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Photo courtesy of Tyler Kaczmarek

Tyler Kaczmarek, 2007 graduate of Glencoe-Silver Lake High School, graduated from North Dakota State University with a degree in construction management, and has been employed with Mortenson

Construction for two years. He works as a field engineer, building and inspecting wind turbines around the United States. Above, crews work on building the foundation for a wind turbine.

Kaczmarek enjoys all the birdseye views of his job

By Alyssa Schauer
Staff Writer

It's not often you can find a job enjoying sunrises and sunsets from a bird's eye view, but Tyler Kaczmarek has found this to be one of the perks of being a field engineer.

Kaczmarek, 24, a graduate of Glencoe-Silver Lake High School in 2007, earned his bachelor's degree in construction management from North Dakota State University in the fall of 2011, and found a job with Mortenson Construction shortly after.

"I am a field engineer for the company. We build wind turbines all over the United States, and as a field engineer, my main job is quality control," Kaczmarek said.

He said his duties also entail document control, "and we are the eyes and ears of the office and in the field. We are liaisons from the office to the field and we solve problems," he said.

In his couple years as a field engineer, Kaczmarek has traveled to Spearville, Kan., Hunter, Okla., and Panhandle, Texas, for work.

"In Kansas, we built 63 turbines in about 20 weeks. I spent 20 weeks in Hunter, too, where we built 140 turbines," Kaczmarek said.

He currently has been residing in Panhandle since July, building 118 turbines for a project.

"We'll be starting another project of 179 turbines shortly," Kaczmarek said.

He added the length of time to build a turbine depends on the manufacturer. "On average, it takes about 400 hours per turbine," he said.

"I like my job a lot. It's not necessarily what I went to school for, but I'm still using management skills," Kaczmarek said.

He said a typical project is designed as a "block site."

"Our current project is 14 miles long by 7 miles wide," he said.

The construction crew is responsible for installing roads and digging "holes" for the turbines, installing rebar, electrical work, backfill foundation, wiring and cleaning of turbines.

As a field engineer, Kacz-

marek said his duties include lining up crews to do quality checks, climbing turbines multiple times a day for inspections, inspecting roads, making sure concrete is ready to pour and document management.

"We are also responsible for customer relations. We are constantly in contact with the customers, working with them and relaying information back to the construction crews.

"We call ourselves 'fire extinguishers,' because we are responsible for 'putting out the little fires' between customers and management staff. We are a direct point of contact for everybody," he said.

Kaczmarek said the landscape can be the biggest challenge when it comes to a project.

He said he has encountered building turbines near four-lane highways and railroads.

"On the railroad, we see nearly 70 trains a day, so you have to think about getting

Kaczmarek
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County Board approves latex-free policy for county-owned buildings

By Lori Copley
Staff Writer

McLeod County buildings will soon be latex-free.

The County Board adopted a latex-free policy at its Dec. 17 meeting as proposed by Emergency Services Director Kevin Mathews, who said he had been approached by a couple of employees who are allergic to latex.

The County Board did make one exception to the policy — during the month of August, when the Agricultural Association leases the fairgrounds for the county fair, the policy won't apply to fairgrounds buildings.

Commissioner Ron Shimanski asked several questions about the proposed policy.

First, Shimanski asked about latex paint.

"Are we going to have to repaint everything?" Shimanski asked.

Mathews said the concern about latex allergies had to do with airborne latex in a powder form, such as is found in balloons and latex gloves, not latex contained in liquids or solids. Those with allergies to latex suffer severe respiratory issues, Mathews said, when they breathe in the dust.

Shimanski also asked if the

county will prohibit balloons at graduation or anniversary parties, as some of those events are held at the fairgrounds.

Commissioner Sheldon Nies said that most floral and gift shops no longer offer latex balloons because of the allergy concern.

"Are we going to have someone there to police it? I don't think so," Nies said of anniversary and birthday parties. "This is more of an educational thing."

Mathews agreed, saying that initially, signs depicting the no-latex policy will be prominently displayed in buildings at first, but will gradually be removed as people become aware of the county's policy.

Mathews also said that the county has been using non-latex gloves in its medical emergency kits and for its custodial staff for several years.

In other business Dec. 17, the County Board:

- Heard that Roger Berggren of Environmental Services had surveyed committee members about the possibility of streamlining four committees into one.

Berggren said the four committees had 58 members, some of whom were on more than

one committee. And the four committees in question — regarding water quality, feedlots and septic systems — often had overlapping interests.

Berggren said he received 14 responses to the survey, and 11 of those were in favor of streamlining the four committees into one.

- Reviewed some of the vacancies and expiring terms on its committee lists; appointments will likely be made early in January.

- Approved spending \$6,658.75 for new epoxy on the floor of the Household Hazardous Waste and can redemption area in the Solid Waste facility in Hutchinson. The quote from Crow River Coatings of Hutchinson was the lower of two received.

- Reviewed and adopted its 2014 fee schedule with minor changes after a public hearing with no attendees.

- Set a workshop for Jan. 7 after its regular meeting at which it will discuss security needs at the North Complex, 4G wireless connectivity for iPads; and what County Administrator Pat Melvin called a "high-level" discussion on the future needs of McLeod County.

County Board sets 2014 salaries for elected officials

By Lori Copley
Staff Writer

The McLeod County Board of Commissioners approved salary increases for its elected officials — including the County Board — at its Tuesday, Dec. 17, meeting.

County Administrator Pat Melvin noted that the County Board is nearing settlement on one of its union contracts that will call for a 2 percent salary increase on the base scale, plus 20 cents per hour. That 2 percent plus 20 cents-per-hour proposed increase became the basis of the salary hikes approved for elected officials.

The 2 percent increase plus the 20 cents per hour is roughly the equivalent of a total in-

crease of 50 cents per hour.

"This way, everyone is treated the same," commented Board Chair Paul Wright.

Each County Board member will receive \$26,582 in 2014, as compared to the \$25,653 received in 2013.

A similar 2 percent increase, plus 20 cents per hour, was approved for the four other elected officials for the county.

County Attorney Mike Junge will receive \$101,455 in 2014, as compared to \$99,058 in 2013; Auditor-Treasurer Cindy Schultz, \$74,812 in 2014, as compared to \$72,937 in 2013; Sheriff Scott Rehmann, \$77,228 in 2014 as compared to \$75,306 in 2013; and Recorder Lynn Ette

Schrupp, \$67,880 in 2014 as compared to \$66,141 in 2013.

The per diem compensation for the commissioners stayed the same, at \$40 per half day and \$75 per full day, and mileage reimbursement stayed at 35 cents per mile.

Melvin noted that the county's reimbursement is less than the IRS allowable, but the county provides a fleet of vehicles for travel on county business, and the use of those vehicles is encouraged over the use of private vehicles.

Melvin said an analysis of the cost of running the county's fleet showed that 35 cents per mile is adequate reimbursement.

Trailblazer may have opportunity in Wright County

By Lori Copley
Staff Writer

Trailblazer Transit may have an opportunity to expand its service into Wright County.

The Joint Powers Board heard Dec. 16 that communities in Sherburne County are pulling out of the River Rider system as of July 2014, leaving Wright County communities with a need to restructure their public transit system.

"It's kind of left Wright County out there," said Sibley County Commissioner Bill Pinske, chair of the Trailblazer Joint Powers Board.

The question for the Board, Pinske said, is "do we want to extend our operating radius outside our two counties?"

Trailblazer Transit is the public transportation system for Sibley and McLeod counties. Bev Herfindahl, Region 8 project manager for transit for

the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT), told the Joint Powers Board that MnDOT feels Trailblazer Transit will be a good fit to provide service in Wright County.

Herfindahl said that while the communities in Sherburne and Wright counties shared a transit system, each county had a "distinct derivation" of service areas. The Sherburne communities are feeling they may be better served with a collaboration with the Community Action Agency in St. Cloud.

"We don't know what the Wright County communities are feeling; we haven't heard from them yet," said Herfindahl.

Herfindahl said MnDOT will visit with those communities after the first of the year.

But MnDOT knows one

thing for sure: it will not fund a single-county system for Wright County, as it is hoping to streamline public transit in the state with fewer systems.

Sibley County Commissioner Harold Pettis asked questions about how a partnership with Wright County would be governed.

"We're the little fish in the big bowl now," said Pettis of a venture with the more-populated Wright County. "We want to make sure we don't lose any service as a county."

"You won't be the little fish; you'll be an equal partner," said Herfindahl, who said she expects Trailblazer to be the lead agency on any co-operation with Wright County.

She also pointed out that the River Rider system was a collaboration of cities with Sherburne and Wright counties, and not a county-based

operation as is Trailblazer.

"It's a different potluck," said Herfindahl.

Herfindahl also said that she doesn't expect service levels in McLeod and Sibley counties to change.

"The last thing we want to do is reduce service," said Herfindahl.

Herfindahl noted that MnDOT had just received official notice of Sherburne's withdrawal from River Rider the day before the Trailblazer Joint Powers Board meeting, although MnDOT was aware of the pending change.

She added that a lot of details would have to be worked out before the dissolution of River Rider becomes official in July 2014.

"Six months is a blink of an eye," said Herfindahl. "And there's lots to be done."

And if Wright County is interested in working with

Trailblazer, most of the burden for managing the details of lining up service will fall on the shoulders of Trailblazer Director Gary Ludwig.

"This may take up Gary's entire job," said Herfindahl. "It may be like the effect that Gary walked out and took another job."

To that end, Herfindahl said it was important to get an operations manager on board, and that MnDOT may be willing to fund some of the transitional costs if Trailblazer took on service in Wright County.

Pinske said he has been assured by MnDOT that extending service to Wright County won't cost McLeod and Sibley counties any more money than what they already contribute to the system. In fact, their shares may be less, Pinske said.

Ludwig said that working

with Wright County would help with two issues: getting transportation service to residents and meeting MnDOT's transit regionalization goals.

"First of all, taking care of people is just the right thing to do," said Ludwig, "especially if we can do it at no extra costs to the counties. And we can do it."

"Second, regionalization has been on the table for the past year," Ludwig added. "This may be an opportunity to meet MnDOT's goal and still be in the driver's seat to protect what you've built here."

After a lengthy discussion, the Board voted to explore with MnDOT the possibility of extending service into Wright County.

Upcoming Events

Hutchinson Auxiliary to meet

The regular monthly meeting of the Hutchinson American Legion Auxiliary Unit 96 will be held Monday, Jan. 13, at 7 p.m., at the Hutchinson Legion Post 96. The executive board will meet at 6:15 p.m. The spaghetti supper will be held Jan. 9 from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. because of New Year's Day the previous week.

Senior dining birthday party

The January birthday party at the Silver Lake senior dining site is set for Wednesday, Jan. 16, at the Silver Lake Auditorium. The menu includes roast beef, mashed potatoes, carrots, dinner roll, margarine, pudding dessert and low-fat milk. Call manager Pearl Branden at 320-327-2621 or 320-327-2536.

Seniors to meet January 13

The Silver Lake Senior Citizens Club will meet Monday, Jan. 13, at 1 p.m., at the Silver Lake Auditorium. Bring dues.

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. If interested in participating, call Alyssa Schauer at 715-579-2154 or e-mail her at alyssa.schauer@gmail.com.

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 City Council Regular Meeting Monday, Jan. 6, 2014 6:30 p.m. Agenda

Call to order:

Approve agenda

New business:

1. Mayor's appointment of council liaisons to various city departments.
2. Resolution 14-01: A resolution designating the city's official newspaper, despositories and various appointments.
3. Application for on-sale wine and 3.2 beer at Molly's Cafe.

Archery ministry to begin at Grace Bible Church Jan. 5

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 ses-

sions 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. 5, from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Those interested in signing up or finding out more can contact Jim at 612-636-7214. Grace Bible Church is located in Silver Lake at 300 Cleveland St., next to the city water tower.

New Year's Open House at Cokato Museum Jan. 5

The Cokato Museum and Historical Society invites the public to its 14th-annual New Year's open house Sunday, Jan. 5, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., in the Centennial Room of the Cokato Public Library.

As a part of this open house, a demonstration of the Finnish custom of "melting tin" will be held.

Small pieces of tin are melted in an iron lathe then cast into a pail of cold water, where the tin forms unique

shapes.

Tradition holds that these shapes will foretell the upcoming year. Area residents familiar with this custom are especially encouraged to attend.

The event is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served.

For more information, call the museum at 320-286-2427, or visit www.cokato.mn.us or visit its Facebook page.



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crews safely across the tracks when trains are coming and going at 55 miles per hour," Kaczmarek said.

He said engineers also have to consider construction sequence and think about moving equipment to and from work sites.

"We have to think what would work best for the cranes. Cranes walk a mile in a lifetime, and we are walking that with them in a day," Kaczmarek said.

He said sometimes crews have to "break down" cranes to cross roads and tracks.

"That takes two days, and then it takes two days to put together. And before we use it, it needs to be inspected and tested," Kaczmarek said.

Kaczmarek said his days are often 16 hours long, and are "weather driven."

Kaczmarek also said he often has to climb the same wind turbine two to three times a day, checking for bolts, etc.

"The first time I climbed a turbine, I was exhausted. They are 80 meters high (262.5 feet). And I could feel the turbine sway. But after getting in shape, the climbs were much better.

"I learned to plan my climbs. I'd climb one turbine right away in the morning, so I could watch the sunrise. And I'd plan another climb in the evening, so I could watch

the sunset. It is a beautiful view, and I appreciate my job more and more," Kaczmarek said.

"Climbing turbines gives you a bird's eye view of the project. It's nice to see everything you've been working on," he added.

Kaczmarek said the job keeps him traveling, but he has enjoyed meeting new people and learning new things.

"When we were in Dodge City, I learned to two-step. And in Panhandle, the high school mascot is a panther, like at GSL. They even have the same school fight song.

"We get involved in the community a lot, helping with food drives and joining in charities. It's like a big family out there," Kaczmarek said.

He said Mortenson Construction also published a children's book titled, "Catching the Wind," in which he reads to elementary students.

"To give some perspective to students about the turbines, the book says that a turbine weighs about 30 elephants and is seven school buses tall," he said.

Kaczmarek said the book also teaches the children that turbines are built with a foundation like "an inverted 'T.'"

"I like my job a lot. It's been a good experience," he said.



Photo courtesy of Tyler Kaczmarek

Kaczmarek is employed as a field engineer for Mortenson Construction and is currently residing in Panhandle, Texas, where he is working on a project to build 179 wind turbines. Daily, Kaczmarek climbs the turbines for quality inspections.

Nominations sought for state FFA Hall of Fame

The Minnesota FFA Association is accepting nominations for the FFA Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame recognizes individuals who have been influential and supportive of Minnesota FFA and who have demonstrated a high level of service and longstanding commitment to agriculture, agribusiness, and/or education in agriculture.

The Minnesota FFA Hall of Fame was established as part of the organization's 75th anniversary celebration in 2004. One hundred sixty-two individuals have been inducted in the first 10 years.

"The Hall of Fame is an excellent opportunity to honor the men and women who, over the years, have demonstrated

leadership and commitment not only to the FFA but also to Minnesota's agricultural industry," said Steve Olson, co-chair of the hall of fame committee.

All nominations for the 2014 class of inductees must be submitted by Jan. 20. Anyone can submit a nomination, and candidates may be living or deceased.

Nominees should meet most, but not necessarily all, of the following criteria:

- Contributions and service the candidate has provided to agriculture/agribusiness, to education in agriculture and FFA.

Consideration should be given to longevity;

- Leadership to the candidate's profession, to agriculture/agribusiness, education in agriculture and to the FFA;

- Career accomplishments, honors and recognition;

- FFA leadership at the local, state and national levels;

- Leadership and support to other agricultural/agribusiness-related organizations and/or agencies;

- Responsibilities, leadership and/or services to non-agricultural groups and organizations;

- Participation and support of philanthropic endeavors;

- Service to and participation in activities which promote agriculture, agribusiness, citizenship, education and the FFA.

A selection committee consisting of a variety of FFA members, FFA alumni, hall of fame inductees and agricultural educators will make the final decision on who is inducted. An induction ceremony will take place at the 2014 FFA Convention in April.

Nominations can be submitted via an online nomination form at <http://z.umn.edu/mnffahofnom>. Please submit a photo of the nominee to mfalumni@gmail.com.

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3rd-grade Panther Paws

The December Panther Paws awards were announced at the all-school meeting Dec. 20 at Lakeside Elementary. In the front, from left to right are Grace Nemec, Brooke

Brown, Jaxin Anderson, Bryce Bruns and Melanie Zavala. In the back are Miguel Anderson, Sawyer Ardolf, Ellie Sonju, Emma Dostal and Christian Reyes.

Tracing Roots

By Ron Pulkrabek



Blacksmithing, the old-fashioned way

Author's Note: In 1974 several high school students from the St. Paul school system came to 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 met and interviewed Frank Vlcek, who is a Silver Lake blacksmith; this is Frank's life as he told us.

When did you come over here?

I was 10½ years old when we came from Vienna, Austria.

Why did you come here? It was so bad there so we had to come here. I had a lot of relatives over at McLeod County. There were lots of Bohemians over here. My father was a Bohemian.

Do you remember when you first came?

Nothing but woods here — few buildings — everywhere you went there were woods, but now everyone's taken the woods out. I don't know what they're going to do without trees!

Have you always been in the blacksmith business?

My dad was a blacksmith, and he taught me the trade. I worked with him.

Did you know you were going into blacksmithing?

I didn't know exactly, but when you work with your dad for about seven years, you're known already as a full-fledged blacksmith.

Do you like it? Oh, you have to like it. If you don't like it, you don't do

it. I've worked since I was 13 or 14 years old, and I am 75 years old now.

Did you shoe horses? Yes, lots of them.

Why did you stop? It's easier now to shoe horses; that time we had to fight with the horses. So it was hard work. It's hard work when you have a horse weighing 1,600 or 1,700 pounds, and he pushes you like this. Well, then, it's no good.

Have you always done blacksmithing by hand? Quite a lot more than now. Now I have drilling machines, an electric trip hammer and a blower which heats iron. We used to pound all the plow shares by hand. We have an emery stand which we had run by valve; now there's an overhead line shaft which is all run by power.

Repairing a plow share: Coal is put into the open-topped furnace affair; banked up with a small shovel and rake, to start the fire blazing; a blower keeps the fire going. The plow share is put into the fire and heated red-hot; then the flaky material is scraped from the plow share before putting it under the trip hammer so it can be stretched and made thinner.

When they dull up, I have to

hammer them out, heat them up, and plunge them into a cold barrel of water for tempering.

I used to make wagon wheels, buggy wheels and wagon boxes, but now I mainly do plow shears and welding with a torch.

Oh sure, I had a good business, even during the Depression when people were broke.

You know what I did? I put it on the books, then when I needed a chicken or piece of meat I went to the farmer, had it killed and changed the amount in the book.

I joined the Marines in 1924 — was in four years — served in California and Seattle, then 29 months of foreign service in Haiti and China, shoeing horses and doing guard duty.

In China I did some truck driving. My pay was \$21 a month.

Why did you come back to Silver Lake?

My father wanted me back. He was still blacksmithing; he wanted me back because he needed help. Oh my, I thought, it was a lot better near Silver Lake.

My dad had an old Star car with open side curtains. Yet we drove through the Dakotas and Montana on terrible roads, sand about six inches deep. If you stopped, the grasshoppers pretty near ate us up.

Correction: Last week's "Making Kolaches," should have read: Enjoy your kolaches while singing, (Cervene Vino, Bily Kolache), (Najime se, napi jem se), (To se dobre skace), etc.

the gym on Thursday and Friday evening, Jan. 2-3.

Starting on Wednesday, Jan. 8, the Leader will be printed on Wednesday with mailing on Thursday. This edition of the Leader contains New Year's greetings from local and area businesses.

Amos Chalupsky, Clayton Chalupsky and Frank Chalupsky are on the board of directors of the new St. Cloud Nursing Home, Inc.

The Joe Mickas have moved into their newly built home. The Edward Gersch family is now residing in their home in Silver Lake they purchased recently from V.L. Eischens.

The New Year's Day special at the Silver Hi Drive-in & Cafe is a goose dinner for \$1.25.

A daughter was born on Dec. 5 to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Malchow.

25 YEARS AGO - JAN. 5, 1989 — The Silver Lake Centennial Style Show Committee is in need of articles of clothing or jewelry from the early 1900s to the 1970s to be modeled at the style show in early spring.

Sunday evening, the Silver Lake Fire Department was called to the Craig Schultz farm in Rich Valley Township to extinguish a car fire.

Minnesota's minimum wage for agricultural employers has increased to \$3.65 per hour and overtime after 48 hours per week as of Jan. 1, 1989.

The Silver Lake Elevator now has a complete line of Tappen appliances at special introductory prices.

Robert Horstmann, 41, passed away at his rural Silver Lake home on Saturday, Dec. 31. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, Jan. 4, from the St. Joseph Church.

The Jeep is resurrected yet again

Sometimes I can be a complete idiot. This weekend was one of those times.

First of all, I locked myself out of my apartment on Thursday night and I don't have a spare key.

My landlord lives between Stewart and Hutchinson, and I wasn't going to call him at midnight to unlock my door, so I stayed at Grandma Alice's that night, and called him Friday morning to open my apartment while I was at work.

That same morning, I headed out to the Jeep to get it started for work. After it turned over and quit a few times, I turned the ignition once more and nothing.

No engine roaring, no sounds, no lights, no clicking noises, no nothing.

Dead silence. The usual wave of thoughts rushed through my brain — "Is the Jeep really dead this time?" "Is it the fuel pump again?" "Is my battery dead?" "Is it my alternator?" "Spark plugs?" "The starter?"

Because problems with the Jeep have become a trend, I've learned not to panic as quickly and so immediately, I called Grandma Genny for a ride to work, and then put a call in to my Uncle Jeff, a mechanic, for help.

That evening, after work, Grandma Genny and Grandpa Roger headed out to the farm for a lookover at the Jeep.

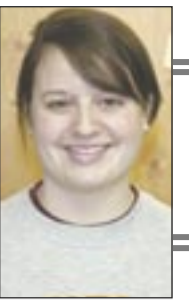
They found the battery was fully charged, and that once in awhile, the lights came back on, so then we thought maybe it was a short somewhere.

My brother pounded on the starter, but that didn't work either. My grandpa went to turn the key and found that my steering wheel is very wobbly, and we thought maybe something was loose in the ignition.

"You need a new vehicle, kid," Grandpa said to me, and Grandma said, "Looks like we're going car shopping." After calling my uncle again to update him on the situation,

The Travel Section

By Alyssa Schauer



he thought the same, "Looks like you're in the market for a new car."

I was devastated and burst into tears. New cars are not easy to shop for, nor are they cheap, and I wasn't ready to let go of that old friend.

Jeff wasn't able to come out until Sunday to check out the problem, and in my two days of no vehicle, I started writing a final column in my head about the Jeep, an obituary of sorts.

Then, after five minutes under the hood, Jeff found that I had a loose battery cable.

And that was it. "Seriously?! That's it? That's the problem?"

I looked at him aghast and felt like a total fool. I felt bad he took the time to come all the way to Silver Lake to tighten a dumb battery wire. Something I could have easily done.

But at the same time, it was a moment of relief and I praised the Lord that it was an inexpensive repair and that I could hold onto my old friend awhile longer.

The Jeep has become part of my livelihood, and I was so surprised to see a Christmas card in the mail this week addressed to "Alyssa Schauer & Jeep."

I had to laugh and was so thankful for the card and all of you reading this weekly column of nonsense.

And because the Jeep has been such a character, I've decided to do a short "year-in-review" with my 1989 friend.

The adventures began when I lost the Jeep at the Mall of America in October 2012, and

I'm not sure he's forgiven me yet for that embarrassing story.

In February, I experienced my first ride in a tow truck after the u-joint noisily busted through the transfer case and left me stranded on I-94 in Wisconsin.

In April of this year, I heard another huge *clunk* when the muffler fell off and the tailpipe twisted around my rear axle, getting caught in the undercarriage, leaving me to hitchhike outside Silver Lake on my way to grandma's.

In May, I found a flat tire on the Jeep and nearly blew a tire in June when I found the tread ripped from my rear wheel.

In August, the Jeep and I were busy. First, I lost my only set of Jeep keys and ransacked my vehicle and panicked for an hour or two before finding them in the grass at my best friend's place in Minneapolis.

Then the next week, the Jeep nearly broke down in Victoria, but was able to put-put into the nearest mechanic for a new fuel pump.

A week after, we were stranded on Highway 7 due to a faulty gas gauge that assured me I had half a tank of gas when, really, I was on empty.

And of course, we started the winter season in the ditch, early this December, but just a week later, the Jeep was a hero in jump-starting my friend's car.

I'm excited to see what 2014 has in store for us. I am hoping that we make it long enough to participate in the Pola-Czesky Days parade route.

I think the Jeep might like that.

KC free throw contest set at Lakeside

Silver Lake Knights of Columbus Mother Cabrini Council No. 1841 is sponsoring a free throw contest for boys and girls ages 9 to 14 as of Jan. 1, 2014.

The contest will be held on Sunday, Jan. 12, at 1:30 p.m., at Lakeside Elementary in Silver Lake. Registration is at 1 p.m.

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

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

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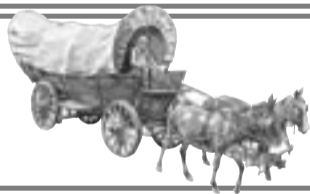
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Down Memory Lane

Compiled by Margaret Benz



75 YEARS AGO - JAN. 7, 1939 — Silver Lake's tax rate is up 2.81 mills over the 1937 rate. Last year's rate was 102.19 mills, and the rate for 1939 is 105 mills.

Jack Helmbrecht is holding a grand opening on Saturday, Jan. 7, of the Ruzicka Service Station under his management. The station was formerly operated by Albin Cuhel.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Citizens State Bank of Silver Lake for the election of board directors and transaction of business will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 11, in the banking rooms.

Ray's Bar, owned by Raymond Chalupsky, will hold a grand opening on Wednesday, Jan. 11, with free beer served from 9 p.m. to 10 p.m. Ray recently purchased the former Katz's Bar owned by Clarence Vorlicek.

Students at the Silver Lake Public School will return to their lessons on Monday after a holiday vacation of two weeks.

Henry Schultz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Schultz, holds a rather unique teaching position for rural school teachers as he teaches at District 16 in McLeod County and in District 39 of Sibley County, teaching in two counties at one time. The enrollment is about 40 pupils, which includes two sets of twins and one set of triplets.

On Tuesday, Dec. 27, Ethel Mazan was united in marriage to Clarence Holman.

50 YEARS AGO - JAN. 2, 1964 — The skating rink west of the creamery has been open for over a week and is in full operation.

The Silver Lake Sportsmen's Club has installed two air pumps in Silver Lake and two in Swan Lake.

Silver Lake High School will be host to a Boys Holiday Basketball Tournament played at

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Lives remembered in 2013

Donna Hartmann, 77, of Hutchinson
Born: March 5, 1935
Died: Jan. 5, 2013
 Donna enjoyed gardening and always had huge flower and vegetable gardens. She also loved sewing, knitting, painting and crafts.

Felix Leo Juncewski, 86, of Winsted
Born: March 8, 1926
Died: Jan. 7, 2013
 Felix lived and farmed in rural Silver Lake and had a trucking and sod business. After retirement, he continued to drive truck and work with his sons.

Edward Nowak, 93, rural Silver Lake
Born: Sept. 9, 1919
Died: Jan. 9, 2013
 Ed engaged in dairy farming for many years in Hale Township and enjoyed gardening, listening to old time music, fishing and reading.

Maynard John Picha, 86, of Glencoe
Born: May 2, 1926
Died: Jan. 11, 2013
 Mr. Picha was a farmer, and spent his life taking care of his flock, both the livestock and human kind. He also played accordion and enjoyed square dancing and local Indian history.

Eleanore A. Kucera, 87, of Silver Lake
Born: May 2, 1926
Died: Jan. 12, 2013
 Eleanore engaged in dairy farming for years and enjoyed baking, gardening, canning, making homemade soup and raising ducks and geese.

Donald F. Navratil, 80, of Silver Lake
Born: Nov. 25, 1932
Died: Jan. 17, 2013
 Don honorably served in the U.S. Army during the Korean conflict and was a member of Holy Family Church, where he volunteered at the school and church for many years.

Edna Sophie Anderle, 88, of Glencoe
Born: Dec. 17, 1924
Died: Jan. 24, 2013
 Mrs. Anderle enjoyed gardening fruits and vegetables and canning produce to provide for the family. She also enjoyed baking breads, kolaches, and apple strudels.

Adela A. Wendolek, 88, of Hutchinson
Born: Feb. 16, 1924
Died: Jan. 28, 2013
 Mrs. Wendolek enjoyed crocheting, ceramics and decorative bow making. She especially enjoyed time spent with grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Marilyn J. Hultman, 82, of Edina
Born: June 24, 1930
Died: Jan. 29, 2013
 Marilyn was a smart, strong-willed, independent and hard-working woman who loved visiting the Minnesota State Fair with her husband, Rick.

Monica M. Remer, 72, of Waverly
Born: Oct. 17, 1940
Died: Jan. 31, 2013
 Monica loved to spend time with family and friends and her dogs. She enjoyed fishing, planting flowers, gardening, and feeding the squirrels and birds.

Bernard Koktan Sr., 90, of Silver Lake
Born: Oct. 5, 1922

Died: Feb. 9, 2013
 Bernard enjoying farming, gardening, field work, and attending his four sons' sporting events, especially their football games. He avidly followed the Gophers, Vikings and Twins teams.

Stanley P. Klenicky, 81, of Silver Lake
Born: July 29, 1931
Died: Feb. 14, 2013
 Mr. Klenicky was engaged in dairy farming and enjoyed attending auctions, John Deere machinery, visiting with people, and he was fond of dogs.

Paul Floyd Fenske, 31, of Silver Lake
Born: Oct. 8, 1981
Died: Feb. 23, 2013
 Paul enjoyed boating, four-wheeling, snowmobiling, spending time with family and friends, ice fishing, yard work, taking trips with family and friends, playing basketball and building or fixing things.

Janet M. Olderness, 68, of Silver Lake
Born: Aug. 30, 1944
Died: Feb. 28, 2013
 Mrs. Olderness was a loving wife, mother and homemaker who taught in the metro area for many years. She enjoyed crocheting, playing cards and computer games.

Janet Alta Posusta, 81, of Glencoe
Born: April 6, 1931
Died: March 7, 2013
 Janet enjoyed fishing, playing bingo, puzzles and her flower garden, especially the irises, peonies and gladiolus. She was known for her beautiful water ball collection.

David W. Eberle, 42, of St. Cloud
Born: Jan. 31, 1971
Died: March 8, 2013
 Mr. Eberle made friends everywhere he went with his great sense of humor. He was a selfless person, doing anything for anyone. He enjoyed his custom motorcycle, guns, four-wheeling and tinkering with tools.

Douglas L. Jilek, 52, of Lester Prairie
Born: May 11, 1960
Died: March 15, 2013
 Mr. Jilek was an extremely active community member who promoted and supported many local community projects. He lived life to the fullest with no regrets and cherished times with family and many friends.

Raymond C. Yurek, 86, of Silver Lake
Born: March 23, 1926
Died: March 16, 2013
 Mr. Yurek enjoyed fishing, especially sunfish, hunting, especially deer hunting, snowmobiling, camping and traveling.

Helen C. Slanga, 90, of Silver Lake
Born: May 3, 1922
Died: March 17, 2013
 Helen was kind to everyone and willing to help. She never complained about things being tough. She was a good cook who liked gardening, birds, playing cards, games and dancing.

Mary Sobeslavsky, 90, of Silver Lake
Born: Sept. 22, 1922
Died: March 31, 2013
 Mrs. Sobeslavsky was born in Silver Lake to Wencel and Albina (Checkall Sobeslavsky.)

Cyril 'Cy' Navratil, 95, of Silver Lake
Born: Dec. 16, 1917
Died: April 20, 2013
 Cy enjoyed having morning coffee with his brother Gerald and buddies Eddie Wawrzyniak, Leslie Vasek and Ralph Piehl. He especially enjoyed time with family and friends and his brothers.

Luella Kaczmarek, 87, of Silver Lake
Born: Sept. 9, 1925
Died: April 28, 2013
 Luella enjoyed playing cards, baking kolaches, embroidering and gardening, visiting with friends, family and neighbors and especially playing cards with grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Stephen George Nemec, 68, of Fairfax
Born: Jan. 15, 1945
Died: May 11, 2013
 Stephen loved the outdoors, fishing, hunting elk, turkey, pheasant and deer, and especially being with his dog, "Coco."

Stephen L. Stifter, 62, of Winsted
Born: July 15, 1950
Died: May 16, 2013
 Stephen enjoyed fishing, hunting and camping. He loved playing dice and spending time with his grandchildren and his family. He built the home he and his wife, Ellen, shared.

Mary Jane Trutna, 71, of Battle Lake
Born: Jan. 16, 1942
Died: May 17, 2013
 Mary Jane enjoyed her family's lake home, doing yard work, watching for the loons to arrive each spring, fishing and commandeering the evening fish fry for her husband, children, grandchildren, and any family or friends visiting.

Mary Ellen Arneson, 75, of Winsted
Born: Sept. 19, 1937
Died: May 29, 2013
 Mary Ellen loved music, especially country music, visiting the sanctuary in Hutchinson, her coffee and spending time with her family, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Marilyn Ann Jurek, 80, of Silver Lake
Born: June 4, 1933
Died: June 11, 2013
 Marilyn enjoyed spending time with her family, gardening, traveling, cooking, camping near Villard and at The Village in Detroit Lakes for 40 years during the Fourth of July.

Irvin Anthony Noga, 77, of Belen, N.M.
Born: March, 5, 1936
Died: June 15, 2013
 Mr. Noga was born in Silver Lake, to John J. and Pauline Noga.

Dorothy F. Mifek, 99, of Silver Lake
Born: April 7, 1914
Died: June 25, 2013
 Dorothy was a very loving and giving person and a very hard worker. She especially enjoyed time with her family and sharing her life stories. She had a very positive attitude!

Hubert H. Haekenkamp, 73, rural Winsted
Born: Not available
Died: July 2, 2013
 Hubert was a lifelong farmer in Winsted Township,

giving his life to his farm, which was in his family for generations. He was a strong, proud family man.

Agnes Jurek, 89, of Massachusetts
Born: Not available
Died: July 12, 2013
 Mrs. Jurek and her husband, John, received the Presidential Award for volunteer service with the Veterans Administration, North Memorial Hospital and the American Cancer Society from President Bush in 2005.

Gertrude H. Noga, 76, of Glencoe
Born: July 14, 1937
Died: July 17, 2013
 Mrs. Noga enjoyed dancing, traveling, reading, crossword puzzles and taking pictures. She loved spending time with family and friends, attending fish fries with her husband, and following the Minnesota Twins.

Stanley A. Svoboda, 89, of Silver Lake
Born: Aug. 27, 1923
Died: July 30, 2013
 Stanley lived his entire life on the family farm. He was also a bartender at Pla-Mor Ballroom in Glencoe for 30 years. He loved all the animals they had on the farm and especially loved his family and spending time with his grandchildren.

Earl Gerhard Ehrke, 85, of Glencoe
Born: Dec. 21, 1927
Died: Aug. 17, 2013
 Mr. Ehrke raised dairy cattle, hogs and worked the land, providing everything that his family needed to lead an enjoyable life. He often went to a polka dance with his wife after the work was done.

Sharon Dahlheimer, 67, of Silver Lake
Born: April 9, 1946
Died: Aug. 18, 2013
 Sharon enjoyed spending quiet quality time with family, punctuated with the sounds of visiting grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Marietta Nowak, 84, of Silver Lake
Born: Feb. 12, 1929
Died: Aug. 21, 2013
 Marietta was a hard worker, devoted farm wife and homemaker. She enjoyed dancing, crossword puzzles, gardening and she loved to read. She was a strong and caring mother who always put others' needs before herself.

Charles Kolpek, 98, of Silver Lake
Born: May 26, 1915
Died: Aug. 28, 2013
 Mr. Kolpek played the bass with Svensys Band in Rochester, the Hovel Brothers Band in Mason City, the Moellers Accordion Band in Waterloo, Iowa, the Frank Eikenbush Band in Jordan, the Jerry Dostal Band in Silver Lake and the Wally Pikal Band in Hutchinson.

Elizabeth Pulkrabek, 87, of Hutchinson
Born: Aug. 16, 1926
Died: Sept. 17, 2013
 Ms. Pulkrabek was born to Wencil and Caroline (Wosmek) Pulkrabek.

Brenda Kay Trnka, 59, of Silver Lake
Born: April 1, 1954
Died: Sept. 18, 2013
 Brenda enjoyed camping with her family, tending to her flowers outside, decorating her

home and shopping. She was a loving and caring mother and a caregiver to her mother. She also enjoyed every chance she had to go with her husband on trucking trips, including the East Coast.

Adam G. Kasprzyk, 91, of Silver Lake
Born: Feb. 22, 1922
Died: Sept. 20, 2013
 Mr. Kasprzyk honorably served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He was also engaged in farming for 18 years, and was a former custodian at St. Adalbert Catholic Church and school.

Craig J. Wanous, 54, of Hutchinson
Born: June 23, 1959
Died: Sept. 20, 2013
 Craig was a smart and diligent farmer who also hauled grain for many years. He was a hard worker who loved his kids and grandchildren and was dedicated to helping others. He loved to play softball, hunt, and John Deere.

Viola Bebo, 96, of Hutchinson
Born: Aug. 26, 1917
Died: Sept. 21, 2013
 Viola was a homemaker and enjoyed embroidering dish towels, and she loved to celebrate everyone's birthday.

Dr. David John Willins, 65, of Silver Lake
Born: Dec. 29, 1947
Died: Sept. 29, 2013

Dr. William was born in Farnborough, Hampshire, England, and enjoyed traveling around the world for business and pleasure, playing the piano and downhill skiing. He also loved animals, especially his dog Jeanie.

Sister M. Aquin Svoboda, 97, of Mankato
Born: 1915
Died: Oct. 3, 2013
 Sister Aquin was born to Joseph and Ann (Moravec)

Svoboda and entered the School Sister of Notre Dame in 1933. She taught in several Catholic elementary and secondary schools until 1958, before becoming a religious education teacher and coordinator.

Rosemary Stifter, 72, of Winsted
Born: July 14, 1941
Died: Oct. 13, 2013
 Rosemary enjoyed gardening, especially flowers, shopping, card playing, visiting casinos, camping, fishing, travel, family history, cooking and entertaining family and friends, and attending sporting and school events of children and grandchildren.

Jay Alson Webb, 86, of Cokato
Born: April 23, 1927
Died: Oct. 15, 2013
 Mr. Webb enjoyed fishing, playing cards, spending time with family and friends, eating ice cream with the grandchildren and having coffee with the guys at Holt Truck Center.

Albin Lewandowski, 87, of Silver Lake
Born: April 18, 1926
Died: Nov. 1, 2013
 Albin enjoyed camping, threshing bees, antique tractor shows and he loved attending parades. He farmed for over 20 years and worked for Millerbernd Manufacturing during that time.

Marjorie A. Anderson, 88, of Glencoe
Born: Feb. 1, 1925
Died: Dec. 6, 2013
 Mrs. Anderson was selfless and could often be found giving to others, which was evident in the many years she volunteered by delivering Meals on Wheels and driving for McLeod County Social Services. She enjoyed cooking, gardening, making horseradish and homemade mints.

Church News

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<http://silverlakechurch.org>
 Sat., Jan. 4 — Men's Bible study, 7 a.m.; women's Bible study, 9 a.m.

Sun., Jan. 5 — "First Light" radio broadcast on KARP 106.9 FM, 7:30 a.m.; pre-service prayer time, 9:15 a.m.; worship with guest speaker Laszlo Govrik, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday school, 10:35 a.m.; Centershot Archery Ministry begins, 1 p.m.

Mon., Jan. 6 — Church board meeting, 7 p.m.

Wed., Jan. 8 — Confirmation, discipleship class, 6 p.m.; prayer time, 7 p.m.

Sat., Jan. 11 — Men's Bible study, 7 a.m.
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Office hours: Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
 Sun., Jan. 5 — Worship service with fellowship to follow, 10 a.m.

Wed., Jan. 8 — Presbyterian Women meeting, 1:30 p.m.; light supper, 5:30 p.m.; WOW classes, 6 p.m.; choir practice, 6:45 p.m.

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

Thurs., Jan. 2 — Rosary and communion service at Cedar Crest, 10:30 a.m.; CCW, 7 p.m.

Fri., Jan. 3 — Mass, 8 a.m.; first Friday communion calls.

Sat., Jan. 4 — St. Pius X, Holy Family youth group Bible study, noon; Katherine Henning-Tony Smith wedding, 2 p.m.; reconciliation, 5:30 p.m.; Mass, 6:30 p.m.

Sun., Jan. 5 — Masses, 8 a.m. (Rosary Society site as a body) and 8 p.m.

Mon., Jan. 6 — No Mass; KC 4th-degree meeting at St. Pius X, 7:30 p.m.

Tues., Jan. 7 — No Mass; eucharistic adoration 8:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.; quilting, 9 a.m.; Area Word at Holy Family, 7 p.m.

Wed., Jan. 8 — Mass, 5 p.m.; first- through 11th-grade parent and catechist conferences, 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.; no regular religious education classes.

Thurs., Jan. 9 — Rosary and communion service at Cedar Crest, 10:30 a.m.; area worship, 7 p.m.

Fri., Jan. 10 — No Mass.

With Greetings & Gratitude at the New Year

May the coming year bring many good times and much good fortune to you and yours. We're thankful for the many good times we've shared with you and hope to see you again next year!

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4th-grade Panther Paws

Panther Paw students for the month of December at were announced at the all-school meeting at Lakeside Elementary Dec. 20. In the front, from left to right, are Daniel Schulz, Tison Werner, Porter

Mikolichek, Alyssa Zellmann and Brooke Becker. In the back are Caroline Major, Samantha Yurek, Brenna Adams, Stephanie Garnica and Isabel Villarreal.



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6th-grade Panther Paws

Students receiving Panther Paws awards for the month of December were announced at the all-school meeting at Lakeside Elementary Dec. 20. Sixth-grade recipients include, in the front, from left to

right, Rylan Rosenlund, Will Higgins, Keaton Goettl, Gracie Dreier-Schultz and Justin Blackketter. In the back are Gia Venier, Taylor Hatlestad, Bennett Lepel, Paige Sturges and Alexa Alberts.



Submitted photo

Three generations of Lions

The Silver Lake Lions Club has many husbands and wives, brothers, daughters and cousins who are members, but not too often families of three generations. Charter member Dan Tschimperle, middle, sponsored his daughter Sandy Posusta, left, and granddaughter Rachael Posusta,

right, both of whom joined the club in December. The Posustas decided to join the Lions Club because they think of it as a "great organization." They also commented how fun the Lions' fundraisers are. Tschimperle has been a member since 1966.



Silver Lake Leader photo by Alyssa Schauer

5th-grade Panther Paws

On Dec. 20, Panther Paws awards for December were announced at Lakeside Elementary. The recipients from the fifth grade include, in the front, from left to right, Summer Hayes, Jada Llamas, Cade

Herrmann and Lillian Ehrke. In the back are David Bettcher, Elias Kuehn, Jacob Paul, Cordelia Armstrong and Devin Chalupsky. Missing was Michelle Ruiz.

Weather Corner

By Jake Yurek



We get a new year this week, so will the weather finally give us something different? The short answer is no. We are stuck in this pattern of very cold air filtering in from Canada with very brief warm-ups in between bouts.

The Canadian express continues as temperatures stay well below normal. Highs towards the end of the week may actually get into the teens and 20s by Saturday, but once again it will be short-lived as another cold front slams through the area.

There is a lot of disagreement about what will happen from Saturday on, though. It looks like the cold front should make it through our area and cool highs off back to single digits.

However, there will be a large storm that develops of our west and moves towards the central part of the country. Right now, models hint at it staying south, but a few are inching it towards us so this would keep us warmer.

The bad thing about that scenario would be a snowstorm on the northern edge that looks to be taking form late Sunday into Monday. There's no rhyme nor reason to what the models are doing from one run to the next right now, so the only thing I can do is mention it and then quickly punt on the extended forecast.

It'll be something to watch anyway, but until then I hope everyone has a great New Year's. Enjoy and be safe!
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Wednesday night — Lows -16 to -10; snow showers.
Thursday — Highs -5 to 1; lows -20 to -13.
Friday — Highs 11-17; lows 9-16; clouds/ breezy.
Saturday — Highs 20-26; lows -5 to 1; clouds/snow shower.
Sunday — Highs 0-25? clear/snow late?

Weather Quiz: What are some of January's weather extremes?

Answer to last week's question: **Why do lake-effect snow areas get the big snows we don't when extremely cold?** When the Great Lakes are still open and extremely cold air moves over long expanses of open water, it can actually pick up the moisture needed to create snow (lake-effect snow). Due to temperatures being so low, it also makes for very dry, fluffy snow which accumulates quickly.

Remember: I make the forecast, not the weather!



Our 30th annual Wedding Guide will be published January 26. This is a great opportunity to show all newly engaged couples in the Glencoe Advertiser circulation area just what you have to offer them. This section is handed out all year with our wedding and engagement information. Plus, any couple that has their announcement printed in the McLeod County Chronicle or Silver Lake Leader is eligible for a drawing for a pair of gift certificates for any business that advertises in this section!

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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The purpose of said hearing will be to consider a Conditional Use Permit and a variance application for property located at 204 Gehlen Dr. The Conditional Use Permit would be to

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2013 through the Leader's camera lens



The reconstruction of Grove Avenue was a lengthy process in Silver Lake for the year 2013. Crews began work on the road beginning in May, and finished most

work in November of this year. Final adjustments and tasks are set to be completed spring of 2014.



The first annual Bikes-n-Blues event was held this past August in the softball field near the pool in Silver Lake. The event was free and open to the public, and featured bands from Minneapolis, including Crankshaft, above.

Silver Lake Leader photos by Alyssa Schauer



The 2013-14 royalty were crowned during Pola-Czesky Days this past August. In the front are junior royalty, Mya Dahlheimer and Connor Sullivan. In the back are Silver Lake Ambassadors Claire Wraspir, Becca Green and Jamie Kosek.



Grandma's Closet costume shop changed hands and location this past year. Joan Paulson, previous owner, sold the business to Rhonda Kaczmarek

and Chris Brecht. The shop is located in the old Slanga Hardware/Ziemer building on Lake Avenue and Main Street.



Joe Kaczmarek closed the doors on his Main Street shop this March. He moved

all services, including tire repairs and oil changes to his Highway 7 location.



In June, the Municipal Liquor Store Manager Jerry Quast retired, and full-time bartender, Jon Jerabek (above), took over. Jerabek is hoping to bring a "re-

newed spirit to the bar." He is planning open mic nights, trivia evenings and beer and wine samplings.



Jolene and Dale Kosek were named the 2013-14 grand marshals for Pola-Czesky Days. The Koseks both grew up in the

Silver Lake area and have three children: Lindsay, 28, Kelli, 24, and Tyler, 22.