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Local drummers ready to perform at Hutch High

3 Phoenix Drumline members from Silver Lake

By Alyssa Schauer
Staff Writer

Imagine a bright high school gymnasium — the bleachers filled with students, parents and grandparents — and instead of basketball players or wrestlers, a group of teenagers walk out onto the court, sporting drum barrels over their shoulders and holding wooden drumsticks upright in their hands.

The gym is silent, until the lead shouts, “One! Two! Three!” and soon the room is echoing with rhythmic beats, gong rings and melodic chimes — familiar sounds of the Phoenix Drumline.

On Sunday, Feb. 17, one can turn this imagination into a reality at Hutchinson High School, where the Phoenix Drumline is hosting its annual “Distant Drums” show, featuring other area drumlines.

“The drumline is known for its summer marching unit that performs from June through August in a variety of parade routes throughout the area, including Hutchinson, Maynard, Silver Lake, Litchfield, Glencoe, Olivia, and Hector. This Distant Drums show is part of their winter competition,” Laurie

McCleskey, coordinator of the Phoenix Drumline said.

McCleskey added that the drumline also participates in community events such as Relay for Life and McLeod County and Renville County Fairs.

“The drumline has also performed at the Minnesota State Fair,” McCleskey added.

The Phoenix Drumline began as the dream of a group of drummers from Hutchinson High School, who wanted to organize a competitive drumline.

McCleskey said the drumline’s first competitive season began in January 1994 after the state of Minnesota issued a “certificate of incorporation.”

Today, the drumline is operated by the Crow River Drumline Association, and a number of parent volunteers, and consists of members from Hutchinson and the surrounding areas, including Silver Lake, where drumline members Kyle Totusek Guetter, Erik Ramgren, and Ivy Nunvar reside.

“I was in marching band before joining the Phoenix Drumline, and thought it’d be fun,” Ramgren said.

Ramgren, 18, a senior at Hutchinson High School, said he has been a member since last year, and has enjoyed being “part of the drumline family.”

Nunvar, 15, a sophomore at Hutchinson High School, said she joined because she “always had liked music.”

“I was pretty good at keeping a beat, so I thought I’d join the drumline,” she said.

At the Silver Lake Business Expo held in January, the Drumline performed its “new” songs for the winter competition season.

“Our instructors wrote pretty cool music this year. I’m excited to perform the songs,” Ramgren said.

“Being in the drumline is like being a part of a family,” Nunvar said.

“It feels so good to do really well on the drums. It gets me hyped up for performances,” she added.

Ramgren is the son of Scott and Barb Ramgren, and Nunvar is the daughter of Bob and Joy Nunvar, all of Silver Lake.

The Distant Drums show is set for this Sunday, Feb. 17 at the Hutchinson High School, starting at 1 p.m.



Silver Lake Leader photo by Alyssa Schauer

This Sunday, Feb. 17, at the Hutchinson High School, the Phoenix Drumline will be performing at 1 p.m. Three of the members are Silver Lakeites, including Ivy Nunvar (left) and Erik Ramgren. Missing was Kyle Totusek Guetter.

GSL grants easement for Grove Street work

By Rich Glennie
Editor

The Glencoe-Silver Lake School Board on Monday night approved an easement request by the city of Silver Lake on a portion of the school’s Lakeside football field.

Silver Lake City Clerk Kerry Venier said the easement is required in order to reconstruct Grove Avenue from Highway 7 south to County Road 2.

The easement is for the installation of utilities next to

the football field.

A second, temporary easement on the same property would remove and replace the fencing on the entire east side of the football field.

Venier said the \$2.5 million reconstruction project is about a half mile in length and is being done in conjunction with the county. The work includes upgrading underground utilities and total reconstruction of the roadway.

In the past, Venier said, these easement agreements were usually done with a handshake, but nowadays,

they must be formally recorded.

The project also included making the intersection at Merrill Street and Grove Avenue near the football field more “pedestrian friendly” for students and the public.

The aim is to include a sidewalk from Lakeside Elementary east to the football field, Venier said, and it ties in with the city’s comprehensive plan of “making Silver Lake more pedestrian friendly” with additional sidewalks.

Venier said the reconstruction work is expected to start

in June and wrap up in early September.

During that period, the official detour coming from Glencoe will be on County Road 2 north to County Road 22 east to County Road 15 and then north to Highway 7. The plans will not affect the one-way street in front of Lakeside Elementary.

Board member Jamie Alsleben thanked Venier and the Silver Lake City Council for communicating with the school board and for partnering “to benefit the city and the school.”

Board member Donna VonBerge asked Venier what happens if the construction goes longer; if so, can GSL access the football field when the football season starts? Or should the district consider other options?

Venier said the field will be accessible. The infrastructure work will be done first, he said, and then filled with gravel before the concrete is poured sometime in August.

But if there are delays, the gravel base will remain and will allow access to the football field, Venier said.

Kiddingly, Venier said it will probably be a good year for farmers and gardeners “and it will probably rain a lot.”

Venier said the reconstruction work will start on the north end, and street may be torn up all at once. There also will be work on the south end, where the concrete surface of County Road 2 ends north to the city limits and Grove Avenue.

It is hoped to be able to lay down the concrete final surface all at one time, Venier said.

Silver Lake City Council

Regular Meeting
Feb. 19, 2013
(Note date change due to holiday)
6:30 p.m.

Agenda

Call to order:

Approve agenda:

Consent agenda:

1. Approve minutes of the Jan. 22 regular meeting.
2. Approve payroll No. 2 and January Ambulance.
3. Claims to be paid:

Old business:

1. Update on Grove Avenue/CSA 2 reconstruction project.

New business:

1. Update on McLeod County Solid Waste operations.
2. One-day on-sale liquor application for American Legion for March 10.

Department Business:

1. Liquor Store
2. Public Safety
3. Public Works
4. Community Development
5. Administration

Open discussion:

School Board OKs Great Britain trip

By Rich Glennie
Editor

The Glencoe-Silver Lake School gave its approval to another trip abroad for Brea Wiblemo and her social studies students at the end of the 2014-15 school year. This time the trip will be to Great Britain.

Wiblemo said the 10-day trip will include 10 to 12 students as a minimum and two chaperones. The emphasis of the trip is British literature and Shakespeare, as well as the history of England and its monarchy.

Students will pay approximately \$3,485 each, and there will be two years to work to earn the money and to do fund raising.

Wiblemo said the students will be required to do curriculum work before and during the trip, and make a presentation to the school board on their return.

There will be no cost to the school district, Wiblemo emphasized.

In other matters, the School

Board:

- Approved its pay equity compliance report to the state Office of Management and Budget. Business Manager Michelle Sander said the district is in compliance.

- Received certificates of appreciation from Superintendent Chris Sonju thanking them in recognition of School Board Recognition Week, Feb. 18-22.

- Heard Winterfest activities at the high school will be Feb. 19-22.

- Heard the seventh-grade field trip to the Twin Cities on Feb. 21 will be in two parts. The first will be a trip to help with Feed My Hungry Children, followed by a trip to see the Body World exhibition.

- Heard the region science fair is set for Saturday, Feb. 16.

- Heard that the Math Counts team of Jordan Breidenbach, Jacob Fehrenbach, Connor Heuer, Cora Kuras, Marisa Luchsinger, Rachel Reichow, Dini Schweikert, Katie Twiss, Jacob Vasek and Eric Villow competed at the region Feb. 1.

- Heard the one-act play “Medea” finished in the upper half of the section competition after finishing second at the subsection.

- Granted family leave requests for Suzanne Magnuson, high school counselor, Tina Schauer, community education/field house director, and Jessica Neid, health assistant at high school.

- Approved Mike Sundblad as the head coach of the first Robotics program and Doug Fegley as the head coach of the new trap shooting program.

- Accepted the resignation of Greg Fleck as a special education paraprofessional at Lakeside Elementary, effective Feb. 19.

- Accepted the following donations: Silver Lake Lions Club, \$200 for the Robotics program.

- Glencoe American Legion Post 95, \$200 for the Robotics program.

- Glencoe American Legion Post 95, \$400 for the Close Up program.

- Silver Lake Lions Club, \$1,000 for a trip abroad.

- Stevens Seminary, \$6,600 for the Close Up program.

- Plato American Legion Post 641, \$2,000 for the Close Up program.

- GSL Panther Boosters Club, \$6,351.38 for the fall activities trainer.

- Bump’s Family Restaurant, \$250 for a trip abroad.

- Eileen Popelka, \$250 for a trip abroad.

- Brownston Lions Club, \$150 for the junior high Quest program.

- Glencoe VFW Post 5102, \$500 for the trap shooting program.

- Silver Lake Civic Association, \$500 for the Close Up program.

- Glencoe Regional Health Services, \$500 for community education programs.

- Seneca, \$500 for the Close Up program.

- Set the next GSL School Board meeting for 7 p.m., Monday, March 11, in Room 124 at Lincoln Junior High.

Upcoming Events

Plato Fish Fry set for Friday

The 61st-annual fish fry, sponsored by the Plato Fire Department Relief Association, will be held at the Plato Community Hall Friday, Feb. 15, beginning at 3 p.m. The menu includes fish, potato salad, potato chips, baked beans, bread, pickles, bars, coffee and milk. Take-out orders available.

Legion meeting set Feb. 18

The Silver Lake American Legion will have its monthly meeting at Silver Lake American Legion Post 141 on Monday, Feb. 18, at 7 p.m.

Intro to Medicare is offered

The Minnesota River Area Agency on Aging®, Inc., will be teaching an introductory class on Medicare. If you are getting close to age 65, new to Medicare or just want information about benefits, this class is for you. The class will be held at the Hutchinson Senior Center, 1005 Hwy. 15 S, Suite 15, Hutchinson, on Wednesday, Feb. 20, at 1 p.m. For more details and to reserve a seat, contact Ashley Ronglien at 1-800-333-2433, extension 82024.

Senior dining birthday party

The Silver Lake senior dining site will hold its February birthday party on Thursday, Feb. 14. There will be music at 10:15 a.m. and bingo at 11 a.m. The menu includes roast turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, stuffing, cranberry garnish, and angel food cake with strawberries. Call Manager Pearl Branden to order your meal at 320-327-2536 or 320-327-2621.

'Singing Valentine' program

The McLeod County Historical Museum is hosting a "Singing Valentine" fund raiser Thursday, Feb. 14, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For just a \$50 donation to the McLeod County Historical Society, you can send a song and a rose to your loved one on Valentine's Day. For questions, call 320-587-2109 or e-mail at asa@hutchtel.net.

GSL FFA 'Barnyard Day' set

The Glencoe-Silver Lake FFA Chapter is hosting a "Barnyard Day" on Tuesday, Feb. 19, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Glencoe-Silver Lake High School in Ag Room 341. Come see cows, horses, chickens, sheep, and much more.

Classical Gas duo performs

Classical Gas will perform on Thursday, Feb. 21, at 7 p.m., in the Glencoe-Silver Lake Auditorium as part of the Glencoe Area Performing Artists Concert Series. The violinist and pianist combine to offer a show that is a little bit Jack Benny, Fritz Kreisler, Victor Borge and Abbot and Costello. Sure to delight all audiences, it will leave you smiling and warmed with a show encompassing many styles of musical entertainment.

Lions meeting set Feb. 21

The Silver Lake Lions will meet on Thursday, Feb. 21, at 7 p.m., for a dinner meeting in the Silver Lake American Legion Club Rooms.

Two new members join Silver Lake Seniors Club

The Silver Lake Senior Citizens Club met Monday, Feb. 11, at the Silver Lake Auditorium.

President Genny Lhotka called the meeting to order, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were 27 regular members present and two new members, Gary and Kathy Kaczmarek, and one guest, Carol Navratil.

February birthdays were Sam Shimanski, Alma Ogitzak, Adam Kasprzyk, Ben Lewandowski, Aggie Fiecke, Roger Lhotka, Dan Tschim-

perle and Yvonne Urban.

Lunch committee for the March meeting includes Sam Shimanski, Genny Lhotka, Betty Vejrosta and Yvonne Urban.

31 winners: Yvonne Urban and Alma Ogitzak.

500 winners: Adam Kasprzyk, Mary Jaskowiak, Martha Wilkins, Milton Totusek, Genny Lhotka, Dallas Ehrke, Joanne Victorian, Margaret Benz, Alice Paul and Bernie Kaczmarek.

The next meeting is set for Monday, March 11, at 1 p.m. in the Silver Lake Auditorium.

Lenten services, soup suppers begin at Grace Bible Church

Each Wednesday night, beginning Feb. 13, during the Lenten season, Grace Bible Church in Silver Lake will host a 5 p.m. soup supper (free-will offering) served by members of the Living Water Puppets team.

The meal will be followed by a 7 p.m. church service. This year's Lenten theme is "Fear Not!" and will involve

an examination of selected individuals or situations in the Bible when God told His people to not be afraid.

Speakers will include various members of the church board.

The public is invited to attend. Grace Bible Church is located in Silver Lake at 300 Cleveland St., next to the city water tower.

Stensvad, Thalmann GSL's Triple A nominees

Glencoe-Silver Lake High School's 2013 Triple A nominees are seniors Alexandra Stensvad and Eric Thalmann. They will compete with other Triple A winners for the right to advance to the state competition in Class A and Class AA and a chance at a four-year \$1,000 scholarship.

Stensvad, daughter of Duane and Roxanne Stensvad of Silver Lake, will attend South Dakota State University, where she plans to major in pre-pharmacy.

At GSL, Stensvad is a member of the National Honor Society, girls' basketball team, band and choir. She also was the manager for the girls' soccer team and tutors junior high students in the morning at Lincoln Junior High School.

Stensvad has been involved in Science Fair since the fifth grade, winning many awards and a state fair trip in all but one of those years.

In the seventh grade, she did a service project for the McLeod Alliance for Victims of Domestic Abuse and has continued this project every year.

Last year and again this year, Stensvad has painted old chairs to be sold as garden chairs to help raise money for the Alliance. Two of her chairs will be at the alliance's bowling fund raiser, and the rest will be sold at the alliance garage sale in April.

Stensvad, along with four others, will have her senior piano recital at Christ Lutheran Church. She has been taking piano lessons since the fourth grade.

She also ushers and is a



Silver Lake Leader photo by Rich Glennie

The 2013 Triple A (Academics, Arts and Athletics) award selections at Glencoe-Silver Lake High School are Alexandra Stensvad and Eric Thalmann.

reader at church.

Thalmann, son of Brian and Karen Thalmann of Plato, plans to attend the University of St. Thomas with an intended degree in either mathematics or actuary science.

Thalmann has equally impressive credentials as a four-year participant in band and choir and as a four-year athlete in football, basketball and baseball.

He has been a two-year member of student government and is a two-year member of the National Honor Society.

He also has participated in the Business Professionals of America (BPA) competition as a junior and placed first in the state in the basic office systems and procedures.

Thalmann also placed 15th out of 431 in the open event financial math and analysis and 22nd out of 400 in parliamentary procedure at the National BPA convention in Chicago.

Active in Future Farmers of America (FFA) since the ninth grade, Thalmann has participated in the crops competition.

He also was selected as a GSL chapter officer as a soph-

omore and continued through his senior year.

Thalmann competed at the state FFA convention each year in high school.

As an eighth grader, Thalmann was named the Jenny Resch Memorial Scholarship recipient to one student who showed outstanding achievements in the classroom, community and character.

The Triple A state winners will be honored at the boys' state basketball tournament in March.

Collection sites needed for food drive challenge

Plans are under way for next month's fifth-annual McLeod Food Drive Challenge, which is designed to assist the McLeod Emergency Food Shelf with efforts to feed the hungry in McLeod County.

The Glencoe Area Chamber of Commerce, Hutchinson Area Chamber of Commerce, Lester Prairie Business Association, Winsted Chamber of Commerce and Silver Lake Business Association are sponsoring this friendly challenge

with a goal of raising more than 100,000 pounds of donations during the month of March.

Based on the per capita challenge, Plato won last year's challenge by collecting nearly 16 pounds per resident. Silver Lake claimed second place with roughly 5-1/2 pounds donated per resident. Close behind in third place was Glencoe with an average of five pounds donated per resident.

In total, McLeod County businesses and residents donated 20,000 more pounds in 2012 compared to the previous year.

Donations collected during March are matched by Minnesota Food Share Network, making this a critical time to restock the shelves at the local food shelf.

Businesses and organizations wanting to participate as a collection site for the upcoming challenge should contact

the Glencoe Area Chamber of Commerce or the McLeod Food Shelf.

Glencoe Area Chamber of Commerce
1107 E. 11th St.
Suite 104
Glencoe, MN 55336
320-864-3650
or
McLeod Emergency Food Shelf
808 E. 12th St.
Glencoe, MN 55336
320-864-2088

Bustos jury trial begins Feb. 19

Jury selection began Monday for the David Bustos trial, set to begin Tuesday, Feb. 19, in McLeod County District Court.

Bustos, of Silver Lake, has been charged with two counts of murder in the February 2012 alleged stabbing death of Domingo Limon at her home in Glencoe.

A pool of 68 potential jurors appeared before Judge Michael Savre Monday afternoon, who outlined their responsibilities as jurors.

Three potential juror candidates were eliminated Monday afternoon, one of whom is the spouse of a potential witness, and two of whom are McLeod County employees. McLeod County Attorney Mike Junge, who is prosecuting the case, said he gives legal advice to the two county employees on a regular basis.

The remaining jurors filled out questionnaires Monday afternoon, and on Tuesday began a one-on-one questioning of each potential juror.

Savre said he intends to seat 16 jurors, 12 as trial jurors and four as alternates. Savre also said jury selection could take three to four days, and the trial itself could last four to six days.

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Deadline for news and advertising in the Silver Lake Leader is noon, Tuesday. Deadline for advertising in The Galaxy is noon Wednesday.



Silver Lake Leader photo by Rich Glennie

Pillars of Character

Six Glencoe-Silver Lake High School students were selected as Pillars of Character for January. They included, front, from left, Piper Davis honored for responsibility, Taylor Zitour for responsibility, and Maria

Leon for caring and trustworthiness. In the back are Patrick Fehrenbach for responsibility and Laura Yetzer for caring. Missing was Keenan Mehlos who was honored for fairness.

'Tis the season: for Scout cookies!

I always forget about this delicious season between winter and spring: Girl Scout Cookie sales!

The familiar white box sealed with a Girl Scouts patch, labeled "Media Kit," arrived in the mail last week and seeing the free boxes of Thin Mints and the caramel, coconut Samoas as I tore open the box was a great way to kick off the season!

Of course, my collection has grown with co-workers bringing in sales forms for their daughters and my little neighbors knocking at my door, and since I can't turn down sweets, my kitchen table is filled with red boxes of peanut butter Tag-A-Longs, green boxes of Thin Mints, purple boxes of Samoas, and orange boxes of Do-Si-Do cookies.

I have my very own rainbow! And no space to pack my cookies with the colorful towers of cookies stacked in piles all over my wooden table.

As I munch on my crispy chocolate Thin Mints and wipe the crumbs from my face, I can't help but remember my time as a Girl Scout.

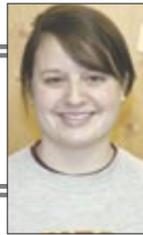
Yes, for a couple of years, I was a Brownie and before I knew it, I earned my green sash, became a "Junior," and religiously read the Junior Girl Scout Badge Handbook, cover to cover, studying the different badges I could earn.

The most memorable experiences I have in earning badges was when I took nightly EMT classes with my mom in order to receive the first aid badge, and when I took a camping trip with other girl scouts and a few chaperones, including my dad, in Sturgeon Bay.

Attending EMT classes as a fourth-grader was a little scary for me. First of all, when I learned that you have to do mouth-to-mouth for CPR, I

The Travel Section

By Alyssa Schauer



was grossed out and hoped I never had to use it, especially on those icky boys at school.

It took awhile for me to even practice on the plastic dummy, but eventually, I learned that saving a life wasn't about mouth-to-mouth, and a few weeks later, I got over having "cooties" and I was certified!

But naturally, earning the camping badge was more fun and I will never forget my first "woodland" camping experience. I can thank my Dad for that.

Our Girl Scouts team, consisting of about six girls, headed to Sturgeon Bay for an overnight camping trip, and Dad joined our group as a chaperone with two other moms.

My mom just had baby brother Mitchell, so of course, she was home taking care of him, leaving Dad to fill in the "motherly" duty of joining me on my camping trip.

The weekend was filled with swimming, fishing, making beaded bracelets, sleeping in a giant tent in the woods and joining in on a Native American Pow Wow dance around a large, flaming bonfire.

The camping experience was memorable, not because of the Pow Wow, but because of the "big bear" patrolling the woods and scaring Girl Scout campers.

After the campfire, we all headed back to the tent

through the dim, shadowy woods, arm-in-arm, on guard for anything eerie to "pop" out and scare us.

We finally made it to the tent, and began situating our sleeping bags, when I felt a sudden movement, as the tent shook violently back and forth. I dropped the flashlight into my sleeping bag and screamed as loud as I could.

Then I heard the comforting voice of my Dad outside the tent and ask "Are you girls ok?"

We told him about the tent shaking and he said he'd take a look around. He reported back that bears were supposedly seen in the area, and that he found nothing outside the tent, but that he'll keep "watch" as he sits around the campfire.

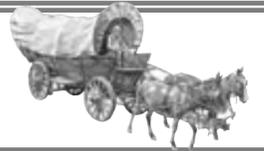
I could hear his footsteps grow distant and that's when I heard the low growling outside the tent. We girls screamed again and grabbed the flashlight to look for shadows along the sides of the tent. Nothing was found, but the tent started to shake again and we all screamed as my dad pulled back the door and started howling with laughter.

There's a reason Dads aren't invited on Girl Scout camping trips.

As I think about my time as a Girl Scout, that experience makes me laugh, and I must say, I've become really good at growling like a bear. Too bad there isn't a badge for that.

Down Memory Lane

Compiled by Margaret Benz



75 YEARS AGO - FEB. 12, 1938 — The Village Council voted to allot funds for the purchase of a powerful siren for the fire department and for installation with controls in the fire hall and in the telephone office. The siren will be mounted on the water tower.

A Siren Benefit Dance, sponsored by the Silver Lake Fire Department, will be held on Valentine's Day, Monday, Feb. 14. Music will be furnished by Jerry Dostal and his Orchestra. Tickets are 40¢ and 10¢. Proceeds from the dance will be used to aid in the purchase of the new fire siren.

The Farmers Produce Co., at its annual meeting held last Tuesday, reported another successful year with dividends being paid out. Peter Wawrzyniak was elected to the board of directors, replacing Stanley Pokorny. Will Zanda, John Schultz, Dana Lord, Dewey Born, Leo Zanoth and Joseph Mickolichek were re-elected to their positions.

Mr. Morse of the University Farm will give a meat-cutting demonstration at Lowy's Food Store on Thursday morning, Feb. 17. A free lunch will be served at noon.

The Silver Lake Fire Department made a run on Monday afternoon to the Sylvester Mallak home near the Dahlin Skimming Station to extinguish a chimney fire.

Members of the Silver Lake unit of the 4-H Club and all boys and girls interested in joining the local club are asked to meet at the Richard Penaz home on Thursday evening, Feb. 17.

The Young Ladies Sodality of St. Adalbert's Church have organized a Glee Club under the direction of Sister Albertine. They also started a library with 30 books, which will be increased to 100 by the Sodality.

The St. Martha's Society of St. Joseph Church is sponsoring a card party on Sunday, Feb. 13. Admission is 25¢ which includes a free lunch.

Mrs. Frank Vacek, 69, died at her home in Glencoe on Jan. 30. Funeral services were held on Tuesday morning, Feb. 1, at the St. George Church in Glencoe.

50 YEARS AGO - FEB. 7, 1963 — Temperatures are up in the 20s and 30s, but the thawing of the past few days has made for slippery driving and walking.

The Pioneer Telephone Company of McLeod County presented the science class of Silver Lake High School with two kits containing all materials for conducting operating experiments for energy from the sun and from sun to sound.

The Silver Lake Farmers Co-operative Livestock Shipping Association will hold its annual

meeting on Saturday, Feb. 9, at the Silver Lake Auditorium. Election will be held to fill the expired terms of directors Edward Hlavka and Leonard Fiala.

The senior class of Silver Lake High School will hold a pancake supper on Monday, Feb. 11, in the high school cafeteria. Tickets for the all-you-can-eat pancakes are \$1 for adults and 50¢ for children under 12.

The Silver Lake Fire Department made a run to the Esther and Marvin Eggert farm, northeast of Silver Lake, on Sunday night at about 8 o'clock.

Edward Mallak has been named as clerk in the county treasurer's office.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank S. Ruzicka observed their golden wedding anniversary on Sunday, Jan. 20, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ruzicka.

Marie Artmann and Gerald Kaczmarek were united in marriage on Saturday, Dec. 29, at the Church of the Holy Trinity in Winsted.

25 YEARS AGO - FEB. 11, 1988 — Silver Lake Lions fund-raising chairmen, Stan Drahos and Joe Gehlen, announced their first fund-raising effort for the Silver Lake Centennial in 1989, a 30-30 Model 94 Winchester gold-triggered rifle with a hand carved scene of Silver Lake. Chances for the rifle are \$5. The tentative date to award the rifle is Easter.

The Silver Lake City Council approved the lease between the city of Silver Lake, d/b/a Silver Lake Municipal Liquor Store, and the Silver Lake Lions Club for rental of space for the sale of games of chance from May 1, 1988, to April 30, 1989.

Tuesday morning, at 4:50 a.m., the Silver Lake Fire Department was called to a chimney fire at the Ken Baumann farm.

The Pearl Nuwash Estate Auction will be held on Thursday, Feb. 18, at the Silver Lake Auditorium.

Frank W. Chrast, 74, passed away on Jan. 29, at a Las Vegas, Nev., hospital. Spring burial will take place at St. Joseph's Cemetery in Silver Lake.

Frank D. Konerza, 99, passed away on Thursday, Feb. 4, at the Delano Nursing Home in Delano. Funeral services were held on Sunday, Feb. 7, at the Czech Brethren Presbyterian Church in Silver Lake.

Dr. Ben Wrbitzky, 94, passed away on Saturday, Feb. 6, at the Hutchinson hospital. Funeral services were held on Tuesday, Feb. 9, from the Congregational United Church, Hutchinson.

A daughter was born to Michael and Karen Navratil on Jan. 9.

Ridgewater hosts several multicultural activities

To celebrate cultural diversity, Ridgewater College students and staff continue to participate in several awareness activities during its annual Multicultural Month in February. Several are open to the public.

The next two weeks of activities are unique to each community.

Willmar campus events include the following which are open to the public:

- Thursday, Feb. 21, 11 a.m., noon and 1 p.m., in the Conference Center: Watch the 45-minute film, "Minnesota Nice," that captures real stories from real Minnesota students who have experienced bullying and have bravely stepped forward to share their experiences. Discussion afterwards will include guest conversations with the film's producer, Alex Fischer.

- Thursday, Feb. 28, 11 a.m. to 11:50 a.m., in the cafeteria: Shannan Paul, professional speaker and comedian, will address cultural sensitivity by using personal anecdotes and real situations to teach the audience how to not "be that person" who walks blindly into an awkward situation.

- On the Hutchinson campus:
 - Wednesday, Feb. 20, 11 a.m., in the commons: Taste of Culture is a Multicultural Month tradition whereby students and staff go on a gastronomic, tasteful journey by tasting many dishes from many cultures.
 - Wednesday, Feb. 28, 11 a.m. to 11:50 a.m., in the Commons: Shannan Paul, professional speaker and comedian, will address cultural sensitivity by using personal anecdotes and real situations to teach the audience how to not "be that person" who walks blindly into an awkward situation.

Open to the public. For more information, contact the Ridgewater College Multicultural Affairs Director Edel Fernandez at 320-222-5986 or edel.fernandez@ridgewater.edu.

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Weight Loss Percentage for February 12, 2013:

1) Slimsons	35.61%	21) Slim Gyms	8.73%
2) Got Fat?	30.72%	22) Muffin Tops	7.82%
3) Goodbye Love Handles	21.27%	23) Slim Credibles	7.71%
4) Less than Yesterday	20.97%	24) Chunky Monkey	7.33%
5) Slimpossibles	19.97%	25) Gym Class Hero's	6.82%
6) Melt Aways	18.69%	26) Pretty Girls	6.82%
7) Heartrate Beaters	18.26%	27) Weapons of Mass Reduction	6.28%
8) Junk in the Trunk	18.19%	28) Bod Squad	5.85%
9) Polo's Muffin Tops	16.97%	29) The Munchies	5.73%
10) Excess Baggage	13.94%	30) Thy Fat Be Gone	5.56%
11) That's Not Sweat, That's My Fat Crying	13.79%	31) No Flab Just Fab	5.09%
12) Sweet 60's	13.45%	32) Wannabe's	5.08%
13) Waddle In Walk Out	13.42%	33) We Be Back	5.04%
14) The Committee	12.75%	34) Stride Rights	4.59%
15) WII Not Fit	12.71%	35) Bust A Gut Buds	4.31%
16) Perfection in Progress	10.83%	36) Misfitters	4.06%
17) Slimmetts	10.76%	37) Rehab 4 Fatties	2.99%
18) Bicks Babes	9.99%	38) Flab-U-Less 4	2.51%
19) Losin' on a Prayer	9.23%	39) Hot Tamales	2.16%
20) Scrubs	8.99%	40) Whoosh	0%

Total Weight Loss: 817.40 lbs.
Jan. 22: 438.22 lbs. • Jan. 29: 567.60 lbs. • Feb. 5: 746.20 lbs.

Top Individual Weight Losses:
1) 30.4 lbs. 2) 23 lbs. 3) 20 lbs.

* Percent of weight loss per team is the competitive number used.

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Letter to the Editor

Teen dating violence awareness month

To the Editor:

McLeod Alliance for Victims of Domestic Violence recognizes February as National Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month. This month aims to bring attention to pervasive teen dating violence and what communities and parents can do to recognize and end it.

There are a number of warning signs that parents may encounter when their teen is in an abusive relationship.

Your child may have fewer friends than before meeting a dating partner, and may be isolated from friends, outside activities, and even family.

Parents may also notice emotional changes in their child, including crying and

wanting to be alone.

Another red flag is a partner who constantly calls or texts your teen, demanding to know who they are with and where they are. And although your teen may be making excuses for this behavior, don't ignore your suspicions.

Experts believe that the best approach if you suspect violence is to avoid a power struggle with your child, keep lines of communication open, and provide resources.

The National Teen Dating Abuse Helpline is a 24-hour hotline, specifically designed for teens and young adults. It offers real-time, one-on-one support from trained peer advocates. All communication is confidential and anonymous.

It is accessible by phone at 1-866-331-9474 or via the Internet at loveisrespect.org. The website provides additional resources for teens, parents, friends and family, peer advocates, government officials, law enforcement officials and the general public.

I urge you to take a few moments to visit loveisrespect.org so that you can be better prepared to help your child if they need you to intervene.

If you would like more information, please call McLeod Alliance at 320-234-7933.

Glynis Vacek
Advocacy coordinator
McLeod Alliance
for Victims of Domestic
Violence

Obituaries

Bernard Koktan Sr., 90 of Silver Lake

A Mass of Christian Burial for Bernard C. Koktan Sr., 90, of Silver Lake, will be held Friday, Feb. 15, at 11 a.m., at Holy Family Catholic Church in Silver Lake. The Rev. Tony Stubeda will be the celebrant.

Mr. Koktan died Saturday, Feb. 9, 2013, at the Glencoe Regional Health Services long-term care facility.

Visitation will be today (Thursday, Feb. 14), from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., at the Maresh Funeral Home in Silver Lake. A Knights of Columbus Rosary will be recited at 6:30 p.m.

Pallbearers will be Sara Koktan, Daniel Koktan, Jennie Nemece, Brent Nemece, Amy Bipes and Aaron Koktan. Honorary pallbearers are Bernard "Ben" Koktan III and Beau Koktan. Interment will follow the service at Holy Family Cemetery.

Mr. Koktan was born Oct. 5, 1922, in Rich Valley Township, McLeod County, to John and Anna (Portele) Koktan.

He graduated from Silver

Lake High School in 1940. He farmed in the Silver Lake area following his graduation.

Mr. Koktan married Arlene Zeleny on June 20, 1956, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Silver Lake. God blessed their marriage with five children. They continued to farm following their marriage.

Mrs. Koktan died March 30, 2002.

Mr. Koktan was active in the Holy Family Catholic Church. He also was a member of the Knights of Columbus and the First Catholic Slovik Ladies Association.

He enjoyed farming activities like gardening, field work and harvesting. He also liked attending his four sons' sporting events, especially their football games. He avidly followed the Gophers, Vikings and Twins teams.

Over the past 10 years, Mr. Koktan looked forward to Boy Scout Troop 3405 from the Twin Cities biking the Luce Line Trail and camping at his farm.

In later years, he enjoyed watching what type of birds ate at the bird feeders he set up. He valued visiting his sisters at Our Lady of Good Counsel in Mankato and cooking for family holidays.

Mr. Koktan was a gentle,

loving and respected man who will be missed by his family and the community.

Survivors include his sons, Kevin (Paula) Koktan, Crystal, Brian Koktan, Silver Lake, and Bernie (Kris) Koktan Jr., Silver Lake; a daughter, Brenda (Michael) Nemece, Dassel; daughter-in-law, Sandy Defries, Hutchinson; grandchildren, Amy Bipes, Aaron Koktan, Sara Koktan, Daniel Koktan, Jennie Nemece, Brent Nemece and significant other, Samantha Carston, Bernard "Ben" Koktan III and Beau Koktan; two great-grandchildren, Hailey and Raydon Bipes; sister-in-law, June Koktan, Winsted; sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Vivian and Dan Osmek of St. Louis Park; and many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Preceding him in death were his parents; wife, Arlene; son, Greg; brother, John; sisters, Sister M. Celine (Adeline) SSND, Sister M. DeLourdes (Helen) SSND, and Sister M. Bernard Ann (Martha) SSND.

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



Bernard Koktan

Engagements

Lee — Jaskowiak

Marissa Lee and Luke Jaskowiak are pleased to announce their engagement and upcoming marriage on June 22, 2013, in Alexandria.

Marissa Lee is a 2004 graduate of Fertile-Beltrami High School and attended The Salon Professional Academy in Fargo, N.D.

She is employed at Carlos Creek Winery in Alexandria.

Luke Jaskowiak is a 2005 graduate of Parkers Prairie High School and attended Bemidji State University for construction management.

He is employed at Walt Johnson Construction in Alexandria.

Parents of the couple are Gary and Connie Lee of Mankato and Mark and Michelle Jaskowiak of Eagle Bend.

Grandparents are Orville



Marissa Lee and Luke Jaskowiak

and Edith Lee of Mentor, the late Harvey and Donna Jensrud of Fertile, Mary Jaskowiak and the late Ernie Jaskowiak of Silver Lake, and Jim and Marilyn Perry of Spicer.

The couple will reside in the Parkers Prairie area.

FFA day at Capitol set Feb. 21

Future Farmers of America (FFA) members from across Minnesota will be proactive citizens as they congregate at the Minnesota State Capitol on Thursday, Feb. 21.

Minnesota FFA Day at the Capitol is a chance for students to meet their legislators, discuss vital issues surrounding agricultural education, and to see state government in action.

In its 16th year, FFA members and advisors will start the day at 8 a.m. in the Stassen Building, Department of Revenue, Room 2000 Sajegetad Room, to hear words of welcome from representatives from the Minnesota FFA, Minnesota Association of Agricultural Educators (MAAE) and the Minnesota Agricultural Education Leadership Council (MAELC).

The majority of the day will have FFA members meeting with their local legislators and witnessing the action on both the Senate and House floor sessions.

FFA members also will be joined by several legislators from 12:30 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. in Room 125 of the Minnesota Capitol. Legislators will address the FFA members and have a question-and-answer period.

This also will be an opportunity for FFA members to learn about a variety of topics that legislators are addressing during the 2013 session.

FFA Day at the Capitol is sponsored and organized by the Minnesota FFA Association, MAAE, and MAELC.

Ridgewater holding annual spring gatherings Feb. 27-28

All individuals considering pursuing a college education are invited to attend Ridgewater's annual spring gathering, Discover Ridgewater. The free informational event is scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 27, on the college's Hutchinson campus, and Thursday, Feb. 28, on the Willmar campus. Both events will begin at 8:30 a.m., with check-in beginning at 8 a.m.

Discover Ridgewater introduces potential college students to all that Ridgewater College has to offer.

Each campus has numerous

Church News

GRACE BIBLE CHURCH 300 Cleveland Ave., Silver Lake Dr. Tom Rakow, Pastor 320-327-2265

<http://silverlakechurch.org>
Sat., Feb. 16 — Men's Bible study, 7 a.m.; church booth at Glencoe Business Expo, 10 a.m.

Sun., Feb. 17 — "First Light" radio broadcast on KARP 106.9 FM, 7:30 a.m.; pre-service prayer time, 9:15 a.m.; worship service, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday school, 10:35 a.m.; church booth at Glencoe Business Expo, 11 a.m.; open shooting for Centershot graduates, 11:45 a.m.; Centershot Archery Ministry, 1 p.m.

Wed., Feb. 20 — Soup and chili supper, 5 p.m.; confirmation class, 6 p.m.; Lenten service, 7 p.m.

Thurs., Feb. 21 — Women's fellowship at King's Wok, 5 p.m.

Sat., Feb. 23 — Men's Bible study, 7 a.m.; women's Bible study, 9 a.m.; facility in use for wedding shower; clergy chili challenge at Glencoe UCC, 4 p.m.

Sun., Feb. 24 — "First Light" radio broadcast on KARP 106.9 FM, 7:30 a.m.; pre-service prayer time, 9:15 a.m.; worship service, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday school, 10:35 a.m.; youth activity at Powder Ridge; open shooting for Centershot graduates, 11:45 a.m.; Centershot Archery Ministry, 1 p.m.; women's appreciation dinner, 5 p.m.

Dial-A-Bible Story, 320-327-2843.

FAITH PRESBYTERIAN 108 W. Main St., Silver Lake 320-327-2452 Fax 320-327-6562 E-mail: faithfriends@embarqmail.com Mark Ford, Pastor

Office hours: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Sun., Feb. 17 — Handbell practice, 8:45 a.m.; worship service with fellowship to follow, 10 a.m.

Mon., Feb. 18 — Session meeting, 6:30 p.m.
Wed., Feb. 20 — Light supper, 5:30 p.m.; WOW classes, 6 p.m.; Lenten devotional service, 6:30 p.m.; choir practice, 7 p.m.
Thurs., Feb. 21 — Day care meeting, 6:15 p.m.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY 700 W. Main St., Silver Lake

Anthony Stubeda, Pastor
Fri., Feb. 15 — Mass, 8 a.m.; stations of the cross, 6 p.m.; AFC stations of the cross with Bishop John LeVoi at St. Pius X, 7 p.m.; youth group cosmic bowling at Hutch Bowl, 9:15 p.m.

Sat., Feb. 16 — Youth group Bible study and breakfast at St. Pius X, 9 a.m.; reconciliation, 5 p.m.; Mass, 6:30 p.m.

Sun., Feb. 17 — Mass, 8 a.m. and 8 p.m.; CCW coffee and rolls after morning Mass; potluck and State of the AFC at Holy Family, 5:30 p.m.

Tues., Feb. 19 — Mass, 8 a.m.; adoration, 8:30 a.m.-10 p.m.; quilting, 9 a.m.; KC meeting, 7 p.m.

Wed., Feb. 20 — Mass, 8 a.m.; first-through sixth-grade religious education classes, 5:30 p.m.; seventh-through 11th-grade religious education classes, 7:15 p.m.

Thurs., Feb. 21 — Mass at Cedar Crest, 10:30 a.m.

Fri., Feb. 22 — Mass, 8 a.m.; stations of the cross, 6 p.m.

WORD OF LIFE CHURCH 950 School Rd. S.W. Hutchinson 320-587-9443 E-mail: infor@loversoftruth.com Jim Hall, Pastor

Sun., Feb. 17 — Worship, 9:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS 770 School Rd., Hutchinson Kenneth Rand, Branch President 320-587-5665

Sun., Feb. 17 — Sunday school, 10:50 a.m.-11:30 a.m.; priesthood, relief society and primary, 11:40 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

RIVERSIDE ASSEMBLY OF GOD 20924 State Hwy. 7 W. Hutchinson 320-587-2074 E-mail: assembly@hutchtel.net Dr. Lee Allison, pastor

Sun., Feb. 17 — Worship, 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Wed., Feb. 20 — Family night activities, 6:30 p.m.

FIRST CONGREGATION UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST 31 Fourth Ave. S.W., Hutchinson 320-587-2125 E-mail: jmm@hutchtel.net

Sun., Feb. 17 — Sunday school, 9 a.m.; worship, 10:15 a.m.

ST. PIUS X CHURCH 1014 Knight Ave., Glencoe

Anthony Stubeda, Pastor
Thurs., Feb. 14 — Mass at GRHS-LTC, 10:30 a.m.; area worship meeting, Holy Family, 7 p.m.
Fri., Feb. 15 — Morning prayer, 8 a.m.; school Mass, 8:20 a.m.; stations of the cross with

school children, 2 p.m.; no Spanish Mass; Spaeth-Medina wedding rehearsal, 5 p.m.; stations of the cross, 7 p.m.; youth group cosmic bowling in Hutchinson, 9:15 p.m.

Sat., Feb. 16 — Youth group Bible study, St. Pius X, 9 a.m.; Spaeth-Medina wedding, 2 p.m.; reconciliation, 4 p.m.; Mass, 5 p.m.

Sun., Feb. 17 — Mass, 9:30 a.m.; Spanish Mass, 11:30 a.m.; Spanish religious education classes, 12:45 p.m.; Guadalupe committee, 1:45 p.m.; first communion parent meeting, 2:30 p.m.; AFC potluck, address at Holy Family, 5:30 p.m.; Mass at Holy Family, Silver Lake, 8 p.m.

Mon., Feb. 18 — No Mass; no school; parish offices closed.

Tues., Feb. 19 — Pastoral leader days; no Mass, 7:20 a.m.; junior choir practice, 2:50 p.m.; KC meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Wed., Feb. 20 — Pastoral leaders day; no Mass; kindergarten through sixth-grade religious education classes, 7 p.m.-8 p.m.; seventh-through 11th-grade religious education classes, 7 p.m.-8:15 p.m.; senior religious education session, 7 p.m.

SHALOM BAPTIST CHURCH 1215 Roberts Rd. S.W. Hutchinson Rick Stapleton, Senior pastor Adam Krumrie, worship pastor Tait Hoglund, Student ministries

Thurs., Feb. 14 — Senior high free lunch, 11 a.m.; worship team, 6 p.m.

Sun., Feb. 17 — Worship, 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.; Sunday school for all ages, 9 a.m.; Couples Connect, 4 p.m.

Mon., Feb. 18 — Women's discipleship, 6:30 p.m.

Tues., Feb. 19 — Women's discipleship, 9 a.m.

Wed., Feb. 20 — Release time, 9 a.m.; AWANA, 6:30 p.m.; middle school youth group, 6:30 p.m.; senior high youth group, 7:30 p.m.

Thurs., Feb. 21 — Senior high free lunch, 11 a.m.; worship team, 6 p.m.

BETHEL LUTHERAN 77 Lincoln Ave., Lester Prairie Bethany Nelson, pastor 320-395-2125

Sun., Feb. 17 — Worship, 9 a.m.; coffee and fellowship, 10 a.m.; global barnyard, 10:15 a.m.

Mon., Feb. 18 — Ladies' Bible study, 7 p.m.

Wed., Feb. 20 — Office hours, 3 p.m.; family Lenten service, 6 p.m.; Holden evening prayer, 6:30 p.m.; choir, 7:15 p.m.; worship team, 8 p.m.

Thank You

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to the Silver Lake First Responders and Ambulance, the ER staff at the Hutchinson Hospital, Dr. Mona, the Cardiovascular ICU Unit at Abbott Northwestern Hospital, and the staff at Harmony River for their excellent care during Jim's recovery.

Jim is now recuperating at home.

Also, thank you to all who sent cards and for the phone calls and visits. Thank You!

The family of
Jim & Loney Jurek

Financial planning series held Tuesdays

Financial planning is the topic of a five-session, evening series that began Feb. 12 at Ridgewater College, Hutchinson campus.

"Take a walk through the step-by-step process that will help you feel confident in your financial decisions," said John Sanken of Navigator Financial Group. He will cover everything from estate planning and long-term care to annuities.

Learn to develop your portfolio for now and for your future. Discover strategies to minimize estate taxes, learn to distinguish between various annuities, and explore the limitations of Medicare and Medicaid and how long-term care insurance can help protect

against the risk of losing your life savings.

Sessions will run 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesdays, Feb. 26, March 26, and April 9 and April 30. There is a per session cost per person or couple.

For more information or to register, go to www.ridgewater.edu/customized and do a search for Financial Planning Series.

In Memory of
Julia Pavlish
who passed away
one year ago on 2-15-12
What would we give if we could day, Hello Mother, in the same old way. To hear her voice, to see her smile. To sit with you and chat a while. In tears we saw you sinking, our hearts were almost broken. You fought so hard to stay. But when we saw you sleeping so peacefully free from all pain; we could not wish you back again to suffer so again, for your work on earth is done. But you left us to remember. There's no one who can take your place. You have gone where we will follow and meet you one by one.
Sadly missed by
Larry; Duane & Diane;
and families

In Memory of
Frank Pavlish
who passed away
25 years ago on 2-14-88
In Memoriam
He wished no one a last farewell
Nor even said goodbye.
He was gone before we knew it
And only God knows why.
They say time heals all sorrow
And helps us to forget.
But time so far has only proved how much we miss him yet.
Sadly missed by
Larry; Duane & Diane;
and families

People News

Mickolichuk receives degree

Jamie Mickolichuk of Silver Lake received a bachelor of science degree in business administration during fall commencement ceremonies at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls. She is the daughter of Larry and Jeanette Mickolichuk of Silver Lake.

Bayerl named to graduate list

Mitchell Bayerl of Silver Lake was among graduates during the winter commencement ceremonies at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Bayerl earned a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering.

SCSU announces fall grads

Amanda Schermann and Nathan Schlagerl, both of Silver Lake, were named to the fall graduate list at St. Cloud State University. Schermann earned a bachelor of science (BS) degree in accounting and graduated cum laude. Schlagerl earned a BS degree in ecology and field biology, and graduated magna cum laude. Other area students include: **Cokato:** Heidi Gruenhagen, Gary Hillukka, Stacy Janckila and Kayla Koivisto; **Dassel:** Lesley Burandt, Timothy Cox, Joshua Lindgren, Susan Rootes and Anne Tormanen; **Hutchinson:** Robert Cripps, Erin Hepola, Angela Mellies and Lynn Wegner; and **Winsted:** Laura Rojina.

Son born to Eastling family

Lloyd and Jessica Eastling of Silver Lake announce the birth of their son, Andrew Stefan, on Feb. 6, 2013, at Hutchinson Community Hospital. Andrew weighed 9 pounds, 4 ounces, and was 20-1/2 inches in length. His older sister is Annie. Grandparents are Lester and Jeannie Eastling of Cokato and Denise Jaskowiak of Winsted and the late Stefan Jaskowiak.

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4 wins in a row for GSL boys

By Lee Ostrom
Sports Editor

Suddenly, the Glencoe-Silver Lake boys' basketball team has won four games in a row and lifted its overall winning percentage above .500.

After notching a pair of home-court victories against Wright County Conference opponents — 63-56 over winless Dassel-Cokato and 56-47 over ailing Mound-Westonka — last weekend, plus an 85-66 out-of-league win at Sibley East on Feb. 11, the Panthers show a 12-10 record with four games remaining on their regular-season schedule.

"We had a little talk after the Annandale game," head coach Robb DeCorsey said.

The Panthers lost 72-49 at Annandale on Jan. 29, extending a losing streak to six games. But they have not lost since.

Against DC, the GSL boys played man-to-man defense throughout a 31-28 first half, but showed a variety of zones to spark a 10-1 opening run to the second half.

When DC closed to 41-35, DeCorsey turned to his bench, which responded to the challenge.

First, senior forward Brandon Ebert stole the ball on consecutive DC possessions. Fellow 12th-grader Greg Ober — with an assist from freshman guard Teddy Petersen — turned Ebert's initial theft into two fast-break points; with the next theft, starter Ethan Maass drew an on-the-run foul, which produced a pair of free throws.

Another DC turnover resulted in a break-away solo

dash by Ober for two more points.

GSL led, 47-35.

It became 49-38 when Ober rebounded his own miss for a deuce; then 51-40 when Petersen finished a press-breaking GSL surge — on a pass from Keaton Anderson.

When DC drew closer, Ebert's three-point play from in close — after another assist from Anderson — fattened the lead back to 56-48.

Ebert finished with three points, three rebounds, three steals and three charges taken.

"He comes in and changes the game," DeCorsey said.

Same with Ober — 13 points, 4 rebounds, 3 steals. Same with Petersen — 7 points, 2 steals.

— Saturday against Mound-Westonka, the Hawks played without top scorer Collin Host, who was sick. Meanwhile, the Panthers lost Petersen, who fell hard to the floor in a scramble for the ball and sustained a gash on his forehead that delayed the game for several minutes.

Eventually, the Panthers emerged victorious, despite their 10-for-24 performance shooting free throws — 8 of 21 in the second half.

— GSL's attack was balanced. Season scoring leader Maass was whistled for three fouls in the first half, wound up fouling out and tallied only 10 points. Anderson matched that, while senior forward Reed Dunbar had nine points and 11 rebounds.

— Maass scored 22 points and Anderson added 22 in GSL's win at Sibley East.



Silver Lake Leader photo by Rich Glennie

GSL senior Ethan Maass tries driving the Dassel-Cokato lane, while watched by Dalton Asplin (12). WCC action occurred last Friday evening in Glencoe. Charger defenders Jake Smith (23) and

GSL Panther Winter Sports

BOYS' BASKETBALL

December

07....at Watertown-May. W,80-63
11....at Bl. Jefferson.....L,64-57
13....Hutchinson.....W,65-64
15....New Ulm.....W,77-67
18....at Waconia.....L,91-69
21....Rocori.....W,67-60
.....GSL tourney:
28....vs. Spectrum.....W,86-36
29....vs. HF Catholic...W,72-59

January

05....Jordan.....L,66-55
08....at Dassel-Cok.....W,74-60
11....at Mound-Wtka...L,86-78
12....NYA Central.....W,66-46
15....N.London-Sp.....L,65-63
18....Orono.....L,79-64
19....at Faribault.....L,67-64
22....at Litchfield.....L,58-40
25....at Hutchinson.....L,69-68
29....at Annandale.....L,72-49

February

01....HF Catholic.....W,73-70
08....Dassel-Cokato...W,63-56
09....Mound-Wtka.....W,56-47
11....at Sibley East.....W,85-66
14....at N.London-Sp.....7:30
19....Litchfield.....7:30
22....Delano.....7:30
26....Annandale.....7:30

March

Section 5(AA) Tourney
07....1st Round

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

November

27....at St.Peter.....L,69-48
29....at Jordan.....L,69-35

December

04....at Belle Plaine.....L,58-54
06....Marshall.....L,68-38
11....New Prague.....L,59-45
14....at Annandale.....L,55-42
20....Mayer Lutheran..W,46-37
28....vs. Luverne.....W,39-26

January

05....at New Ulm.....W,51-29
08....Dassel-Cokato.....L,60-47
11....at Mound-Wtka...W,75-62
12....NYA Central.....W,73-64
15....at N.Londn-Sp.....L,73-59
18....at Orono.....L,53-36
22....Litchfield.....L,41-29
25....Hutchinson.....L,41-37
29....Annandale.....L,62-55

February

01....at HF Catholic.....L,70-35
05....Spectrum.....W,69-18
07....at Dassel-Cokato..L,45-29
09....Mound-Wtka.....L,75-74
12....N.London-Sp.....W,46-45
15....Waconia.....7:30
19....at Litchfield.....7:30
22....at Delano.....7:30

Section 2(AAA) Tourney
26....1st Round

March

Section 2(AAA) Tourney
02....2nd Round

GYMNASTICS

November

30....Annandale.....114.7

December

01....at Becker Inv.....
08....at Northfield Inv.....
13....at WM triangular.....
15....at St. Peter.....
21....Orono.....

January

08....at Litchfield.....
11....Dassel-Cokato.....
18....Waconia.....L,113.0
19....GSL Invite.....6th,118.9
24....Delano.....
26....at Northfield Inv.....

February

01....Mound-Wtka.....
06....at NL-Spicer.....
Section 2(A) Meet
15....at Watertown.....TBA

WRESTLING

December

01....GSL-Don Hall Inv.....4th
08....at Andover Inv.....2nd
13....at Litch: vs.DC.....W,42-30
.....vs. Litchfield Inv.....W,53-14
15....at Richfield Inv.....2nd,2-1
20....at Hutch: vs.NLS...L,66-9
.....vs.Ann/ML.....L,60-8

January

03....GSL: Waconia.....W,42-30
.....vs.Hutchinson.....L,52-23
05....at Ogilvie Inv.....1st
08....at WM.....L,36-28
.....vs.LeS-Hend.....W,60-12
10....GSL: Delano.....W,63-11
12....at Zim Invite.....1st
19....at LCWM Invite.....6th
22....St.Peter.....W,44-31
24....Mound-Wtka.....W,35-33
25....at N.Prague.....L,39-32
.....vs.Mnkatowest...W,42-18
29....at Tri-City United...W,39-31
31....at HLWW.....W,54-20

February

01....WCC. at Delano.....3rd
08....at MW Invite.....3rd
Section 2(AA) Tourney
14....Teams, 1st rounds....TBA
16....Finat 4, at WM.....4:00
22-23....Indys, at Waconia..TBA

GSL/LP seeded 5th

By Lee Ostrom
Sports Editor

Glencoe-Silver Lake/Lester Prairie is the fifth seed, and the Panthers will wrestle No. 12 Mankato East in a first-round dual match of the Section 2 (Class AA) tournament Thursday evening (6 p.m. start) at Hutchinson.

The winner advances to the quarterfinals to tangle with fourth-seeded Hutchinson/Buffalo Lake-Hector-Stewart immediately afterward (7:30 p.m. approximate start time).

New Prague, Watertown-Mayer and Scott West are the other top seeds who will play host to second-round matches Feb. 14.

Thursday's final four survivors converge on Watertown-Mayer High School on Saturday. Semifinals at 4 p.m. Finals at 6 p.m.

GSL/LP closed its regular-season schedule by placing third at the nine-team Leopold-Haglund Invitational last Friday (Feb. 8) at Mound-

Westonka High School.

Several Panthers already had reached their maximum number of regular-season matches, and as a result had to be held out. Included were 120-pounder Michael Donnay, who takes a 31-4 record to sections; both 126-pounder Brandon Richter (27-9) and 171-pounder John Williams (21-13); plus 132-pounder Kyle Polzin and senior 160-pounder Martin Lezama.

Despite being short-handed, three Panthers placed first in their respective classes. In addition, GSL/LP wrestlers combined for one second place, one third, two fourths and a fifth.

As a team, GSL/LP tallied 144.5 points. Monticello was the champion with 192, and South St. Paul was the runner-up with 160.5.

Following the Panthers were Eastview (142.5), Mound-Westonka (120), Waconia (106), Buffalo (93), WEM/JWP (86.5) and St. Paul Como (48).

The Panthers' three individual champions were junior

Jacob Jewett at 106 pounds, senior Mitchell Hartwig at 152, and junior Dalton Clouse at 195.

Jewett, now 30-4, was the top seed at 106, and looked like it, pinning South St. Paul's Lorenzo Diaz (2:43) in the semifinals and Ryan Eustice of Waterville-Elysian-Morris-town/Janesville-Waldorf-Pemberton at 3:04 of the championship match.

Hartwig, seeded No. 1 at his weight, also, improved to 33-2 by scoring a technical fall over Andrew Morgenstern of Eastview in the first round, pinning John Byers of Mound-Westonka (:37) in the semifinals, and scoring a major decision over Carter Barnes of Monticello in the finals.

Clouse, now 28-7, pinned his way to a title. Also a top seed, he won by fall over Kyle Budach of WEM/JWP in 1:25, Jeremiah Yeats of Monticello in 1:14, and Jack Buck of Monticello in 1:35.

Nate Tesch, a 10th-grader, placed second at 138, where he

Section 2(AA) Wrestling

Times and pairings for the first two rounds of the Section 2 (Class AA) team wrestling tournament, scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 14, at the four high seeds:

at NEW PRAGUE

• (9) Mankato West vs. (8) Tri-City United, 6 p.m.
• QUARTERFINAL: 8/9 Winner vs. (1) New Prague, 7:30 p.m.

at HUTCHINSON

• (12) Mankato East vs. (5) GSL/LP Panthers, 6 p.m.
• QUARTERFINAL: 5/12 Winner vs. (4) Hutchinson/BLHS, 7:30 p.m.

at BELLE PLAINE

• (10) Delano vs. (6) Waconia, 6 p.m.

• QUARTERFINAL: 6/10 Winner vs. (3) Scott West, 7:30 p.m.

at WATERTOWN

• (11) New Ulm vs. (7) St. Peter, 6 p.m.
• QUARTERFINAL: 7/11 Winner vs. (2) Watertown-Mayer, 7:30 p.m.

Semifinals (4 p.m.) and finals (6 p.m.) Saturday, Feb. 16, at Watertown-Mayer High School. Winner advances to the state Class AA tournament in St. Paul.

won twice by fall before being pinned in the finals by top-seeded Zach Beaumaster (3:45).

Tesch goes to sections with a 27-8 chart.

At 120 pounds, GSL/LP ninth-grader Aaron Donnay lost his semifinal by major decision, but bounced back to decision Noah Byers of Mound-Westonka, 8-2, in the match for third place. Aaron Donnay improved to 23-13.

A Panther eighth-grader, Dalton Kosek placed fourth at 145 pounds. Kosek's varsity record now is 8-11.

Senior Nick Jenkins placed fourth at 160. He now sports a 7-12 record.

And Colton Lueders, who started the winter playing basketball, but decided to give wrestling a try at mid-season, won twice (by fall) Friday, earning him fifth place at 182. Lueders' overall record is 4-8.



Three Glencoe-Silver Lake defenders —from left, Taylor Breidenbach, Kaitlyn Cohrs and Erin Nowak — corral Spectrum sting guard Rachel Stevenson (32) during last Tuesday's basketball action in Glencoe.

Hawks nip GSL girls, 75-74

By Lee Ostrom
Sports Editor

Victoria Anderson's three-point field goal with 5 seconds remaining rocketed Mound-Westonka to a 75-74 lead, and the White Hawks survived GSL's last-gasp attempt — a near-miss by eighth-grader Maddie Monahan — to claim victory in last Saturday's Wright County Conference clash in Glencoe.

Monahan, the Panthers' young point, took an in-bounding pass, drove the length of the court and tossed up a close-range shot as time expired. The ball hit the backboard, hit the rim, and then rolled out.

The loss, GSL's eighth in their last nine games, dropped the Panthers' overall mark to 6-15. Mound-Westonka improved its chart to 4-16.

The Panthers lost despite getting 24 points and 17 rebounds from 6-

foot-1 senior Clarissa Ober, four triples and 19 points in all from 5-4 junior Samantha Lange and 17 points from junior forward Stephanie Klockmann.

GSL trailed 46-36 after a wild first half of action.

Ober, who has signed to play ball at South Dakota State University beginning next year, was whistled for her third foul only eight minutes into last Saturday's game.

With Ober on the bench, the Panthers went inside to Klockmann and outside to Lange to stay with the hot-shooting White Hawks, who lit up GSL's defense from three-point range during the first 18 minutes of play.

But Ober returned to the court in the second half, and GSL ran off the first 11 points to grab a 47-46 lead.

With 11:47 remaining and her team trailing 57-55, Ober went to

work at both ends of the court. The big lefty poured in GSL's next 13 points, including a basket at 2:10 left that gave the Panthers a 68-64 lead.

But the White Hawks tallied the next five points — going ahead 69-68 on an Anderson triple.

An aggressive drive down the lane by Monahan resulted in a go-ahead deuce for GSL; then Klockmann stole the ball and raced in for a layup to give GSL a 72-69 lead with 1:11 remaining.

After Anderson struck again to knot the score, the Panthers worked the clock. Finally, Ober rebounded her own miss and was fouled on the play. She covered both free throws for a 74-72 GSL lead. Only 23 seconds remained.

All that remained was for Anderson to swish her winner.

Editor Rich Glennie contributed to this report.

Glencoe Business Expo, Feb. 16-17 at field house

The annual Glencoe Business Expo will be held Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 16-17, at the Panther Field House.

The Expo features displays by area landscapers, contractors, automobile and tractor dealers, food vendors and other businesses as well as area churches, the school district, local service organizations, fire and police departments.

The doors open at 10 a.m., Saturday and run until 4 p.m. On Sunday, Expo doors open at 10 a.m. and run until 3 p.m.

Also on Sunday, in conjunction with the Glencoe Business Expo, will be the annual

Glencoe Rotary Club pancake breakfast in the adjacent high school cafeteria. The breakfast runs from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Entertainment on Saturday includes the Remarkable Reptile Show at 10:30 a.m. and again at 1 p.m.

Also, Vikings cheerleaders will be on hand at 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. for photographs. Participants are asked to bring their cameras and a donation for the McLeod Emergency Food Shelf. The Vikings cheerleaders are sponsored by Professional Insurance Providers.

On Sunday, the entertainment includes the Hutchinson

Clown Club from noon to 3 p.m.

The two days of events include face painting, games, door prizes, including passes to the Minnesota Zoo, Powder Ridge, Nickelodeon Universe at the Mall of America, CineMagic Theater, University of Minnesota men's basketball, and a voucher for a Minnesota Twins game in 2013 as well as tickets to the Chanhassen Dinner Theatre.

Also, there will be free cholesterol and glucose screenings for the first 200 people visiting the Glencoe Regional Health Services booth.



Silver Lake Leader photo by Rich Glennie

January Students of Month

Eight students were selected as January Students of the Month at Glencoe-Silver Lake High School. They include, from left, Ryley Oliver, Somers Willock,

Derek Bratsch and Braxton Eggersgluess. In the back are Mark Lueders, Ivan Martinez and Chad Thompson. Missing was Hailey Havlik.

Legal Notices

McLeod County

McLeod County Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes 1/8/13
Commissioners Bayerl, Nies, Terlinden and Wright were present. Nies/Wright motion approved the agenda.

Bayerl/Wright motion approved the consent agenda including December 18, 2012 Meeting Minutes and Synopsis; December 27, 2012 Meeting Minutes and Synopsis.

Bayerl/Nies motion carried unanimously to adopt amended Resolution 12-CB-37 Determination County Ditch #10 Lateral 1 Drainage Systems is Private or Public.

Nies/Wright motion carried unanimously to approve the settlement and release of Equal Employment Opportunity Commission Charges.

Nies/Bayerl motion carried unanimously to approve the clarifications to the Fee Schedule as listed above.

Bayerl/Nies motion carried unanimously to adjourn for 2012 sine die.

Commissioners Bayerl, Nies, Terlinden; Christensen and Wright were present.

Nies/Christensen motion carried unanimously to cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Commissioner Paul Wright as Board Chair for 2013.

Bayerl/Nies motion carried unanimously to cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Commissioner Kermit Terlinden as Board Vice Chair for 2013.

Nies/Terlinden motion carried unanimously to approve the agenda with the following item removed; under Assessor item A: Oath of Office for County Assessor Sue Schulz; following item added; under Administration item D; discussion about Commissioners using I-pads.

Terlinden/Bayerl motion approved the consent agenda including December 28, 2012 Auditor's Warrants; Authorize out of state travel for County Engineer to attend National Association of County Engineers (NACE) annual conference April 21-25, 2013 in Des Moines, IA. Approximate cost including early bird registration, hotel, and parking is \$1,600; Approve the Sale of Cigarette and other Tobacco Products License for Dodge House in Lester Prairie, MN from January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013; Approve Employee Dishonesty and Faithful Performance of Duty Coverage bonds for officers and employees.

Nies/Terlinden motion approved payment of bills totaling \$612,548.47 from the following funds: General Revenue \$567,997.39; Road & Bridge \$26,293.50; Solid Waste \$6,870.40; County Ditch Fund \$11,359.80 and Special Revenue Fund \$27.38.

Terlinden/Bayerl motion carried unanimously to approve the agreement for road maintenance services with Helen Townships.

Bayerl/Terlinden motion carried unanimously to approve Amendment #3 for Lease Agreement 43002 with MnDOT. This amendment extends the lease of the old MnDOT Glencoe truck station.

Bayerl/Terlinden motion carried unanimously to trading in the 20 year old floor scrubber for a new one from Hillyard (Hutchinson, MN) for a cost of \$6,200 with trade in of \$500 for a total cost of \$5,700 with funding coming from the 2013 budget.

Terlinden/Nies motion carried unanimously to appoint Ron Shimanski to the Trailblazer Joint Power Board.

Nies/Terlinden motion carried unanimously to approve an amended agreement with the State of Minnesota which extends the deadline to receive Next Generation 911 funds from October 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013.

Nies/Christensen motion carried unanimously to adopt Resolution 13-CB-01 authorizing the McLeod County Auditor-Treasurer to designate depositories.

Terlinden/Nies motion carried unanimously to bill Mark Ahlbrecht of Lester Prairie, MN \$140 rent per acre for 8.5 acres of property north and west of the Social Service building on Ford Avenue in Glencoe, MN effective Crop-Year 2013 with rent due October 31, 2013.

Nies/Terlinden motion passed to approve a penalty of \$75 for both Cactus Jack's and Silver Lake Legion for tobacco violation. Roll Call Vote: Nies - Yes, Terlinden - Yes, Wright - Yes, Christensen - No.

Terlinden/Christensen motion carried unanimously to award the 2013 legal newspaper to McLeod Publishing at a cost per column inch of \$1.00 and award of the 2012 McLeod County Financial Statement to Hutchinson Leader at an insertion rate of \$0.05.

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McLeod County

McLeod County Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes 1/22/13

Commissioners Wright, Nies, Terlinden, Shimanski and Christensen were present.

Nies/Terlinden motion approved the agenda.

Terlinden/Shimanski motion approved the consent agenda including January 8, 2013 Meeting Minutes and Synopsis; January 3, 2013 Auditor's Warrants; January 11, 2013 Auditor's Warrants; and Approve agreement for road maintenance services with Collins Township.

Nies/Shimanski motion approved payment of bills totaling \$148,753.81 from the following funds: General Revenue \$96,001.60; Road & Bridge \$17,718.86; Solid Waste \$20,763.35; and County Ditch Fund \$14,270.00.

Nies/Terlinden motion carried to approve the purchase a Caterpillar 938K front end loader from Ziegler Cat of Minneapolis, MN for \$188,164.13 including tax (State Contract Pricing) with funding coming from the 2013 budget. Roll Call Vote: Nies - Yes, Terlinden - Yes, Wright - Yes, Christensen - No, Shimanski - Yes.

Terlinden/Shimanski motion carried unanimously to approve selling the following equipment locally by sealed bid: 1986 Fiat FR15 loader minimum bid: \$9,620 and 1969 Cat 966C loader minimum bid: \$16,032.

Nies/Shimanski motion carried unanimously to approve purchasing two Dodge Durangos via state contract #35446, from Burnsville Dodge (Burnsville, MN). One vehicle is a V8 for patrol use for a price of \$28,329.00 and the other is a V6 Durango for Sheriff Rehmann at a price of \$25,976.00 with funding coming from the 2013 budget.

Shimanski/Terlinden motion carried unanimously to approve purchasing two Ford Police Interceptors Utility Vehicles AWD from Jay Malone Motors (Hutchinson, MN). Jay Malone is matching the State Contract #37699 price of \$25,633.82 per vehicle for a total price of \$51,267.64 with funding coming from the 2013 budget.

Terlinden/Nies motion carried unanimously to approve the purchase 5 ARMER Motorola XTS 1500 portables, 5 speaker mics, and 5 single chargers to give to the selected schools across the county for a total of cost of \$8,612.79 including tax, McLeod County will be reimbursed \$8,112.79 from the selected schools.

Nies/Shimanski motion carried unanimously to approve the McLeod County Public Health Nursing Services Hispanic Outreach Worker Contract with Carmen Patino from January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013 at a rate of pay of \$27.39/hour.

Nies/Terlinden motion carried unanimously to approve out of state travel for Jean Johnson and Pat Geiken to attend the Community Anti-Drug Coalition of America (CADCA) National Leadership Forum in Washington, DC from February 3rd thru 7th for a total cost of \$2,703 for each participant with funding coming from the Drug Free Communities (DFC) grant fund.

Nies/Christensen motion carried unanimously to approve the Committee appointments with the above changes.

Terlinden/Nies motion carried unanimously to approve of an agreement with SAIC not to exceed \$50,000 for a study of the McLeod County Solid Waste operations with funding coming from the Solid Waste Funds.

Nies/Shimanski motion carried unanimously to approve a revision to the current out of state training policy to state with the requirement that all out of state come before the board on the regular agenda for approval and that a summary of the training be presented at a board meeting as well.

Terlinden/Nies motion carried unanimously to close the meeting at 10:38 a.m. to discuss an appeal regarding disciplinary action taken.

Terlinden/Nies motion carried unanimously to open the meeting at 11:44 a.m.

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Glencoe-Silver Lake School Board

School Board Proceedings
ISD #2859
Glencoe-Silver Lake, Minnesota
January 14, 2013

The School Board of Independent School District #2859 met in regular session on January 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the Lincoln Meeting Room (Room 124). Interim Board Chair Christianson called the meeting to order. Members present: VonBerge, Lindeman, Kuester, Alsleben, Christianson, and Twiss. In addition, Superintendent Sonju; Business Manager Sander; Principals Butler, Wang, and Sparby; Girls' Basketball Coaches Cullen Ober and Zach Otto-Fisher and team representatives Clarissa Ober and Taylor Breidenbach; Mock Trial Coach Tom Schoper and team members Mitch Polzin (also Student Government rep), Shannon Twiss, Ellie Forcier, Josie Kjenstad, Gustavo Villalobos, and Derek Orloff; Student Activities representative Shelby Rolf; many students from the 9th grade Civics class; Technology Staff Morris; and Superintendent's Secretary Peterson were in attendance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Interim Board Chair Christianson administered the Oath of Office to Kuester, Alsleben, and VonBerge. Kuester and Alsleben were re-elected and VonBerge was newly elected in November.

Officers were elected for 2013. Interim Chairperson Christianson requested nominations for Chairperson. Twiss to nominate Christianson for the position of Chairperson. After the third call for nominations, the Interim Chairperson declared the candidate elected by acclamation and directed the acting Clerk to so record in the minutes.

Christianson requested nominations for Vice Chairperson. Kuester to nominate Alsleben for the position of Vice Chairperson. After the third call for nominations, Christianson declared the candidate elected by acclamation and directed the acting Clerk to so record in the minutes.

Christianson requested nominations for Clerk. Christianson to nominate Twiss for the position of Clerk. After the third call for nominations, Christianson declared the candidate elected by acclamation and directed the acting Clerk to so record in the minutes.

Christianson requested nominations for Treasurer. Alsleben to nominate Kuester for the position of Treasurer. After the third call for nominations, Christianson declared the candidate elected by acclamation and directed the Clerk to so record in the minutes.

Announcements, Acknowledgements, and Reports: Announced the next regular School Board meeting will be on February 11, at 7:00 p.m., in the Lincoln Meeting Room (Room 124); Mock Trial Coach Schoper and team members Polzin, Twiss, Forcier, Kjenstad, Villalobos, and Orloff presented to the Board; Principals Butler, Wang, and Sparby reported to the Board; Student Government/Student Activities representatives Polzin and Rolf reported to the Board; Girls' Basketball Team members Ober and Breidenbach reported to the Board; Business Manager Sander reported to the Board; Superintendent Sonju reported to the Board; and Committee reports were given by Twiss, Alsleben, and Christianson. No action taken.

1. Public Input: None
2. Alsleben/Twiss to approve the agenda (6-0).

3. Kuester/Lindeman to approve the consent agenda: December bills; regular Board meeting minutes of December 10, 2012; the hirings of Nathaniel Byrne as Long-Term Substitute for Emily Foss' FMLA Leave Request beginning on or around February 14, 2013, Ashley Boyer as Long-Term Substitute for Angie Melles' FMLA Leave Request beginning on January 2, 2013, Tristan Sprengler as five-hour-a-day Paraprofessional in the Special Education Program at GSL High School (replaces Deb Rudy who resigned); the leave request of Britta Aldrich, School Readiness Preschool Teacher, for Child Care Leave for the months of September through December of the 2013-2014 school year; the retirement of William Kittel, Special Education Teacher at GSL High School, effective at the end of the 2012-2013 school year; and the extracurricular assignments of Cassie

Helmbrecht as Junior High Gymnastics Coach (replaces Lisa Eischens who resigned) and Marielle Gatenby as JV Softball Coach (replaces Tom Lemke who resigned) (6-0).

4. Kuester/Alsleben to set the regular School Board meetings on the second Monday, beginning at 7:00 p.m. and meet in the Lincoln Meeting Room (Room 124), with a second meeting, if necessary, to be held on the fourth Monday. (The November meeting will be on Tuesday because of Veterans Day) (6-0).

5. Twiss/Lindeman to leave the per diem rates for 2013 as they have been since 2004: attendance at regular and special formal Board meetings – \$2,000.00 per year; per committee meeting – \$35.00; per negotiations meeting – \$50.00; and additional pay after three hours for committee and negotiations meetings – \$35.00 (6-0).

6. Alsleben/Kuester to adopt the committee assignments for 2013 as specified by the School Board (6-0).

7. Kuester/Lindeman to authorize Michelle Sander, Business Manager, to make payment (prior to School Board approval) of claims that cannot be deferred until the next Board meeting without loss to the district of discount privileges and, further, authorize Michelle Sander to initiate and transact electronic transfers for the purpose of investing excess monies and for payment of bond principal and interest as provided by M.S. 1996, Section 123.35, Subd. 15 (6-0).

8. Twiss/Kuester to delegate the following statutory duties of the Clerk to the administrative staff: the keeping of the book of minutes of all School Board meetings, the preparation of reports that shall include the condition and value of school property, receipts and disbursements in detail and such other financial matters as may be called for by the Minnesota Department of Education, the length of the school term and the enrollment and attendance by grades, and the names and post office addresses of all directors and other officers, and such other items of information as may be called for by the Commissioner of Education (6-0).

9. Twiss/Alsleben to schedule Meet and Confer on Wednesday, Feb. 6, 2013 at 3:30 p.m. in the Lincoln Meeting Room (Room 124) at Lincoln Junior High School (6-0).

10. Alsleben/VonBerge to adopt the following policies: 104 School District Mission Statement; 202 School Board Officers; and 206 Public Participation in School Board Meetings/Complaints about Persons at School Board Meetings and Data Privacy Considerations (6-0).

11. VonBerge/Twiss to approve GSL High School Spanish Teacher Teri Windschitl's nine-day trip abroad to Peru at the end of the 2013-2014 school year. Students participating in the trip will be required to pay approximately \$3,200 and there will be at least two chaperones present. Students are required to do curriculum work before, during, and after the trip (6-0).

12. Lindeman/Kuester to adopt the resolution to amend the Glencoe-Silver Lake ISD #2859 Flexible Benefits Plan in order to add a health savings account optional benefit for eligible employees, effective January 1, 2013 (6-0).

13. Alsleben/Twiss to approve revising the 2012-2013 budget as presented by Business Manager Sander: General Fund Revenues – original \$15,775,596, revised \$15,551,524; General Fund Expenditures – original \$16,197,910, revised \$16,271,872 (6-0).

14. Lindeman/VonBerge to accept the donations from the following groups and/or individuals with appreciation: Kurt and Shirley Luhmann, Silver Lake American Legion Post #141, Prairie Woods Environmental Learning Center, Plato Lions Club, Silver Lake Lions Club, Michelle Gilbertson, Carol and John Siefert, Crow River Sno Pros, Thompson Reuters – Pat Chiariello, Brownston Lions Club, New Auburn Lions Club, Plato Fire Department, and New Auburn Fire Department (6-0).

15. Twiss/VonBerge to adjourn at 8:26 p.m. (6-0).

16. Complete minutes and all documents relating to this meeting are on file and available for review at the Superintendent's Office, 1621 East 16th Street, Glencoe.

Glencoe-Silver Lake School District #2859
By: Anne Twiss, Board Clerk
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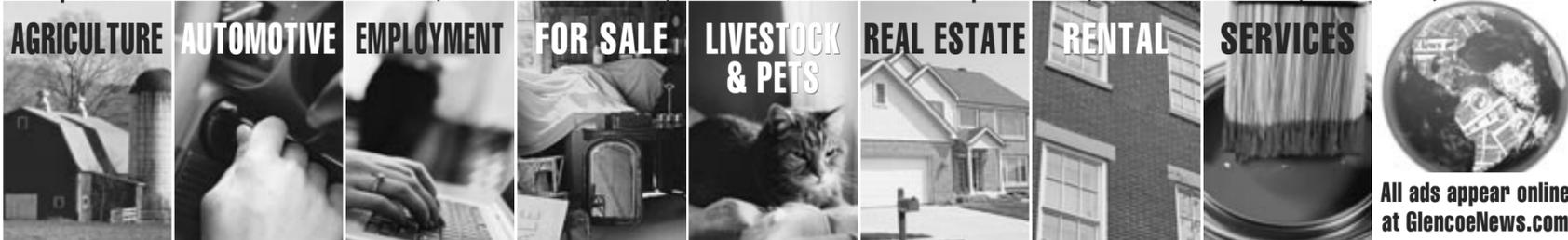
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Fifth-grade Panther Paw winners

Lakeside Elementary held its monthly all-school meeting in the gymnasium Feb. 1, and the following fifth-grade students were announced as Panther Paws winners. In the front, from left to right, are

Alexa Alberts, Nina Comelli, Mason Husted and Breana Templin. In the back are Earl Janke, Race Hutchins, Paige Sturges and Courtney Richer. Missing were Lily Kirchoff and Derek Ramirez.



Silver Lake Leader photo by Alyssa Schauer

Sixth-grade Panther Paws winners

The sixth-grade Panther Paws winners were announced at the monthly all-school meeting Feb. 1 at Lakeside Elementary. They include, from left to right, in the front, Michael Mathwig, Reid VanHove, Gage Al-

leben, Rhyann Herrmann and Leah Bettcher. In the back are Kaleigh Rumrill, Chelsea Bandas, Kaitlyn Uecker, Haley Lukes and Jordan Wildey.

Kitchen Delights & Other Things



Tomato Basil Parmesan Soup

Ingredients:
2 cans (14 ounces) diced tomatoes, with juice
1 cup finely diced celery
1 cup finely diced carrots
1 cup finely diced onions
1 teaspoon dried oregano
1 tablespoon dried basil
4 cups chicken broth
1/2 bay leaf
1/2 cup flour
1 cup Parmesan cheese
1/2 cup butter
2 cups half and half, warmed
1 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon black pepper

Directions:
Add tomatoes, celery, carrots, chicken broth, onions, oregano, basil, and bay leaf to large slow cooker. Cover and cook on low for 5 to 7 hours, until flavors are blended and vegetables are soft. About 30 minutes before serving, prepare a roux. Melt butter over low heat in a skillet and add flour. Stir constantly with a whisk for 5 to 7 minutes. Slowly stir in 1 cup hot soup. Add another 3 cups and stir until smooth. Add all back into the slow cooker. Stir and add the Parmesan cheese, warmed half and half, salt and pepper. Add additional basil and oregano if needed. Cover and cook on low for another 30 minutes or until ready to serve.

Beer Battered Grilled Cheese Sandwiches

Ingredients:
6 slices hickory-smoked bacon
4 slices rustic white bread
2 slices provolone cheese
2 slices cheddar cheese
1 egg
3/4 cup pale ale beer
1/4 cup all-purpose flour
1/4 teaspoon chipotle chili powder
1 tablespoon butter

Directions:
In a 12-inch non-stick skillet, cook bacon until crisp; drain on paper towel. On 2 of the bread slices, place 1 slice provolone cheese, 3 slices bacon and 1 slice cheddar cheese on each. Top with remaining bread slices. Heat griddle or skillet over medium-high heat or to 375 degrees. In a shallow bowl, beat egg, beer, flour, and chili powder with fork until smooth. Dip each sandwich into batter, giving it a few seconds on each side to absorb the batter; drain excess batter back into bowl. Melt butter on hot griddle. Place sandwiches on griddle. Cook 3 to 4 minutes on each side until golden brown.

Skinny Peanut Butter Swirl Brownies

Ingredients:
3/4 cup creamy peanut butter
6 ounces low-fat vanilla yogurt
1/4 cup skim milk
1 egg
1/4 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon baking powder
1 cup sugar
1/2 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
1/2 cup old-fashioned rolled oats

Directions:
Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Spray an 8x8-inch pan with non-stick cooking spray. Set aside. Place all of the ingredients except the peanut butter into a blender or food processor. For easier blending, place the liquid ingredients into the blender first. Blend until mix is smooth and oats are ground up. Pour batter into prepared baking dish. Batter will be thin. Microwave peanut butter or about 30 seconds. Drop melted peanut butter by spoonfuls onto the batter, swirling gently with a knife to create a marbled effect. Bake for 20 to 25 minutes or until browned begin to pull away from sides of the pan. Brownies will be extra fudgy, so be sure to wait until completely cooled before cutting.

Weather Corner

By Jake Yurek



A much quieter weather week is on tap for the country this week as we put a very active weekend behind us.

Last week saw some of the most active weather across the country we can see. Everything from 40 inches of snow in the blizzard on the East Coast, a winter storm of our own and even tornadoes in the southern portion of the country (this was tied into the same storm we had).

Wednesday into Thursday will be our best chance of seeing any additional snowfall, but the system will be poorly formed, and it may focus most of its energy to our north. The system will drag a cold front through the area to end the week, so highs will have a tough time getting out of the teens. There could be some passing flurries over the weekend, but nothing of major note.

Temperatures will ramp back up a bit Sunday as we head towards a new week. Taking a peek at the extended shows a strong storm trying to take shape early next week to our south. Most models right now keep the storm to our south, but it could be something to watch.

Have a great mid-February week, all!
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Wednesday night — Lows 18-24; snow showers.
Thursday — Highs 23-29; lows 2-8; clouds/early snow shower.

Friday — Highs 10-18 ; lows -4 to 2; partly cloudy.
Saturday — Highs 10-18; lows 0-6; partly cloudy.
Sunday — Highs 18-24; mostly clear.

Weather Quiz: If all of the precipitation from our weekend storm had been snow, how much could we have seen?

Answer to last week's question: Our area has seen anywhere from 25 to 35 inches of snow this winter so far. This puts us right in line with average. Remember, March tends to be our snowiest month.

Remember: I make the forecast, not the weather!

Menus

Feb. 18-22 Silver Lake Senior Nutrition Site

Monday — Closed for Presidents Day.

Tuesday — Liver or pepper steak, buttered boiled potatoes, peas, bread, margarine, apricots, low-fat milk.

Wednesday — Chicken chow mein, rice, chow mein noodles, oriental vegetables, mandarin orange gelatin, cookie, low-fat milk.

Thursday — Roast beef, mashed potatoes, carrots, dinner roll, margarine, pudding dessert, low-fat milk.

Friday — Creamy vegetable soup, tuna salad sandwich, tropical fruit, crackers, margarine, brownie, low-fat milk.

GSL Schools Elementary/Jr. High/Sr. High

Breakfast
Monday — No school, Presidents Day.

Tuesday — Pancake on a stick or Cheerios and apple-cinnamon muffin, diced peaches, low-fat milk.

Wednesday — Egg and cheese omelet or reduced sugar Coco Puff cereal and string cheese, apple wedges, low-fat milk.

Thursday — Breakfast pizza or reduced-sugar Fruit Loops cereal and blueberry muffin, orange juice cup, low-fat milk (egg and cheese omelet at junior high and high school).

Friday — Pancakes with syrup or reduced-sugar Cinnamon Toast Crunch cereal and yogurt, diced pears, low-fat milk. (French toast sticks with syrup at junior high and high school).

Helen Baker/Lakeside Lunch

Monday — No school, Presidents Day.

Tuesday — Chicken nug-

gets, brown-rice pilaf, chef salad with cheese, egg and croutons, bread stick, seasoned carrots, confetti coleslaw, petite banana, chilled applesauce.

Wednesday — Italian meat sauce over whole-grain rotini pasta, bread stick, ham and cheese on a whole-grain bun, seasoned green beans, caesar romaine side salad with dressing, orange wedges, chilled peaches.

Thursday — Diced chicken in gravy, whole-grain dinner roll, fun lunch, mashed potatoes, broccoli florets with dressing, sliced strawberries, chilled pears.

Friday — Tony's pizza, tuna salad on whole-grain bread, seasoned corn, baby carrots with dressing, apple wedges, chilled mixed fruit.

High School Lunch

Monday — No school, Presidents Day.

Tuesday — Mexican bar with beef or chicken tacos or beef or chicken taco salad, brown rice, refried beans, kidney-bean salad, baby carrots with dressing, petite banana, cinnamon apple slices.

Wednesday — French toast sticks with syrup, oven-baked tator tots, cheesy scrambled eggs, jicama fruit salad, cucumbers with dressing, sliced strawberries, chilled peaches.

Thursday — Oven-baked chicken, whole-grain dinner roll, mashed potatoes and gravy, seasoned carrots, apple crisp, confetti coleslaw, red pepper strips with dressing, cranberry sauce, chilled pears.

Friday — Pasta bar with chicken alfredo or marinara sauce, meatballs, steamed broccoli, caesar romaine salad, baby carrots with dressing, apple wedges, chilled mixed fruit.

GRHS enters into learning collaborative with Stratis

The long-term care facility at Glencoe Regional Health Services (GRHS) has joined the Stratis Health Acting Together to Achieve Excellence campaign (ATTAX).

This campaign was designed to ensure that every nursing home resident receives the highest quality of care.

The ATTAX campaign will instill quality and performance improvement practices aimed at attacking and eliminating health-care-acquired conditions and improving resident satisfaction in Minnesota nursing homes.

Supporting the development of strategies for overall quality will be at the heart of this work, as well as specific emphasis and resources on improving dementia care and preventing pressure ulcers, falls and urinary tract infections.

Successes and best practices from the group will be shared with the Minnesota nursing home community over the next few years.

"We already have an extensive quality improvement program in place," states Pam Gould, registered nurse, GRHS long-term care director of nursing. "The ATTAX campaign will raise the bar a little higher as we continue to provide quality care for our residents."

The work is supported by the federal Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), and is being led by Stratis Health, Minnesota's Medicare quality improvement organization.

"CMS has made transformational quality improvement a priority across the country, and this is such exciting work that we are able to continue as the quality improvement organization with nursing homes in Minnesota," said Jane Pederson, M.D., director, medical affairs, Stratis Health.

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