submitted Photo

Youth serve church breakfast

Youth from First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Glencoe served Easter Breakfast. Funds raised support the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod National Youth Gathering coming up this

summer in New Orleans. Pictured are, from left to right, Stephanie Welch, Paul Lemke, Katy Kunkel, Jacob Schuch, Morgan Dahlke, Jill Schmidt, Haley Lukes and Blake Dahlke.

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Rachel Kurtz to perform at Gaylord church April 3

As a newly added part of its annual Uplifting Celebration, nationally known performer Rachel Kurtz will give a concert at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Gaylord Sunday, April 3, at 1 p.m. In addition to a turkey dinner being served from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Kurtz also will lead worship service at St.



Rachel Kurtz

Paul's that morning at 9 a.m. The service is open to everyone.

Kurtz is a Minneapolis-based songwriter, performer and recording artist.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church is located at 513 Main Ave. at the intersection of Highways 5, 22 and 19 in the center of Gaylord. Concert tickets are available now and are limited. To purchase tickets or for more information, call 507-237-5146, or visit St. Paul's website: stpaulsandtrinitylutheran.org.

Community Calendar

Thurs., March 31 — AA Group mtg. next to Post Office in Stewart, 8 p.m., call 320-212-5290 for info.

Mon., April 4 — Tops Weigh-In mtg., 5-5:30 p.m.; Brownston Senior Citizens Club, Brownston Community Center, 1 p.m.

Tues., April 5 — Brownston City Council, 7 p.m.

Thurs., April 7 — AA Group mtg. next to Post Office in Stewart, 8 p.m., call 320-212-5290 for info.; Red Cross Blood Drive, River of Life Church, 170 Main St., Winsted, 12:30-6:30 p.m.

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Twin girls born to Thorsons

Jon and Breanna Thorson of Cokato announce the birth of their daughters, Karis Lynn and Almara Kristine, born March 26, 2016. Karis weighed 6 pounds and was 17 inches long and Almara weighed 6 pounds, 7 ounces and was 18 inches long. They join sibling Lydia. Grandparents are Jon and Kristine Birkholz of Cokato. Great-grandparents are Larry and Jeanette Tongen, Harriet Bergs and Audrey Tongen.

Hydrant Flushing

The City of Silver Lake will be flushing fire hydrants on Tuesday, April 5 starting at 9 a.m. weather permitting
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This may affect your 2017 property taxes

The Board of Appeal and Equalization for Hale Township will meet on April 13, 2016, 7 p.m. at Hale Township Hall, Silver Lake, MN 55381. The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether property in the jurisdiction has been property valued and classified by the assessor.

If you believe the value or classification of your property is incorrect, please contact your assessor's office to discuss your concerns. If you disagree with the valuation or classification after discussing it with your assessor, you may appear before the local board of appeal and equalization. The board will review your assessments and may make corrections as needed. Generally, you must appeal to the local board before appealing to the county board of appeal and equalization.

Tammy Stifter, Clerk, Hale Township

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3rd-grade March Panther Paws

March Panther Paw awards at Glencoe-Silver Lake Lakeside Elementary were recently announced. Third-grade honorees included, front row, from left, Preston Forar, David Zerwas and Mason Breitreutz; middle row, Mariah

Gutknecht, Caroline Dostal, Mackenzie Helmbrecht and Madison Bieganeck; and back row, Sawyer Lindeman, Nevaeh Khout, Blake Goettl, Andrew Saldana and Alexis Kube.



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March 4th-grade Panther Paws

March Panther Paw awards were announced last week at Glencoe-Silver Lake Lakeside Elementary. Fourth-grade recipients include, in the front, from left, Wyatt Greiner, Sisaro Stately, Mary Roberts and Luis Villarreal; middle row, Ben Southerland, Callie

Klabunde, Cavin Streufert and Mike Schrupp; and, back row, Joaquin Orozco-Anderson, Josh Fiecke, Jose Alvarado, Profidio Gonzalez and McKenna Hallaway. Not pictured is Kayleen Montes.



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5th-grade March Panther Paws

Fifth-grade March Panther Paw honorees, announced at Glencoe-Silver Lake Lakeside Elementary, are, front row, from left, Hannah Hanson, Geneva Foley, Angelina Tkachenko and Emily

Joy Busch; middle row, Angelica Duvall, Makenna Eiden, Emma Dostal and Kayden Nagan; and, back row, Alex Martin, Logan Christensen, Dominic Steinborn and Sabas Rangel.



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March 6th-grade Panther Paws

March Panther Paw awards were announced at Glencoe-Silver Lake Lakeside Elementary last week. Sixth-grade recipients include, front row, from left, Carly Eischens, Alyssa Zellman, Angel De Los Santos and Erik Duvall; middle

row, Karlee Karg, Linette Munoz, Drew Storms and Stephanie Torres; and, back row, Abey Boetel, Porter Mikolichuk, Riley Butcher and Andrew Kettner.



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High School students of the month

Glencoe-Silver Lake High School recently announced the February students of the month. Front row, from left, are Cassie Perschau, Kylie Ness,

Leah Bettcher and Allie Harpel; and, back, Marvin Losa, Ben Donnay and Trevor Posusta. Not pictured: Spencer Lilienthal and Elsie Graupmann.



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GSL Pillars of Character

Glencoe-Silver Lake High School recently announced the February Pillars of Character students. Front row, from left, are, Emily Graupman, responsibility; Ashley Teubert, caring; Abigail Schmieg, caring; Deanna Bondhus, citizenship; Emmi Jerabek, trustworthi-

ness; and Quinten Proehl, respect; and, back row, Shelby Brelje, caring; Mitchell Beneke, respect; Tyler Siewert, responsibility; Jacob Fehrenbach, respect; Alex Romano, responsibility; Thomas Shotwell, caring; and Alex Ide, responsibility.

Burglar steals shotgun from sheriff's storage shed

SIBLEY COUNTY — The Sibley County Sheriff's Office reports that its storage shed was broken into March 20 and a Remington 12-gauge shotgun and shells were stolen.

According to the sheriff's office, law enforcement encountered a suspicious person on a bicycle Sunday, March 20, at about 11:20 a.m., on Highway 19 near the Prairie House in Gaylord. The person on the bicycle fled south through the Sibley County Highway Department lot, where several items were found, including burglary tools, a fold-up stool and a box of shotgun shells.

A short time later, deputies checked the sheriff's office storage garage, located across Highway 19 from the highway department, and discovered that the garage had been broken into. Access was made by climbing an 8-foot barbwire security fence, and then breaking an overhead garage door window.

The shotgun and some boxes of 12-gauge shells were recovered Monday, March 21, in a wooded area on the edge of Gaylord.

The investigation is ongoing.

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Obituaries

Gale Mickolichuk, 54, of Phoenix, Ariz.

Gale Francis Mickolichuk, 54, of Phoenix, Ariz., formerly of Silver Lake, died Wednesday, March 23, 2016 at the Scottsdale Medical Center.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Monday, March 4 at 11 a.m. at Holy Family Catholic Church in Silver Lake.

The Rev. Paul Schumacher will officiate. Special music will be by Bobbi Ludewig. Gift bearers will be Alan Mickolichuk and Russel Mickolichuk. Readers for the Mass will be Megan Mickolichuk, Lindsay Popelka and Carmen Brincefield.

Urn bearer will be Larry Mickolichuk.

A time of gathering will be held on Monday, April 4 from 8:30 a.m. until Mass at the

church. Private interment will be at St. Joseph Cemetery.

Gale Francis Mickolichuk was born on July 26, 1961 in Glencoe to Floyd and Margaret (Rozeske) Mickolichuk.

He enjoyed the Superstition Mountains in Arizona, hunting, fishing, volleyball (sand volleyball during the summer) and was a huge Vikings fan. He was also fond of country music, especially Johnny Cash.

He is survived by his mother Margaret Mickolichuk (Harvey Klossner); brothers Alan (Deann) Mickolichuk, Russ (Corrine) Mickolichuk and Larry (Jeanette) Mickolichuk; sister Laurie (Ron) Vorlicek; children Tim (Kelly) Mickolichuk and Jennifer (Josh) Buckholt; grand-

sons Jaylen and Rylan Mickolichuk; special friend Pam; aunts Agnes Fiecke, Gerry Mickolichuk and Karen Mickolichuk; nephews Chris (Kara) Mickolichuk and Bryan (Brittany) Mickolichuk; nieces Lindsay (Cory) Popelka, Carmen (Leland) Brincefield, Megan (Adam) Mickolichuk, Jamie (Adam) Mickolichuk and Tiffany Vorlicek; many cousins and great nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father Floyd Mickolichuk.

The Maresh Funeral Home in Silver Lake is serving the family. Online condolences may be made to www.mareshfuneralhome.com.

Dianna Stanton, 76, of Hutchinson

Dianna Lee Stanton, 76, of Hutchinson, formerly of Silver Lake, died at Hennepin County Medical Center.

A private family ceremony was held in Hutchinson on Saturday, March 26.

Dianna Lee Stanton was born to Delbert and Irene Begstrom on Nov. 26, 1939 in Minneapolis.

On April 28, 1956 she was united in marriage to Vincent (Mike) Stanton. Their marriage was blessed with five children: Jody, Kathy, Teri, Mike and Bill.

She will be remembered for her unyielding commitment to her husband of 59 years. She enjoyed cooking meals for her family. She loved her beautiful flower gardens and quilting. She had many creative talents.

She is survived by her five children Jody Stanton of Aberdeen, South Dakota, Kathy (Bob) Maresh of Silver Lake, Teri (Dean) of St. Charles, Mike (Julie) Stanton of Minnetrista and Bill Stanton of Cokato; grandchildren Michael, Maxx and Sam

Stanton, Debbie Richards, Sarah (Tom) Convoy, Katie (Tim) Stodola, Joe (Tyff) Maresh, Luke (Amanda) Maresh and Chip Maresh; great-grandchildren Fionia, Layla, Victoria nad Joe Stodola, Tommy Conboy, Kade and Kallan Maresh, and Cooper and Camden Maresh; sisters Bev (Mike) Hanney and Delrene (Harry) Ritchie; brother Bill (Judy) Bengstrom; sister-in-law Joy (Kenny) Johnson; and brother-in-law Jim (Hazel) Johnson.

Beverly Ann Svanda, 84, Silver Lake

Beverly Ann Svanda, 84, of Silver Lake, died at her home on March 25, 2016.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 29, at Faith Presbyterian Church in Silver Lake.



Beverly Ann Svanda

Honorary casket bearers were Marisa Johnson, Ryan Ruzicka and Kelly Vasek. Casket bearers were Erin Keith, Mike Johnson, Joelle Renko, Gary Schmeig, Jeremy Vasek and Donna Mae Schmidt.

Interment was in the Bohemian National Cemetery in Silver Lake.

Beverly Ann Svanda was born Aug. 16, 1931, to Joseph and Alice (Johnson) Bjork in Stockholm Township, Wright

County. She was baptized and confirmed at Stockholm Lutheran Church and attended Dahl Country School and Cokato High School.

She married Ernest Svanda on Aug. 21, 1949. She and her husband enjoyed traveling in their motor home to Arizona and to threshing shows in the area. Their fondest trip was to the Czech Republic in 1979. Together they drove their Farmall tractors in parades in neighboring towns. Mrs. Svanda enjoyed being a farmer's wife. She helped with the field work, milking and painting the outbuildings on the farm. She was a guardian ad litem and a strong advocate for children. She also was McLeod County's first home health aide. She was a loving caretaker to her family and to others. She played the accordion, organ and piano, all by ear. She was an active member of Faith

Presbyterian Church.

She is survived by her loving husband of 66 years, Ernie Svanda of Silver Lake; children, Bruce Svanda of Silver Lake, Bonnie (Gary) Hahn of Dassel and Barb (Larry) Ruzicka of Dassel; grandchildren, Erin (Torrey) Keith, Joelle (CJ) Renko, Kelly (Jeremy) Vasek, Marisa Johnson and Ryan (Angella) Ruzicka; great-grandchildren, Jennah, Larissa and Karlie Keith, Raelie and Jace Renko, Chyler Vasek and soon-to-be-born baby boy Vasek, Aiden Johnson and Biella and Bjorn Ruzicka.

She was preceded in death by her parents; sister, Arlene Evenski; and brothers, Rodney and Francis Bjork.

Arrangements were with The Maresh Funeral Home in Silver Lake. Online condolences may be made at www.mareshfuneralhome.com.

Dennis Dee Worshek, 72, Silver Lake

Dennis Dee Worshek, 72, of Silver Lake, died Saturday, March 5, 2016, at Hutchinson Health Hospital.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Monday, March 14, at Holy Family Catholic Church in Silver Lake with the Revs. Tony Stubeda and Paul Schumacher as celebrants.



Dennis Worshek

Urn bearers were Mr. Worshek's godchildren, Angie Dostal, Steve Zanoth and Kristin Lueters. Interment with military rites was in the St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery in Silver Lake.

Dennis "Denny" Dee Worshek was born Nov. 29, 1943, in Pandora, Iowa, to Orville and Juanita (Willey) Worshek.

He was confirmed in his

faith in May 1972 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Silver Lake.

On Nov. 4, 1972, Dennis Dee Worshek and Rita Ann Zanoth were united in holy marriage at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Silver Lake by the Rev. Michael Skoblik. They were blessed with a daughter and a son.

Mr. Worshek served in the U.S. Navy from 1963 to 1967, and worked as a ship fitter. He was a member of the Silver Lake American Legion Post 141 in Silver Lake for 45 years, and a member of the Disabled American Veterans (DAV). He also was a member of the Sportsman's Club. He worked as a welder for Char-Lynn in Eden Prairie, Portable Elevator in Glencoe and Hutchinson Manufacturing in Hutchinson until his retirement in 2006. The past couple of years, Mr. Worshek was a volunteer at Glencoe Regional Health Services (GRHS).

Mr. Worshek enjoyed

movies, camping, gardening, woodworking, hunting and working with his gun collections, listening to country music, and going to family functions. He had a good wit and would always make others smile. He was always willing to help others.

He is survived by his wife, Rita Worshek; daughter, Jan Worshek; son, Mark Worshek; brother, Lynn Worshek; sister, Marilyn Behr; sister-in-law, Marietta Worshek; siblings-in-law, MaryJo (Abbie) Ardolf, Tom (Ruth) Zanoth and Lois (Ron) Miskosky; and many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Orville and Juanita Worshek; brother, Donnie Worshek; parents-in-law, Thomas and Gladys Zanoth; and brother-in-law, Michael Zanoth.

The Maresh Funeral Home in Silver Lake served the family.

Sevareid's book tells classic canoeing story

Eric Sevareid's classic travel account, "Canoeing with the Cree," tells about his 2,250 mile canoe trip from Minneapolis to Hudson Bay taken with his friend in 1930 the summer after their high school graduation. On Sunday, April 3, at 2 p.m., Natalie Warren will come to the Hutchinson Event Center,

1005 State Hwy. 15 S, to share her adventures taking up the challenge of recreating that trip. In 2011, Natalie and her friend Ann Raiho were the first two women to paddle Sevareid's route. The skills they acquired from planning and executing this trip prepared Warren to start Wild River Academy and give pre-

sentations through the United States about her expedition.

This event is sponsored by the Heart of Hutch's One Book, One Community book read and the Pioneerland Library System's Legacy Grant.

The event is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served.



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Kindergarten March spotlight students

March Spotlight Awards were announced last week at Glencoe-Silver Lake's Helen Baker Elementary School. The students were selected for continuously modeling classroom expectations. Kindergarten winners are, front row, from left, Jackson Zellman, Emma

Gildea, Makenzie Jochum, Judith Montanye, Tessa Alsleben and Yasleen Ignacio-Manzanares; and back row, Chloe Zalac, Ethan McCrea, Abbi Reed, Kendra Marti, Dom Neumann, MacKenzie Sturges Schlueter and Blake Even-son



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March 1st-grade Spotlight winners

March Spotlight Awards were announced last week at Glencoe-Silver Lake's Helen Baker Elementary School. The students were selected for continuously modeling classroom expectations. First-grade winners are, front row, from left Aubrie Hoachin, Ethan Hoops

Brown, Mailyn Diaz Escamilla and Bradlee Nordby; and back row, Candace Ryan, Katelyn Grenke, Danika Farmer, Braydon Berghufs, Tiffany Contreras and Leo Soto.



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2nd-grade March Spotlight winners

March Spotlight Awards were announced last week at Glencoe-Silver Lake's Helen Baker Elementary School. The students were selected for continuously modeling classroom expectations. Second-grade winners are, front row, from left, Destiny Zavala, Madisen

Barthel-Waletzoo, Noah Say, Matthew Schmieg and Junior Moreno; and back row, Dom Schiroo, Saveah Foley, Tyler Smith, Emma Seemann, Gael Hernandez, Brady Rosenlund and Henry Helmbracht.

17 Brownton seniors meet on Monday

Seventeen Brownton senior citizens met Monday afternoon at the Brownton Community Center.

Winning at cards were Bernetta Alsleben, first, and Gladys Rickert, second, 500; Ruby Streich, first, and Ordell Klucas, second, pinochle; and Lowell Brelje, first, and Lil Lindeman, second, sheephead.

Audrey Tongen won the door prize. Gladys Rickert served refreshments.

The next meeting will be Monday, April 4, at 1 p.m. All area seniors are welcome.



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GSL seventh graders who participated in the Festival Honor Band at the Madelia festival included, front row from left, Eli Kuehn, Travis Blomer,

Lydia Rakow and Dawnalee Shemanek; and, back row, Kennedy Wraspir, Reagan Spears, Emma Malz and Emma Petersen.



Glencoe-Silver Lake eighth graders who participated in the honor band at the Madelia Junior High Band Festival

were, front row from left, Dan Cross, Cole Janke and Anthony LaPlante; and, back, Tyler Mueller and Mia LaPlante.

Submitted photos

GSL musicians play in junior high festival

On Thursday, March 17, the Glencoe-Silver Lake Lincoln Junior High seventh- and eighth-grade band performed at the Madelia Junior High Band Festival. The festival, held at Madelia High School, is an opportunity for middle school and junior high bands in the region to perform for

an audience of their peers and receive comments and feedback from a clinician. The clinician for the 2016 festival was James Siewert, retired director of bands from St. Peter High School.

The combined seventh and eighth-grade band from GSL Lincoln Junior High per-

formed three selections: "Afterburn" by Randall Standridge, "Portrait of a Clown" by Frank Ticheli, and "Age of Empires" by Rob Grice.

Many positive comments were received such as, "great balance — I can hear all parts making a contribution to the band" and "you played some

very exciting and advanced music!"

After the daytime festival, 13 GSL band students remained to participate in the Festival Honor Band. They were: Mia LaPlante (flute), Kennedy Wraspir (flute), Emma Petersen (clarinet), Reagan Spears (flute), Lydia

Rakow (bass clarinet), Travis Blomer (bass clarinet), Dawnalee Shemanek (trumpet), Eli Kuehn (trombone), Emma Malz (trombone), Tyler Mueller (euphonium), Dan Cross (percussion), Cole Janke (percussion) and Anthony LaPlante (percussion). Other schools participating

in the festival were Martin County West, Mountain Lake, Madelia, Granada-Huntley-East Chain, Lake Crystal-Welcome Memorial, and Maple River.

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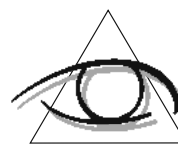
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Easter fun in Brownton

The Brownton Women's Club hosted its annual Easter egg hunt Saturday afternoon. Along with hunting for eggs, children participated in other activities, including visiting with the Easter Bunny, doing crafts and petting and holding live rabbits. Above, Riley, Leyton and Kyrin Yerks, sons of Brandon and Sarah Yerks, visited with the Easter Bunny. At left, Raelyn Hansch is helped in finding eggs by her mother, Blair.



GSL musical groups do well at large group contest March 16

On Wednesday, March 16, four music ensembles from Glencoe-Silver Lake (GSL) High School participated in the State-Section Large Group Contest at GFW High School. These ensembles are under the direction of Peter Gepson, band, and Kay Wilson, choir.

Performing first for the GSL choirs was the SA Singers Choir, (Soprano/Alto Choir). It performed "Bonny Portmore" and a Category I piece entitled "Oh, Dear! What can the Matter Be?" The SA Singers received a superior rating. They sang with excellent diction, good musicianship, and were commended for being a balanced, blended ensemble. Comments from the judges included: "Lovely sound, warm, nice spin, good-looking choir, lovely solos, nice-looking choir!"

The GSL Concert Choir performed at 10:30 a.m. to a packed church. It performed two Category I pieces (this is the most difficult level music), "All That Hath Life

and Breath, Praise Ye the Lord" and "Lamentations of Jeremiah." Rachel Bonderman was featured as the soloist on the first piece; she also was selected to do this solo when the Wright County Conference Honor Choir performed "All That Hath Life and Breath" at its concert back in January. Leah Bettcher accompanied the choir on the second piece. The choir received an excellent rating. It sang two extremely difficult, intense songs, and performed with class and grace. The choir worked extremely hard and it showed. Its attention to detail did not go unnoticed. The crowd loved them. Comments from the judges included: "Nice-looking choir, great music, lovely solo, great piano accompaniment, beautiful blend on some very difficult music."

The Symphonic Band performed "Zia, Zia! (March)" by Claude T. Smith and "The Bonsai Tree" by Julie Giroux. The panel of three judges awarded scores of 35, 34, and 31 and the band was present-

ed an overall rating of "excellent." Judges' comments included: "Good ensemble sound. Very good control of ranges and excellent mallet work."

The Concert Band performed "Flieger-Marsch" by Herman Dostal and "Symphonic Suite" by Clifton Williams. It was rewarded for its performance with scores of 38, 38, and 36 from the three judges for a unanimous superior rating. Their comments included, "great-looking and sounding group — great job today! Good attention to all details — with a good, controlled sound! and Great to hear the double reeds — oboe solo — yes!" (Oboe soloist was Morgan Stoekman).

The next performances of the GSL High School Music Department are the April 2 solo/ensemble contest at Minnesota State University-Mankato, the April 7 Jazz Concert/FFA Pork Chop Dinner and the April 17 Jazz I performance at Famous Dave's in Minneapolis.

Austin man dies in crash in Renville County

Victor N. Augustin, 75, of Austin, died Sunday, March 27, in a single-vehicle rollover in Renville County.

According to the Renville County Sheriff's Office, the accident was reported at 1:22 p.m., and occurred on Renville County Road 4, about one-half mile east of Renville County Road 3, which is about seven miles southwest of Hector.

The preliminary crash investigation reveals that Au-

gustin was driving a Chevrolet Trailblazer east on County Road 4, when it entered the north ditch, hit a field approach, and overturned. Augustin was pronounced dead at the scene. He was the only occupant of the vehicle.

The sheriff's office was assisted at the scene by the Hector Ambulance, Hector Fire Department and the Minnesota State Patrol. The accident is still under investigation by the sheriff's office.

Teen uninjured when vehicle hits power pole

A 16-year-old Henderson girl escaped injury when her Jeep Grand Cherokee hit a power pole 3 miles south of Green Isle on Monday, March 21.

According to the Sibley County Sheriff's Office, the accident was reported at about 8:55 p.m. Katrina Lindorff, 16, of rural Henderson was driving a 2000 Jeep Cherokee that hit a power pole on 210th Street, near 351st Avenue in Washington Lake Township.

There was moderate damage to the vehicle.

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