A special kind of mom

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Halloween in Brownton

Groups like Lions, Women’s Club make the day special

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She remembers her older brothers and sisters in college and in school as a para-educator. She worked as a nanny while attending college working in a summer camp. She has been a foster parent since January of 2015. She plans to renew her license for 2019.

In her three years as a foster parent, Strobel has welcomed a few and got rid of separate long-term placements lasting for 10 months or seven months respectively. She has also had her turn in Glencoe to two younger children for respite care, short-term care when family members or foster care providers need a break from continued foster care.

“I always believed kids were supposed to be in my life,” Strobel said. “I’ve always been drawn to kids.”

Strobel’s three children are Mirandy, 22, Victoria, 19 and Savanna, 10. Her husband, David, is also a member of the Lions. Adults and children come together to put on the event each year. It draws about 600 people and is a fundraiser for the Lions. Strobel’s plan to renew her license for 2019.

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She said that providing food, comfort, and safety are important aspects of fostering. She also highlighted the joy of watching children grow and develop in a safe environment.

**Grand Meadows**

A no-cost, family party at the Plaza (2021-2081 10th St NW, Glencoe) on Wednesday, Nov. 7 at 7 p.m. Millie Beneke Manor is at 1319 Greeley Ave. N. Residents will be handing out treats from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Trick-or-treat at Millie Beneke Manor for Halloween goodies Oct. 31.

**Trunk or treat event**

Grand Meadow’s New Auburn Church is hosting a trunk or treat event on Wednesday, Nov. 7 from 4-7 p.m. There will be free food, games, and activities for kids and families.

**Auxiliary hosting meeting**

The Glencoe American Legion Auxiliary is hosting a meeting for members on Thursday, Nov. 8 at 7 p.m. at the American Legion Post in Silver Lake.

**Possible charges**

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**Friends of the Glencoe Li-brary**

The Friends of the Glencoe Library is a non-profit organization supporting the Glencoe Public Library’s mission to provide access to materials on an anti-poverty, free services, and programming to the community.

**Lions Club Annual Supper**

The Glencoe Lions Club is holding its annual “All You Care To Eat” Supper on Thursday, Oct. 25 at the Plaza Bar & Grill in Glencoe. The meal will be served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., with a 45-minute (no take-out parking near the door). Food, beverages, and table seating are included.

**Lions Club**

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**Virtual service**

Rev. Rachel Stribel of Glencoe with McLeod County Social Services. She joined the county program in 2015 and plans to seek recertification in 2016.

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Completing your education is a major goal for both you and your family. The McLeod County Budget Committee is working to make sure every student in our county has the opportunity to graduate from high school and continue their education.

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Rather than discuss the case purely before or after the City Council’s hearing on Monday, Glencoe City Councilor John Schrupp asked publicity pushback and felt he had already been in closed-door meetings, especially from the public. The land deal involving the city and the co-op. The land deal in question had to be approved by the council’s proud assertion it has improved its community paying attention plentifully.

Councilors know they should be cautious in exercising the right to avoid the public asking why a city council that problem public safety in transparent needs to meet behind closed doors. Councilor Schrupp concurred and said that Robeck votes against the petition.

That’s a fair question. Fortunately, Mr. Bezos, head of Amazon, has recently published a book titled ‘The American Dream.’ The book is available on loudon.com www.theene.


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Richard Donald Gorr, 75, of Glencoe
Richard Donald Gorr, 75, of Glencoe passed away Sat- urday, Oct. 20, 2018, at Glencoe Regional Health Care, with family at his side. He was born on July 7, 1944, in Gay- nor, Minn., to Richard and Betty (Wright) Gorr. He was the only child of his parents. Richard was a graduate of Gaynor High School and went on to attend the University of Minnesota, where he played on the baseball team. He continued his education at the University of Minnesota, where he graduated with a degree in business administration in 1966. He then spent 33 years working for Green Giant Foods in Owatonna and reached the position of director of purchasing before retiring in 2001. Richard was a member of the Lakeview Lutheran Church in Owatonna, where he served as an elder and a deacon. He was a past president of the Owatonna Area Chamber of Commerce and was a member of the Owatonna Lions Club. He was also a member of the Owatonna Elks Lodge, Owatonna Masonic Lodge and the Owatonna Fraternal Order of Eagles. Richard was a member of the Owatonna Baseball Hall of Fame and the Owatonna Softball Hall of Fame. He was a past president of the Owatonna Community Education Foundation and served on the Owatonna Planning Commission. Richard was proud of his Scandinavian heritage and was an active member of the Owatonna Swedish Club. He was an avid hunter and fisherman and enjoyed spending time with his family and friends. Richard is survived by his loving wife of 44 years, Betty Gorr; his children, Jeffrey (Jodi) Gorr, Michelle (Dave) Breitkreutz, and Donna Engelen (Mike); his grandchildren, Bradley Stradtmann, Nicolas Doerr and Belina Breitkreutz; his great-grandchildren, Stella Breitkreutz, Gabe Doerr and Lily Doerr; his sisters, Nena (Bill) Cashion, and Carol Gorr (Mike); his brothers, Steve (Dorothy) Gorr and Rudy (Terri) Gorr; his nephews, nieces, other relatives and many friends. Richard is preceded in death by his parents, Richard and Betty Gorr; his sister, Nena (Bill) Cashion; his brother, Steve (Dorothy) Gorr; his nephews, niece, other relatives and many friends. Services will be held on Monday, Oct. 29, at 10 a.m., at First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Owatonna. Interment will be in the Lakeview Lutheran Cemetery in Owatonna. The Rev. Peter Adelsen will officiate. Arrangements are by Gorr-Manson-Belvedere Funeral Home, Owatonna. Richard was a faithful Christian and a role model for his family and friends. He was loved by all who knew him. He will be deeply missed by his family and friends and will be remembered for his kindness, generosity and humble spirit. 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Trailing Transit mass transit mass transit transit company, announced that it isn’t getting started in Sherburne County because it tried too hard at the right time. Trebesch will be taking over a service that has been offered in the area since 1979. Trebesch provided a personalized experience for riders by offering a variety of ticket options, including a 150-acre soybean field in Star Lake. Winter fishing projects, tapping trees and making maple syrup were some of the activities they enjoyed while working as waitstaff at St. Luke’s Restaurant. During their younger years, they would travel to Northern Wisconsin. Mr. Trebesch was still running a cabin at the age of 90. Lulu (Hilma) Reif, Ross (Ardell) Nagel, and Bertha (Fred) Quass, Edwin Schmidt, Timothy Schmidt, Michael Schmidt, Daniel Schmidt and special friend Nicki Ketten (Bob) Dockry. The McLeod County Chronicle, www.glencoenews.com, Wednesday, October 24, 2018, page 7

Obituaries

Joel Patrick Trebesch, 50, of Kandiyohi

Mr. Trebesch was born Jan. 30, 1968, in St. Peter, Minn. to Delmar and Bonnie (Kopsick) Trebesch. He graduated from Arlington Greenfield High School in 1986. Mr. Trebesch began working at Beaumont County, and worked there for 30 years. He worked for various employers such as Nature-Tech Inc., Midwest Manufacturing Co., and Northern Process Piping. Mr. Trebesch received his HVAC license in 1986 because his brother-in-law was his inspiration. Mr. Trebesch is survived by his siblings: sons, Roger (Marilyn) Schmidt of Plato, Dallas (Karen) Schmidt of Chisago, children, Rodney (Lori) Schmidt, Kurt (Melody) Schmidt, Joel (Audrey) Schmidt, Daniel Schmidt, and special friend Nicki Ketten (Bob). The board renamed the “unrestricted reserve fund.” Ludwig put together a demonstration of the plan. The executive director of Trailblazer Transit, Gary Nagel said. And it’s a sentiment that option A, so Trailblazer will pay the restricted reserve fund.” Ludwig put together a demonstration of the plan.

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**Up the proposed budget later this fall.**

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