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Business Expo Saturday Features vendors, demos, Phoenix Drumline

By Alyssa Schauer
Staff Writer

This Saturday, Jan. 19, the Silver Lake Business Association will host its annual Silver Lake Business Expo at the Silver Lake Auditorium from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Over 20 vendors will be present at this year's Expo, and a variety of demonstrations will be performed.

At 10:30 a.m., Sue Kieser and her golden retriever, Ella, who just passed her national Therapy Dog International test, will entertain as Kieser discusses the dog-training process and demon-

strates obedience commands with Ella.

At 11 a.m., the Silver Lake Fire Department will be hosting a seminar, and at noon, Tony Kadlec, author of "Silver Lake: A History in Pictures," will hold a short presentation on Silver Lake history and his work in genealogy.

Headlining this year's Expo entertainment is the Phoenix Drumline, which will perform at 1 p.m.

The Phoenix Drumline consists of kids in seventh through 12th grades from Hutchinson and the sur-

rounding areas.

The Drumline will give a short presentation followed by a performance of three selections, and a few members will sing. The group also will be available for the audience to ask questions.

The GFWC Silver Lake Women's Club will be serving food, and visitors can sign up for prizes at various booths.

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

Kadlec to talk about new book at Silver Lake Expo

By Alyssa Schauer
Staff Writer

Last summer, Silver Lake native Tony Kadlec and former Silver Lake Leader columnist of "Pavucina Corner," published the book, "Silver Lake: A History in Pictures." This Saturday, Kadlec will be hosting a short presentation of his work at the Silver Lake Business Expo at noon.



Tony Kadlec

Kadlec first released the book in August 2012, and he presented it at the history roundtable discussion at the Silver Lake Legion Club during Pola-Czesky Days.

"The book features a collection of rare historical photographs and images that have been gathered and preserved over the course of some 125 years by a group of people who have shared a common interest in the history of the Silver Lake community," Kadlec said.

Among the photos includes historical information Kadlec retrieved from a 1917 history book of McLeod County and a 1934 paper, "The Transition of a New-World Bohemia," written by Esther Jerabek.

"(The McLeod County) book was written less than 30 years after the incorporation of Silver Lake. It is notable because the history was written by people who either experienced the early days of McLeod County or by people who recalled the stories told by their settler parents and grandparents," Kadlec said.

Kadlec explained that the paper was written by Esther Jerabek, who was a Silver Lake native, teacher, historian, and librarian at the Minnesota Historical Society.

"She wrote about the Czech community of Silver Lake from her vantage point in the early 20th century," Kadlec said.

Jerabek is the daughter of Czech immigrants to Silver Lake, according to Kadlec.

"She was fluent in the Czech language and gathered research by corresponding with individuals and organizations in other Czech communities across the United States," he said.

As for the photographs in the book, Kadlec said they are "true survivors. The most notable among these images have found their way into state historical collections."

He added, "The images of the lesser-known subjects

have been obtained for this book through the generosity of local history enthusiasts — from treasured family albums, picture frames, and shoe boxes, tucked away in attics and closets."

When asked about the process of publishing a book, Kadlec replied: "I learned that the exercise of gathering historical photos, documenting them, organizing them, and trying to produce an interesting collection in a book form is more of an art than a science and that process ... it was very time consuming.

"But the positive feedback that I have received from readers has been outstanding and has made all the hard work worthwhile.

"Despite it all, I am currently laying the groundwork to produce another Silver Lake-themed book, which focuses on the biographies and photos, family histories, and origins of the people who came to settle in Silver Lake," Kadlec said.

The most interesting find in creating and publishing the book was an 1898 map of Silver Lake, Kadlec said.

"(On the map), Main Street was known as 'Winsted Street.' Thankfully, that was changed, for obvious reasons," Kadlec said.

"The old photos that I rounded up to publish in this book demonstrate the strong and vibrant business community that once existed in Silver Lake, whose business leaders stepped up to build institutions that the community needed, such as schools, churches, cemeteries, and even an opera hall and a community hall.

"Now it seems we are at a crossroads with determining which of those institutions

ought to be sustained and where we ought to invest our scarce resources of time and money," Kadlec said.

Genealogy and Silver Lake history became interests to Kadlec after an interesting experience while on a business trip in China.

"It was a combination of insomnia, homesickness, and a lack of English-speaking shows on the TV in my hotel room on countless business trips to China that prompted me to start documenting my family's stories and history," Kadlec said.

During his research, Kadlec said he started to "uncover connections between the first few waves of Czech immigrants who settled in the Silver Lake, McLeod County area in 1858."

In January 2010, Kadlec said he accepted the position of genealogy research coordinator for Czechoslovak Genealogical Society International (CGSI), an all-volunteer, non-profit organization based in St. Paul.

"It is the largest genealogical society for Czechs and Slovaks in the world," Kadlec said.

Kadlec continues to write and publish his articles and columns on his personal website, www.kadlecovi.com.

He will be in the booth with the Glencoe Enterprise at the Silver Lake Business Expo on Saturday, set from 10 a.m. 3 p.m.

He will be giving a short presentation of his work at noon in the basement of the auditorium, and he also will be selling copies of his book at the Expo.

Interested customers may also purchase his book online at www.lulu.com.



Silver Lake Leader photo by Rich Glennie

Oath of office

Glencoe-Silver Lake School Board Chairman Clark Christianson, far right, administered the oath of office to three board members at the beginning of Monday night's reorganizational meeting. From left

to right are incumbent board members Jamie Alsleben and Kevin Kuester, and Donna VonBerge, the newest member of the board.

GSL Board re-elects Christianson as chair

By Rich Glennie
Editor

Glencoe-Silver Lake School Board Chairman Clark Christianson was re-elected to lead the board again during the annual reorganizational meeting Monday night in the Lincoln Jr. High board rooms.

Besides Christianson, Vice Chairman Jamie Alsleben also was re-elected to his position as was Anne Twiss as board clerk. Kevin Kuester was elected as the board's treasurer.

Christianson also swore in three board members, newcomer Donna VonBerge and incumbents Jamie Alsleben and Kevin Kuester.

The GSL School Board will continue to meet the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in Room 124 of the Lincoln School.

The board also kept its per diem the same as it has been

since 2003. Each board member receives \$2,000 a year for regular meetings, \$35 for each committee meeting, \$50 for each negotiations meeting and \$35 after three hours for committee or negotiations meetings.

The board also made committee assignments as follows: Operations committee (facilities, food service and transportation) — Alsleben and Jason Lindeman.

Finance — Alsleben and Kuester.

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

Personnel — Twiss and Christianson.

Policy (includes Wellness) — Twiss and VonBerge.

Minnesota School Board Association liaison — Kuester.

Minnesota High School

League — Christianson.

Liaisons to committees: 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 K-2 — Christianson.

Lakeside 3-6 — Twiss.

Lincoln 7-8 — VonBerge.

High school 9-12 — Lindeman.

Staff development — VonBerge.

Technology — VonBerge.

County fines SL Legion, Cactus Jack's II for tobacco violations

By Lori Cople
Staff Writer

The McLeod County Board of Commissioners, at its Jan. 8 meeting, levied a \$75 civil fine on two businesses for allegedly selling tobacco products to a minor.

Employees at the two businesses, Cactus Jack's II in Stewart and the Silver Lake American Legion, also received citations from law en-

forcement.

Gary Mallak of the Silver Lake American Legion contended the compliance checks conducted by law enforcement were actually a form of entrapment.

"In my opinion, we were tricked into making this illegal sale," said Mallak, who asserted that the youth used in the check had a beard and was dressed to look much older

than 18.

"If you alter someone's appearance that drastically, it's entrapment," said Mallak. Mallak also said that the check was conducted during the Legion's steak fry, one of the busiest times for employees.

Mallak also said the Legion has stopped payment on its check for its tobacco license, saying that the little profit it makes by selling tobacco

"isn't worth this."

He also contended that if the county's goal is to stop underage use of tobacco, it needs to address other issues.

Mallak said the Legion in Silver Lake has installed tamper-proof containers outside for its smokers, so that juveniles cannot fish out the used butts and smoke the remainder of the cigarettes.

That is not the case with the

municipal liquor store in Silver Lake, Mallak said, which has buckets with sand. Mallak said he has seen youths take butts out of the containers and light them up as they walk down the street.

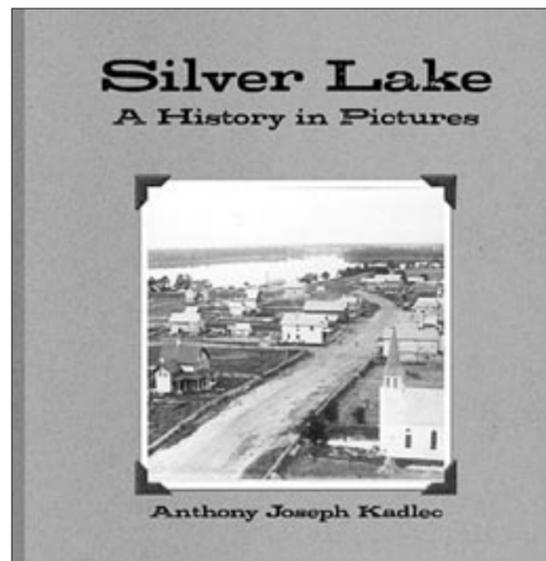
"The cops drive right by and do nothing," Mallak contended.

County Auditor-Treasurer Cindy Schultz suggested that the issue be brought up to the

public health department.

Commissioner Sheldon Nies expressed some sympathy for Mallak's concerns, but noted that in the compliance checks the "same individual was used in other spots and they didn't get caught," meaning those employees carded the individual.

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Tony Kadlec's book, "Silver Lake: A History in Pictures," was published last summer and will be available for sale at the Silver Lake Business Expo.

Upcoming Events

Silver Lake Lions Club meets

The Silver Lake Lions Club will meet tonight (Jan. 17) at 7 p.m. at the Silver Lake Legion Club rooms. It is governor's night, and it will be a dinner meeting. Spouses of members are invited to attend.

Christian Unity Service set

A joint service involving the Church of the Holy Family, Faith Presbyterian Church, and Grace Bible Church is scheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 23, at 7:15 p.m. This year the service will be held at the Grace Bible 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 for the McLeod Emergency Food Shelf. Grace Bible Church is located in Silver Lake at 300 Cleveland St., next to the city water tower.

Sportsmen's Club to meet

The Silver Lake Sportsmen's Club will hold its monthly meeting Thursday, Jan. 26, at 7 p.m., at the sanctuary.

Blood drive set Jan. 29

The Silver Lake Bloodmobile is set for Tuesday, Jan. 29 from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. Due to Hurricane Sandy, blood is in short supply and greatly needed. Volunteers will be calling to set up an appointment or call Margaret Benz at 320-327-2249 to make an appointment. Walk-ins are welcome.

Archery ministry to begin at Grace Bible

Members and friends of Grace Bible Church in Silver Lake will be starting another session of an archery ministry called Centershot.

Centershot is a Bible-based archery ministry that consists of a 45-minute Bible study and 45 minutes of archery instruction one day a week for eight weeks.

The activity is open for those ages 7 through adult. Individuals need not be a member of the church to participate in the program.

The church provides the bows and arrows, which are used during the training sessions in the church basement

shooting range.

This has proven to be a fun activity for a parent and a child to do together. Participants pay a nominal fee to help cover the cost of the study book.

The next session of Centershot will begin Sunday, Jan. 27, from 1 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. Those interested in finding out more are encouraged to contact the church office at 320-327-2352, or visit www.centershotministries.org.

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

Silver Lake City Council Regular Meeting Jan. 22, 2013 (Note date change due to holiday) 6:30 p.m. Agenda

****A portion of the meeting will be closed pursuant to Minnesota statute to conduct an employee performance review****

Call to order:

Approve agenda:

Consent agenda:

1. Approve minutes of the Dec. 19, 2012, regular meeting

2. Approve minutes of the Jan. 7, 2013, annual meeting

3. Approve payroll No. 26 and No. 1

4. Claims to be paid:

Old business:

1. Update on Grove Avenue (CSAH 2) project

New business:

1. Proposal to update inventory management system in MLS

Department business:

1. Liquor Store

2. Public Safety: Police Chief Henriksen six-month review

3. Public Works

4. Community Development:

5. Administration:

Open discussion:

Early childhood screening set Jan. 25 in Glencoe

Early Childhood Screening for all 3- to 5-year-old children who have not yet completed screening will be held Friday, Jan. 25, at First Congregational United Church of Christ in Glencoe from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Your child should be screened a full year before

she/he goes to kindergarten.

Please call Helen Baker Elementary School to schedule your appointment at 320-864-2666.

All children eligible for kindergarten in the fall of 2013 must have proof of screening to begin kindergarten.

GSL School budget revised as costs go up, revenues decline

By Rich Glennie
Editor

Glencoe-Silver Lake Business Manager Michelle Sander presented the GSL School Board with a revised 2012-13 budget with slightly increased expenditures and slightly decreased revenues.

The revised revenues are \$15.5 million, down from the proposed \$15.7 million last June.

The revised expenditures are \$16.27 million, up from June's projected \$16.197 million.

Despite that, the GSL School District will have a healthy general fund balance of \$5.1 million on June 30, 2013, compared to the June 30, 2012, fund balance of \$5.85 million.

Total budget revenues are \$18 million and expenditures are \$18.46 million.

Enrollment is the main determining factor, Sander told the School Board.

She pointed to a list that indicated 304 GSL district students open enrolled out of the district and only 70 open enrolled in. She said the majority of the students leaving live on the perimeters of the GSL District.

Hutchinson claims the most at 109 students followed by Norwood Young America (39), Sibley East (37), Dassel-Cokato (32) and Lester Prairie (22).

As to the fund balance, Sander said most school boards feel fortunate to have a 6 to 10 percent fund balance, while GSL's was at 36 percent on June 30, 2012.

But with the current trends of expenses being more than revenues, Sander said by June 30, 2014, the fund balance could be at 19 percent.

The School Board has a policy of maintaining a 20 percent fund balance before cuts kick in.

"The district has done a

great job keeping an eye on the fund balance," Sander said, and at the same time has "made good progress in meeting students' needs."

In another matter, Sander updated the board of several projects.

She said additional security for the district's buildings are being discussed. Outside of Lakeside Elementary in Silver Lake, Sander said none of the other buildings — Helen Baker Elementary, Lincoln Jr. High and GSL High School — have real secure main entrances.

She said the question now is whether the district should start spending on making more secure facilities, or should it tie that into its proposed building project with another building referendum?

She said security was incorporated into the plans for the Lincoln Jr. High/high school building addition that was twice defeated in 2011 referendums.

Lakeside's main entrance was renovated last year, Sander said, and visitors must now enter the building through the main office and be "buzzed" into the building.

Another change at the high school was to lock the north doors during the day, forcing visitors to come through the front entrance and into the main office.

Sander said more security cameras also are planned at Lakeside after cameras were updated at Lincoln this year.

Sander also updated the board of revisions to the food service program.

The district has added an after-school snack program for those students in extracurricular activities.

The program, which began after the Christmas break, is offered from 3 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. in the cafeteria and includes "healthy snacks," she

added.

Sander said the program is set up on a trial basis to see if the students use it, and it will be tweaked as to what the students like and do not like.

The fee is \$1 and is free to those students eligible for free and reduced lunches. Staff members also can use the after-school snack program, she added.

So far, the most popular items are the sandwiches, Sander said. "It's a good snack for a good price."

In other matters, the School Board:

- Authorized Superintendent Chris Sonju to make reductions in curriculum and staffing for next school year. It is a formality in case the district is looking at making budget cuts.

Sonju said the resolution does not mean staff cuts are planned, however.

- Set a meet-and-confer session with staff for Feb. 6 to set the calendar for next school year.

- Approved a trip to Peru for nine GSL Spanish students and teacher Terri Windschitl at the end of the 2013-14 school year. The cost will be funded by the students, and there is no cost to the school district.

- Accepted the following donations:

Kurt and Shirley Luhmann, \$250 for the theater department.

Silver Lake American Legion Post 141, \$200 for the Close Up program, and \$200 for the robotics program.

Prairie Woods Environmental Learning Center, \$1,000 for the Supermileage program.

Plato Lions Club, \$100 for Close Up.

Silver Lake Lions Club, \$100 for seventh-grade health Quest program.

Michelle Gilbertson and Carol and John Siefert, toys for the ECFE program.

Crow River Snow Pros,

\$1,000 for Close Up and \$800 for the FFA program.

Thompson Reuter and Pat Chiariello, \$1,000 for activities scholarships.

Brownston Lions Club, \$500 for Close Up.

New Auburn Lions Club, \$200 for Close Up.

Plato Fire Department, \$200 for National FFA Convention.

New Auburn Fire Department, \$300 for National FFA Convention.

Also, the School Board:

- Hired Nathaniel Byrne as long-term substitute for Emily Foss, beginning about Feb. 14;
- Ashley Boyer as long-term substitute for Angie Mellies, beginning Jan. 2; and
- Tristan Sprengeler as five-hour-a-day special education paraprofessional at High school, replacing Deb Rudy, who resigned.

- Approved child care leave request for Britta Aldrich, School Readiness preschool teacher for September through December 2013-14. She will resume teaching in January 2014.

- Accepted retirement of William Kittel as high school special education teacher at the end of this school year.

- Assigned Cassie Helbrecht as junior high gymnastics coach, replacing Lisa Eischens, who resigned, and Marielle Gatenby as JV softball coach, replacing Tom Lemke, who resigned.

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Civil fines

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Nies also noted that the civil fine was only \$75 for first-time offenders.

"It's set at that not so much to be a hardship, but as to send a message," said Nies. Nies also said that the County Board has issued similar civil fines in the past, and had set a precedent for doing so.

Mallak contended that the action was "unfair to a veterans' organization. We never knowingly do something like that." He added that the Legion instructs its employees to ask for identification of anyone who "doesn't look like they are over 30."

New 5th District Commissioner Jon Christensen voted against imposing the civil fines, but did not offer a reason for his vote.

No one from Cactus Jack's II appeared before the County Board, but Schultz said that business also dropped its application for a 2013 tobacco license.

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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.

Christmas tree removal is a pain

Would you believe I still have my Christmas tree up?

Yes, Jan. 15 and I am still coming home from work to an evergreen tree standing tall in my living room!

For being a short, Scotch Pine tree that I bought for \$9 from Menards, it still looks pretty good. Minus the piles of green needles on the wood floor beneath it.

I had high hopes of taking it down after Epiphany, but as with most of my plans, my schedule gets busy and I just can't find time to take care of it.

Last week, I did start taking off the ornaments, which was a more painful process than I thought. Did you know Scotch trees were so poky? Every ornament removed was accompanied with an "Ow!" as its stiff needles jabbed at the tops of my hands and fingers.

Why on earth did I put so many ornaments on the tree?

After the 23rd "ouch" and a two-hour call from my mom, I got distracted and moved on to more important things, like painting my fingernails.

My attention span is just so sad, I know.

Every day after that, it was my goal to work on getting the tree out of my apartment, but with the annual City Council meeting, business association meetings, ambulance meetings and interviews for the newspaper, I haven't been able to find the time.

So there my tree sits, with a few golden ornaments and two strings of lights still adorning it.

I am scared to even think how I am going to unwind those lights without getting hurt. I tucked them into the tree pretty good.

I will probably have to dig for my leather gardening gloves I used when working in

The Travel Section

By Alyssa Schauer



the Boundary Waters.

A bit much, do you think?

I set Friday as my deadline to finish taking out the tree. It's going to be an interesting week, seeing as I had a business meeting Tuesday and "American Idol" started Wednesday, and so those two evenings were out of the picture.

I don't have cable TV, a satellite dish, or even regular TV, because my rabbit-ear antennas cannot find a signal, so it was a treat being able to go to Grandma's and catch whatever was airing, whether it was "Wheel of Fortune" or the nine o'clock news.

"American Idol" wasn't something I really ever watched, but my brother, Nick, was living at my Grandma Alice's house at this time last year, and she loves "American Idol." So when the season started, Nick and I got into the habit of watching it with her.

Before I knew it, I was calling the 1-800 number 50 to 80 times every Tuesday night to vote for my favorite singer and anxious to get home from work on Wednesdays to see if they made it through the votes.

It got to the point where I penned those nights into my planner and scheduled meetings around Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

I loved those evenings at the farm, with Grandma and Nick — a big, home-cooked meal and a little bit of "American Idol."

The excitement and energy from cheering for our favorite contestants was contagious, and I felt a sense of camaraderie in the living room as Nick, Grandma and I discussed the talented singers.

This year will be a little different, as Nick moved back to Wisconsin, but you can bet I'll be at the farm with Grandma, cheering on the new batch of contestants.

But before I treat myself to those special evenings, I should make sure my Christmas tree is down soon.

After all, we are half way through January already. Pretty soon, I'll have to start decorating it with pink and red hearts and call it a "Valentine's Tree" if I don't get my act together.

Also, I wanted to remind all that the Silver Lake Business Expo is this weekend, and as part of the business association, I would love to see you all there!

We brought in the Phoenix Drumline this year for entertainment. They will be performing a few selections, and as always, the GFWC Women's Club will be serving a delicious meal, so come enjoy some good food, support local business, and enjoy the day!

If nothing else, come see me at the Silver Lake Leader booth and find out if my Christmas tree is still up or not.

I have a feeling it still might be standing.



Silver Lake Leader photo by Rich Glennie

Students of December

The December students of the month were honored at Glencoe-Silver Lake High School on Tuesday. They included, front row, from left, Samantha Dahlke, Mariah

Exsted, Alyson Winn, Patrick Fehrenbach and Chandler Swift. In the back are Jenna Haag, Emily Lawrence, Mitch Polzin, Wyatt Ackerson and Katelynn Kunkel.



Silver Lake Leader photo by Rich Glennie

December Pillars of Character

The December Pillars of Character award recipients were, front row, from left, Sloan Becker for responsibility; Eric Thalmann for respect; Brooke Kosek for caring; Alexis Wendlandt for citizenship; Ellie Forcier for respect; and Carissa Parpart for responsibility. In the back are Emily

Lawrence for responsibility; Jalen Metcalf for trustworthiness; Clarissa Ober for caring; Joe Fehrenbach for caring; John Seipel for responsibility; and Mackenzie Mrkvicka for responsibility. Missing was Shelby Clouse, honored for caring.

Letter to the Editor

Priority: To be a voice for rural Minnesota

To the Editor:

It was an honor and a privilege to take the oath of office on Tuesday and be sworn in for the second time to the Minnesota House of Representatives.

One of my highest priorities this session is to be a voice for rural Minnesota. Agriculture is such an important part of our local economies, and we must make sure that rural Minnesota is adequately represented in St. Paul.

One of the first motions of the 2013 legislative session was made by state Rep. Rod Hamilton, a rural Minnesota pork producer by trade, to adjust the committee structure to ensure fairness for Minnesota's agriculture community.

Speaker Paul Thissen, a Democrat from Minneapolis,

chose to combine the Agriculture Finance committee with the Environment Finance Committee. This is deeply concerning, as the Environment Finance Committee is chaired by a representative from Minneapolis, who has repeatedly voted against agriculture budget bills that enjoyed wide bipartisan support, and has voted for legislation that disproportionately favors metro cities and suburbs over Greater Minnesota.

I was proud to stand for rural Minnesota and vote to recombine the Agriculture Finance Committee with the Agriculture Policy Committee, and was disappointed that my DFL colleagues voted down the motion. I firmly believe that combining the two committees would strengthen the voice of rural Minnesota here

at the Capitol.

The current chair of the Agriculture Policy Committee is state Rep. Jeanne Poppe, a rural legislator who has served on past agriculture committees. She understands the issues and challenges facing the agriculture industry.

One in five jobs in Minnesota is related to the agriculture industry — it's imperative that we keep the best interests of rural Minnesota in mind this session, and that those interests are well represented.

I hope the DFL and Speaker Thissen will make the right choice, recombine the committees, and help to strengthen the voice of the greater agricultural community in St. Paul.

**Rep. Glenn Gruenhagen
R-Glencoe
Minnesota District 18B**

Silver Lake seniors met; reminder for 2013 dues

The Silver Lake Senior Citizens Club met on Monday, Jan. 14, at the Silver Lake Auditorium.

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

There were 28 members present and two guests: Patrick Morris and Gary Kaczmarek.

Members not in attendance are reminded that the 2013 dues are now due.

Cards were sent to Floyd Lhotka, LeRoy Penas, Elaine Hlavka and Bernie Kacz-

marek.

The lunch committee for the Feb. 11 meeting are LeRoy and Judy Penas and Mary Jaskowiak.

31 winners: Yvonne Urban and Mercedes Nowak.

500 winners: Mary Jaskowiak, Alice Paul, Adam Kasprzyk, Margie Mickolich, Sam Shimanski, Joanne Victorian, Roger Lhotka, Tony Victorian, Don Benz and Genny Lhotka.

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

ECFE family bowling night set for Jan. 19

Calling all family bowlers! It's time to register for Cosmic Bowling Family Night. ECFE is planning a trip to Lano Lanes on Saturday, Jan. 19, at 5:45 p.m.

Dance music and "starlight" will make this a bowling night to remember! Bumpers in the gutters will help make your child successful in hitting the pins.

If you or your child(ren) have not bowled, this is a great opportunity to give it a try with other novices; most kids just roll the ball between their legs. Families will bowl for up to two hours.

For registration information, call ECFE at 320-864-2681. All families must be registered to attend.

CRAYO seeks area musicians for spring

The Crow River Area Youth Orchestra is seeking area musicians for its second semester. There are two opportunities for musicians.

The Symphonic Orchestra is for string students and adults who feel comfortable reading at a more advanced level — end of Suzuki Book 3 on up and band students from an eighth-grade level on up.

Instruments desired for this group are violins, violas, cellos, string basses, flutes, clarinets, oboes, bassoons, saxophones, trumpets, French horns, trombones, baritones, tuba and percussion. The group is directed by Michael Zellert.

The Varsity Strings ensemble is for string students and adults who feel comfortable reading at a late beginning to early intermediate level — Suzuki books 1 through 3.

Instruments desired include

violins, violas, cellos and string bass. This group is directed by Rhonda Johnson.

Both groups will meet on Sunday afternoons at Hutchinson Middle School. The Varsity Strings will meet from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the choir room and the Symphonic Orchestra will meet from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the band room.

The first rehearsal for both will be Feb. 3. The concert is set for April 21.

For more information or to register, call Sherri Bridgen at 320-296-5704 or visit www.crayo.org. Those interested will be able to listen to the pieces selected for the concert on the website.

ECFE Plus! set to start this month

ECFE Plus! is a new option for children ages 3 to 5 years old who are toilet trained and ready for a school experience without mom or dad.

Beginning in late January, families attending another ECFE parent-child class may add a day of child-only school each week for the winter/spring session.

The child-only class will be held on Monday mornings from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. For registration or more information, call ECFE at 320-864-2681.

Thank You

Thank you to the Silver Lake Fire Ambulance and Firemen's Rescue Squad volunteers for their prompt response and their help. Great to have them in town.

Bernice Kaczmarek

Thank You

Thank you to all of my family, neighbors, relatives and friends. Thank you for the food, cards, flowers, plants and phone calls. Thank you for all of your thoughts and prayers. Words cannot express my sincerest and most heartfelt gratitude for you and your support while in my time of need. Again, thank you.

Suzie Monahan

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Church News

GRACE BIBLE CHURCH 300 Cleveland Ave., Silver Lake

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Sat., Jan. 19 — Men's Bible study, 7 a.m.; booth at Silver Lake Business Expo, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
Sun., Jan. 20 — "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.; all-church potluck; annual meeting, 1 p.m.

Mon., Jan. 21 — Silver Lake Ministerial "Tip Night" at Pizza Ranch, 4 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

Wed., Jan. 23 — Choir practice for Christian Unity Service, 6:30 p.m.; service of Christian Unity, 7:15 p.m.

Sat., Jan. 26 — Men's Bible study, 7 a.m.; women's Bible study, 9 a.m.

Sun., Jan. 27 — "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.; open shooting for Center-shot graduates, 11:45 a.m.; new session of Center-shot Archery Ministry begins, 1 p.m.
Dial-A-Bible Story, 320-327-2843.

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Thurs., Jan. 17 — Presbyterian Women Bible study, 2 p.m.

Sun., Jan. 20 — Worship service with fellowship after, 10 a.m.

Wed., Jan. 23 — Light supper, 5:30 p.m.; WOW classes, 6 p.m.; adult Bible study, 6 p.m.; choir practice, 7 p.m.

Sun., Jan. 27 — Annual meeting with potluck to follow, 10 a.m.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY

700 W. Main St.,
Silver Lake

Anthony Stubeda, Pastor

Fri., Jan. 18 — No Mass.

Sat., Jan. 19 — Mass, 6:30 p.m.

Sun., Jan. 20 — Mass, 8 a.m. and 8 p.m.; CCW coffee and rolls; KC server bowling at Hutch Bowl, 1 p.m.

Mon., Jan. 21 — Martin Luther King Jr. Day, parish office closed.

Tues., Jan. 22 — Mass, 8 a.m.; adoration, 8:30 a.m.-10 p.m.; quilting, 9 a.m.

Wed., Jan. 23 — Mass at Cokato Manor, 10 a.m.; first-through sixth-grade religious education classes, 5:30 p.m.; Mass, 6:30 p.m.; seventh- through 11th-grade religious education classes, 7:15 p.m.

Thurs., Jan. 24 — Mass at Cedar Crest, 10:30 a.m.; staff meeting, 1 p.m.; Area Pastoral Council, 7 p.m.

Fri., Jan. 25 — Mass, 8 a.m.; pro-life prayer service at St. Pius X, 7 p.m.

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Dr. Lee Allison, pastor

Sun., Jan. 20 — Worship, 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Wed., Jan. 23 — Family night activities, 6:30 p.m.

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Sun., Jan. 20 — Sunday school, 9 a.m.; worship, 10:15 a.m.

ST. PIUS X CHURCH

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Glencoe

Anthony Stubeda, Pastor

Thurs., Jan. 17 — No Mass; food shelf meeting, 9:30 a.m.; evangelization and catechesis

committee, 6:30 p.m.

Fri., Jan. 18 — No Mass, no Spanish Mass.

Sat., Jan. 19 — Reconciliation, 4 p.m.; Mass, 5 p.m.

Sun., Jan. 20 — Mass, 9:30 a.m.; Spanish Mass, 11:30 a.m.; Spanish religious education classes, 12:45 p.m.; Mass at Holy Family, Silver Lake, 8 p.m.

Mon., Jan. 21 — No Mass; school closed; parish offices closed; Region 6 CCW board meeting, St. Anthony, Watkins, 6 p.m.

Tues., Jan. 22 — Day of prayer for protection of unborn; no Mass; junior choir practice, 2:50 p.m.; Spanish adult catechesis, 7 p.m.

Wed., Jan. 23 — 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.

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Thurs., Jan. 17 — Senior high free lunch, 11 a.m.; worship team, 6 p.m.

Sun., Jan. 20 — Worship, 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.; Sunday school for all ages, 9 a.m.; Grief-share, 2 p.m.

Mon., Jan. 21 — Women's discipleship, 6:30 p.m.

Tues., Jan. 22 — Women's discipleship, 9 a.m.

Wed., Jan. 23 — 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., Jan. 24 — Senior high free lunch, 11 a.m.; worship team, 6 p.m.

BETHEL LUTHERAN

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Bethany Nelson, pastor

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Sat., Jan. 19 — Movie night, "Finding Nemo," 7 p.m.

Sun., Jan. 20 — Holy worship, 9 a.m.; annual meeting, 10:15 a.m.

Mon., Jan. 21 — Ladies' Bible study, 7 p.m.

Wed., Jan. 23 — Office hours, 3 p.m.; outreach meeting, 6 p.m.; confirmation, 7 p.m.; choir, 7 p.m.

Obituaries

Edward Nowak, 93, rural Silver Lake

A Mass of Christian Burial for Edward Joseph Nowak, 93, of rural Silver Lake, was held Monday, Jan. 14, at Holy Family Catholic Church in Silver Lake.



Edward Nowak

The Rev. Paul Schumacher officiated.

Mr. Nowak died Wednesday, Jan. 9, 2013.

Alice Nowak was the organist for the funeral Mass.

Pallbearers were Leo Nowak, George Chap, Brian Webb, Dale Jaskowiak, Barney Nowak and Daniel Nowak. Interment was in Holy Family Catholic Cemetery,

Silver Lake.

Mr. Nowak was born Sept. 9, 1919, in Hale Township, McLeod County, to John and Mary (Goranski) Nowak.

On Nov. 24, 1941, Mr. Nowak and Helen M. Jaskowiak were joined in holy marriage at St. Adalbert Catholic Church in Silver Lake. God blessed their marriage with two children.

Mr. Nowak engaged in dairy farming for many years in Hale Township and especially enjoyed the animals.

He also enjoyed having large gardens, listening to old-time music, fishing both in the summer and winter, and reading.

He belonged to Holy Family Catholic Church in Silver Lake and was a St. Adalbert cemetery trustee for 20 years.

Survivors include his wife, Helen M. Nowak; daughter, Janet Schiro of Cosmos; son, Wayne (Julie) Nowak of Silver Lake; three grandchildren, Adam and Arlene Nowak and Dean (Amanda) Schiro; two great-grandchildren, Erik and Megan Schiro; brothers, Art Nowak Sr. and Stanley (Mary Ann) Nowak, all of Silver Lake; a sister, Valeria Rozeski of Silver Lake; other relatives and friends.

Preceding him in death were his parents, John and Mary Nowak; sisters, Clara Kulinski and Angeline Kaczmarek; brother, Leo Nowak; and son-in-law, Fritz Schiro.

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

Maynard John Picha, 86, of Glencoe

Funeral services for Maynard John Picha, 86, of Glencoe, were held Wednesday, Jan. 16, at First Congregational United Church of Christ in Glencoe.



Maynard Picha

The Rev. Linzy Collins Jr. officiated.

Mr. Picha died Friday, Jan. 11, 2013, at Glencoe Regional Health Services.

The organist was Lon Roach and the Rev. Collins sang "Old Rugged Cross," "In the Garden" and "Softly and Tenderly." The congregational hymns were "Rock of Ages" and "What a Friend We Have in Jesus."

Honorary pallbearers were Katie Payne, Nathan Fleck, Markus Fleck, Matthew Fleck, Devin Fleck, Di Fleck and Victoria Fleck. Active pallbearers were Wayne Exsted, Scott Exsted, Ed Ide, John Vacek, Carey Alsleben and Brad Payne. Interment was at the Glencoe City Cemetery.

Mr. Picha was born May 2,

1926, in Glencoe, to John and Christina (Uhlis) Picha. He was baptized in 1926 by the Rev. Viehe and confirmed in 1940 by the Rev. Dalrymple. He received his education at Country School District 65 and graduated from Glencoe High School in 1944.

On June 15, 1952, Mr. Picha was united in marriage to Charmaine Exsted at First Congregational United Church of Christ in Glencoe. They were married for 60 years, six months and 27 days. Their marriage was blessed by their daughter LuAnn in 1955.

Mr. Picha resided at his farm three miles outside of Glencoe, where he and his family farmed all their lives.

Mr. Picha was a farmer, born and raised. He spent his life taking care of his land and his flock, both the livestock and the human kind. He loved to talk to people. He was a listener, a storyteller and a jokester.

Mr. Picha liked John Deere tractors, talking shop with the guys, heading to town to Lindy's, Bump's, Burger King and Menards, and having any-one stop by for coffee.

Mr. Picha also played the

accordion, square danced and enjoyed local Indian history. He was an avid reader in the winter. He loved spending time with his family and grandkids.

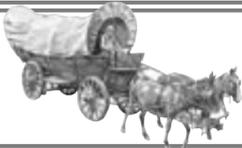
Survivors include his wife, Charmaine Picha of Glencoe; daughter, LuAnn (Greg) Fleck of Glencoe; grandchildren, Katie (Brad) Payne of Eau Claire, Wis., Matthew Fleck of Glencoe, Nathan (Victoria) Fleck of Hutchinson, Devin Fleck of Glencoe, Markus Fleck of Glencoe and Di Fleck of Glencoe; great-grandchild, Collin Fleck; siblings, Dorothy Picha of Glencoe, Eunice (Leland) Fairbanks of Tempe, Ariz., Erwin Picha of Glencoe, and Lorraine Hanson of Fridley; nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends.

Preceding him in death were his parents, John and Christina Picha; grandson, Jason Fleck; sister, Marion Picha; and brother-in-law, Edgar Hanson.

Arrangements were by the Johnson-McBride Funeral Chapel of Glencoe. Online obituaries and guest book are available at www.hantge.com. Click on obituaries/guest book.

Down Memory Lane

Compiled by Margaret Benz



75 YEARS AGO - JAN. 22, 1938 — Silver Lake stores will be open Wednesday and Saturday nights. This will include general merchandise stores and the hardware stores.

This week John Navratil installed a new ice cream freezer which will enable him to make fresh ice cream daily. His new Ice Cream Parlor will open for business on Saturday, Jan. 22. Free ice cream cones will be given with each 5¢ chocolate malted milk purchased. A pint of flavored ice cream is 15¢ and a quart is 30¢. Vanilla ice cream is 13¢ and 25¢.

Northern States Power Co. has reduced its residential electric rates for this community. The reduction will take effect on all bills rendered on and after Jan. 25. The new rate eliminates the 30-cent monthly service charge and the room rate basis for calculating bills. In place of the old rate, there is substituted a single block rate.

In a series of recent automobile accidents involving Silver Lake persons, one man, Joseph Yurek, 72, was killed and five others injured. Mr. Yurek was fatally injured last Friday afternoon when his auto ran off the road and into the county ditch near the Anton Zrust home in Hale Township. He died Saturday at the Hutchinson Hospital. Funeral services were held on Wednesday morning, Jan. 19, from the St. Adalbert's Church. Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Ellis and daughters were injured when their auto went out of control on the icy road and crashed into a tree at the Harold Kasper farm. Martin Sowinski, former Hale Township farmer and now living in Minneapolis, was injured in that city Saturday evening, Jan. 8, when the car in which he, his wife, and a friend were riding in was struck by a train.

Anna Hornicek became the bride of Carl Hanson on Saturday afternoon at one o'clock, Jan. 15, at the Basilica of St. Mary parsonage in Minneapolis.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Amos Chalupsky on Jan. 15.

50 YEARS AGO - JAN. 17, 1963 — The Silver Lake Fire Department is sponsoring its

annual Stag Party on Friday, Jan. 18, at the Silver Lake Auditorium.

The Silver Lake Fire Department responded to two alarms for the quenching of chimney fires recently. The first was at the Arthur Konerza home in Rich Valley Township on Thursday evening and Friday night the department made a run to the Henry Wosmek farm in Rich Valley Township.

The Men's Recreation Club of St. Joseph Church is sponsoring its annual party on Sunday, Jan. 20, in the church hall.

The 50-acre farm known as the Josephine Miska farm near District 69 School, is for sale at \$200 per acre or for rent at \$15 per acre.

Ruzicka's Super Market is holding its fifth anniversary sale on Friday and Saturday, Jan. 18-19, with free coffee and donuts served all day Saturday. Some of the specials include: No. 2 can Wilderness cherry pie mix, 25¢; sugar free Bubble Up, large bottles, 6 pack 59¢ plus deposit; Country Fair ice cream, 1/2 gal. 59¢; Crestpak mixed nuts, 32 oz. can 59¢; Royalty House peanut butter, 3 lb. jar 98¢; Mrs. Tucker's shortening, 3 lb. can 69¢; Kleenex tissue, 600 count 39¢; smoked hams, 49¢ lb.; Red Rome or winesap apples, 4 lb. bag 59¢; Miracle Whip salad dressing, quart jar 55¢.

25 YEARS AGO - JAN. 21, 1988 — An open forum Silver Lake Public School Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 27, in the multi-purpose room regarding the school district reorganization.

The Silver Lake Public School will host a teacher/principal from the Peoples Republic of China on Jan. 18-21.

Mrs. William Kucera, 87, passed away Saturday, Jan. 9, at her home in Hutchinson. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, Jan. 13, from the St. Anastasia Church in Hutchinson.

George Pishney, 82, passed away on Thursday, Jan. 14, at th Methodist Hospital, St. Louis Park. Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 19, from the Shalom Baptist Church, Hutchinson.

Swan Lake aeration to begin in January

An aeration system, creating open water and thin ice, is tentatively set to begin in January 2013, weather permitting.

The system will be on Swan

Lake in McLeod County, Township 117, Range 28, Sections 28-31.

Weather conditions may cause the area of thin ice and

open water to fluctuate greatly. Stay clear of marked areas, and watch for future notices.

Births

Hutchinson Community Hospital

Hannah Kay Palm born Dec. 15, 2012, to Trent and Cynthia Palm of Hutchinson.

Korrah Lynn Ecklund born Dec. 31, 2012, to Patrick and Jessica Ecklund of Hutchinson.

Cody Michael Strey born Jan. 6, 2013, to David and Tara (Loomis) Strey of Hutchinson.

Glencoe Regional Health Services

Jordyn Marie Dettman born Dec. 20, 2012, to Daniel and Ann Dettman of Hutchinson.

Hailey Marae Harris born Jan. 2, 2013, to Sara Miller and Nathaniel Harris of Hutchinson.



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GSL girls, boys sweep NYA

By Lee Ostrom
Sports Editor

Senior 6-foot-5 big Trenton Draeger scored 16 points, including six in an 11-2 Glencoe-Silver Lake surge that fattened a 29-23 bulge to 40-25, and the Panthers went on to crush Norwood Young America, 66-46, last Saturday. The result completed a GSL sweep of guest NYA varsity teams.

Earlier, Clarissa Ober charted a 25-point, 21-rebound double-double, including all 11 points in a GSL girls' run that turned a 45-45 tie into a 56-45 Panther lead — and ultimately a 73-64 victory.

GSL's girls, who also scored in the 70s in a 13-tally triumph at Mound-Westonka on Jan. 11, now have won five of six after a 0-6 start.

"We just keep going at getting better," said Ober, whose 838 career rebounds rank second to Carolyn Busse's total (842) at GSL. Ober also ranks second in career points with her 1,227. Leader Brittany Thiesfeld graduated with 1,446.

The Panther girls are on the road for a pair of Wright County Conference clashes this week. After that, they will be home for three in a row, starting Jan. 22 with Litchfield.

GSL's boys led by as many as 23 points while handing NYA's boys only their second loss. The Raiders arrived in Glencoe sporting a 9-1 mark.

The Panthers, who play host to Orono on Friday evening, took an 8-4 overall mark into last night's WCC meeting with New London-Spicer. GSL is 3-1 in games involving Section 5 (Class AA) opponents and 3-2 in games involving WCC rivals.

A look at each GSL team's most recent victory:

Girls 73, NYA 64

The Panthers grew a three-point halftime lead to 42-34 on Maddie Monahan's trey from

out of a corner; then back-to-back deuces by Kelly Beneke and Samantha Lange.

But over the years, NYA teams coached by Gary Lembecke never surrender easily. His current team is no exception.

Behind two free throws and two triples by senior Lexi Erpenbach, the Raiders fought back and caught GSL at 45 points apiece.

That's when Ober took over. At work in the attack zone, the future South Dakota State University Jackrabbit started her own 11-0 run by reaching high to collect an in-bounding lob, which she neatly converted into two points.

After an NYA turnover, Ober filled a trailer's lane on the GSL fast break. Receiving a throw-back pass, she got all net while swishing a three-point field goal. With 11:51 remaining, the Panthers were up, 50-45.

It became 53-45 when Ober followed up her own missed shot with a put-back that also drew a foul — and with the free throw, a traditional three-point possession.

After a miss by Erpenbach, Ober again found open shooting space from beyond the arc, and knocked down yet another triple.

With 9:41 to go, GSL led 56-45.

The Raiders got back within seven, but then Monahan, GSL's dandy eighth-grader, applied the finishing blows. The young guard shined, tallying a triple, a floater at the end of a lane drive and a free throw during an 8-0 surge that pushed the Panthers ahead 66-51.

Monahan narrowly missed a double-double of her own, finishing with 15 points and nine assists.

Erpenbach and Ober wound up with 25 points apiece; Steph Klockmann added 19 for GSL.



GSL guard Greg Ober attacks the NYA 46 romp last Saturday in Glencoe. Central defense during the Panthers' 66-

Silver Lake Leader photo by Rich Glennie

Boys 66, NYA 46

After closing to within six of GSL on Tom Messner's fast-break lay-in, the visiting Raiders came away empty on their last four possessions of the first half.

At the other end, Draeger made a polished move after collecting an offensive rebound, and cashed it in for two points.

The Panthers got a second look on their next trip, too. This

time, the ball traveled out to the perimeter, where top scorer Ethan Maass (31 points in a 74-60 win Jan. 8 at Dassel-Cokato) drilled a triple.

Halftime score: GSL 34, NYA 23.

After the break, NYA continued to struggle (1-for-4, two turnovers with its first five possessions), while GSL pressed its inside game.

A close-to-the-hoop basket by Reed Dunbar and two more

by Draeger — the last a slick finish with his opposite (left) hand — shoved GSL's lead out to 40-25.

At 47-31, Brandon Ebert — another of the Panthers' senior bigs — turned a nifty feed from Draeger into an old-fashioned three-point play — two, plus one free throw.

Four points in consecutive possessions by sophomore guard Keaton Anderson made it 54-33.

Panthers are Zimmerman champs

By Kevin Simonson
Special to The Leader

After winning three of four dual meets last week, the GSL/LP wrestlers headed north to Zimmerman for a nine-team individual tournament Saturday. The Panthers, third a year ago behind Grand Rapids and Rockford, were on a mission this year to be crowned team champions. They were not to be denied.

Similar to the previous week at Ogilvie, the Panthers were the only team to fill all 14 weights. Everyone contributed to the team title by winning at least one match and placing in among the top six of his weight class. By the time the final round started, the team title was already in hand. The only thing unknown was the final point total and margin of victory.

Eight Panthers advanced to championship matches, but only three were able to achieve the top step on the podium.

Winning titles for GSL/LP were Jacob Jewett (106), Michael Donnay (120) and Mitchell Hartwig (152).

Jewett, the top seed at 106, received a bye in the quarterfinals. He won by technical fall (18-2) in the semifinals and by a fall (51 seconds) in the finals.

"I had a good warmup prior to the title match and was mentally prepared," remarked Jewett.

Teammate Kyle Polzin had high praise for Jewett as well.

"I thought Jewett's quick pin in the championship showed how dominant he truly is at 106," Polzin said.

Earlier in the week, Jewett knocked off Austin Anderly of LeSueur-Henderson 8-2. Anderly was ranked No. 1 at 106

in Class A. Later that night he beat Jackson Sweeney from Watertown-Mayer 4-2. Sweeney had been ranked in the top 10 at 106 in Class AA and defeated Jewett last year in the section semifinals.

Donnay, the top seed at 120 pounds, won by fall at 1:28 of his quarterfinal, scored a 10-0 decision in the semifinals and hung on for a 2-1 win in the finals — over David Brenden from Grand Rapids. Brenden scored an escape in the second period and Donnay put a reversal in his line in the third period for the only scoring in the match.

"It was a tough match," Donnay said. "He shut down my outside single and he was stronger than I thought."

At 152, Hartwig won his first two matches by fall; then met top-seeded Sam McPhail of Pine Island in the finals. McPhail entered the match 18-1 and is currently ranked fourth at 160 in Class A.

After a scoreless first period, Hartwig won the flip and picked the down position for the second period. He quickly escaped to take a 1-0 lead. McPhail picked the down position to start the third, but Hartwig totally controlled the period and came close to earning near-fall points.

Finishing in second place for GSL/LP were Aaron Donnay (113), Brandon Richter (126), Nate Tesch (138), Dalton Clouse (195) and Chris Lemke (285).

Aaron Donnay finished 1-1 for the day, as did Lemke. Each won by fall in the semifinals. Richter, Tesch and Clouse went 2-1 on the day.

Third-place finishers were Nick Brelje (160), Tristian Weber (170) and Ray Eberhard

(220). Weber was 3-1 on the day and Brelje and Eberhard each finished 2-1.

Eighth-grader Dalton Kosek finished 2-2 and placed fourth. Both of his losses came to the same wrestler. Martin Lezama finished fourth at 182.

The final place winner for the Panthers was Kyle Polzin at 132. He finished 1-3 for sixth place. His two losses in the wrestlebacks were 4-2 in overtime and 9-5.

Final team totals from Zimmerman's tournament:

1.Panthers 226.5; 2.Grand Rapids 172.5; 3.Pine Island 157; 4.Princeton 151; 5.(tie) East Ridge 94 and Zimmerman 94; 7.Rogers 64; 8.Rockford 48; 9.Cooper 45.



Panther 11th-grader John Williams has Delano 170-pounder Gunnar Bergstrom rocking in a cradle during last Thursday's WCC wrestling action in Glencoe. Williams eventually got the pin 48 seconds into the second period. With wins over Delano and Orono, the GSL/LP wrestlers improved their record in Wright County Conference duals to 5-3.

Silver Lake Leader photo by Lee Ostrom

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.....7:30
19....at Faribault.....7:30
22....at Litchfield.....7:30
25....at Hutchinson.....7:30
29....at Annandale.....7:30

February

01....HF Catholic.....7:30
08....Dassel-Cokato.....7:30
09....Mound-Wtka.....7:30
11....at Sibley East.....7:30
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.....7:30
22....Litchfield.....7:30
25....Hutchinson.....7:30
29....Annandale.....7:30

February

01....at HF Catholic.....7:30
05....Spectrum.....7:30
07....at Dassel-Cokato...7:30
09....Mound-Wtka.....6:00
12....N.London-Sp.....7:30
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.....6:00
19....GSL Invite.....noon
24....Delano.....6:00
26....at Northfield Inv.....10:30

February

01....Mound-Wtka.....6:00
06....at NL-Spicer.....6:00
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.....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.....10:00
22....St.Peter (at LP).....6:00
24....GSL 2D (with Mound-Wtka, Hutch).....6:00
25....at N. Prague 2D.....5:00
31....at HLWW.....6:30

February

01....WCC: at Delano.....3:30
08....at MW Invite.....5:00
09....at DC Invite.....10:00
Section 2(AA) Tourney
14....Teams, 1st rounds...TBA
22-23..Indys, at Waconia..TBA

SL KCs free-throw contest set Jan. 27

The Silver Lake Knights of Columbus Mother Cabrini Council No. 1841 is sponsoring a free-throw contest for boys and girls ages 10-14 as of Jan. 1, 2013.

The contest will be held Sunday, Jan. 27, at 1:30 p.m., at Lakeside Elementary School in Silver Lake.

Entrants may compete in only one local competition. Parents must sign an authorization form verifying birth-date.

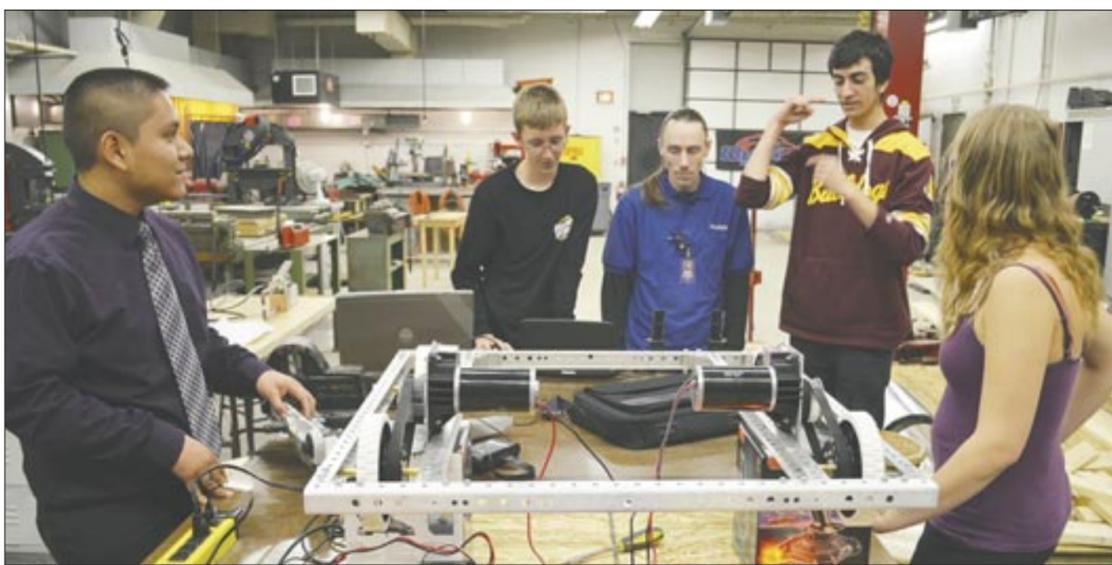
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ners progressing through local, district and state competitions. International champions are announced by the KC international headquarters based on scores from the state-level competitions.

All boys and girls 10 to 14 years old are eligible to participate and will compete in their respective age divisions.

Last year, more than 344,000 sharpshooters participated in over 4,700 local competitions.

For more information, please call Ray Bandas at 320-327-3115.



Silver Lake Leader photo by Rich Glennie

Students of the Glencoe-Silver Lake Robotics class set the frame work for their robot in the old shop area of the high school. They were working on the computer joy sticks that operate the robot. From left to right are Gustavo Villalobos, Chandler Swift, volunteer mentor Randy

Johnson, Mike Coughlin and Danielle Mathews. GSL's robotics team, made up of 15 students, has until Feb. 18 to design and make the robot operational leading up to regional competition in March. The robot needs to be able to toss a frisbee this year.

Weather Corner

By Jake Yurek



Temperatures will rebound a bit this week as a quiet weather pattern sets up over the upper Midwest. The cold pool of air that was stuck over us this weekend and early week will get pushed out by a warm surge associated with a couple weak disturbances.

Highs could inch up close to the freezing mark by Friday, but will only be short lived. As the disturbances move through Friday through Sunday, a fresh cold pool of air will be allowed to re-enter the picture.

The best chances for snow (after Tuesday into Wednesday) will be Friday into Saturday and again early Sunday. Neither chance will have much moisture to work with and both are aiming slightly to our north, so we might only see a few passing snow showers.

Behind the systems, cold air will slide back in, knocking temperatures down into the single digits for highs again Sunday. Some indications point to this being a stronger push of cold than the last one, but only time will tell.

The cold should hold on early next week, improving as we move through the week. Have a great week, all!

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Wednesday night — Lows 4-10; partly cloudy.

Thursday — Highs 19-25; lows 10-16; partly cloudy.

Friday — Highs 27-33; lows 10-16; clouds/snow shower.

Saturday — Highs 19-25; lows 0-6; partly cloudy.

Sunday — Highs 0 to 13; clouds/snow shower early.

Weather Quiz: What is it called when thin rainbows appear on both sides of the sun (typically in winter for us)?

Answer to last week's question: What were the top five weather stories for 2012 in Minnesota?

No. 5 was the non-winter of 2011-12; No. 4 was hot July (some areas recorded their hottest ever); No. 3 was drought of 2011-12 (we are still dealing with this one); No. 2 was northeast Minnesota flood (some areas around Duluth saw over 10 inches); and No. 1 was very warm March (earliest 80 degree reading for Minneapolis-St. Paul on March 17) helped lead to a very early growing season.

Remember: I make the forecast, not the weather!

By Rich Glennie Editor

If enthusiasm counts for anything, the new Glencoe-Silver Lake High School robotics program will be highly successful.

The first-ever program at GSL got off to a solid start last fall with 15 students, both male and female, in grades 9 to 12, signed up, and they have been working hard since October to get the start-up program up and running.

The addition of Mike Sundblad to the GSL High School staff this year was the motivation to add robotics competition to the extracurricular offerings at GSL.

Sundblad took over as the high school's industrial technology instructor after the retirement of Rick Corrick, and brought with him experience in robotics competition from his previous school in Albert Lea.

The program start-up costs are about \$6,500, and about \$5,000 there after. Sundblad told the GSL School Board in October that grants are often available for the first two years of the program.

Local contributions have helped fund the program, too, along with student activity fees. In December, the board received notice that Medtronics donated the \$6,500 to the program this year, and PRI Robotics chipped in another \$500. Since then, other contributors include Hutchinson Technologies Inc. of \$500 in tools, Tim Johnson, tools, and 3M donated \$500 in materials, Sundblad said.

By securing funding for the GSL "budget-neutral" program, Sundblad said that allowed meetings and safety instructions for students to begin in October, but the competition did not get under way until the materials for this year's contest were released on Jan. 5.

In pitching the program to the GSL School Board last fall, Sundblad said the program incorporates engineering, math, science and computer knowledge to accomplish the tasks needed to build and operate a robot.

This year's challenge to these young robotics enthusiasts is to construct a robot from the parts available. The robot needs to be able to throw a frisbee and also climb a pyramid.

Since Jan 5, the students and volunteers, including GSL staff members, have been working feverishly to meet the deadline of Feb. 18.

On Feb. 18, the project needs to be sealed and not touched again until the regional competition at the University of Minnesota on March 28-30. The top three teams from the region go on to state competition, and the top one from the state goes to the national competition in St. Louis, Mo.

One GSL team member, Danielle Mathews said she was not much into technology before she joined the robotics program, but, "honestly, I'm learning a lot more than I expected. I never thought I'd learn this much!" Mathews said the team has been working on the "trial-and-error method," and working as a team to figure things

out.

Since getting the materials for this year's contest, Mathews said the team works on the project every day after school, every Saturday and could work on Sundays, if needed, to meet the Feb. 18 deadline.

Mathews said she appreciates the school board's approval of the robotics program. "I'm learning a lot."

Fellow robotics team member Mike Coughlin, a senior, agrees. He has been working of the computer software for the robotic job sticks that operate the robot.

After high school, Coughlin said he wants to get into computer science and computer programming when he heads off to college.

The program for this year's contest "is a different language" and offers a good challenge, he said. The robotic designs and challenges change each year. Last year's competition had the robots shooting balls into baskets.

Coughlin said his brother is an electrical engineer and mentioned being in the high school robotics program will give him an edge in college.

Working on the two joy sticks needed to operate the

robot, Coughlin said each trigger operates differently, one goes counterclockwise and the other clockwise to make the robot turn.

"This is perfect for some of us," Coughlin said of the robotics program. It is a hands-on experience, including learning how to solder, among other skills, he added.

Sundblad said each team in the robotics contest "gets a tub of parts" with no specific instructions. Each team designs its own robot from the parts available.

After the six-week window to design and build the robot, the project is sealed, and the only things the teams can work on are things like the computer that runs the robot.

Sundblad said there are two regional competitions, one in Duluth and the other at the University of Minnesota's Mariucci Arena in March. The GSL team will attend the U of M regional along with about 60 other teams from around the area.

Sundblad said the regional is a three-day event with the first day for practice with the robots, and the other two days to compete to qualify.

He said the competition is three robots against three

other robots, and partner teams are picked to get down to the final eight.

The competition is different than other competitions, Sundblad said, because the teams help each other "while competing."

He said the competitors want "everyone's robot to work and be on the field," so they help each other solve problems. He said it is not unusual to see other teams helping solve problems for their competitors.

As a first-year program, Sundblad said he tried to keep expectations low, but the GSL students are not satisfied with low expectations, he said. "They have high expectations!"

Besides Mathews and Coughlin, also on the first-year robotics team are Sloan Becker, Jordan Bergemann, Ismael Calderon, Joe Fehrenbach, Patrick Fehrenbach, Samantha Johnson, Parker Kerslake, Madeline Kuehn, Kurtis Kunkel, Ashlyn Ratike, Gabe Schweikert, Shawn SeEVERS, Chandler Swift, Gustavo Villalobos and Ethan Wolff.



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Lions donation

The Silver Lake Lions donated money to the Silver Lake Senior Citizens Club. Above, Lions members Donald Benz, left, and Dan Tschimperle, right, present a check to Silver Lake Seniors Club member Tony Victorian.



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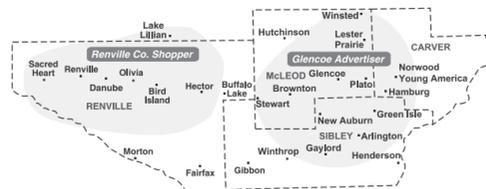
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All recipes submitted by Mary Ann Mallak

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Peppers
Mushrooms
Bacon bits
Desired spices
Eggs

Directions:

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2 eggs
2 tablespoons milk
2 tablespoons shredded cheese
Salt and pepper

Directions:

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Ice Cream In A Bag

Ingredients:
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4 cups ice
1/4 cup whole milk
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
2 tablespoons sugar

Directions:

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Responsibility retreat at GSL

Members of the Glencoe-Silver Lake National Honor Society, student government, student council and other school youth leaders held a Responsibility Retreat last Thursday morning in the high school media center. To start the morning, the students, above, participated in several warm-up events like "Paper, Scissors, Rock" and math exercises. They included Beth Bonilla, Gustavo Villabos and Kaitlyn Boesche. At the right are retreat leaders Eric Malmberg and Megan Kirsch of Youth Frontiers of the Twin Cities. The retreat challenges the youth leaders "to acknowledge and accept their ability to respond" in their school and to take a leadership role "in making your school a better place."



Court Administration working its way toward paperless offices

By Lori Copley Staff Writer

The Court Administration offices in McLeod and Sibley counties are working their way to being "paperless," the McLeod County Board heard at its Jan. 8 meeting.

Karen Messner, court administrator for both counties, which are part of Minnesota's 1st District courts, gave the County Board an update on activities in the Court Administration department.

Among the strides toward a paperless court system are "e-charging," "e-citations" and "e-appeals," said Messner. The "e" refers to electronic.

Local law enforcement agencies have been issuing e-citations for a few years, Messner said, but recently switched software programs, meaning more changes and training for everyone.

With e-citations, officers can issue a citation by swiping driver licenses through a bar code reader and printing out a citation. The citations also are forwarded to court administration.

For the past six months, Messner said, court administration has been working on

the "e-charging" of criminal complaints.

Rather than having to come in to the Court Administration office and file paper complaints, "criminal complaints will come through electronically," Messner said, being forwarded to prosecutors. The prosecutors will forward the complaints directly to judges, who will then determine if there is probably cause to proceed.

In the western half of the 1st District, which includes Scott, Carver, LeSueur, Sibley and McLeod counties, attorneys can now file electronic appeals to cases that have already been tried. The "e-appeals" went live on Nov. 19, Messner said. Eventually, all courts in the 1st District will be able to accept e-appeals, she said.

Along with those improvements, Messner said the Court Administration office continues to scan current paper documents so that they can be added to the electronic system.

Eventually, it all should be paperless.

And, along with that, will come several levels of security so that private documents can only be seen by those author-

ized to do so.

Messner also reported on a new program called "Early Neutral Evaluations," or "ENE" which will be a resource for parents who are divorcing and need to negotiate custodial issues.

Rather than going through the court system, those parents can work with evaluators, who could be counselors, therapists or financial consultants, to work out issues before the divorce is finalized by a judge.

There will be a fee, said Messner, but probably not as much as hiring an attorney to negotiate divorce settlements.

Other counties have implemented similar programs, Messner said.

"In some of those counties, it's been 18 months since they had a court trial regarding a divorce," said Messner.

Messner said that local attorney Jodi Winters had been instrumental in helping to develop a local ENE program.

An informational brochure regarding the new program is being developed, Messner said, and the service should be available soon.

People News

SMU announces fall honors

Saint Mary's University of Minnesota in Winona named several local students to its 2012 fall semester dean's list, including: **Hutchinson:** Carissa Hahn, daughter of Paul and Bonnie Hahn; **Lester Prairie:** Allison Christensen, daughter of Paul and Renee Christensen and Jessica Lukes, daughter of Frederick and Josephine Lukes; and **Winsted:** Cody Cuhel, son of Mark and Lisa Cuhel.

SCSU names fall dean's list

Saint Cloud State University named the following local students to its 2012 fall semester dean's list: **Cokato:** Noah Gosswiller, Amberlee Hancock, Stacy Janckila, Kayla Koivisto, Arianna Mattila, Morgan Niemela, Aimee Peterson, Aryn Peterson, Jack Raisanen, Kate Raisanen and Lacey Raisanen; **Dassel:** Ashley Burkhardt, Brianna Lindgren, Kelsey Nagel, Kelley Seifert, Kayla Sturm and Kate Tormanen; **Glencoe:** Kayla Eiden and Daniel Witte; **Hutchinson:** Amy Grundahl, Allyson Kirchhoff, Trevor Kopp, Alexander Ogren, Gena Rardin, Brianna Stamer, Lindsay Stassen, Lindsay Stibal and Lynn Wegner; **Lester Prairie:** Bethany Briggs and Brianna Briggs; **Plato:** Cole Scott; and **Winsted:** Nikola Alexander.

Menus

Jan. 21-25 Silver Lake Senior Nutrition Site

Monday — Turkey casserole, peas, tropical fruit, bread with margarine, bar, low-fat milk.

Tuesday — Chili, pear sauce, lettuce with dressing, crackers with margarine, sherbet, low-fat milk.

Wednesday — Baked chicken, baked potato, squash, bread with margarine, gelatin with fruit and topping, low-fat milk.

Thursday — Meatballs with gravy, mashed potatoes, beets, bread with margarine, fruit crisp, low-fat milk.

Friday — Crumb-topped fish, whole potatoes, Prince William vegetables, bread with margarine, pie, low-fat milk.

GSL Schools Elementary/Jr. High/Sr. High Breakfast

Monday — No school.

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 Puffs cereal and string cheese, apple wedges, low-fat milk. (Breakfast pizza at junior high and senior high.)

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.

Tuesday — Chicken nuggets,

brown-rice pilaf, deli combo sub, seasoned green beans, broccoli salad with raisins, petite banana, chilled applesauce.

Wednesday — French toast sticks with syrup, scrambled eggs, fun lunch of yogurt, American cheese and crackers, potato o'browns, celery sticks with dressing, kiwi wedge, chilled peaches.

Thursday — Herb-roasted chicken, dinner roll, ham-and-cheese sandwich on a whole-grain bun, mashed potatoes with gravy, baby carrots with dressing, orange wedges, chilled pears, apple crisp.

Friday — Macaroni and cheese, bread stick, turkey and cheese on whole-grain bread, seasoned carrots, caesar romaine salad with dressing, apple wedges, chilled mixed fruit.

High School Lunch

Monday — No school.

Tuesday — Mexican bar with beefy or chicken nachos, cheese-and-bean burrito, brown rice, southwest corn, black beans, sweet-corn salad, cucumbers with dressing, petite banana, chilled applesauce.

Wednesday — Macaroni and cheese, garlic bread stick, seasoned carrots, broccoli salad with raisins, red pepper strips with dressing, kiwi wedges, chilled peaches.

Thursday — Popcorn chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, seasoned corn, whole-grain dinner roll, chickpea salad, cauliflower with dressing, orange wedges, chilled pears.

Friday — Pasta bar with chicken-and-broccoli casserole, baked ziti, bread stick, steamed green beans, romaine salad with dressing, apple wedges, chilled mixed fruit.

Blizzard Blast set for Jan. 25

Allina Health Home Care Services (formerly known as ConnectCare) will have its 7th annual Blizzard Blast charity event Friday, Jan. 25, from 5 p.m. to 11:30 p.m., at the Glencoe City Center.

As in the past, the event will include dinner, live and silent auctions, raffles, wine tasting and live entertainment featuring Blurred Vision.

Tickets are \$30 per person and include dinner, the dance and a chance at a grand prize drawing of \$500. Second prize is \$200, and third prize is \$100. You do not need to be present to win.

Tickets can be bought in Glencoe at Glencoe Regional Health Services (GRHS), the Glencoe Chamber of Commerce, Coborn's and CareConnection Thrift Shop; and in Hutchinson at Hutchinson Health Care, Cash Wise Foods, and the Allina Health Home Care Services office.

For more information, call Allina Health at 1-800-454-8616, or visit www.allina-health.org/blizzardblast.

All proceeds from the event benefit local hospice services.

New ECFE classes set to begin

Early Childhood Family Education's (ECFE) Winter/Spring parent-child classes are starting the week of Jan. 28 through Feb. 1.

If you have been thinking about coming to a parent-child class with your infant, toddler, or preschool-aged child, there is still time to register.

ECFE classes are a great place to meet other families with children close in age to your children. There also is an opportunity to spend one-on-one time with your special little one without the distractions of home.

Each week there are group activities, songs, books, finger plays, art, and time to play. Give your child the gift of your full attention and time!

To see classes offered, refer to the Community Education catalog available at The Chronicle office, ECFE, the Panther Field house, or online at www.gsl.kqw.mn.us, click on COMM ED/ECFE.

For questions or class availability, call ECFE at 320-864-2681.

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