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Ella is 'blessing from God' the Kiesers want to share

By Alyssa Schauer
Staff Writer

“We have been blessed with this beautiful dog, and I want to share that blessing with everyone, especially those without pets,” Sue Kieser said of her 2-year-old golden retriever mix, Ella.

After six weeks of intense training, Ella passed the Therapy Dog International (TDI) state test and is now recognized as a “professional therapy dog.”

Kieser said training a therapy dog has been something she has always wanted to do. “The first golden retriever we owned was Tasha, and we had her when our children were younger. At that point, I had thought therapy dog training would be a good idea, but with the kids in sports and other family commitments, there was no time to do it.

“After the kids graduated high school, I thought about it again, but Tasha was 10 years old and therapy dog training consists of grueling classes. It would have been hard on her,” Kieser said.

She added that Tasha had passed away from old age, and she and her husband, Dan, waited a couple of years to own another dog.

“Dan surprised me with Ella. She is a golden retriever mix, and we got her from a private breeder in Hutchinson in 2010. We started training her as soon as we got her,” Kieser said.

In January 2011, the Kiesers started Ella in her first class.

“It was a beginner obedience class, and Ella graduated

from that at the end of February,” Kieser said. She said the class consists of basic obedience skills, including “heel, stay, sit and walking on a leash.

“It was kind of like kindergarten for dogs. The class is meant to get the dogs socializing,” Kieser said.

“Socializing is very important, especially if you are outgoing as a couple. Then your dog should be outgoing, too,” she added.

Kieser explained that in England, dogs are welcomed nearly everywhere. “It’s not so much like that in the United States and, unfortunately, that’s because most don’t take care of their dogs. Like poopy-scooping. I wish people would pick up the poop. Honestly, that ignorance makes us as dog owners look bad,” she said.

Ella took a second obedience class and graduated from that six-week course in May 2011, and in November 2012, she passed the state TDI test and became a registered therapy dog.

The TDI test was administered by the EZ Obedience Organization of Hutchinson, and TDI is a volunteer, non-profit organization for the purpose of visiting nursing homes, hospitals and other institutions where therapy dogs are needed.

“The biggest aspect of the TDI classes is crowd control,” Kieser said. She explained that as a therapy dog, of course, animals are around people. “We actually had a big crowd at the test site, and the people in the crowd had canes, walkers and wheelchairs,” she said.

Kieser said most therapy

dogs are used in nursing homes, assisted-living facilities, and other health care and in-home care businesses.

The skills tested in the TDI class include heeling, grooming, distractions, such as crowds, medical equipment, noises and food, as well as distractions with other dogs, “sits” and “downs,” allowing petting, and supervised separation.

Kieser added that dogs must be at least 1 year old to take the test.

“One of the most important skills taught is probably the ‘leave it’ command. You don’t want your dog picking up any food off of the floor, especially in medical environments. You never know if a pill could be lying on the floor. They are so small, you know, and if your dog is a vacuum cleaner, it could be deadly if they were to pick up a heart med,” Kieser said.

She said the instructors of the class were good and “very strict. We had to be trained as well as the dogs, and we have to be very strict with them. Ella seems to listen better to Dan than me, but I have a softer voice, so that’s probably why,” Kieser said.

Now that Ella is a registered TDI dog, she owns a yellow tag and scarf that identifies her as a therapy animal. Also, now registered as a therapy dog, Ella and Sue are invited to participate in group activities at group homes and care facilities.

“We’ve been to a boys’ home, several care facilities, and a group home in Cokato,” Kieser said.

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Silver Lake Leader photo by Alyssa Schauer

Ella, 2, pictured with owner Sue Kieser, recently completed the grueling six-week training courses for Therapy Dog International (TDI) and passed her test this last November.



Retiring commissioners honored

Two retiring McLeod County commissioners were given plaques Thursday morning following a reception prior to the County Board meeting. Above left, County Administrator Pat Melvin presented retiring Commissioner Bev Wangerin with a photograph of long-time fellow Commissioner Ray Bayerl, who also is retiring, so that she would



Silver Lake Leader photos by Lori Copley

remember the many years the two sat side by side at the commissioners’ dais. Above right, Commissioner Kermit Terlinden presented Bayerl with his plaque. Bayerl also received a framed photograph of Wangerin. Wangerin served 24 years on the board and Bayerl is a 22-year veteran.

County Board talks recycling, again

By Lori Copley
Staff Writer

McLeod County and city of Glencoe officials will meet soon to see if they can resolve the recycling issue, commissioners indicated to Glencoe resident Gary Ballard Thursday morning.

Ballard spoke during the public forum portion of the County Board’s meeting, asking for county representation at a city public hearing Monday on the issue, which is that the city intends to contract with Waste Management, Inc., to provide a one-sort recycling service to city residents, rather than use the county’s five-sort system.

The county recently signed a new contract with West Central Sanitation for its recycling service.

Commissioner Kermit Terlinden said that while the city has signed the Waste Management contract, it has not been signed by Waste Management. Terlinden also said he arranged the meeting between city and county officials.

Commissioner Sheldon Nies reiterated figures he had offered at an earlier meeting that showed the county could lose up to \$100,000 in revenue if the city of Glencoe goes its own way for recycling collection.

Nies said that when the

county signed the contract with West Central Sanitation, it included recycling services for all McLeod County communities, including Glencoe.

“We still have to honor that contract,” said Nies. “We have an obligation of paying them whether we pick it up (in Glencoe) or not.”

Nies said that the county will pay West Central about \$70,000 per year for the Glencoe portion of the contract, even if the county never picks up recycling in the city.

In addition, Nies contends, the county will lose another \$30,000 in revenue because the recycled products collected in Glencoe will not be taken to

the county’s material recycling facility, and, therefore, not available to be sold at market.

Nies called the \$30,000 figure a “soft” number that could change with market demands.

Ballard also asked if recycling had increased or decreased since the county switched to West Central Sanitation from Waste Management.

Commissioner Paul Wright said that in early weeks, recycling had increased 4-1/2 tons per week, and that there had been so many requests for recycling containers that the

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County Board sets \$1.2 million cap for new highway shed

By Lori Copley
Staff Writer

The McLeod County Board on Thursday set a not-to-exceed cost of \$1.2 million on a new highway shop that will serve the Silver Lake and Lester Prairie areas.

County Highway Engineer John Brunkhorst had appeared before the board asking for approval to contract with HCM Architects of Minneapolis “to prepare detailed plans and specifications for the proposed highway maintenance facility east of Silver Lake,” according to the agenda.

Brunkhorst said HCM had prepared initial conceptual layouts for the new building, which he said had an estimated cost of between \$1 million and \$2 million.

Commissioner Ray Bayerl warned against putting a general estimated cost in the contract.

“If you put in \$2 million, that’s what they’ll design for,” said Bayerl.

Commissioners Paul Wright and Sheldon Nies agreed.

If the architects come back with a design that the commissioners think costs “too much, then we have change orders, and that drives up the cost even more,” said Wright.

Nies said that he was aware of an earlier figure of about \$1.2 million for a pre-engineered steel building.

Both Bayerl and Nies cited

the Trailblazer Transit building as an example in which architects submitted designs with estimated costs that exceeded the proposed budget.

He suggested that the County Board set that figure as the not-to-exceed number for the building, and the Board voted on a motion to do that.

Brunkhorst said that typically, architects charge 7 percent to 9 percent of the total cost of the project, and asked for a not-to-exceed cost of \$100,000 for architectural fees.

Because the building is pre-engineered, Brunkhorst expects the actual fees to “be on the lower side.”

The next step, Nies indicated, is the “decision as to who will oversee the project.”

Fireworks

In other business, Gerald Bebo of rural Silver Lake appeared before the board to protest a planned pyrotechnics (fireworks) display set for Jan. 5 at a farm near Silver Lake.

The display is a practice session for Northern Lights Pyrotechnics.

Bebo said that previous sessions “shook the windows and set all the dogs barking.”

Bebo also said his wife is quite ill, and he will probably take her to a hotel to avoid the

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Upcoming Events

Lions meetings set tonight

The Silver Lake Lions Club will hold a directors' meeting Thursday, Jan. 3 (tonight), at 6:30 p.m., with the regular meeting to follow at 7 p.m. in the Legion Club rooms.

Hutchinson Auxiliary to meet

The regular monthly meeting of Hutchinson American Legion Auxiliary Unit 96 will be held Monday, Jan. 14, at 7 p.m., at the Hutchinson Legion Post 96. The executive board meeting will be at 6:15 p.m. Lunch servers are Darlene Gregor and Shirley Schloeder. Unit 96 will be holding its spaghetti supper on Feb. 7 because National Commander Jim Kontz will be at the Legion Post 96. For more information about the social hour and reservations for the 6 p.m. dinner, call 320-587-2665.

Seniors to meet Jan. 14

The Silver Lake Senior Citizens Club will hold its monthly meeting Monday, Jan. 14, at 1 p.m., in the Silver Lake Auditorium.

Senior dining birthday party

The January birthday party at the Silver Lake senior dining site will be Wednesday, Jan. 16. The menu includes meat loaf with catsup, whole parslid potatoes, country-blend vegetables, bread with margarine, and mandarin oranges. There will be bingo. Call Manager Pearl Branden to order a meal at 320-327-0621.

Business Expo set Jan. 19

Save the date! The Silver Lake Business Association is hosting the annual Silver Lake Business Expo on Saturday, Jan. 19, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. All businesses and organizations interested participating should contact Chris Kaczmarek at 320-510-1567 or Alyssa Schauer at 715-579-2154.

County administrator's job performance rated as 'very satisfactory'

By Lori Copley
Staff Writer

McLeod County Administrator Pat Melvin earned a 2.5 rating out of a possible 3.0 in a recent performance review.

The County Board met in closed session Dec. 18 for Melvin's annual review, and released a statement regarding the review at its Dec. 27 meeting.

"The overall rating was very satisfactory, scoring 2.5 out of a possible 3," the statement said.

"The areas that need improvement include saying 'no' more often to tasks not directly related to administration and skipping meetings and sessions where the attendance

of the county administrator is not necessary, and the time could be better spent on other more critical issues.

"The areas of excellence include reliability, initiative, collaboration and cooperation with others, the ability to work with others professionally, and customer service," the statement concluded.

Melvin has been with the county since November 2008.



Pat Melvin

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Oath of Office for re-elected members.

Call to order:

Approve agenda:

New Business:

1. Mayor's appointment of Council liaisons to various city departments.
2. Resolution 13-01: A resolution designating the city's official newspaper, depositories and various appointments.

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She shared one particular heartwarming story that made her realize the blessing of owning a therapy dog.

"Ella and I were invited to the Hutchinson Event Center in November, where adults with developmental disabilities were gathered for a special event to meet therapy dogs.

"We all introduced ourselves and our pets, did a routine for them demonstrating the commands, and then we were allowed to mingle through the crowd.

"There was one table, where a young man was sitting, and he wasn't really interacting with anybody. I asked him if he would like to pet Ella, and he got so excited. His whole face lit up with happiness and his hands started shaking in excitement.

"His caretaker told me that is the most emotion he has shown in three months. That shows how important the human touch connection between animals and humans really is," Kieser said.

"Animals soothe you, and I've read in several magazines about the positive impacts of owning a pet. Some statistics even show owning a pet can lower your blood

pressure," she said.

She added that owning a dog is a huge commitment, especially Ella, as she suffers from allergies. "It's almost like having a baby. It's a lot of work, but the good Lord gave us Ella, knowing we could deal with her," she said.

"However, not everybody can own a pet, and that's where owning and sharing a TDI pet comes in. I find it to be very rewarding. We have been blessed with this beautiful dog, and I want to share that blessing with everybody," Kieser said.

She added that Ella "always has a kiss and a hug for everybody. She's very friendly, and very cuddly. On the evenings I'm watching TV, that 65 pounds is all on my lap," she laughed.

"I couldn't have done this without Dan. He kept me going. This was a huge commitment, and he was with me during the whole test. I could barely write my name, I was so nervous," Kieser laughed.

Dan and Sue have two children, Josh and Crystal, and four grandchildren, Audrey, Charlie, Ethan, and Emma. "They really enjoy spending time with Ella," she said.

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stress caused by the noise of the fireworks.

Bebo said he received a letter from the county notifying neighbors of the display, and said he would have preferred to be notified before the permit had been issued.

"If I had the letter prior to this, I would have had a lot of people here (to protest the permit)," Bebo said.

Bayerl said that Bebo had complained about the noise the prior year, and Bayerl had brought the complaint up to the company's representative at the board's Dec. 5 meeting.

Nies concurred, saying that the County Board had asked the company not to fire off its noisier fireworks in deference to the neighbors.

Bebo said the company is from out of the county, and that it should do its testing in its home county.

County Attorney Mike Junge said the company and land owner had followed the procedures outlined for obtaining a fireworks permit.

Salaries set

The County Board also set salaries for elected officials for 2013.

Junge's 2013 salary will be \$99,058. His 2012 salary was \$98,017; Auditor/Treasurer Cindy Schultz's salary will be \$72,937, as compared to \$71,897 in 2012; and Sheriff Scott Rehmann's salary will be \$75,306 in 2013, as compared to his 2012 salary of \$74,266.

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county ran out of its supply and had to "borrow" containers from West Central Sanitation.

Ballard also asked if it is legal for the city to strike its own contract for recycling collection, and was told that County Attorney Mike Junge is checking into that.

"I should have an answer to the board within the next two weeks," Junge added.

Seeking Junge's opinion does not necessarily mean the County Board intends to take legal action, Nies stressed.

The County Board also reviewed a comparison sheet that its Solid Waste Department had prepared, it said, because of inquiries by Glencoe residents regarding the issue.

According to the county's comparison of the city's proposed single-sort system to the county's five-sort system:

- The city of Glencoe will provide a 64-gallon cart for recycling, while the county provides an 18-gallon bin, but will give residents additional bins upon request.

- The city of Glencoe will have every-other-week collection; the county offers every-week collection.

- The city of Glencoe will charge residents a \$2.90 per month fee for recycling; the county's service is free.

- The city of Glencoe's system provides "no general revenue fund support," while the county's system provides "revenue ... to support the general revenue fund."

- There will be no recycling rebate to GSL schools under the city system; GSL does get a rebate under the county system.

- The city will have to fund recycling education; the county funds recycling education in its program.

- The city is proposing a \$20 per appliance recycling fee; the county has a \$10 per appliance recycling fee.

- The city of Glencoe's contract has an electronics recycling fee of 43 cents per pound, so a 27-inch TV, weighing 75 pounds, would cost a resident \$32.68 to recycle. The county's recycling fee for electronics is \$10 per unit, maximum, regardless of

weight, so that same television could be recycled for a \$10 fee. And, according to the county information, anything smaller than a laptop can be recycled for free with the county program.

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Drool and all, past 2 years were fun

Happy New Year!

I realized this year that New Year's Eve might be one of my favorite holidays. I'm always excited to see what the new year has to offer, and the party favors and the appetizers are usually great, too.

And like Oprah Winfrey said, "Cheers to the New Year and another chance for us to get it right."

Also, Jan. 1 marks my anniversary with McLeod Publishing, and would you believe that I am starting my third year at the newspaper?

Seems like just yesterday that Grandma Genny opened to the classifieds to show me the "Help Wanted" ad for a local reporter.

Since I moved back to Silver Lake in 2010, I am amazed at how my plans have changed.

I moved here with the intention of going back to school to earn an RN degree and work in a hospital. And here I am, employed as a full-time news writer with an amazing part-time job at a local art studio.

God had other plans in mind, I guess.

As I reflect on the last two full years with the newspaper, I am overcome with graciousness and fun memories.

Sappy, I know, but this job has been unbelievable, and I am excited to see what 2013 will bring.

Looking through past issues, 2012 was exciting and bustling for Silver Lake, as always.

In January, I had the opportunity to interview Bonnie Mohr, which was an experience that helped land me one of the best jobs ever — working for her at her art studio.

In February, I had the chance to spend an evening with the women's club in Silver Lake, as they prepared their "Operation Smile" dolls

The Travel Section

By Alyssa Schauer



and packages for kids all around the world going through surgery. These ladies are incredibly inspiring and are always working to support our little community.

March 2012 marked the 25th anniversary of the annual St. Patrick's Day parade, and the first parade grand marshal, Lenny O'Brien, made his appearance.

Though I'm not Irish, I enjoy acting like it with a pint of beer and a reuben in my hand.

You're probably thinking this is a familiar image, except with a Sportsmen's burger in my hand during the biggest celebration and my favorite holiday in Silver Lake in August — Pola-Czesky Days!

Pola-Czesky Days also saw some changes this year, as long-time parade chair Roxy Yurek stepped down and Kerri Mills and Kari Kaczmarek took over.

But that didn't stop Roxy from being involved, as she and her husband, Ron, were voted as this year's Pola-Czesky grand marshals — a well-deserved honor for both.

In May, to celebrate the beautiful spirit of Mileka Hall, who passed away in 2011, her parents, JoAnna and Kyle, and sisters, Brianna and Ashley, organized the first annual "Mileka's Run," a 5K run/walk that brought over 750 together to honor her life.

It was another event in Silver Lake that emphasized how special our little town truly is. This past year also gave me

the chance to talk with our well-known florist Jean Penas, who always seems to have the best floral arrangements.

She even sent me home with a vase of beautiful flowers — one of the many perks to being a reporter.

In June, I got to meet Alex Stensvad, a local high school student, who uses her creativity to assist the McLeod Alliance for Victims of Domestic Violence — another inspirational and ever-giving person within the community.

It seems Silver Lake is full of special people, who are always giving, like the quilting ladies at Holy Family, who put together about three quilts a week and donate them for good causes, or like Sue and Dan Kieser, my most recent interviewees, who have trained their golden retriever, Ella, to be a therapy dog.

That interview was memorable, full of puppy kisses and hugs — reminders as to why I have one of the best jobs ever.

I'd have to say one of my most memorable interviews this year had to be the Pikovskys at Star Thrower Farm. I can't say that any other interview ended up with llama drool in my notepad.

Being a reporter always has its surprises, and I can't thank you all enough for calling me, e-mailing me, and sending me letters — for bringing me to these local stories.

May you all have a blessed New Year! I look forward to seeing what 2013 has in store ... hopefully, a little less drool.

Wangerin bids farewell to 24-year career as a county commissioner

By Lori Copler
Staff Writer

Bev Wangerin, who is only the second woman to serve on the McLeod County Board of Commissioners, is ending a 24-year career.

Wangerin, the current chairperson, will open the County Board's Jan. 8 reorganizational meeting, then bid farewell to nearly a quarter-century of county government.

Wangerin had served eight years as the Acoma Township clerk when she was approached to run for the County Board. She entered a three-way race with the incumbent and another challenger, and emerged from the primary election to get her name on the general election ballot, facing the incumbent.

She also won the general election and began her first term in 1989.

While she is a believer in grassroots government, and enjoyed her time on the township board, Wangerin said she was shocked by how much there was to learn when she joined the County Board.

"I found out I really didn't know a lot about government," said Wangerin.

Working for Hutchinson attorney Ron McGraw gave her familiarity with the recorder and court administration offices, but she didn't know much about the other departments, Wangerin said.

"But I had the best board to teach me," said Wangerin, giving credit to then-commissioner Grant Knutson and others for helping her learn the ropes.

Although she was one of just two women who ever served on the traditionally male County Board, Wangerin said she never felt discriminated against — although she is sometimes teased for wearing high heels to a county ditch meeting.

"I thought it was just a meeting," Wangerin laughed. "I didn't know we were actually going to go out and walk the ditch."

Wangerin firmly believes there is a place for women on county boards.

"I think we bring a differ-



Bev Wangerin

ent perspective to the table," said Wangerin.

In fact, she said, she tried to encourage other women to run after she decided to step down after her current term.

"I made tons and tons of phone calls," said Wangerin.

But any county board commissioner needs plenty of two things, Wangerin said — time and "broad shoulders. I think people get afraid of the calls they might get" as a county commissioner.

Wangerin said the board debated a lot of controversial issues over the years; probably the most notable was a new jail, at a cost of \$22.5 million, that was proposed in 2007.

The County Board eventually abandoned that project, which "in hindsight, was probably the best decision the board could have made," said Wangerin.

Other counties which have built jails are struggling with

debt payments in the current economy, Wangerin said, while McLeod County is currently debt-free.

But the accomplishment of which she is most proud, Wangerin said, is the formation of Primewest Health, a collaboration of 13 counties, which is a county-based purchaser of health-care plans for Medicare clients in the participating counties.

Primewest started as a venture of Pipestone, Renville, Meeker and McLeod counties in 1997, and eventually evolved into the 13-county, multi-million dollar organization it is today.

"It took tons and tons of meetings and time," Wangerin said of Primewest's formation. "But I really developed a passion for public health because of it."

County government, Wangerin said, "is something that gets in your blood," which is why she stuck with it for six terms.

But now Wangerin feels it's time for a change, and thinks her constituents probably feel the same.

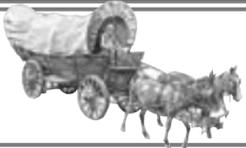
"I could tell the last time I campaigned that people are probably ready for a change," said Wangerin, who intends to continue her 54-year career with McGraw and maybe do a little traveling in the future. "It (change) seems to be the political climate right now."

And while she is ready for the change, Wangerin said she will miss county government.

"I really enjoyed it," Wangerin said. "We always had excellent people to work with."

Down Memory Lane

Compiled by Margaret Benz



75 YEARS AGO - JAN. 8, 1938 — The Village Council accepted the offer of Northern States Power Co. to furnish illumination for street lighting produced by 18 140-candle power lamps and 15 400-candle power lamps all located in the village and approved all rates, terms, conditions and specifications contained in the proposed contract. The Village Council also accepted the offer of the Northern States Power Co. to furnish the electric energy necessary for power for pumping all water required for municipal and private use in the village.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Citizens State Bank of Silver Lake will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 12, in the banking rooms between the hours of 1 o'clock and 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

Henry Dostal, a partner in the Dostal and Smida Garage, went to Cosmos to work in the Ulrich Garage. Ed Smida will now operate the garage on his own.

Barbara Tating, 7-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Tating of Silver Lake, died on Thursday, Dec. 30, at the Hutchinson Hospital. Funeral services were held on Sunday afternoon from Quast's Funeral Home in Hutchinson.

Funeral services for Mike Zinda, 62, who formerly operated a saloon here in Silver Lake and whose wife was a Rominski, were held on Dec. 16 at Appleton.

Art Zeik, 36, died on Thursday, Jan. 6, at the Hutchinson Hospital. Funeral services will be held on Saturday forenoon from the St. Joseph Church.

50 YEARS AGO - JAN. 3, 1963 — A fox hunt is scheduled for Sunday, Jan. 6.

The skating rink in Silver Lake will be open Saturdays and Sundays from 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Jerome Jagodzinski, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Jagodzinski, enlisted in the U.S. Army and left on Wednesday for Fort Knox, Ky.

LeRoy Pokornowski and Kenny Stritesky drove to Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., on Wednesday, Dec. 19, and accompanying them home were Martin Matousek, Kenneth Polifka and two of their buddies for the holidays.

Ronald Miller, 10-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Miller, entered the Hutchinson Hospital on Thursday, Dec. 26, and was trans-

ferred that evening by ambulance to Abbott Hospital in Minneapolis, where on Friday evening he underwent surgery.

The Rev. Francis Pokorny, DD, a minister for 71 years, died Sunday morning, Dec. 16, at the age of 85. Services were held on Tuesday, Dec. 18, at the First Presbyterian Church at Ely, Iowa.

25 YEARS AGO - JAN. 7, 1988 — Silver Lake Public School Supt. Dave Shapley reported to a joint school board meeting on Monday night at Lester Prairie the results of a recently completed survey and focus group meeting on the pairing of Silver Lake, Lester Prairie and Winsted Public Schools. One hundred questionnaires were mailed with Silver Lake returning 43, Lester Prairie 38, and Winsted 23. The focus group is a random sample of citizens from each district. The finding from these people showed Silver Lake unanimous in their negative attitude about pairing, Winsted district people were neutral, and Lester Prairie was the most supportive group of the pairing concept. After hearing the report, all boards agreed to come back at the end of February with a decision to continue the study of pairing or to go in another direction.

Brian Stibal placed first recently in the Impala News Cover Car Contest. The magazine features classic cars from 1958 to 1968. The car will be on the cover of the January issue.

Dana Hermann, daughter of Ralph and Charlotte (Exsted) Hermann, was selected by the National Cheerleader Association and Super Star Drill team and Pom Pom Camps to perform in the 1987 Aloha Bowl pre-game and half-time shows.

Jerry Tupa, 73, passed away on Friday, Jan. 1, at his home in Silver Lake. Funeral services were held on Sunday, Jan. 3, at the Czech Brethren Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. Ed Hlavka, 90, passed away on Sunday, Jan. 3, at the Glencoe Area Health Care Center. Funeral services will be held on Thursday, Jan. 7, from the Czech Brethren Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. Jim Snegoski, 74, passed away on Monday, Jan. 4, at the Fairview Southdale Hospital. Funeral services will be held on Thursday, Jan. 7, from the St. Adalbert's Church.

Jury trial set Jan. 7 for deputy

A motion hearing was held Wednesday, Jan. 2, and a jury trial is slated for Monday, Jan. 7, starting at 8:30 a.m., in the criminal case against McLeod County Deputy Mark Eischens, charged with two felonies and two misdemeanors after he discharged his weapon during an April event in which he and other members of an emergency response team were executing a search warrant. A male was grazed by a bullet during the

incident.

Eischens was indicted by a grand jury Oct. 19.

Eischens is facing a felony charge of assault in the second degree — dangerous weapon and a felony charge of possessing a dangerous weapon and discharging a firearm that endangered safety.

He also faces a misdemeanor charge of assault in the fifth degree — inflict or attempt bodily harm; and a misdemeanor charge of dangerous weapons

— recklessly handle or use.

Eischens is currently on paid administrative leave pending the outcome of the court proceedings, and also was released on his own recognizance by the court after being booked.

He is being represented by Robert Jon Fowler, an attorney for Fowler Law Firm, which is the general counsel for the Minnesota Fraternal Order of Police.

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Weather Corner

By Jake Yurek



We'll start the year with near-normal January weather as the main storm track has been pushed to our south. We're in a fairly persistent northwest flow, which is keeping all of the big storms well to our south.

Every once in a while weak systems move through, but with little moisture to deal with, we usually only see minor accumulations (Alberta clippers).

Temperatures mid-week will be in the teens, hopefully jumping to the 20s for the weekend. Storms will stay south, but we could see a couple chances of light snow Wednesday into Thursday and again Saturday. Right now, they look to be heading to our north, but there is always a chance they could spread some snow south.

Taking a peek at the extended shows a cool-down early next week with another batch of fresh Canadian air.

Have a great week, all. Happy New Year!
Ma dobry weekendem Mit dobry vikend

Wednesday night — Lows 3-9; snow showers.
Thursday — Highs 12-18; lows 0-6; partly cloudy.
Friday — Highs 18-25; lows 6-12; mostly clear.
Saturday — Highs 21-27; lows 6-12; partly cloudy/snow shower.

Sunday — Highs 20-27; mostly clear.
Weather Quiz: How did we fair versus average weather for the 2012 calendar year?

Answer to last week's question: Highest temperature, 58 degrees Jan. 25, 1944. Lowest temperature, 41 degrees below, Jan. 21, 1888; most precipitation, 1.21 inches Jan. 24, 1967; most snowfall 17.2 inches, Jan. 22, 1982. Average high for early January is about 24 degrees, with an average low around 8 degrees.

Remember: I make the forecast, not the weather!

Silver Lake blood drive set for Jan. 29 at Legion

The Silver Lake blood drive is set for Tuesday, Jan. 29, from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m., at the Silver Lake Legion.

Due to Hurricane Sandy, blood is in short supply and is greatly needed.

Volunteers will be calling shortly to set up an appointment or call Margaret Benz at 320-327-2249. Walk-ins are welcome.

January is National Blood Donor Month, a time when the American Red Cross recognizes and thanks the millions of dedicated blood donors across the country for helping ensure a stable blood supply for patients in need.

There also are upcoming blood drives in McLeod County and those are set for Jan. 8, from noon to 6 p.m., at Peace Lutheran Church, 400 Franklin St. SW, Hutchinson, and Jan. 10, from 2 p.m. to 7

p.m., at Cactus Jacks II in Stewart.

Since 1970, National Blood Donor Month has been celebrated in an effort to educate Americans about the importance of regular blood donation and the impact it can have.

Every day, around 44,000 pints of blood are needed in hospitals to help treat trauma victims, surgery patients, organ transplant recipients, premature babies, cancer patients and more.

January can be an especially challenging month to collect blood donations because of inclement weather and seasonal illnesses.

Throughout the month, the Red Cross is honoring the contributions of those who roll up their sleeves to help save lives, one donation at a time.

Church News

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

<http://silverlakechurch.org>
Fri., Jan. 4 — Church building in use for a wedding.

Sat., Jan. 5 — Men's Bible study, 7 a.m.

Sun., Jan. 6 — "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.

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

Wed., Jan. 9 — Confirmation and discipleship class, 6 p.m.; prayer time, 7 p.m.

Sat., Jan. 12 — Men's Bible study, 7 a.m.; women's Bible study, 9 a.m.

Sun., Jan. 13 — "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.

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

FAITH PRESBYTERIAN
108 W. Main St.,
Silver Lake
320-327-2452

Fax 320-327-6562
E-mail: faithfriends@embarqmail.com
Mark Ford, Pastor
Carol Chmielewski, CLP
Office hours: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Sun., Jan. 6 — Communion service, 10 a.m.; coffee fellowship after worship.

Mon., Jan. 7 — Session meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Wed., Jan. 9 — Light supper, 5:30 p.m.; WOW classes and adult Bible study, 6 p.m.; choir practice, 7 p.m.

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

Anthony Stubeda, Pastor
Fri., Jan. 4 — No Mass; no first Friday calls.

Sat., Jan. 5 — Mass, 6:30 p.m.
Sun., Jan. 6 — Mass, 8 a.m. and 8 p.m.

Tues., Jan. 8 — Mass, 8 a.m.; quilting, 9 a.m.; E&C, 7 p.m.

Wed., Jan. 9 — Mass, 8 a.m.; first-through sixth-grade religious education, 5:30 p.m.; seventh-through 11th-grade religious education classes, 7:15 p.m.

Thurs., Jan. 10 — Communion services at Cedar Crest, 10:30 a.m.

Fri., Jan. 11 — No Mass.

WORD OF LIFE CHURCH
950 School Rd. S.W.
Hutchinson
320-587-9443

E-mail: infor@loversoftruth.com
Jim Hall, Pastor
Sun., Jan. 6 — Worship, 9:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS

770 School Rd.,
Hutchinson
Kenneth Rand,
Branch President
320-587-5665
Sun., Jan. 6 — Sunday school, 10:50 a.m.-11:30 a.m.; priesthood, relief society and primary, 11:40 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

RIVERSIDE ASSEMBLY OF GOD
20924 State Hwy. 7 W.
Hutchinson

320-587-2074
E-mail: assembly@hutchtel.net

Dr. Lee Allison, pastor
Sun., Jan. 6 — Worship, 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
Wed., Jan. 9 — Family night activities, 6:30 p.m.

FIRST CONGREGATION UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
31 Fourth Ave. S.W.,
Hutchinson
320-587-2125

E-mail: jmm@hutchtel.net
Sun., Jan. 6 — Sunday school, 9 a.m.; worship, 10:15 a.m.

ST. PIUS X CHURCH
1014 Knight Ave.,
Glencoe

Anthony Stubeda, Pastor
Thurs., Jan. 3 — Region 6 pastoral leader meeting, Hutchinson noon; evening prayer, 5:40 p.m.; Mass, 6 p.m.; Pizza Ranch fund raiser night; CCW meeting, 7 p.m.

Fri., Jan. 4 — Morning prayer, 8 a.m.; school Mass, 8:20 a.m.; adoration of blessed sacrament follows Mass until noon; first Friday communion calls begin, 10:30 a.m.; Spanish Mass, 5:30 p.m.

Sat., Jan. 5 — Widow, widower and senior singles breakfast, G. Dubbs Grill, 9:30 a.m.; reconciliation, 4 p.m.; Mass, 5 p.m.

Sun., Jan. 6 — Mass, 9:30 a.m.; Spanish Mass, 11:30 a.m.; Spanish religious education classes, 12:45 p.m.; Guadalupe committee, 1:45 p.m.; baptisms, 2:30 p.m.; Mass at Holy Family, Silver Lake, 8 p.m.

Mon., Jan. 7 — No Mass; principal meeting, New Ulm; 4th Degree Knights renewal of obligations, Dubbs Grill, 6 p.m.

Tues., Jan. 8 — No Mass, 10 a.m.; junior choir practice, 2:50 p.m.; Spanish adult catechesis, 7 p.m.

Wed., Jan. 9 — Two-hour late

start to school; no evening prayer; 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.

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

Thurs., Jan. 3 — Senior high free lunch, 11 a.m.; worship team, 6 p.m.

Sun., Jan. 6 — Worship, 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.; Sunday school for children, teens and adults, 9 a.m.; Griefshare, 2 p.m.

Mon., Jan. 7 — Women's discipleship, 6:30 p.m.

Tues., Jan. 8 — Women's discipleship, 9 a.m.; Young at Heart lunch, noon; MOPS, 6 p.m.

Wed., Jan. 9 — 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. 10 — Senior high free lunch, 11 a.m.; worship team, 6 p.m.

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

Sun., Jan. 6 — Communion worship, 9 a.m.; coffee and fellowship, 10 a.m.; Sunday school, 10:15 a.m.

Wed., Jan. 9 — Office hours, 3 p.m.; choir, 7 p.m.; council meeting, 8 p.m.

Registration open for February ACT

Registration is now open for the Feb. 9 administration of the ACT college and career readiness exam. Students who want to take the exam must register by Jan. 11.

Students can register online at www.actstudent.org or by mail. Paper registration forms can be obtained from school counselor offices or by requesting a registration packet from ACT.

The ACT is a curriculum-based achievement exam. It measures what students have learned in school and what they need to know to be ready for first-year college courses.

The ACT comprises four multiple choice subject tests—English, mathematics, reading and science and takes about three hours, plus breaks, to complete.

An optional essay writing test, which takes an additional 30 minutes, also is available. Students who want to take the writing portion should register for the ACT Plus Writing.

The cost to take the ACT (with no writing test) is \$35. The cost to take the ACT Plus Writing is \$50.50. Fee

waivers are available to qualified students who can't afford the registration fee. Students should apply for a fee waiver through their school counselor's office.

During registration, students may select up to four colleges or universities to receive their score reports at no additional charge. All four-year colleges and universities across the United States accept ACT scores for admission purposes. ACT sends score reports only when authorized to do so by the student.

Each test taker receives an ACT score report that includes a wide variety of information to assist with course planning, college readiness, career planning and college admissions.

The ACT student website, www.actstudent.org, offers helpful information, free sample questions and complete practice tests, and inexpensive test prep materials to help students prepare for the exam. However, the best preparation is to take challenging courses in school, study hard and learn the material.

Aeration notice for Swan Lake

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.

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Silver Lake Leader

Winterwear display to open at Cokato Museum

The Cokato Museum announces the opening of its latest display, "That Kind of Itches: Outerwear and Other-wear Worn During the Winter Months."

Featured in this display are all sorts of items worn to help keep people warm over the winter months, including coats, sweaters, scarves, gloves and mittens, muffs and union suits.

With many of those items being made from wool, it was understandable why folks found them scratch-inducing.

Complementing the clothing are a number of decorations that formerly adorned the

streets of downtown Cokato, where they hung from light poles and wires stretched between buildings. The remainder of the museum's gallery will be festively decorated for the holiday season.

"That Kind of Itches" will be open until Jan. 31.

For more information, please contact the museum at 320-286-2427, on the web at www.cokato.mn.us, or check out its Facebook page.

The Cokato Museum is a cooperative effort of the city of Cokato and the Cokato Historical Society.

Menus

Jan. 7-11 Silver Lake Senior Nutrition Site

Monday — Tater-tot casserole, green beans, peaches, bread with margarine, bar, low-fat milk.

Tuesday — Roast pork, whole potatoes, buttered cabbage, bread with margarine, rosy applesauce, low-fat milk.

Wednesday — Lasagna, California-blend vegetables, lettuce salad with dressing, garlic bread with margarine, pudding, low-fat milk.

Thursday — Oven-crispy chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, mixed vegetables, bread with margarine, cake, low-fat milk.

Friday — Meaty beef stew with carrots and potatoes, cole slaw, bread stick with margarine, banana, low-fat milk.

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

Monday — Breakfast pizza or Kix Berry cereal and yogurt, apple juice cup, low-fat milk (breakfast burrito at junior high and high school).

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

Wednesday — Late start, no breakfast.

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 — Chicken parmesan on whole-grain pasta, tuna salad sandwich on whole-grain bread, seasoned carrots, broccoli salad

with raisins, apple wedges, pineapple tidbits.

Tuesday — Beef soft-shell tacos, deli combo sub, refried beans, lettuce-and-tomato cup, petite banana, chilled applesauce.

Wednesday — Roast turkey in gravy, whole-grain dinner roll, yogurt-American cheese-crackers fun lunch, mashed potatoes, celery sticks with dressing, kiwi wedges, chilled peaches.

Thursday — Pancakes with syrup, scrambled eggs, ham and cheese on whole-grain bread, potato o'browns, baby carrots, orange wedges, chilled pears.

Friday — Toasted cheese on whole-grain bread, turkey and cheese on whole-grain bread, tomato soup, jicama cucumber fruit salad, apple wedges, chilled mixed fruit.

High School Lunch

Monday — Spicy chicken patty on a whole-grain bun, oven-baked beans, oven-baked tator tots, sweet-corn salad, baby carrots with dressing, orange wedges, chilled applesauce.

Tuesday — Mexican bar with chicken fajitas or beefy nachos, brown rice, southwest corn, black beans, broccoli salad with raisins, red pepper strips with dressing, petite banana, cinnamon apple slices.

Wednesday — Swedish meatballs in gravy over mashed potatoes, bread, seasoned carrots, celery sticks with dressing, marinated cucumbers and tomatoes, apple wedges, chilled peaches.

Thursday — Grilled cheese sandwich, tomato soup, seasoned peas, chickpea salad, baby carrots with dressing, kiwi 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.

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GRHS0520 (12/12)

Panthers beat Spectrum, Holy Family for tourney title

By Lori Copley
Staff Writer

The GSL boys' cage squad won its own holiday tournament this past weekend, overwhelming Spectrum 87-36 Friday and staving off Wright County Conference foe Holy Family 72-59 in Saturday night's championship game.

Despite the 13-point win margin, Saturday night's game was pretty typical of Wright County basketball, with the Fire constantly nipping at GSL's heels.

After allowing Holy Family the opening bucket, GSL rattled off seven unanswered points to build a 9-2 lead, with Holy Family calling a timeout after the first 2-1/2 opening minutes of play.

After that, the game got much more aggressive.

"Holy Family picked up the aggressiveness after that — they had to," said GSL Coach Robb DeCorsey. "We play a pretty aggressive game, and they had to play harder to match that."

The Fire got back into the game, sometimes catching up to the Panthers, but never really taking a lead.

The Panthers took a 36-29 lead into the halftime break.

"We started out decently and played a good first half," said DeCorsey.

Again, the Fire kept closing the gap and then falling behind again.

"What really kept them (Holy Family) in the game was their offensive rebounding," said DeCorsey. "I'm sure they were in the 15 to 20 range for offensive rebounds. They were getting second, third and even fourth shots off."

DeCorsey said he was pleased with his team for both ball control on offense and its defensive efforts.

Turnovers were a problem earlier in the year, "but we've cut our turnovers about in half."

In fact, said DeCorsey, the defense is now forcing turnovers and fast-break opportunities.

"Greg Ober is everywhere on

defense; he's really become a leader," said DeCorsey. "The other guys have been feeding off Greg's defensive energy and really stepping it up."

Toward the end of the game, the Panthers built their lead and ended up on top 72-59, having out-scored their opponents 36-30 in the second half.

Point guard Ethan Maass paced the Panthers with 28 points, with Keaton Anderson dropping in 21. Greg Ober contributed nine. Holy Family guard Joe Hanel scored 17 points to pace the Fire.

The Spectrum Sting are in a rebuilding year, having lost most of their starters to graduation.

"They're mostly juniors and sophomores with a couple of freshmen," said DeCorsey. "We probably over-matched them, but we still played hard."

And, on the plus, the bench got significant playing time in the second half of Friday's game.

"The bench saw 13 to 14 minutes of play in the second half," said DeCorsey. "It's always fun to get them that experience."

GSL out-scored Spectrum 52-17 in the first half, and 34-19 in the second.

Four Panthers scored in double digits — Anderson, 19; Maass, 18; Coleton Draeger, 15; and Garrett Ober, 11. Also contributing were Eric Thalmann, six; freshman Jacob Popelka, five; and Reed Dunbar, four.

The Panthers have just one game this week, a Saturday afternoon (3 p.m. start) tilt with 4-1 Jordan on the GSL home court.

"They aren't big — their biggest guy is probably 6-2 — but they're quick, they handle the ball well and they're shooters," said DeCorsey.

The weekend's wins boost the GSL record to 6-2 overall.

"We're out to a good start," said DeCorsey. "I'm so proud of how hard the guys play."



Chronicle photo by Lori Copley

Coleton Draeger seeks out a teammate to pass to after driving along the baseline in Saturday night's game. Defending

him is the Fire's Justin Dahl, a 6-9 sophomore.

Panther matmen happy to win any tourney

The Glencoe-Silver Lake/Lester Prairie wrestling team did not celebrate a state title in 2012. Neither a section nor a conference crown, either.

What the Panthers got pretty excited about winning, though, was the eight-team Ogilvie Lions Invitational on Jan. 9. And why wouldn't they?

After outpointing runner-up Sartell-St. Stephen, 240.5 tallies to 217, GSL/LP claimed its first tournament team championship of any kind since the 2006 wrestlers won the Verne Gagne Duals in Mound on Jan. 9 of that year.

To locate the last time a GSL wrestling team won a traditional style of tourney, one had to go back to Dec. 11,



Lee Ostrom

Chronicle sports editor Lee Ostrom is at leo@glencoenews.com

2004, and Prior Lake's Ron Edwards Classic.

At Ogilvie, Michael Donnay, Brandon Richter, Mitchell Hartwig and Dalton Clouse all won individual titles.

By season's end, Donnay, Hartwig, Clouse and Jacob Jewett had completed years of 30 wins or more. Richter, meanwhile, had notched 25. However, no individual section titles, either.

No dramatic home runs on a state stage. No state matches for the team or individuals.

Still, lots to celebrate in '12.



GSL wing Ethan Maass drives hard against Holy Family's Kyle Schumer in Saturday night's championship game of

the Panthers' holiday tournament. New Ulm High School won the consolation game over the Spectrum Sting.

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
28....GSL tourney.....
Spectrum.....W,86-36
29....GSL tourney.....
Holy Family.....W,72-59

January
05....Jordan.....3:00
08....at Dassel-Cokato.....7:30
11....at Mound-Wtka.....6:30
12....NYA Central.....7:30
15....N.London-Spicer.....7:30
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.....7:30

January
05....at New Ulm.....3:00
08....Dassel-Cokato.....7:30
11....at Mound-Wtka.....7:45
12....NYA Central.....6:00
15....at N.London-Spicer...7:30
18....at Orono.....7:30
22....Litchfield.....7:30
25....Hutchinson.....7:30
29....Annandale.....7:30

February
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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.....6:00
11....Dassel-Cokato.....6:00
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 Litchfield 2D..W,53-14
.....Dassel-Cokato..W,42-30
15....at Richfield Inv...2nd,2-1
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Public Health offers tips on flu prevention

McLeod County Public Health asked the public's help to reduce the spread of the flu and remind people that it is not too late to receive a flu shot.

"Significant increases in flu activity in the U.S. in the last three weeks indicate that an early flu season is under way," said Kathy Nowak, director of McLeod County Public Health.

"We urge everyone to get a flu vaccine now if you have not done so already this season. Vaccination is especially important for children, adults 65 and older, pregnant women and people with asthma, diabetes and other long-term conditions who are at high risk from flu complications."

Officials remind the public, in addition to getting the seasonal flu vaccine, there are other steps everyone can take to prevent contracting and spreading the flu. They include:

- Cover your cough.
- Wash your hands with warm water and soap, or use an alcohol-based sanitizer.
- If you are not feeling well, stay home.
- If your children are ill, keep them at home.

The seasonal flu is a contagious respiratory illness caused by influenza (flu) viruses. It can cause mild to severe illness, and at times can lead to death.

The signs and symptoms of

the seasonal flu include fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, chills and fatigue.

"Getting a flu shot is one of the most effective ways each of us can avoid getting the flu and spreading the illness to others," said Erica Hertzog, RN, immunization coordinator at McLeod County Public Health.

Supplies of the flu vaccine are plentiful and readily available from your local health care provider or other consumer outlets, including many pharmacies, she said.

Since the start of the influenza season, one influenza-related death has been reported in Minnesota; however, more than 297 people have been hospitalized with laboratory-confirmed influenza; 123 of those were in the week of Dec. 16-22 (hospital data).

During this same week, 51 schools reported outbreaks of influenza-like illness and since the start of the season, 133 outbreaks of influenza like illnesses have been reported in Minnesota schools (school data).

For more information about weekly influenza and respiratory activity, go to <http://www.health.state.mn.us> and search "flu home" or call Minnesota Department of Health at 1-888-345-0823 or local public health office.



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First born for 2013

Parker Lee Dragt was the New Year's baby born at 5:53 p.m., Tuesday, New Year's Day, at Glencoe Regional Health Services. Parker is the son of Christopher and Jes-

sica Dragt of Hutchinson. He weighed in at 6 pounds and 7 ounces and was 19-1/2 inches long.



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Judges sworn in for new terms

McLeod County District Court judges Michael Savre, center, and Terrence Conkel, right, were sworn in for new six-year terms on the bench Wednesday morning.

Doing the honors was Karen Messner, McLeod County court administrator. Both Glencoe judges were re-elected during the November general election.

Some new laws as of Jan. 1

Below is a list of selected new laws that took effect Jan. 1, 2013. The asterisk following the bill number denotes the language that became law.

Business

Business solicitation restrictions clarified:

Licensed health care providers will be prohibited from using third parties to solicit business from those who have been in automobile accidents, unless they clearly provide their names and the clinics where they work.

Sponsored by Rep. Jim Abeler, R-Anoka, and Sen. Paul Gazelka, R-Brainerd, the law will require this information to be disclosed to consumers. Violating the statute could result in license revocation.

Abeler explained that the law would impact companies that may use unethical business practices, such as promising specific financial payments to those injured, or using actors posing as law enforcement to attract customers.

HF2749/SF2342*/CH255

Health and Human Services

Young parents trying to fin-

ish school could benefit from a day-care change:

Effective Jan. 1, there will be an extension to the number of absent days that child care providers can be reimbursed when children of young mothers, still in school, miss day care.

Currently, under the child care assistance programs, there is a limit of 10 absent days per fiscal year for which child care providers may be reimbursed.

Included in the omnibus health and human services law, sponsored by Rep. Jim Abeler, R-Anoka, and Sen. David Hann, R-Eden Prairie, the provision allows children in families who meet specified criteria to exceed the limit upon request of the program and approval of the county. The provision was part of a bill sponsored by Rep. Nora Slawik, DFL-Maplewood.

The law specifies that if a child attends the child care program for part of an authorized day, payment to the provider must be for the full amount of care authorized for that day.

HF2294*/SF2093/CH247

Insurance

Portable electronic device insurance available as stand-alone product:

Legislation regulating insurance on portable electronic devices is clarified by a new law.

Rep. Diane Anderson, R-Eagan, who sponsors the law with Sen. Paul Gazelka, R-Brainerd, said this insurance covers the loss or damage to portable devices such as mobile phones, laptops and iPads. Coverage is typically sold at the place of purchase.

Legislation passed in 2010 exempted the counterperson from having to be an independent insurance agent and required a vendor to provide training and keep a list of all locations that sell the insurance. Because many more places now sell portable electronics devices, supporters said system updates are needed.

The law requires that the insurance must be offered and sold separately, not as part of a package deal; allows training for sale of the insurance to be done electronically; requires a mandated disclosure to affirmatively state that upon cancellation of the insurance the premium will be refunded on

a ratable basis to the customer; and allows coverage correspondence notices to be sent by mail or electronically.

HF2638*/SF2310/CH259

Public Safety

School buses to be equipped with crossing arm:

All school buses used in the state that are manufactured after Jan. 1 will need to be equipped with a crossing control arm on the front right bumper that automatically expands out whenever the bus is stopped and the flashing red lights are in use.

Additionally, adopted national school bus specifications are being updated to use 2010 standards instead of those created in 2005.

This piggybacks onto a law effective Aug. 1, 2012, that provides permissive authority for the placement of cameras on buses, modification of color requirements and allowance for equipment around the flashing signal lamps; auxiliary fans will be required.

The law is sponsored by Rep. Larry Howes, R-Walker, and Sen. Pam Wolf, R-Spring Lake Park.

HF392*/SF992/CH137

Police to form first city union

HUTCHINSON — The Hutchinson Leader reported that the city's 15 full-time patrol officers have voted to form a union, the city's first unionized work force. The vote was 8-4 and the patrol officers will be represented by the Minnesota Public Employees Association, based in Roseville.

Sprinkler saves day at Hydro

NORWOOD YOUNG AMERICA — The Norwood Young America Times reported that a sprinkler system saved the day during an after-hours fire at Hydro Engineering in NYA. The fire broke out on Dec. 20, but the sprinkler system doused the fire before serious damage occurred, according to NYA Fire Chief Steve Zumberge.

Jaunich hired as new county administrator

ARLINGTON — The Arlington Enterprise reported that Arlington City Administrator Matt Jaunich was offered the newly created position of Sibley County administrator on a 3-2 vote by the Sibley County Board. The commissioners stressed that there were two "extremely qualified" candidates for the position, the other being Jennifer Baumann-Schulz, the current procurement/enterprise risk manager for Scott County.

People News

Students among MSU grads

A number of area students were among the fall graduates of Minnesota State University-Mankato during commencement ceremonies Dec. 15. They include, **Brownton:** Joy Broscoff, bachelor of science (BS) degree in arts and literature education, cum laude; Kristin Jackson, BS, management; **Cokato:** Amanda Evenski, master of business administration (MBA) in business administrations; Anjali Nyquist, (BS), mass communications; **Dassel:** Tory Goldschmidt, (BS), nursing; Logan Johnson, (BS), computer science; **Glencoe:** Karissa Donnay, master of science (MS) degree, counseling and student personnel; Robert Farrell, master of arts (MA), English; Matthew Odegaard, (BS), sport management; and Angela Stuedemann, (MS), communication disorders; **Lester Prairie:** Spencer Hanson, (BS), construction management; **Silver Lake:** Jessica Madson, (BS), psychology; and **Winsted:** Benjamin Daigle, (BS), speech communication, cum laude.

Births

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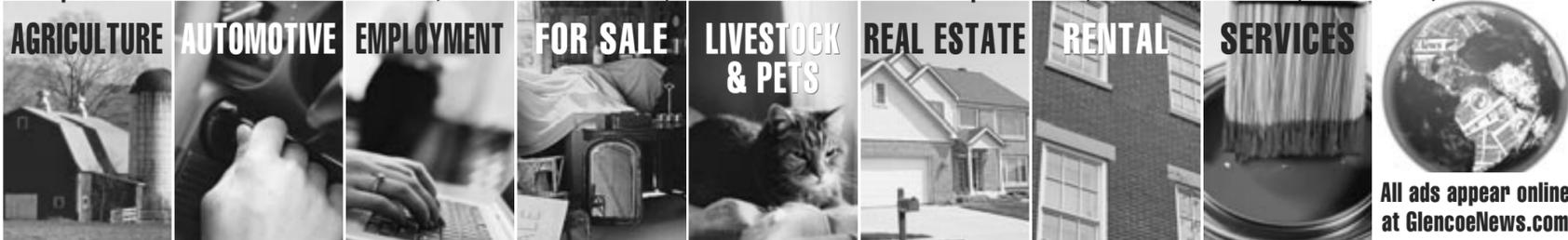
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Kitchen Delights & Other Things



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Chicken Pot Pie Soup

Ingredients:

1 sheet puff pastry, thawed
2 boneless, skinless chicken breasts, cooked and shredded
1 tablespoon olive oil
2 tablespoons unsalted butter
1/2 sweet onion, diced
1 cleaned and trimmed leek, sliced
1/3 cup chopped carrots
1/4 cup chopped celery
2 garlic cloves, minced
2 tablespoons flour
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon pepper
3-1/2 cups low-sodium chicken stock
1 cup lowfat half and half
1-1/2 pounds yukon gold potatoes, cut into 1/2 inch chunks
1/2 cup frozen peas
1/2 cup frozen corn

Directions:

Preheat oven to 425 degrees. Heat a large pot over medium heat and add olive oil and butter. Stir in onions, carrots, celery, leeks, salt and pepper, tossing to coat, then let cook until soft, about 5 minutes. Stir in garlic and cook for 30 seconds, then stir in flour. Stir well to distribute the flour throughout the vegetables and coat them, then cook for about 3-5 minutes, stirring to create somewhat of a roux and thickening agent. Most of the flour will stick to the vegetables, but you do want it to turn a slightly golden color and smell a bit nutty. At this point, using a biscuit cutter or a knife, cut 12 "biscuits" out of your thawed puff pastry sheet. Place them on a baking sheet (brushing with some beaten egg if desired) and bake for 10-12 minutes, or until golden brown. Add in potatoes, chicken stock and half and half to the soup, stirring and allowing the mixture to come to a bubble. Reduce heat to medium low, add in chicken, peas and corn and cover, simmering for 10-15 minutes. Taste and season with more salt and pepper if needed. Serve with puff pastry on top.

Honey Lime Shrimp

Ingredients:

1/2 pound large shrimp, peeled and deveined
1/4 cup olive oil
2 tablespoons honey
2-3 tablespoons lime juice
Zest of one small lime
2 cloves garlic, smashed
1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
1/4 teaspoon black pepper
1/4 teaspoon red pepper flakes

Directions:

In a large ziploc bag, combine all the marinade ingredients. When everything is well-combined, add the shrimp, squeeze as much air as possible out of the bag, and close it up. Place it in the fridge. Let the shrimp marinate for 30-60 minutes, flipping the bag around once or twice during that time, so that all the shrimp stay evenly covered in the marinade. When you're ready to cook, take the shrimp out of the fridge and let them sit at room temperature for about 10 minutes. Heat a large skillet over medium-high

heat; there is no need to add any oil or butter to the pan, as the marinade has enough oil in it to keep the shrimp from sticking to the pan. Add your shrimp to the pan in a single layer, making sure they are not too crowded; you can always cook them in more than one batch. Let them cook on one side for about a minute, until they curl up and start to turn pink. Flip them over, and cook for another 30 seconds or so, until the shrimp are opaque. Remove from the pan, and serve immediately over brown rice with vegetables.

Avocado Macaroni and Cheese

Ingredients:

10 ounces dry elbow macaroni
2 cloves garlic, minced
2 avocados, peeled and pitted
2 tablespoons fresh lime juice
1/3 cup chopped fresh cilantro
Salt and pepper, to taste
2 tablespoons butter
2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
1 cup milk
2 cups shredded Pepper Jack cheese
Salt and pepper to taste
Fresh avocado chunks, for garnish, if desired

Directions:

Bring water to a boil in a large pot. Salt the water and add in macaroni. Stir and cook until Al Dente, about 8-10 minutes. Drain and set aside. While the pasta is cooking, make the avocado sauce by placing the garlic, avocados, lime juice, cilantro, salt and pepper into a food processor or blender. Process until smooth and creamy. Set aside. To make the cheese sauce, place butter in a small saucepan and heat over medium heat. When butter is melted, whisk in flour to create a paste. Whisk in milk until smooth. Stir with a wooden spoon until the sauce starts to thicken. Add in Pepper Jack cheese and stir until cheese is melted and sauce is creamy. Place macaroni in a large bowl. Pour the avocado sauce over the macaroni and stir until well coated. Add the cheese sauce and stir until macaroni is coated and creamy. Season with salt and pepper, to taste. Serve warm. Garnish with fresh avocado chunks, if desired.

Spiced Cider Punch

Ingredients:

1 cup unsweetened apple juice
1 cup water
1/2 cup orange juice concentrate
1/2 cup lemonade concentrate
1 teaspoon brown sugar
1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
1/4 teaspoon ground ginger
2 whole cloves
2 cinnamon sticks

Directions:

Combine the first seven ingredients together in a slow cooker. Tie cloves and cinnamon sticks in a cheesecloth bag and place in slow cooker. Cover and cook on low heat for 3-4 hours or until fully heated. Remove spice bag. Garnish with additional cinnamon sticks if desired. Makes about two servings.

Guest column:

More laws won't make us safer

By Sheldon Richman

We would do the young victims of the Newtown shootings no honor by frantically enacting futile restrictions on freedom.

It may be satisfying to "do something." But two things ought to be kept in mind. First, liberty is never more in peril than when politicians sense that the people want them to do something — anything.

Second, a false sense of security is worse than no security at all. Legislating in the heat of emotion will not prevent future attacks, but it will do irreparable harm to innocent people.

The proposition that restrictions on gun sales will prevent shootings has been debunked many times. One wonders how often it must be pointed out that someone who is willing to commit murder is not likely to be deterred by gun laws or gun-free zones, which merely amount to an invitation to killers seeking to create maximum mayhem before killing themselves. Increases in violent crime followed tighter gun laws in Britain and Australia.

Adam Lanza, the Sandy Hook school killer, used a semiautomatic rifle modeled on a gun used in combat, but it does not follow that if the so-called assault-weapons ban were reinstated, mass shootings would stop.

The original ban singled out rifles based on cosmetic considerations, but even a more comprehensive ban wouldn't make anyone safer. Millions of such rifles exist and would not disappear with the passage of a ban. Nor would the existing supply be confiscated.

Thus, a plentiful black market would exist. Anyone who wants a banned rifle badly enough will have no trouble getting one. However, rifles are used in only a small percentage of crimes — and let's not forget that violent crime has been declining for decades.

Gun controllers propose that gun sales occurring outside of licensed stores, such as at gun shows or between private individuals, should be subject to buyer background checks. It takes only a moment to see that that requirement would make no one safer. How would it be enforced? Informal sales by definition are beyond the view of the authorities. It's already against the law for convicted felons to possess firearms. Does anyone believe that restriction is effective?

Again, someone determined to commit murder will get a gun without a background check. But having people believe otherwise may keep them from adopting sensible precautions.

James Alan Fox, a professor of criminology at Northeastern University, points out another problem with background checks: "Most mass murderers do not have criminal records or a history of psychiatric hospitalization." Furthermore, let's remember that Lanza took guns from his mother, a legal gun owner.

Nothing the gun controllers can think of will keep guns away from those who intend to do harm.

Unfortunately, some opponents of gun control try to take people's minds off guns by blaming shootings on mental

illness. If people with mental problems could be more easily locked up, goes the argument, we'd all be safer. This is an especially dangerous idea.

As Fox writes, "Certainly, people cannot be denied their Second Amendment rights just because they look strange or act in an odd manner." But that is what some people seem to want.

Proposing to lock people up (even in a purported hospital) before they have been convicted of a crime mocks the principles of justice we routinely pay lip service to. (True, these principles have been violated routinely in the "war on terror." Our task, however, is to stop this outrage, not make it more common.)

Some commentators lament that it is not as easy to commit people as it used to be, but be careful what you ask for. Psychiatrists have no special skill at predicting who will be violent, and while they use terms like "mental disorder," there are no objective tests for psychiatric "diseases."

Expanding the mental-health laws would save no lives, but it would jeopardize the freedom of people who pose no harm to anyone.

No legislative gimmick will prevent mass shootings. An open society is a risky society, and giving more power to our guardians only raises the ancient question: Who will protect us from our protectors?

In the end, there's no substitute for taking self-defense seriously.

Sheldon Richman is vice president and editor at The Future of Freedom Foundation (www.fff.org) in Fairfax, Va.

Letter to the Editor

Pickell-Stangel resigns as director

To the Editor:

It is with much sadness that I must write that I have resigned from my position as executive director for the McLeod County Historical Museum. My last day will be Monday, Jan. 14.

The past six years have been great! I have come to know the communities of McLeod County and made many close friends and learned so much about the rich history that belongs to each and every one of you!

Sharing that history with you has been an honor, and I

am proud of the strides we have made in my time here. I will miss all our members, local business people, board members past and present, dedicated volunteers and outstanding staff!

On a happier note, I have accepted the position of executive director for The Grand, Center for Arts and Culture in New Ulm. This will give me the opportunity to indulge a bit more into my creative side and spend more time with my family and less time on the road.

I will miss the McLeod County Historical Society and

Museum family very much, but know that all we have built over the past six years will only continue to grow!

I ask each and every one of you to make sure this happens through your continued support in any way you can. Our history is a precious commodity that we all have to help preserve and keep alive!

Thank you,
Lori Pickell-Stangel
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