

Business Expo set Saturday at Silver Lake Auditorium

By Alyssa Schauer
Staff Writer

The Silver Lake Business Expo is set for Saturday, Jan. 18, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., in the Silver Lake Auditorium, and features a variety of entertainment, including “square-dancing” therapy dogs and Matachines dancers.

The Therapy Dogs International, Inc., (TDI) organization of Hutchinson will host a presentation about its club beginning at 10 a.m.

Its presentation includes dog obedience tricks and a square-dancing routine performed with the dogs.

The TDI group consists of several members from all over the area, including Dassel, Hutchinson and Norwood Young America. The dog owners complete an intense training course and testing with their pets, who then become certified therapy dogs.

Therapy dogs are trained to be comfortable in crowds of people, sociable and well-mannered with other animals.

Once the dogs are certified, they and their owners visit local nursing homes, assisted living residences, schools and

churches monthly.

The group also will have a booth at the Expo for those interested in the organization or interested in training their dogs.

At 12:30 p.m., the Matachines dancers from Glencoe will perform a traditional dance in full costume.

Matachines, or traditional Spanish dancers, perform these ritual dances for a deep religious purpose, and are found all over the world, from Peru to northern Minnesota.

Also, over 20 vendors will be present at the Expo, including independent consultants, local non-profit organizations, churches, law enforcement and area businesses.

The GFWC Silver Lake Women’s Club will again be serving a lunch of barbeque sandwiches, chips, pickles, dessert and a beverage.

Visitors can sign up for prizes at various booths.

Admission is free and everyone is invited to attend. Come and support local businesses.



Silver Lake Leader photo by Alyssa Schauer

Therapy dogs to perform at Business Expo

On Saturday, Jan. 18, the Therapy Dogs International (TDI) chapter from Hutchinson will be presenting dog obedience tricks and a square-dancing routine at the Silver Lake Business Expo. The Expo is at the Silver Lake Auditorium on Main Street and the presentation begins at 10 a.m. Members of TDI include, in the front, from left to right, Kelli Dahlman and her dog

Oswald; Diane Bryant and Rudy; Sue Keiser and Ella; Sandi Sportelli and Nala; and Robin Kashuba and Harley. In the back are Deanna Schindele with Buck and Koda; Char and Bro; Jeanne Piehl and Sadie; Lisa Howell and Blondie; Kate ZumBerge and Domino; and Becky Albrecht with Max and Murphy.

Despite concerns, planning commission recommends CUP

By Alyssa Schauer
Staff Writer

The Silver Lake Planning Commission recommended approval of a conditional use permit (CUP) and variance request for Jeff Chmielewski at a public hearing Tuesday night.

Chmielewski applied for a CUP to build at 1,656-square-foot garage and variance to reduce setbacks from 5 feet to zero feet on his property on Gehlen Drive.

City Clerk Kerry Venier said variances are exceptions to city ordinances and must show “practical difficulties to the owner such that the property cannot be put to ‘normal’ use as zoned.

“One big question about this project is: will it deter from the residential aspect of the area?” Venier said.

Chmielewski’s property is zoned residential, single-family, Venier said.

“Another concern is if the building will be used for commercial purposes,” Venier added.

“No,” Chmielewski said. He added he would use the shed to store personal items, like his Bobcat. “It wouldn’t be for business,” he said.

“So there won’t be any deliveries, trucks coming and going from the area, etc.?” Venier asked.

“No, it’s for my own use,” Chmielewski said.

Eric Nelson, council liaison to the planning commission, asked about the building shedding water onto other properties with the variance in setbacks.

“I could put a gutter on the building,” Chmielewski said.

He added that he is the “lowest” property on the block, and that all the water ends up on his property.

“What’s the reason for not having a setback of five feet?”

Venier asked.

“It’s a waste of space. I wouldn’t be able to put anything back there,” Chmielewski said.

The property adjacent to Chmielewski’s is the football field.

“I talked with the school, and they didn’t have anything to say. They had no concern and weren’t going to send anybody to tonight’s hearing,” Venier said.

“Another thing we should discuss is the future addition you have planned. That would put you over the 40 percent lot coverage rule,” Venier said.

“That’s a big question mark,” Chmielewski said. He said he wasn’t sure about those plans.

“We should address it now, so we don’t go through this whole process if it affects that addition,” Venier said.

“Well, it will probably be lean-to poles,” Chmielewski said.

Venier told the planning commission to thoroughly consider the variance and CUP.

“One thing to remember is that if it is approved and he builds the building and decides to use it for business storage, it’s very difficult to go back and (retract the permit).

“It’s a permanent building that will be there for 30 or 40 years. Not that I don’t want to see Jeff’s project go ahead, but there are zoning codes for a reason. We’ve made exceptions in the past, but this structure is bigger than we’ve seen before,” Venier said.

“There’s a lot of uglier buildings in town,” Chmielewski laughed.

“What can you do other than take his word for it? The neighbors don’t have a problem with it, and the school didn’t seem to care,” said Neil Syvertson, a planning commissioner.

Nelson moved to recom-

CUP

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by Alyssa Schauer

Snowmen

The students at Faith Presbyterian Preschool in Silver Lake are keeping busy this winter with crafts and activities. Last week, the students were creating snowmen with colorful electrical tape, and this week, students were planning to create their own snow globes. Above, Hadley Wagner and Miranda Nowak show off their finished creations. To the right, Ella Graczyk looks to school teacher Sue Nord for more tape. The Faith Presbyterian Preschool will have a booth in Saturday’s Business Expo sponsored by the Silver Lake Business Association. Those interested in enrolling children in the preschool are welcome to visit Nord at the booth.



Silver Lake City Council Regular Meeting Tuesday, Jan. 21, 2014 (Note date change due to holiday) 6:30 p.m. Agenda

Call to order:

Approve agenda

Consent agenda:

1. Approve minutes of the Dec. 16 regular meeting.

2. Approve minutes of the Jan. 6 annual meeting.

3. Approve payroll No. 26, quarter 4 and December ambulance report.

4. Claims to be paid:

Old business:

1. County commissioners to review county recycling program and retrofit to single-sort recycling.

2. Discuss improvements to auditorium.

New business:

1. Wine/beer application for Molly’s Cafe.

2. Variance application request for 204 Gehlen Drive.

Department business:

1. Liquor Store.

2. Public Safety.

3. Public Works.

4. Community Development.

5. Administration.

Open Discussion:

Silver Lake blood drive set for Monday, Jan. 27

The American Red Cross bloodmobile will be at the Silver Lake American Legion Monday, Jan. 27, from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Blood is a perishable product. Red blood cells have a shelf life of only 42 days and platelets just five days, so they must be replenished constantly — there is simply no substitute.

Under normal circumstances, approximately every two seconds someone in America needs a blood transfusion.

Blood and platelets can be used for trauma victims — due to accidents and burns — heart surgery patients, organ transplant patients, premature babies, when there are complications during childbirth, and for patients receiving treatment for leukemia, cancer or other diseases, such as sickle cell disease.

Donors need to be at least 17 years of age (with parent consent) and older, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good health.

Volunteers will be calling to set up appointments in the next several weeks, or call Margaret Benz at 320-327-2249. Walk-ins are welcome.



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Aeration begins at Swan Lake

Last Saturday, the Silver Lake Sportsmen’s Club began the aeration system on Swan Lake. The aeration system creates open water on the frozen lake. At eight entry points to the lake then, club members posted

“thin ice” warning signs. The club posts about 120 signs, which are furnished by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

Upcoming Events

Unity church service set

A joint service involving the Church of the Holy Family, Grace Bible Church and Faith Presbyterian Church is scheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 22, at 7:15 p.m. The service will be held at Faith Presbyterian Church. Those interested in singing in a community choir for the service are invited to meet for practice at 6:30 p.m. prior to the service. Those attending are encouraged to bring an item or cash donation for the McLeod Emergency Food Shelf. Faith Presbyterian Church is located at 108 W. Main St. in Silver Lake.

Business Expo slated Jan. 18

The annual Silver Lake Business Expo is set for Saturday, Jan. 18, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Silver Lake Auditorium, and will feature over 20 vendors from Silver Lake area. The Silver Lake GFWC Women’s Club will be serving barbeque sandwiches and entertainment includes a square-dancing routine by canine members of the Therapy Dogs International group of Hutchinson and a traditional Spanish Indian dance by the Matachines dancers from Glencoe.

Bullying bill topic of program

Barb Anderson from Minnesota Child Protection League will present “The Bullying Bill Exposed” at Hunters Ridge Community Church, 850 School Road SW, Hutchinson, Tuesday, Jan. 21, at 7 p.m. House File 826, the “Safe and Supportive Minnesota Schools Act,” was passed in the Minnesota House last session and will be taken up in the Senate in 2014. Provisions of this bill include anonymous reporting of bullying incidents and action taken against students without parental consent required. Schools will be forced to repeal their current anti-bullying policy and adopt the Minnesota Department of Education’s approach at a cost of \$40 million. A free-will donation will be taken. Call 320-587-6687 with questions.

Sportsmen’s Club to meet

The Silver Lake Sportsmen’s Club will hold its monthly meeting Thursday, Jan. 23, at 7 p.m., at the sanctuary.

Pola-Czesky meeting Jan. 27

A special Pola-Czesky meeting will be held Monday, Jan. 27, at 7 p.m., at the Silver Lake Auditorium. All organizations should attend.



Silver Lake Leader photo by Josh Randt

Crowned champion

Mariana Castillo, a fifth grader, was crowned the Glencoe-Silver Lake Lakeside champion of the National Geographic Bee held Friday afternoon in the school cafeteria in Silver Lake. She outlasted Caleb Schmieg, another fifth grader. After three rounds of questions, the two finalists emerged from the original 10 contestants. Each student was allowed two incorrect answers before bowing out.

Contestants sought for Miss Czech Slovak

The Miss Czech Slovak Minnesota pageant is looking for young women of Czech, Slovak or Moravian heritage to compete for the state title.

The 25th-annual Miss Czech Slovak Minnesota pageant will be April 12 at the American Legion Club in Montgomery.

The competition is for women between the ages of 16 and 26. The pageant winners receive cash awards, crowns and will have a year of memorable appearances throughout Minnesota.

This unique pageant focuses on the heritage of the Czech, Slovak or Moravian candidates. The new Miss Czech Slovak Minnesota queen travels to the National Miss Czech Slovak U.S. pageant in Wilber, Neb. in early August.

An informational pageant meeting is set for Sunday, Jan. 26, at 1 p.m., at Montgomery Oil Company and David’s Diner, 200 Fourth St. NW in Montgomery.

Snacks and refreshments will be served and all interested contestants, parents and family members are welcome to attend.

The application deadline is March 1. For more information and a registration form, contact Lorraine David at 507-364-5384 or 507-364-9370; Cindy Taylor at 507-364-5524; or Ashley Zimanskie at 952-201-4107.

Send e-mails to davdisdiner@hotmail.com or missczechslovakmn@hotmail.com.

The pageant website is: missczechslovakmnpageant.org.

SL Seniors meet with 28 members present

The Silver Lake Senior Citizens Club met Jan. 13, at the Silver Lake Auditorium.

President Genny Lhotka called the meeting to order, followed by the pledge to the flag. She then turned the meeting over to Margaret Benz, the incoming president for 2014.

There were 28 regular members present, one new member, Glenn Wraspir, and three visitors, Hubert and Margaret Schermann and Helen Lhotka.

January birthdays were Marcella Pokornowski, Margie Chap and Carol Navratil.

The club discussed the meeting schedule for 2014. It was tabled until a later date.

The lunch committee for the February meeting is Gary and Kathy Kaczmarek and Mary Jaskowiak.

31 winners: Kathy Kaczmarek and Yvonne Urban.

500 winners: Roger Lhotka, Milton Totusek, Dodie Chalupsky, Richard Kosek, Hubert Schermann, Judy Penas, Margaret Schermann, Dallas Ehrke, Genny Lhotka and Donald Benz.

The next regular meeting is Monday, Feb. 10.



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County Board considers merging water plan, wetlands committees

By Lori Copler
Staff Writer

McLeod County will likely merge two of its environmental committees in 2014, and may merge others at a later date, commissioners indicated at a workshop Jan. 7.

The commissioners discussed a proposal by Roger Berggren of the environmental services office to merge four committees into one. Under consideration for a merger were the feedlot, water plan, septic and wetlands committees.

Berggren said the four committees' roles have evolved significantly from when they were formed.

"Most were set up when we were writing ordinances or setting up a plan," said Berggren. Now, he said, the committees usually only meet when their input is needed on a conditional use permit application, a variance, or when plans need to be updated.

Berggren said he had surveyed the current committee members of the four committees, and 14 members had favored merging them, two were against it and one just had no interest in serving on any committees.

Berggren said the four committees have a total of over 50

members, many of whom hold seats on more than one of the committees.

Don Albrecht and Robert Anderson, both township officials, offered some opinions on the proposed merger.

Albrecht said he is mostly concerned about who would comprise the committee, and if there will still be township representation.

"I hope it (the new committee) doesn't all of sudden become people from departments," said Albrecht.

Commissioner Jon Christensen agreed, saying that the committee needs "to have good representation from different fields of expertise."

Commissioner Sheldon Nies also agreed that the committee shouldn't be comprised of just county department members.

"We want the people who have to live with the problem on these committees," said Nies.

Berggren proposed a seven-person committee, with one person from the township association, a soil and water conservation district supervisor, a watershed representative, a business person, someone from a conservation group, a farmer and a commissioner. Others, such as contractors,

could be ex-officio members, Berggren said.

Anderson urged keeping the septic committee separate from the others.

"That's a totally separate can of worms," Anderson said of septic issues.

Nies said he could see merging the water plan and wetlands committee.

"The water plan and wetlands would absolutely fit together," said Nies. "If the septic would work into that, that would be fine, too."

Christensen said he felt the feedlot committee should be separate from the others.

Christensen suggested taking the proposed merger of committees "in small steps ... maybe make two into one and see how that works."

Nies said that he wasn't opposed to that idea, noting that the County Board could merge committees at any time it felt it would be beneficial.

"We don't have to just do it in January," said Nies.

Nies asked Berggren to come up with a proposal for combining the wetlands and water plan committees to bring back to the County Board for more discussion and a possible vote.



Silver Lake Leader photos by Alyssa Schauer

Bean bags

The Silver Lake Civic Association hosted a bean bag tournament at the auditorium Saturday. Above, playing a round are Carmen Brincefield and Harvey Mikolich. To the left are Darrell Kaczmarek and George Jones. The first place winners for the upper bracket were John and Nicole Lange; second place, Dean Mikolich and Corrine Mickolich; and third place, Ryan and Angie Grams. First place lower bracket winners were George and Laura Jones. Another bean bag tournament will be held in March.



Obituaries

Talon Jade Dressel, infant daughter

Talon Jade Dressel, infant daughter of Zach and Jessica (Mallak) Dressel, died Jan. 7, 2014, at Glencoe Regional Health Services.

A funeral service was held Saturday, Jan. 11, at Maresh Funeral Home in Silver Lake. Interment was in Holy Family Cemetery, Silver Lake.

Talon is survived by her par-

ents, Zach and Jessica Dressel of Silver Lake; brother, Jase Dressel of Silver Lake; paternal grandparents, Brian and RaMona Dressel of Brownton; maternal grandparents, Jeff and Julie Mallak of Silver Lake; paternal great-grandparents, Vernon Dressel of Hutchinson and Rufus and Gloria Draeger of Brownton;

maternal great-grandparents, Glenn and Judy Mallak and Albert and Mary Jo Ardolf, all of Silver Lake; uncles, Jake (Kristen) Mallak of Mankato and Jordan Mallak of Silver Lake; and aunt, Samantha Dressel of Roseville.

An online guest book is available at www.mareshfuneralhome.com.

Wesley M. Holm, 77, of Hutchinson

Wesley M. Holm, 77, of Hutchinson, died Sunday, Jan. 12, 2014, at the Hutchinson Health hospital.

A memorial service was held Wednesday, Jan. 15, at Faith Presbyterian Church in Silver Lake. The Rev. Carol Chmielewski officiated.



Wesley Holm

Jackie Rossi was the organist, and the duet of Dennis and Donald Meyer sang "The Lord's Prayer" and "Precious Lord, Take My Hand." Congregational hymns were "Amazing Grace" and "In the Garden."

Urn bearer was Michael Holm, and honorary urn bearers were David Anderson, Rick Morrow, Wayne Miller and Zach Klawitter. Interment will be in the spring.

Mr. Holm was born Nov. 14, 1936, in Boyd, to August and Hilda (Hognestad) Holm,

and was the fifth of five children. He spent his early years in Clarkfield. The Holm family moved to Hector, where he received his education and graduated from Hector High School with the class of 1954.

After high school, he served in the U.S. Army.

On April 2, 1964, Mr. Holm was united in marriage to Donna Eckard in Sioux Falls, S.D. This marriage was blessed with three children, Mark, Mike and stepdaughter Laurie. The Holms resided in Silver Lake and Hutchinson. They shared 49 years of marriage.

Mr. Holm started his working career at the Hector Telephone Company after the military. The Holms owned and operated Holms Furniture Store in Silver Lake from 1971 to 1982. He then worked for the Hutchinson Postal Service as a rural mail carrier until his retirement in 1999.

Mr. Holm was a member of Faith Presbyterian Church in Silver Lake. He also was a lifelong member of Masonic Lodge in Hector and a former

member of the Silver Lake Lions.

Mr. Holm enjoyed playing cards, feeding the birds, tending to his flower gardens and yard. The Holms enjoyed traveling to get a break from the Minnesota winters and enjoyed summers at the lake. He especially cherished spending time with his family, grandchildren and friends.

Survivors include his wife, Donna Holm of Hutchinson; children, Mark (Kelly) Holm of St. Louis Park, Mike Holm of Minnetonka, and Laurie Klawitter of Hutchinson; grandchildren, Abbie Klawitter and Zach (Beth) Klawitter; and many other relatives and friends.

Preceding him in death were his parents, August and Hilda Holm; brothers, Harley Holm and Hardell Holm; and sisters, Avis Lundy and Ardis Miller.

Arrangements were by the Dobratz-Hantge Chapel in Hutchinson. Online obituaries and guest book are available at www.hantge.com. Click on obituaries/guest book.

Kenneth Junczewski, 65, of Silver Lake

A Mass of Christian Burial for Kenneth "Kenny" Florian Junczewski, 65, of Silver Lake, will be held Friday, Jan. 17, at 11 a.m., at Holy Family Catholic Church in Silver Lake.



Kenneth Junczewski

The Rev. Patrick Okonko will officiate. Mr. Junczewski died Monday, Jan. 13, 2014, at his residence.

A visitation will be held on Thursday, Jan. 16, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., at the Maresh Funeral Home in Silver Lake. Further visitation will be held on Friday morning, Jan. 17, one hour prior to Mass at the funeral home.

Mr. Junczewski was born Sept. 28, 1948, in Hutchinson, to Felix L. and Sophie M. (Fiecke) Junczewski.

On July 20, 1968, Kenneth F. Junczewski and Bernadine S. Remer were joined in holy marriage at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Winsted. God blessed their marriage with three children.

Mr. Junczewski engaged in dairy farming for many years in rural Silver Lake. He also hauled vegetables for Seneca Foods in Glencoe and also was a grain hauler. He was a hard worker and lived for farming!

Mr. Junczewski was a great storyteller and had a great sense of humor. He enjoyed making people laugh. He was a proud and honest man. He enjoyed playing cards for the socializing.

He was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church in Silver Lake.

Survivors include his loving mother, Sophie Junczewski of Winsted; loving children, Alan Junczewski (Judy Eisenmenger) of Silver Lake, Diane (Kenny) Wrapsir of Cokato and Darlene (Daryl)

Kiefer of Howard Lake; 10 grandchildren, Ashley, Heidi, Steven and Brittany Junczewski, Joey and Katie Wrapsir; Nick and Mathew Schlechter and Caleb and Sophie Kiefer; two brothers, Leonard "Lenny" (Linda) Junczewski of Winsted and David Junczewski of Silver Lake; nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Preceding him in death were his wife, Bernadine S. Junczewski on April 4, 2003, and his father, Felix L. Junczewski on Jan. 7, 2013.

Alice Nowak will be the organist for the funeral Mass. Interment will follow at St. Adalbert Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Joey Wrapsir, Nick Schlechter, Mathew Schlechter, Caleb Kiefer and Dale Brinkman and Dale Cacka.

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

Mud duck, cheesehead, or both?

When it comes to defining myself as a Minnesotan or Wisconsinite, I like to say I am the Mississippi River, because I'm torn as to which state I belong.

Living nearly each half of my life in both states, I am unsure of where home is.

My Wisconsin friends assure me I'm a "mud duck" from Minnesota and my Minnesotan friends have described me as a "cheesehead" from Wisconsin.

I can't win. What I love about Wisconsin are the rolling hills and beautiful bluffs near Eau Claire, our little country home on seven acres of wooded land, and the lack of 3.2 beer in the state.

But not being a Green Bay Packers fan has earned me the "mud duck from Minnesota" title and my friend Brad reminds me every visit.

So after the 49ers (my brother's team) beat the Packers in the playoffs a couple of weeks ago, I couldn't help but brag about it.

His response: "You aren't allowed to see Levi (his infant son) ever again! You are dead to us!"

I haven't heard from him since. I think I'll wait until the dust settles after the outcome of the Super Bowl. Especially since I am also rooting for his least favorite team — the Patriots. (Tom Brady is just *so* cute.)

What I love about Minnesota is that it's not only populated with most of my extended family, but that it is home to some of my favorite

The Travel Section

By Alyssa Schauer



places — the dense forests of tall pines of Superior National Forest, Highway 61 along the North Shore, the tall grass prairies and historical monuments at Pipestone, the upbeat, lively personality of the Twin Cities, and the big yellow tent at Pola-Czesky Days.

But because I lived the "formative" years of my life in Wisconsin, I feel like an outsider in Minnesota, though I was born in Hutchinson.

So, I relate to the flowing Mississippi, which borders both states, and doesn't have to worry about being a Packers fan or a Vikings fan.

But in the last month, I've come to the realization that "home" is truly a state of mind, and is dependent upon who I am with, and where I feel most happy.

Home is spending a Saturday at Unhinged! Pizza with Grandma Alice, uncles and aunts and their families for my cousin Cody's going-away party into the Marines, eating way too much food and hurting my back from goofing around with my little cousins too much.

Home is drinking Bloody Marys and playing bean bags with Dad on Saturday, earning second place in the "loser"

bracket and celebrating with the rest of the family at the Legion with beer and burgers.

It's freezing my butt off in the ice house with my brother while he fishes for his car keys that slipped out of his coat pocket into the lake.

It's driving through a blizzard with my best friend Sarah just to get to another Trampled by Turtles concert or when Grandma Genny stops into the Leader office to bring me warm rhubarb kolaches.

It's falling asleep on the rocky shore of Lake Superior to the rhythmic sound of crashing waves, blanketed by a black sky of twinkling stars and the Big Dipper.

Home is the rare Sundays our family of six fills up a sunny pew at church, and the inevitable bout of church giggles when the organist drops her hymnal onto the piano keys during the sermon.

And it's especially meeting all of you readers at the post office or at the grocery store and anywhere else out and about who ask me about the Jeep, the mice in my apartment or my next adventure.

Looks like this mud duck cheesehead found a place to call "home."

Silver Lake Area BUSINESS EXPO

Saturday, Jan. 18, 2014
10 am-2 pm
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Down Memory Lane

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75 YEARS AGO - JAN. 21, 1939 — The parish of St. Joseph is sponsoring its annual Winter Carnival on Sunday evening, Jan. 22, in the church club rooms. There will be entertainment galore with bingo, wheel of fortune, games of chance, and refreshments. A high-grade all-wool blanket will be given away to the holder of the lucky ticket. A coaster wagon will be given away free to the child holding the lucky free ticket.

The Silver Lake Fire Department is planning to purchase another fire truck to aid in the fire protection on country runs. Another big dance sponsored by the Silver Lake Fire Department will be held on Thursday night, Jan. 26, at the Silver Lake Village Hall. Music will be furnished by Henry Klima and his orchestra. Ticekts are 40¢ and 10¢.

Harry Craighead Jr., former Silver Lake resident and high school student, has taken over the Silver Lake route of the LaSalle Cleaners.

Joseph A. Hlavka, whose fine herd of Jersey cattle is one of the best in the state, recently added one of the best-bred bulls to his herd when he purchased Valiant Royalist from Twin Oaks Farm at Morristown, N.J.

Margaret Ann Schermann, 1-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alphonse Schermann, died on Thursday, Jan. 5, at the University Hospital. Funeral services were conducted at Holy Trinity Church in Winsted on Saturday, Jan. 7.

A son was born on Jan. 11 to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Zavoral.

50 YEARS AGO - JAN. 16, 1964 — The Men's Recreational Club of St. Joseph Church is sponsoring a carnival on Sunday, Jan. 19, in the church dining hall.

Kenneth Kadlec, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kadlec, left Thursday for Lexington, Ky., where he will be enrolled in the School of Medicine.

A fox hunt will be held on Sunday, Jan. 19. All hunters are to meet at 1 p.m. at the auditorium. Transportation will be provided.

Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Wraspir will celebrate

their 25th wedding anniversary with an open house on Sunday, Jan. 19, at the Silver Lake Auditorium.

Mrs. Anna Fimon, 93, passd away on Wednesday, Jan. 15, at the Hutchinson Hospital. Funeral services were held on Friday, Jan. 17, at the Presbyterian Church in Silver Lake.

George Miskovsky, 82, passed away on Wednesday, Jan. 15, at his home in Silver Lake. Funeral services were conducted on Saturday, Jan. 18, at the St. Joseph Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Nowak are the parents of a daughter born on Jan. 5.

25 YEARS AGO - JAN. 19, 1989 — Auditions for the Silver Lake Centennial play, “The Spirit of Silver Lake,” will be held on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, Jan. 24-26, at the Silver Lake Auditorium. Millie Beneke is the playwright and will direct the play. Kathleen Horejsi Neubarth is the play chairman. The play will be presented April 7-9 at the Silver Lake Auditorium. Practice will begin Jan. 30.

Filing for township offices in Hale and Rich Valley Townships opened on Tuesday, Jan. 17, with filings closing on Tuesday, Jan. 31.

An Ecumenical Prayer Service, sponsored by the Silver Lake churches, will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 25, at the St. Adalbert's Church.

The Knights of Columbus free throw contest for boys and girls ages 10 to 14 will be held on Saturday, Jan. 21, at the Silver Lake High School gym.

Ross Jurek won the Pheasants Forever Longest Tail Feather Contest by plucking a feather measuring nearly 26-1/2 inches from a bird bagged north of Silver Lake during the pheasant hunting season.

Anthony Kruzel, 67, passed away on Thursday, Jan. 12, in Hutchinson. Funeral services were held on Monday, Jan. 16, from the St. Adalbert's Church.

A daughter was born on Jan. 11 to Scott and Connie Jurek.



Tracing Roots

By Ron Pulkrabek



Enjoyable duck feather stripping

Author's Note: In 1974, several high school students from the St. Paul school system came to Silver Lake for several days to explore the history of Silver Lake and interview some of the early Polish and Bohemian residents. They published a small booklet called "Scattered Seeds," which many of you probably have — somewhere. The next few articles will be some of the things they found and interviews with various residents.

We attended an enjoyable “feather-stripping” party at Alice Nowak's house with several Silver Lake ladies.

The art of feather stripping started many years ago. The purpose is to make soft down feather beds and pillows for home use. The items were also given as wedding gifts.

One lady said, “When I was growing up, my mother used to make pillows and even feather beds — you probably don't even know what feather beds are?”

They are one great big giant pillow to cover the whole bed. It is filled with stripped feathers. Stripped feathers are the soft down which has been removed from their stiff, pointed quills.

Another lady added, “We had stripping bees when we were kids and our folks used to go to these stripping bees, and they would strip way until maybe 12 o'clock at night.

“When they got done they would have a dance and play the accordion, and then have a big lunch. It was like a feast; they would have these homemade kolaches and doughnuts (koblihy) and other good things to eat!”

They would come from miles around to offer their services and company. While they were working, they would tell stories, sing songs, gossip, exchange recipes, tell of personal experiences, and enjoy each other's company.

Feather-stripping bees are another form of cooperative entertainment for people, just like quilting bees.

“We used to live for stripping bees back then!” another woman added.

Here's how to get the feathers from your geese or ducks. There are really two ways to

go about this. One: pluck the goose right after death before the feathers become too hard to pull. Then hang the feathers in gunny sacks during the winter to dry. By spring or summer you are ready to create your own pillow.

Two: scald the duck or goose, then pluck and dry.

Stripping the feathers is quite an easy process. To begin, you should have as many goose or duck feathers as you think you may need. You will need four or five ducks for one feather pillow or 2-½ pounds of stripped feathers. Hold the tip of the feather with two fingers and pull the fiber down off the quill from either side with two fingers from your other hand. Repeat the same procedure for the other side.

Toss the quill aside (on the floor). If the feather is small, sometimes it is easier to leave it unstripped because it keeps the pillow or the bed fluffy and not matted. The bigger the feather the easier you will find it to strip. The more experience you have, the bigger the pile you will end up with.

A group of us sat in on a stripping bee and were quite amazed at the number of stripped feathers these women could produce in a small amount of time. It usually takes three people to put the feathers into a pillow case; two to hold the pillow case and one to do the stuffing. The women of Silver Lake raise their own ducks and geese.

We would like to say thank you to all the wonderful ladies who got together and taught us how to strip feathers. A special thanks to Alice Nowak who so graciously opened her house for the event.

Ron's comments: Nuwash

Furniture Store would take feathers in, on trade, for a new piece of furniture. Arlene (Mrs. Harry) Wendolek remembers her aunt, Clara Pulkrabek, (my grandmother) trading feathers and booting \$2.25 for a nice new rocker. Arlene inherited it and rocked her two children in it many times.

Her son and daughter-in-law now have it and have rocked their three children in it. Arlene still finds this, “duck feather purchased,” rocker very, very comfortable.

Church News

GRACE BIBLE CHURCH
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Sat., Jan. 18 — Men's Bible study, 7 a.m.; women's Bible study, 9 a.m.; Silver Lake Business Expo, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Sun., Jan. 19 — “First Light” radio broadcast on KARP 106.9 FM, 7:30 a.m.; pre-service prayer time, 9:15 a.m.; worship with communion, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday school for all ages, 10:35 a.m.; all-church potluck following Sunday school; annual meeting, 1 p.m.

Wed., Jan. 22 — Confirmation, discipleship class, 6 p.m.; unity service hosted by Faith Presbyterian Church, 7:15 p.m..

Sat., Jan. 25 — Men's Bible study, 7 a.m.

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Carol Chmielewski, pastor
Office hours: Tuesdays,
Wednesdays, Thursdays from
1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Sun., Jan. 19 — Worship service with fellowship to follow, 10 a.m.; music and worship meeting, 11:15 a.m.

Wed., Jan. 22 — Light supper, 5:30 p.m.; WOW classes, 6 p.m.; choir practice, 6:45 p.m.; unity service, 7:15 p.m.

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

Anthony Stubeda, Pastor

Thurs., Jan. 16 — Mass at Cedar Crest, 10:30 a.m.; meet and greet at The Pines in Hutchinson, 11:30 a.m.

Fri., Jan. 17 — No Mass.

Sat., Jan. 18 — CCW Region 6 board meeting, St. John's, Darwin; no reconciliation; Mass, 6:30 p.m.

Sun., Jan. 19 — Mass, 8 a.m.; CCW coffee and rolls after Mass; KC altar server bowling, 12:30 p.m.; St. Pius X, Holy Family youth group at WOW Zone, 2 p.m.-7 p.m.; Mass, 8 p.m.

Mon., Jan. 20 — Martin Luther King Jr. holiday, no Mass; parish offices closed.

Tues., Jan. 21 — Mass, 8 a.m.; eucharistic adoration 8:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.; quilting, 9 a.m.; KC meeting, 7 p.m.

Wed., Jan. 22 — Area Faith Community at pro-life rally, 9 a.m.; Mass at Cokato Manor, 10 a.m.; Mass, 5 p.m.; first- 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.; ecumenical service, 7 p.m.

Thurs., Jan. 23 — Mass at Cedar Crest, 10:30 a.m.; Mass for the protection of unborn children, 6 p.m.; Area Pastoral Council, 7 p.m.

Fri., Jan. 24 — Mass, 8 a.m.

WORD OF LIFE CHURCH
950 School Rd. S.W.

Hutchinson

320-587-9443

E-mail: infor@

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Jim Hall, Pastor

Sun., Jan. 19 — Worship, 9:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS

770 School Rd.,
Hutchinson

Kenneth Rand,
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Sun., Jan. 19 — 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.,
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Dr. Lee Allison, pastor

Sun., Jan. 19 — Worship, 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

FIRST CONGREGATION UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

31 Fourth Ave. S.W.,
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320-587-2125

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Sun., Jan. 19 — Sunday school, 9 a.m.; worship, 10:15 a.m.

ST. PIUS X CHURCH
1014 Knight Ave., Glencoe

Anthony Stubeda, Pastor

Thurs., Jan. 16 — No Mass;

food shelf meeting, 9:30 a.m.; junior choir, 2:50 p.m.

Fri., Jan. 17 — Morning prayer, 8 a.m.; school Mass, 8:20 a.m.; CUF raffle begins; no Spanish Mass.

Sat., Jan. 18 — CCW Region 6 Board, St. John's, Darwin; reconciliation, 4 p.m.; Mass, 5 p.m.

Sun., Jan. 19 — Mass, 9:30 a.m.; Spanish Mass, 11:30 a.m.; Hispanic ministry religious education for youths and adults, 12:45 p.m.; Hispanic ministry meeting; Mass at Holy Family, Silver Lake, 8 p.m.

Mon., Jan. 20 — Martin Luther King Jr. holiday; no Mass; school, parish offices closed.

Tues., Jan. 21 — No Mass; Hispanic ministry adult catechesis at St. Pius X; KC meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Wed., Jan. 22 — Day of Prayer for the Unborn; evening prayer, 5:40 p.m.; Mass, 6 p.m.; 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.; CCW pro-life speaker.

SHALOM BAPTIST CHURCH
1215 Roberts Rd. SW.,
Hutchinson

Rick Stapleton, senior pastor

Adam Krumrie, worship pastor/director of student ministries

Sun., Jan. 19 — Adult growth groups, Sunday school and worship, 9 a.m.; adult growth groups and worship, 10:30 a.m.; discover membership, noon; Shalom running group, 4 p.m.; Financial Peace University, 7 p.m.

Mon., Jan. 20 — Griefshare workshop, 6:30 p.m.; women's discipleship, 7 p.m.

BETHEL LUTHERAN
77 Lincoln Ave.,
Lester Prairie

Bethany Nelson, pastor

320-395-2125


Thurs., Jan. 16 — Bethel play day at Hintz home.

Sun., Jan. 19 — Worship, 9 a.m.; coffee and fellowship, 10:15 a.m.; Sunday school, 10:15 a.m.; annual meeting, 10:30 a.m.



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GSL Winter Sports

BOYS' BASKETBALL

November

26....Maple RiverL,62-61

December

06....at Bloomington Jefferson.....L,68-36

07....at NYAW,73-48

10....at HutchinsonW,66-59

12....Dassel-Cokato.....W,47-37

17....at AnnandaleL,62-54

28....Belle PlaineW,79-72

January

03....Sibley EastW,57-55

04....at JordanL,63-43

23....at BOLDW,66-52

10....Mound-Witka.....W,77-60

14....at NLSW,66-63

17....at Orono.....7:15

21....Litchfield7:15

24....Hutchinson.....7:15

28....Annandale.....7:15

31....at Holy Family Cath ..7:15

February

03....at Belle Plaine.....7:30

06....at Dassel-Cokato7:15

10....at Rocori7:30

11....NLS.....7:15

14....Waconia.....7:15

18....at Litchfield7:15

20....at Watertown-Mayer ..7:30

21....at Delano7:15

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

December

03....St. PeterW,60-42

07....at NYAW,39-33

10....Belle PaineW,68-35

13....New UlmW,60-48

17....at New Prague.....L,62-30

20....Lester Prairie.....W,71-58

28....at MACCRAY.....W,58-23

January

03....at Sibley EastW,49-40

10....at Mound-Witka.....L,53-41

11....at Mayer Lutheran

.....L,81-62

14....NLSL,62-52

17....Orono.....7:15

21....at Litchfield7:15

23....Willmar.....7:30

24....at Hutchinson.....7:15

28....at Annandale.....7:15

31....Holy Family Cath7:15

February

03....Rocori7:30

07....Dassel-Cokato7:15

10....at NLS7:15

18....Litchfield7:15

20....at Waconia.....7:15

21....Delano7:15

25....Annandale7:15

WRESTLING

December

05....Wabasso-Red Rock Central.....L,36-31

07....GSL Inv.....2nd

12....Dassel-Cokato.....W,48-25

12....LitchfieldW,47-21

14....at Andover Inv.....1st

19....at NLSW,37-21

19....at Ann/MLW,31-30

20....at St. PeterW,45-31

20....at WEM/JWPW,45-30

21....at Richfield Inv.....3rd

January

02....Watertown-Mayer

.....W,36-30

09....OronoW,65-14

09....DelanoW,58-6

11....at Zimmerman Inv.....3rd

16....at Mound-Witka 2D.....6:00

18....at LCWM Inv.....10:00

23....at Hutchinson.....6:00

30....at ACGC Quad.....5:00

31....at NLS Conf. Tourney

.....3:30

February

01....GSL Youth Tourney...8:00

06....New Prague.....6:00

07....at STMA.....6:00

08....at DC Inv.....8:00

GYMNASTICS

December

06....at Annandale.....

.....L,126.025-95.5

07....at Northfield Inv.....

13....NLSL,129.875-98.25

14....at St. Peter

.....L,118.625-94.25

17....Watertown-Mayer

.....L,137.6-99.1

January

09....Orono.....6:00

14....Litchfield.6:00

17....at Dassel-Cokato6:00

18....GSL Inv.....8:00

21....St. Peter and Orono.....6:00

23....Waconia.....6:00

30....at Delano6:00

February

07....Mound-Witka6:00

14....at Mankato.....TBD

DANCELINE

December

12....at NLS Conf. Tourney

.....10th

14....at Hutchinson Inv.....6th

January

04....at Belle Plaine Inv.....

09....at Holy Family Cath Conf.

Tourney

11....at Waconia Inv.....

18....at Delano Conf. Tourney ..

.....1:00

25....at NLS Inv.....noon

February

08....at Orono (Sections) ..TBD

Anderson's 59 over last two games sparks GSL

By Josh Randt
Sports Editor

After splitting a pair of games in which head coach Robb DeCorsey said his team lacked energy and looked “lethargic,” the Glencoe-Silver Lake boys’ basketball team answered back with wins over the BOLD Warriors and Mound-Westonka White Hawks last week.

The Panthers beat BOLD 66-52 on Thursday, then defeated the White Hawks 77-60 on Friday as Keaton Anderson was lights out from the field, shooting 13-15 for 38 points.

In the last two games, Anderson has led all Panther scorers with 59 points over that span.

Every time Anderson pulled up Friday night, the ball seemed to go in, despite tweaking his knee during warm ups, and telling DeCorsey he might not even be able to go.

“He told me, ‘You better have somebody else ready to go,’” DeCorsey said. Adding later with a laugh, “Then he scores 38 points. If he continues to do that, I think we’ll be OK.”

“I’m sore from last game, and my knees just aren’t feeling very good,” Anderson said. “But I just started making shots and kept on going. Once I got going I started feeling good, and our whole team played good the whole game.”

MW scored its first bucket of the night four minutes into Friday’s game, which left the White Hawks trailing 12-2.

By halftime, Anderson had scored 23 of GSL’s 41 points as they led 41-28. Anderson also visited the free-throw line three times in the first half, proving to be effective from beyond, and inside, the arc.

Teddy Petersen finished Friday’s game with 14 points, second behind Anderson. Mason Goettl had nine, Jacob Popelka chipped in four while Garrett Ober scored five.

Off the bench, Jon Richer and Scott Landes each had two apiece.

By Josh Randt
Sports Editor

Opening up the Wright County Conference schedule with two wins over Orono (65-14) and Delano (58-6) on Thursday, the Glencoe-Silver Lake/Lester Prairie wrestling team then went on to claim third place at the Zimmerman invitational on Saturday.

Three Panthers won their brackets Saturday, including Jacob Jewett at 113 pounds and Aaron Donnay at 126. Dalton Clouse took first at 220 pounds, defeating the No. 5 ranked wrestler in Class A, Pine Island’s Zach Kennedy, 7-0.

In all, 10 GSL/LP wrestlers medaled, helping the Panthers take third place overall with 139 team points behind Grand Rapids (140) and Princeton (206.5).

Head coach Lance Wurm said third place is nice, but felt his team could have taken first had they wrestled a little more intelligently at times, and not been missing some key guys from the lineup.

Had 145-pounder Michael Donnay not been knocked out cold in his second match on Saturday against Albany’s Nick Mergen, GSL/LP almost certainly would have surpassed Grand Rapids in team score.

“Michael (Donnay) got TKO’d,” Wurm said on Monday, sounding still amazed. “He got kicked in the face, so that’s what kind of day Saturday was. He got knocked right out going in for a single leg.”

Because of the injury, Michael Donnay ended up in sixth place of the 145-pound bracket, losing valuable points.



Keaton Anderson



Silver Lake Leader photo by Josh Randt

Teddy Petersen sends off a pass on the perimeter versus Mound-Westonka on Friday. Petersen finished Friday’s 77-60 victory with 14 points, a season high, as forward Keaton Anderson scored his career high, 38 points, and went 13-15 from the field.

Richer scored an easy layup and then moments later made a clutch pass down low to Ober, who scored easily.

“That was probably one of Jon’s better plays of the year,” DeCorsey said. “He comes in and gives us some good energy. He still needs to control that energy, but we need him to give us some positive plays ... He and Scotty Landes really played a lot, and they did a good job. Reed Wawrzyniak, too.”

“With the other guys being as good as they are, I get my open shots as I do,” Richer said. “I took a pump fake and (Ober) was open so I just gave him the pass and we scored.”

Richer said he noticed the play caught DeCorsey’s attention.

“(DeCorsey) was pretty jacked. He gets pretty emo-

tional,” Richer said with a smile. “Just as long as he’s happy about the good things.”

What DeCorsey was happy about was the efficiency his team displayed at both ends of the court.

Offensively, the Panthers averaged 1.24 points per possession. “That’s excellent,” DeCorsey said. “Especially since we had seven turnovers in the first half alone.”

Defensively, GSL allowed an average of .85 points per possession. “Which is OK,” DeCorsey said.

GSL took that two-game streak into New London-Spicer Tuesday evening for a West Division showdown in the Wright County Conference.

The Panthers visit Orono on Friday, before hosting Litchfield on Tuesday, Jan. 21.

Panther girls hit first losing streak

By Josh Randt
Sports Editor

Hitting its first two-game skid of the season, the Glencoe-Silver Lake Panther girls’ basketball team went cold from the field against Mound-Westonka (MW) on Friday before running into foul trouble the following day at Mayer Lutheran.

MW edged the Panthers 53-41 as GSL shot 16-71, 22 percent, from the field.

Saturday in Mayer, Zach Otto-Fisher’s Panthers fell 81-62. Almost as lopsided was the foul differential, as GSL was whistled for 28 to the Crusaders’ 15.

“I just thought we missed some easy, easy buckets,” Otto-Fisher said of Friday’s game. “We shot 16-71. When you shoot 22 percent, you’re not going to win ... We still want to push the ball up, and we are. And if we get 71 shots off in a game that’s great, but we need to make some shots.”

Maddie Monahan and Steph Klockmann each finished with 15 points Friday.

“For Mayer, I thought we stayed calm, but we didn’t finish defensively ... We brought it back to within two late in the game,” but Panther fouls kept them from closing the gap, leaving the head coach frustrated.

“I begged the officials to give me a technical foul,” said Otto-Fisher. “Because I didn’t want them taking it out on the girls, who were busting their butts out

there.”

The silver lining, Otto-Fisher said, was the way his Panthers took care of the ball on Saturday, only turning the ball over 11 times.

“Winning or losing, it doesn’t matter,” Otto-Fisher said. “It matters if we’ve improved over the season, and cutting down on our turnovers is definitely an improvement.”

In Saturday’s contest, Monahan exploded for 24 points, 11 rebounds, seven assists and six steals.

Senior shooting guard Sam Lange trailed Monahan in scoring with 14, three assists, a pair of rebounds and one steal.

Admittedly, Otto-Fisher said he and his team have been focusing primarily on the offensive side of the ball. But after allowing two of the highest point totals of the season in back-to-back games, he said they will be shifting focus a bit.

“Over the first half of the season, teams saw that we like to push the ball and that we really focused on our offense,” said Otto-Fisher. “But now we’ll have to shift focuses for a bit, and we’ll definitely be working on our defense.”

Things won’t get easier for the Panthers, as the 6-2 New London-Spicer Tigers visited Tuesday.

GSL then hosts 5-6 Orono Friday, before traveling to Litchfield on Tuesday, Jan. 21.



Silver Lake Leader photo by Josh Randt

Steph Klockmann (with ball) tries to back down a defender and create some space in the lane. The Panthers have had some troubles stopping teams defensively of late and will look to improve this week.

Wrestlers start out strong in the WCC



Silver Lake Leader photo by Josh Randt

GSL/LP’s Brandon Richter exposes the back of Delano’s Zach Knight with an arm bar during last Thursday’s double-

team dual in Glencoe. Richter went on to pin Knight in the second round, as GSL/LP outpointed the Tigers 58-6.

Missing entirely from Saturday’s meet at 138 was Brandon Richter, who was out with an illness. Richter’s absence also cost GSL/LP points on Saturday, but he is scheduled to return this week. Sophomore Tony Lowden filled in for Richter and took fifth place.

GSL/LP now has a double-team dual at Mound-Westonka, where they’ll face the hosting White Hawks and the Waconia Wildcats.

Then on Saturday, the Panthers head south for an invitational tournament at Lake Crystal-Wellcome Memorial High School.

Prior to Saturday’s tournament, GSL hosted Delano, Orono and Hutchinson for a

double-team dual on Thursday, and grappled with the former two.

Orono was blown out 65-14 before the Panthers went on to destroy Delano 58-6.

Wurm said the wins “looked good on paper,” but his team still needs to improve.

“We didn’t do things in a fluid fashion,” Wurm said. “We were kind of rugged. Not smooth. Not the way it should have been done ... We’ve just got to get back into a better flow, and hopefully everything gets worked out in the coming weeks.”

The biggest match of the night took place at 113 pounds, when GSL/LP’s Jacob Jewett locked up with Delano’s Tucker Sjomeling.

The two are very familiar as they met three times last season at 106 pounds, with Jewett besting him on all three occasions.

Sjomeling did, however, go on to win the Class AA championship last year, as Jewett settled for sixth.

Early on, Sjomeling took Jewett down as the two were in a scramble.

Jewett scored a last second stand up to close out the first period with a 2-1 deficit.

Choosing down, Sjomeling hit a reversal and rode Jewett out for the remainder of the second period.

Down 4-1, Jewett chose to start the third period with both wrestlers standing.

Sjomeling notched another takedown before Jewett hit a re-

versal. With only seconds left, the GSL/LP senior tried his best to turn Sjomeling over and score some back points, but the freshman held his ground and claimed his first victory over Jewett with a 6-3 decision.

“I got out of position one or two times and it really cost (me),” Jewett said after the dual. “If I would’ve came out a little more aggressive, it could’ve been a way different match. I was a little hesitant at first, trying to get a feel for him again.”

Asked if he noticed anything different about Sjomeling from last year to this year, Jewett said, “He’s got a lot more confidence wrestling me now. Being ranked high in the nation gives him a little more confidence.”

Also adding to his confidence, Jewett said, was winning the state championship.

“Any wrestler who’s been to state just has a completely different mindset,” Jewett explained. “Just knowing that you’ve been there and that you can compete really boosts your confidence that you can wrestle with anyone.”

Wurm felt Jewett could have done more to get him off balance and create scrambles. Something he said Jewett would have benefitted from.

“(Jewett) scored off more of a scramble,” Wurm said. “He could’ve created more scramble situations, which would’ve been better for him, because I think he’s faster.”

“He knows he can beat him. There was just a couple mistakes. He’s fine. Now we learn from it and move on.”

People News

NDSU announces dean’s list

Several area students were named to the fall semester dean’s list at North Dakota State University at Fargo. On the academic honor list were: Mackenzie Bade of Arlington, in the College of Human Development and Family Services; Logan Miller of Brownton, ag system management; Erika Meyer, Glencoe, nursing; Michael Polzin, Glencoe, ag economics; Alexander Kaluza, Lester Prairie, electrical engineering; Ashley Graudin, Norwood Young America, veterinary technician; and Joseph Fehrenbach, Silver Lake, mechanical engineering.

Christensen named to list

Allison Christensen, daughter of Paul and Renee Christensen of Lester Prairie, was named to the fall semester dean’s list at St. Mary’s University in Winona. Other area students named to the list include: Kimberly Junczewski, daughter of Jim and Rose Junczewski of Dassel, and Aimee Koelln, daughter of Mark and Lori Koelln, and Colleen Thul, daughter of Pete and Lori Thul, all of Hutchinson.

UW-Superior dean’s list

Nickolas Campa of Hutchinson and Stephanie Thiemann of Winsted were named to the fall dean’s list at the University of Wisconsin-Superior.

Area students on SCSU list

Several area students were named to the fall semester dean’s list at St. Cloud State University. They include: **Brownton:** Mark Zaske; **Cokato:** Noah Gossweiler, Kelsi Haapala, Aaron Haataja, Amberlee Hancock, Tyler Koivisto, Alina Morris, Mark Morris, Morgan Niemela, Aryn Peterson, Lacey Raisanen, Garrett Ryyananen and Ellen Tschimperle; **Dassel:** Kristine Avant, Ashley Burkhardt, Alaina Craswell, Angela Duncan, Brianna Lindgren, Kelsey Nagel, Greta Pudas, Brenna Siltala and Kate Tormanen; **Glencoe:** Jonathan Boesche, Michaela Boesche, Taylor Breidenbach and Daniel Witte; **Lester Prairie:** Bethany Briggs and **Winsted:** Crystal Greeley and Alex Schmieg.

Donkey basketball at GSL gym on Jan. 26

The “Dairyland Donkey Basketball Show” is coming to the Glencoe-Silver Lake High School gymnasium Sunday, Jan. 26, at 5 p.m. It is basketball played on real, live donkeys, and it will be wilder than a rodeo and funnier than a circus! Teams include FFA members, GSL staff, members of local fire departments and the GSL basketball teams. All local players will be riding, so come out and see

someone you know try to ride a donkey and play basketball at the same time! This fun-filled show is sponsored by and benefits the GSL FFA chapter. Kid-die rides (12 and under) are available at intermission for the first 125 children signed up with a paid parent ticket. Tickets can be purchased in advance and at the door and are available from FFA members and in the high school ag room.

County Corn & Soybean Growers annual meeting

The McLeod County Corn and Soybean Growers annual banquet and ag appreciation night will be held Saturday, Jan. 25, at the Pla-Mor Ballroom in Glencoe. The guest speaker will be Al Kluis, a trader, analyst, chartist and writer, who will talk about how to better understand one’s corn and soybean operations. Also speaking will be Dick Jonckowski, “the Voice of the Gophers,” who will speak about “Laughter is so important; I love to see people

happy.” The annual business meeting and board election will begin at 5 p.m. The social hour begins at 5:30 p.m., and the banquet starts at 6:30 p.m. Board members up for reelection are Francis Svoboda, Brian Jungclaus and Dave Resch. The other board members are Brian Thalmann, Myron Oftedahl, Bob Lindeman, Wayne Ahlbrecht, Larry Ide, Nathan Winter, Mark Johnson and Steve Reiner.

UWMC extends 2013 campaign to March 31

United Way of McLeod County (UWMC) Board President Dave Schwedler announced that because of current economic realities, the regional non-profit will continue its 2013-14 campaign until March 31. After meeting with its partner agencies, the UWMC established a \$268,000 countywide need this campaign. Thus far, the campaign has received pledges of \$201,000, or 75 percent, of the need. “We have seen the tremendous generosity of so many in-

dividuals, families and businesses in the region this fall, but despite that, we were not able to reach our goal in 2013 alone,” said Schwedler. “We feel it is in the best interest of our partner agencies to actively campaign through the first quarter of 2013. We do not want to have to cut community grants to agencies that are helping so many in need at this time,” he added. “By continuing to actively campaign in 2014, it will allow us to explore opportunities that, due to increased volume with a countywide

St. Pius X School kicks off \$1 million fundraising effort

Beginning this Friday, Jan. 17, students of St. Pius X School in Glencoe will join 84 other Catholic schools to kick off ticket sales for what everyone hopes will be the first \$1 million Catholic Schools Raffle. St. Pius X School’s students will sell tickets for a three-state raffle offering prizes like a 2014 Honda CR-V or \$25,000 cash, \$5,000 vacation packages, cool technology gear and more, hoping to raise \$12,000 to support its own programs and students. Last year, 82 participating schools raised a combined total of more than \$960,000. In the four years it has existed, the annual raffle has helped Catholic schools raise more than \$2.2 million. “Best of all, St. Pius X School will keep 100 percent of the money it brings in because St. Paul-based Catholic United Financial covers the entire cost of the prizes and materials,” said Catherine Millerbernd, St. Pius X principal. More than 300,000 tickets have been printed and shipped, along with tens of thousands of bulletins, flyers, posters and banners to help St. Pius X School increase sales. “If you want to support your Catholic school, this is the same as marching into the office and writing a check,” Catholic United President

Harald Borrmann said. “But with the raffle, every \$5 buys you a chance to win a car, a vacation, or some other really great stuff. We are really just trying to encourage donations.” Even if you do not win, the school still does. Along with the revenue it receives, St. Pius X School is also in the running to win a \$3,500 grant from Catholic United if it is one of the top-three performing schools (based on tickets sold per student). The top-selling student at each of the 85 schools also will win a Kindle Fire HD and the top classroom, a pizza party. The 85 schools in Minnesota, South Dakota and North Dakota will sell tickets from Friday’s kickoff through March 2, prior to the official drawing at 11 a.m., March 13. Schools and hopeful ticket holders can watch the drawing ceremony live online at www.catholicunited.org. Catholic United Financial is one of the largest fraternal life insurance associations in the Upper Midwest, serving more than 84,000 members in Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin and Iowa. Catholic United offers life insurance, annuities, and retirement savings products to its members while providing fraternal benefits for Catholic parishes, schools and religious education.

Menus

Jan. 20-24 Silver Lake Senior Nutrition Site
Monday — Tater-tot casserole, green beans, peaches, bread, margarine, pudding, low-fat milk.
Tuesday — Roast pork, whole potatoes, buttered cooked cabbage, bread, margarine, rosy applesauce, low-fat milk.
Wednesday — Lasagna, California-blend vegetables, lettuce salad with dressing, garlic bread, margarine, bar, low-fat milk.
Thursday — Oven-crispy chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, mixed vegetables, bread, margarine, poke cake, low-fat milk.
Friday — Meaty beef stew with carrots and potatoes, cole slaw, bread stick, margarine, apricots, low-fat milk.

GSL Elementary Breakfast
Monday — No school. Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.
Tuesday — Pancake on a stick with syrup or apple cinnamon muffin and yogurt, mandarin oranges, low-fat milk.
Wednesday — French toast sticks with syrup or Golden Grahams and string cheese, diced peaches, low-fat milk.
Thursday — Tony’s breakfast pizza or oatmeal with cinnamon and raisins, mixed fruit, low-fat milk.
Friday — Egg-and-cheese muffin or blueberry muffin and yogurt, orange juice, low-fat milk.

Helen Baker, Lakeside Lunch
Monday — No school.
Tuesday — Barbecued riblet on a whole-grain bun, seasoned corn, broccoli florets with dressing, petite banana, chilled applesauce.
Wednesday — Pancakes with syrup, scrambled eggs, oven-baked tater tots, celery sticks with dressing, grapes, chilled peaches.
Thursday — Popcorn chicken,

dinner roll, mashed potatoes with gravy, baby carrots with lemon herb hummus, orange wedges, chilled pears.
Friday — Macaroni and cheese, bread stick, seasoned green beans, caesar romaine salad with dressing, apple wedges, chilled mixed fruit.
Junior, Senior High Breakfast
Monday — No school.
Tuesday — Pancake on a stick with syrup or oatmeal with cinnamon and raisins, mandarin oranges, low-fat milk.
Wednesday — French toast sticks with syrup or ultimate breakfast round and yogurt, diced peaches, low-fat milk.
Thursday — Breakfast pizza or Cinnamon Toast Crunch and apple cinnamon muffin, mixed fruit, low-fat milk.
Friday — Sausage, egg and cheese biscuit or ultimate breakfast round and yogurt, orange juice, low-fat milk.

Junior, Senior High Lunch
Monday — No school.
Tuesday — Popcorn chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, seasoned corn, whole-grain dinner roll, carrot, raisin-and-pineapple salad, broccoli florets with dressing, petite banana, chilled applesauce.
Wednesday — Meatball sub, oven-baked beans, potato wedges, confetti coleslaw, cherry tomatoes with dressing, grapes, chilled peaches.
Thursday — Hamburger or cheeseburger, baked sweet potato puffs, seasoned green beans, caesar romaine salad, baby carrots with lemon herb hummus, orange wedges, chilled pears.
Friday — Mexican bar with chicken fajitas or beefy nachos, brown rice, refried beans, corn, black-bean and salsa salad, jicama sticks with dressing, apple, chilled mixed fruit.

Weather Corner

By Jake Yurek



Almost normal weather, snow, wind and cold fronts ... sounds like a typical January week to me. We had to endure a little snow early in the week, but that should be about it in terms of precipitation this week as cold and wind will be the bigger worries. There is no huge pool of cold air like we had to deal with earlier this winter, but it’ll definitely feel chilly. A low-pressure area will pass to our north (most likely keeping snow up that way) and drape a very strong cold front across our area late Wednesday into Thursday. Winds could gust up to 50 mph in some areas, so be careful when out and about as any snow we saw earlier this week will be blowing around. Behind the cold front, highs Friday will struggle to hit the teens, but it should only be short-lived as we head back into the 20s for the weekend. The extended shows more of the same continuing, with perhaps a ridge of high pressure trying to warm things up early next week (but it’s a very shaky forecast past this weekend). Have a great week, all!
Ma dobry weekendem Mit dobry vikend
Wednesday night — Lows 24-32; clouds.
Thursday — Highs 20-26; lows -4 to 2; clouds temperatures falling through the day.
Friday — Highs 9-15; lows 0-6; partly cloudy.
Saturday — Highs 20-26; lows 7-13; mostly clear.
Sunday — Highs 23-30; clear.
Weather Quiz: What are some different types of snow crystals?
Answer to last week’s question: **How does snow form?** Super-cooled water condenses as a tiny droplet (most likely starting with a dust particle) and then freezes. This forms crystals of all shapes and sizes depending on moisture available and temperature at which it’s created.
Remember: I make the forecast, not the weather!

Trains are themes of 2 upcoming programs

The McLeod County Historical Museum will host two programs beginning Sunday, Jan. 19, dealing with trains. Author Bill Schranker wrote a book, “Shadows of Time ... Minnesota’s Surviving Depots.” The book brings to life the state’s 168 remaining railroad depots on the National Register of Historic Places, two of which are in McLeod County. The theme of the museum this year is “Railroads of McLeod County.” The program begins at 2 p.m. in the museum educational center, and refreshments will be served before and after the author’s program. A book signing will follow. The second program is a special viewing of “The Orphan Train,” at 2 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 26. The museum is located at 380 School Road NW, Hutchinson. The museum website is www.mcleodhistory.org and its phone number is 320-587-2109.

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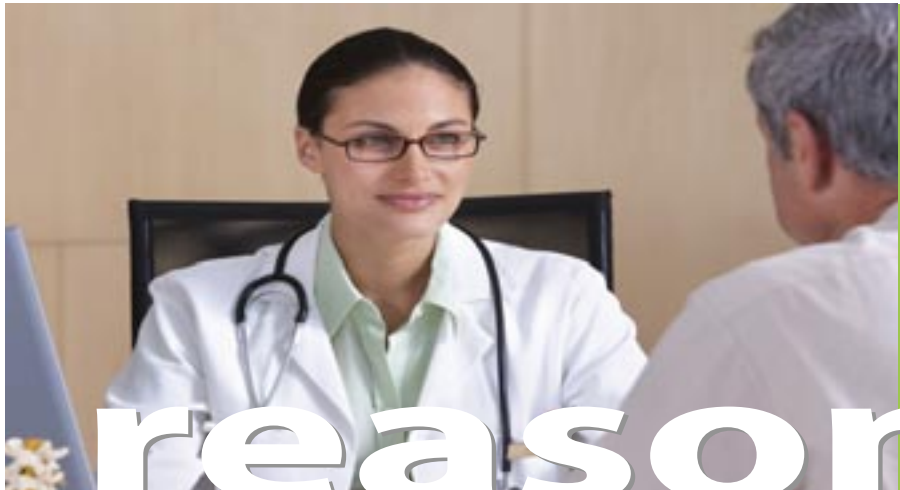
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Routine election was anything but routine

By Rich Glennie
Editor

What is generally a routine matter was anything but routine Monday night when the Glencoe-Silver Lake School Board tried to reorganize for the new year.

The School Board got stuck right out of the gate when it attempted to elect a chairman. It tried three times before finally giving up, deadlocked at 3-3.

Current Board Chairman Clark Christianson will continue to lead the meetings until the deadlock is resolved at a future meeting.

At issue is a challenge to the chairmanship by three board members, Jamie Alsleben, Donna VonBerge and Kevin Kuester. They threw their support behind Alsleben.

On the other side are Christianson and board members Anne Twiss and Jason Lindeman.

The first order of business Monday was to elect a chairman. The board members could not agree. Twice the vote was 3-3 to begin the meeting. A final vote at the

end of the meeting met the same fate.

After the second vote, VonBerge nominated Christianson as vice chairman. He promptly declined the nomination.

The deadlocked board, however, did manage to elect Twiss as the board clerk and Kuester as the board treasurer.

What caused the split among the board members was not discussed.

In other reorganizational matters, the School Board:

- Approved meeting at 7 p.m. the second Monday of each month in Room 124 of the Lincoln Junior High. If a second meeting in a month is needed, it would be held on the fourth Monday.
- Kept its per diem rates the same at \$2,000 a year with a per meeting rate of \$35, a \$50 negotiations meeting rate and an additional \$35 if a meeting lasts more than three hours. That per diem rate has not changed in years.
- Made committee appointments.

Board committees:
Operations — Alsleben and

Lindeman.

Finance — Alsleben and Kuester.

Negotiations (support staff) — Kuester and Alsleben; (certified staff) — Christianson and Lindeman.

Personnel — Twiss and Christianson.

Policy — Twiss and VonBerge.

Board representatives: Minnesota School Board Association — Kuester.

Minnesota State High School League — Christianson.

Board liaisons: Community Education — Alsleben.

Community schools — Christianson.

Curriculum — VonBerge and Lindeman.

ECFE — Twiss.

Field house — Christianson.

Health and safety — Lindeman.

Insurance — VonBerge.

Little Crow ITV Board — Kuester.

Leadership teams: Helen Baker, Christianson; Lakeside, Twiss; Lincoln Jr. High, Lindeman; high school, VonBerge.

Staff development — VonBerge.

Technology — VonBerge.



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On Sunday, the Silver Lake Knights of Columbus sponsored a free throw tournament at Lakeside Elementary. Winners emerged from age groups 10 through 12 and are pictured above. From left to right are Chelsea Bandas,

age 12, Katelyn Fiecke, age 11, Elizabeth Anderson, age 10, Damien Silus, age 10, Riley Ruzicka, age 11, and Michael Butler, age 12. These winners will move on to the district competition in Winsted set Feb. 9.

6 free throw winners advance to district

Six boys and girls from Silver Lake, ages 9 to 14, were named local champions of the 2014 Knights of Columbus free throw championship and have earned the right to compete at the district level.

Mother Cabrini Council No. 1841 in Silver Lake sponsored the local competition at Lakeside in Silver Lake on Sunday. All youngsters ages 9 to 14

were eligible to participate.

In the 10-year old division, Elizabeth Anderson was the girls' champion and Damien Silus was the boys' champion.

In the 11-year-old division, champions were Katelyn Fiecke and Riley Ruzicka.

Twelve-year-old champions were Chelsea Bandas and Michael Butler.

Each contestant was al-

lowed 15 free throw attempts in the contest and ties were settled by successive rounds of five free throws per contestant until a winner emerged.

Each of these contestants will compete in the district competition set Feb. 9 at Holy Trinity High School in Winsted, with an eye toward moving onto the state and international levels.

Wright, Terlinden re-elected County Board chairman, vice chairman

By Lori Copley
Staff Writer

Third District Commissioner Paul Wright will continue as the chair of the McLeod County Board in 2014, with 2nd District Commissioner Kermit Terlinden continuing as vice chair.

After adjourning its 2013 session at its Jan. 7 meeting, the commissioners started its 2014 session by unanimously re-electing Wright and Terlinden to their positions.

The County Board also had a brief business meeting before moving into a workshop session, taking on these items:

- Awarding the bid for the official newspaper for 2014 to McLeod Publishing, Inc., which publishes The McLeod County Chronicle. McLeod Publishing submitted a bid of

\$2 per column inch, while the Hutchinson Leader submitted a bid of \$4.75 per column inch. The Hutchinson Leader was awarded the bid for the second publication of the county financial statement.

- Authorized the auditor/treasurer to designate official depositories for 2014.
- Began reviewing its annual committee appointments.
- Approved the purchase of a public health documentation system from Minnesota Counties Computer Cooperative for a one-time cost of \$51,554.33 and an annual cost of \$20,011.09.
- Heard that the county's petition for a court ruling on whether the estate of Annamariae Tudhope can be used for jail improvements and expansion will be heard in McLeod

County District Court on Jan. 17 at 1:30 p.m.

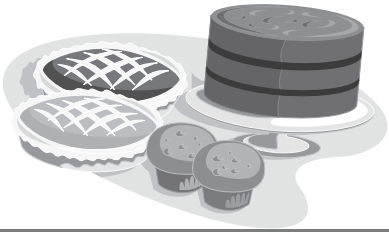
McLeod County Attorney Mike Junge said a visiting judge will hear the county's petition, and he asked that at least one commissioner be in attendance at the hearing.

Junge also reported that the attorney general's office is taking "no position" on the petition. The attorney general's office is consulted because it "acts as the guardian of all charitable trusts," said Junge.

- Approved setting minimum salaries for elected officials.

County Administrator Pat Melvin said 2014 is an election year, and minimum salaries needed to be set in case any potential candidates inquire about salaries.

Kitchen Delights & Other Things



Slow Cooker Tortilla Soup

Ingredients:

- 3 chicken thighs, skin removed
- 10-ounce can diced tomatoes with green chiles
- 1-1/2 cups cooked black beans
- 1-1/2 cups chicken broth
- 1-1/2 cups water
- 1 yellow onion, finely chopped
- 3 garlic cloves, finely minced
- 1 jalapeno, finely chopped
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1/2 teaspoon chili powder
- Juice of 1/2 lemon
- 20 tortilla chips
- 3 tablespoons finely chopped fresh cilantro
- 1/2 cup shredded Monterey Jack cheese

Directions:

Place the chicken, tomatoes (and juices), beans, broth, water, onion, garlic, jalapeno, cumin and chile powder in a slow cooker. Cover and cook on high for 3 to 4 hours or on low for 6 to 8 hours. Uncover the slow cooker and use tongs to remove chicken from pot. Once cool enough to handle, remove the meat from the bones and shred, then return meat to the pot. Stir in the lemon juice. Crumble a few tortilla chips into four bowls and cover with soup. Sprinkle with cilantro and grated cheese and serve.

Cranberry-Turkey Cabbage Wraps

Ingredients:

- 8 large cabbage leaves
- 1 tablespoon extra virgin olive oil
- 2 cups shredded cooked turkey or chicken
- 1 apple, cored and chopped
- 1/3 cup dried cranberries
- 3 green onions, thinly sliced
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- Salt and black pepper
- 1 ounce of whole cranberry sauce

Directions:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Immerse cabbage leaves, four at a time, in boiling water. Cook 2 to 3 minutes or until leaves are just wilted. Using a slotted spoon, carefully remove leaves; drain well. In a large skillet, heat olive oil over medium heat. Add turkey, apple cranberries, green onions and cumin. Cook and stir until heated through and apple just begins to soften. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Divide turkey mixture among cabbage leaves; roll up, tucking in sides. Spread whole cranberry sauce over bottom of a 2-quart baking dish. Add cabbage rolls, seam side down. Cover with foil. Bake 15 to 20 minutes or until heated through.

Toffee Cheesecake Bars

Ingredients:

- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 3/4 cup confectioners' sugar
- 1/3 cup baking cocoa
- 1/8 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 cup cold butter
- 1 package (8 ounces) low-fat cream cheese
- 1 can (14 ounces) sweetened condensed milk
- 2 eggs, lightly beaten
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1-1/4 cups milk chocolate English toffee bits, divided

Directions:

In a small bowl, combine the flour, confectioners' sugar, cocoa and baking soda. Cut in butter until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Press onto the bottom of an ungreased 13-inch by 9-inch baking dish. Bake at 350 degrees for 12 to 15 minutes or until set. In a large bowl, beat cream cheese until fluffy. Add the milk, eggs and vanilla; beat until smooth. Stir in 3/4 cup toffee bits. Pour over crust. Bake 18 to 22 minutes longer or until center is almost set. Cool on a wire rack for 15 minutes. Sprinkle with remaining toffee bits; cool completely. Cover and refrigerate 8 hours or overnight.

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