No referendum planned for fall
But GSL building project still in play

By Rich Glemme
Editor

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At Board workshop

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Lions golf tourney Aug. 12

The Glencoe Lions Golf Tournament will be held Aug. 12, Monday, Aug. 5, at the Glencoe Country Club. Tournament starts at 9 a.m., shotgun start at 1 p.m. Entry fee includes a cart, dinner and prizes for winners. For more information, contact Blake Knitkem@KEMB.com. All net proceeds support the Glencoe Lions Club.

Music in Park series ends

The Music in the Park series ends on August 7 with the Panther Association golf set and Sheephead, and all area senior citizens are invited to meet in the Glencoe City Center. The group will play 11th Street in downtown Glencoe across from the Glencoe City Center. Serving from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. or until gone.

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Outdoor worship set Aug. 4

Faith Presbyterian Church and Grace Bible Church of Glencoe have announced they will host an outdoor worship service in the Silver Lake City Park on Saturday, Aug. 4, from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The event is open to the public.

Lakeside service set Sunday

Benton Baptist will hold a lakeside service and potluck on Sunday, Aug. 12, at 10 a.m. at Lake Marsh (Benton County Rec Park). Go to the north end of Swan Lake and turn left. The service will begin at 10 a.m. and end by 11:30 a.m. Everyone is invited to participate. The church will provide folding chairs, and participants are encouraged to bring some of their own.

Workshop

Workshop for use of credit cards for those eligible to receive disaster assistance.


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Bean-baggers

The second annual Heal in the Heat tournament was sponsored by the Glencoe/Silver Lake Ambulance District and was a huge success. Around 140 players registered, which means 30 bean-bag teams in total. The 140 bean-bag teams were divided into four divisions: elementary, middle school, high school, and open. There were a total of 13 games played on Saturday, the 1st of July. The tournament started at 9 a.m. and lasted until 12 p.m.

The tournament was a huge success, with over 500 people in attendance. The tournament was held in the Glencoe/Silver Lake Memorial Field House, which has a total capacity of 2,500 people. The tournament was a fundraiser for the Glencoe/Silver Lake Ambulance District and the money raised will be used to purchase new equipment for the ambulance district.

The tournament was well-organized and the bean-baggers were very competitive. The tournament was a great way to bring the community together and to support a good cause.

8th grade boys

The 8th grade boys played their first game of the new season this past weekend. They played against a team from St. James and won by a score of 25-14. The boys are looking forward to the rest of the season and hope to continue their winning streak.

7th grade boys

The 7th grade boys also played their first game this past weekend. They played against a team from Lanesboro and won by a score of 28-16. The boys are very excited about the rest of the season and hope to continue their winning streak.
Water issues need special attention before it is too late

Our view: Despite recent rains, flash flooding, our underground aquifers are being depleted

A system that has had a 

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attention. They simply get the water to drain off the streets and into the underground aquifers. But we need to relook at our priorities and concentrate more on what lies under our feet, before the upper water gets into the system. This does not mean laying off the maintenance and repair of the streets and in farm fields knows the frustration of losing crops in the process. They don’t realize that the minimal amount of money that was spent a great deal of their time finding ways to make farmers pay more. They have no idea how the sales tax? Every time your tractor, machinery, or other farm equipment needs servicing, farmers will pay the price for their decisions made by Gov. Dayton and the legislature. This new sales tax, as they don’t realize the importance of educating our next generation of farmers, training, mentoring other farmers, and just being “good neighbors.”

Letters to the Editor

Thank you to farmers for their thoughts on other issues

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Creekside Jazz performs
Creekside Jazz, a local trio of Lon Roach, on piano and saxophone, and Dave Soniata on bass, performed last Thursday for the residents and guests at Grand Meadow Senior Living. Creekside Jazz was performing as part of the Music by the Pond series this summer that has attracted large audiences. Like the previous concert, however, the performance was driven indoors due to the weather. But it did not seem to bother the concert goers, who were treated to water and ice cream treats during the evening.

My Turn Now
By Karin Ramige Cornwell

Plato Woodwork’s 120th year
Plato Woodwork hosted over 50 dealers from across the United States to celebrate 120 years in business. A three-day event, dealers toured the Plato factory, attended the dealer council meeting, while in the evenings, including Friday night, there was baseball, a trivia contest, a golf outing, a concert, and a Friday night market in downtown Plato.

The August 21st McLeod County Chronicle will be dedicated to the ENTIRE GSL School District! (Glencoe, Silver Lake, Plato, New Auburn, Biscay & Brownston)
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Team Jenkins to host Orth benefit Aug. 3

Team Jenkins of Remax Grand Prairie and the Tim Orth Foundation are sponsoring a benefit for the Tim Orth Endowment on Thursday, Aug. 3.

Michele Jenkins, who was her husban'd, Tim, in “Team Jenkins,” said she will bring a variety of health and wellness experiences to participants, as well as support a deserving local charity.

Michele Jenkins said she started the years from mus- cle inflammation, stress and food intolerances and al- leagues, and finally found some relief through natural remedies.

The day, “The Spartan- Ship Health & Wellness,” will include participants to a vari- ety of natural health and wellness from throughout. Parent can attend workshops and African drum healing.

The day starts at Remax Homes on 1900 E. 10th St, with registration from 7 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. A 9 a.m., Jenkins, a yoga instructor who has her husb and, owns My Time Yoga, will lead yoga sessions, followed by a 3-hr walk on the walking path, starting at 8:30 a.m.

Breakfast will be served from 9:30 a.m. to 9:45 a.m., followed by yoga, which is led by by Dr. Fjerstad, a team with certified naturopathic doctor and owner of the Back in Wellness Center in Litchfield.

Lunch will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., followed by a professional belly dance from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., as well as classes in Glencoe in Litchfield. The day will offer a free medicine for any one who is interested.

There will be several breakout sessions throughout the afternoon.

The day will continue from 12:30 p.m. to 1:20 p.m., include:

• “How to Grow and Use a Healing Garden with Herbs,” by Connie Karstens, a herbal- ist and holistic nutrition educator and owner of the Earth Shephy and Wellness Corner
• “You Are What You Eat,” by Dean Engel- muth, a yoga instructor at Tanglewood Gardens of Plato, and the Wac Medius, town Gardens of Plato, and
• “How to Live Your Ex- travagant Life,” by medita- tion yoga class by Jenkins.
• “Benefits of Lympatic Enhancement Therapy,” by Kim Kaul, a lymphatic doctor and owner of Kaul.

The day will end with a tal- k given by Jenkins, which runs from 8:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., which can be enjoyed by all. Participants will be open to participate for the Tim Orth Foundation.

On August 3, the Tim Orth Foundation has been helping children with medical needs and beds for years. Tim Orth was a BRTK High School student who was diagnosed with an incurable brain tumor in 1996 and who died in 1997. Tim’s legacy lives on.

For more detailed information about the day, call at the Jenkins’ website, www.teamjenkinsinc.com.

People

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History Club visits bank

On Friday, July 12, several students from the Glencoe-Silver Lake History Club toured the Great River Reserve Bank of Minneapolis. Some of these students are interested in architecture and to be interesting included the very tight security, the amount of money handled daily, robotic tellers, the large amount of money, historical, cultural and architectural aspects of the building, and the local art that decorates the building. The Federal Reserve building was built in 1957 at a cost of $100 million and currently employs 1,000 people. The Minneapolis site is one of 12 Federal Reserve Banks in the United States. More information can be found by visiting: www.minneapolisfed.org. From left to right are Oakley Clark, Shan- non Temin, Zionist Becker, Danielle Mathews, Mariel Gahlmann, Christine, and Doug Dorrilt.
From the Brownton Bulletin archives

**100 Years Ago**

Aug. 26, 1913

**Bill Ramige, Editor**

One of the saddest accidents in the history of Brownton occurred in the village Saturday morning. Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Schmid, on Sunday last, had gone home to the city to visit some relatives, and Mr. Schmid had gone home with the intent to wander about, look in on some friends and enjoy the city. But the city was too much for Mr. Schmid and he sought to leave it and return to Brownton. Before he was able to leave Brownton, Mr. Schmid was killed by the car he was following, and his body was found behind the car. The body was found on Sunday afternoon, and the family was shocked by the news. Mr. Schmid was a popular figure in Brownton and his death was greatly mourned by his family and friends.

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**30 Years Ago**

July 1983

**Kermit T. Hubin, Editor**


**History**

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**Natural gas utility construction**

The construction of a natural gas utility in the Brownton, Michels area is continuing to install the gas mains. The installation of the gas lines is the northwest sector. Once the gas lines are completed, the gas services will be installed in the homes and businesses in the area.

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**BARK kickball, beanbag tourneys set for Aug. 7**

**Bob Sobieski, Editor**

The Brownton Area Resources & Organizations will be holding an annual kickball and softball tournament on Aug. 10, at the Brownton softball field.

**Brownton Area Resources**

**10 Year Anniversary**

**Aug. 10, 2013**

The Brownton Area Resources & Organizations will be celebrating their 10th anniversary at the Brownton softball field, including baseball games, softball games, a 5k fun run, and an auction.

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**Breastfeeding support theme of local efforts**

**July 28, 1993**

**Lori Copler, Editor**


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**Plate blood drive collects; 38 units last Thursday**

**July 25, 1984**

**Bill Ramige, Editor**

The Plate Lake American Red Cross blood drive of Thursday last, July 24, collected 38 units of blood.

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**20 Senior bowling men set; card winners announced**

**Aug. 8, 2013**

**Bill Ramige, Editor**

The Brownton Senior Citizens set for Aug. 8, and the card winners were announced.

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**Travels**

**Aug. 3, 1913**

**Kermit T. Hubin, Editor**

Two men were seen on Thursday last, July 31, leaving Glencoe for the county seat of McLeod County.

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McBride Funeral Chapel in Glencoe. Burial will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday — Chicken paprika, cheese, lettuce, roll, margarine, cake, low-fat milk.

Tuesday — Taco, cheese, lettuce, tortilla, roll, margarine, poke cake, low-fat milk.

Wednesday — Chicken paprika, rice, carrots, green beans, rolls, margarine, ice cream, low-fat milk.

Thursday — Hot beef, roll, baked beans, green beans, applesauce, milk.

Friday — Fried fish basket, roll, coleslaw, chips, milk.

Saturday — Dinner at 12 p.m. Sunday — Breakfast from 7 to 11 a.m.

Tina Berge, Benjamin Hanson, and Joel (Mary) Hanson remained in her home in Brownton. On Dec. 22, 2002, Mrs. Hanson died on her husband’s 80th birthday.

A special thank you to both Father "{\textit{\textasciitilde{\textendash}}} and Mrs. Hanson for the special care given to Cora during her time. A special thank you to our relatives, friends and neighbors for their kindness shown to our families during the past weeks.

Thanks to Glencoe Regional Health Services and Johnson Funeral Home for the professional services; Pastor Reed and the Rev. Matthew Oltmann for the readings, the CCW preparing and serving the lunch, Global Health Medical Group for the lunch, and the funeral service; organist, Dawn Marquart and the Rev. Husby for providing the music.

For more information, please visit www.grhs.org or call 320-864-2784 • Toll Free: 800-354-9396.

You are welcome to click on obituaries.

Cora Irene Hanson, 90, of Brownton

Funeral services for Cora Irene Hanson, 90, of Brownton, were held Monday at 11 a.m. at the First Lutheran Church in Brownton. Officiating was the Rev. Donald Markworth. Interment was in the Glencoe Cemetery.

The family of Cora Hanson

Thank you

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Yours in Christ,
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Berean Baptist Church, Glencoe

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Johnson said, “The point of the meeting is to hear what’s on your mind,” Johnson said.

Larry Phillips of Glencoe, a member of the BCWD board, said one issue in a no watershed district is addressing issues in theCrow River. He said there is no one addressing the big jugs in that Crow River, and there is no one cleaning them out, or talking about easements, or even the little areas that lead into that river. One of the benefits of a watershed district is its ability to raise taxes. Phillips said the maximum allowed BCWD is $250,000, but the BCWD board only taxes for $140,000 a year. “The majority is spent on clean up.” Johnson said BCWD is a relatively small watershed district compared to others.

As to addressing the south fork of the Crow River, Johnson said in order for BCWD to expand its watershed district would require a petition from property owners and a public hearing process. “If there is a petition, one can act on it.”

Don Nudelau, a water specialist with the Crow River Watershed Recovery, said groups like the Crow River Sue Pass help with the Crow River cleanup, the club’s budget is limited. Currently, the only generating body in place for the south end of the Crow River is the county. Phillips said, “The BCWD board has spent thousands of dollars cleaning up our Buffalo Creek, but does not have plans to expand its watershed district to include the south fork of the Crow River. Nudelau said it would be difficult to expand BCWD into the south fork of the Crow River because a lot of people don’t want it.”

Johnson said the aim of the new 10-year water plan is to concentrate on cooperation in planning. “Everyone should be on the same page,” Johnson added, “It’s an easy.”

“Everyone wants clean water. We should not have to argue about how to get there. We should not have to argue about priorities.” Johnson said “We are trying to get all the stakeholders on the same page. To not have all the stakeholders’ cooperation is not even trying.”

But Johnson added, the reality “is, there are a lot of wet battles.”

It was noted that those on the upper end of the district in Renville County, who lead off water off their farm land do not consider that the rapid run off of farms is affecting property owners down stream much in the Crow River. Nudelau said the aim should be to hold water back for a longer period of time in Rainy River and the Crow River to drain out of the district. “We don’t hold water downstream,” the Minnesota River is to the east end.

Johnson said the aim nowadays is to get rain from the field and into the stream as fast as possible, “It’s to screw up now,” Nudelau added. He said if the water could be held back and allowed to flow naturally, the BCWD might not have to spend so much money cleaning up the Crow River. “We’ve got to work together.” Nudelau added. “We got to retain water somewhere.”

But Johnson said since the upper end of the water shed in Renville County want to use large tillers, not smaller tillers, the quality of the water faster. Those downstream people like a smaller pipe better control everyone.”

That is the direct quote from Schulte of Glencoe, also a member of the McLeod County Soil and Water Conservation District, as said in the state continues to mandate clean up efforts of creeks and rivers that lead into the Minnesota River, everyone was also as well members of the Water Quality Association.”

The state has added new rules for removing phosphates, in particular, from watersheds into the Minnesota and eventually to Lake Pepin, Schulte added.

But Schulte said conserving water, like fall stop days as buffer along rivers, have had impacts even in recent years. “Our clarity on Buffalo Creek was about an inch in the spring,” Schulte said, “but recently that is 12 to 14 inches.”

But another audience member from elephant farming is a problem though, Singh offered, he said. “No matter what people do to improve matters, Singh offered, “Mother Nature has her way.”

Wilson new CGMC president
Glencoe Mayor Randy Wilson was elected to serve as president of the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities (CGMC) July 26 at the Coalition’s three-day summer conference in Brainerd.

As president, Wilson will direct efforts to inform state legislators of issues unique to Greater Minnesota, such as property tax relief, economic development and transportation.

Wilson was elected by fellow mayors and city officials from across state to lead the CGMC, long considered one of the most powerful and effective partisan advocacy organizations that represent cities and towns in the state Capitol.

Wilson is the second member of the CGMC Board of Directors to carry on the work, as the late Mayor Bruce Ahlgren’s ma- laria made valuable contributions to the CGMC, Wilson said. Mayor Randy Wilson, who has served as president of the CGMC for the year 2012-13.

The CGMC is a nonprofit, non-partisan advocacy organization representing 85 cities outside of the Twin Cities metropolitan area. The Coalition educates legislators about issues important to Greater Minnesota.

“Glencoe is a city of about 3,500 people and we have a great council and a great city manager,” Wilson said. “It’s a great honor for me to be able to represent Glencoe and the other member communities.”

Wilson will work to inform state legislators about issues important to Greater Minnesota for the year 2013-14.

Wilson’s goals as president include:

• Continue to work with state leaders to protect and enhance property tax relief for cities and towns.

• Work with state leaders to create jobs and alleviate unemployment.

• Work with the state leaders to increase local and state economic development opportunities.

• Work with the state leaders to improve the state transportation infrastructure.

• Work with the state leaders to protect the state’s natural resources and preserve access to public parks and natural areas.

• Work with the state leaders to protect and enhance the quality of life in Greater Minnesota.

• Continue to represent the CGMC’s member communities at the Capitol to ensure that state legislation is not only economically beneficial to the state, but to all its residents.

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