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Silver Lake Leader photos  
by Alyssa Schauer

**An abandoned trailer north of Silver Lake was used for training purposes Saturday morning as firefighters from several area departments joined the Silver Lake Fire Department with the prescribed burn. Bob Scheidt, former Glencoe fire chief, was an instructor on the scene for South Central College. Firefighters took turns fighting fires set in various rooms of the trailer. Also present were members of the Silver Lake Ambulance.**

## Firefighters burn trailer for training

By Alyssa Schauer  
Staff Writer

Orange flames and black smoke lit up the sky this weekend as the Silver Lake Fire Department practiced safety techniques and fire drills in an abandoned trailer at a property north of Silver Lake Saturday morning.

Bob Scheidt, former Glencoe fire chief and current fire rescue consultant at the Center for Business and Industry at South Central College, helped the department organize the trailer burn, with the help of other South Central instructors.

"The trailer burn is a prescribed burn that gives the firefighters an opportunity to practice hose drills and safety techniques in the event of a house fire," Scheidt said.

"These activities assist them in future incidents. It teaches them safety processes and pro-

cedures, suppression techniques, and it gives them the chance to practice fighting fires," Scheidt said.

Instructors and department members loaded wooden pallets and straw bales into the trailer to build the prescribed fires in different rooms, such as the kitchen, the living room, the bedroom and bathroom, and each room was lit one at a time to give everyone an opportunity to handle the fire.

The Silver Lake Fire Department was divided into five teams, and different instructors led their teams into the trailer to fight the single-room fires.

Instructors on scene included Buzz Comstock and Carl Riese from the Mankato Fire Department, Brandon Phillips of the Henderson Fire Department, Ryan Englemann of the Plato Fire Department, and Cory Scheidt and Tom

Brinkmann of the Glencoe Fire Department.

The Cokato Fire Department also was on scene for assistance in pump operations.

"These single-room fires teach the firefighters what to watch for in respect to safety and search-rescue," Scheidt said.

He added that prescribed burns also give pump operators the opportunity to "hone their skills."

"Essentially, this is a learning activity. It also gives us the chance to work with the fire chief (Dale Kosek) to assist him in duties as chief, regarding communication on scene," Scheidt said.

The Silver Lake Ambulance also was on scene to provide "rehabilitation" medical attention to the department.

"In the evolution of fire fighting, on-scene medical care has become a necessity.

Almost all fire calls will now request an ambulance on scene to monitor the health of the department members fighting fires.

"The EMTs (emergency medical technicians) check blood pressures, blood sugars, oxygen stats, temperatures and pulse rates. Most fire-related deaths of department members are from after effects of smoke inhalation, over-exertion, etc.," Scheidt said.

Scheidt said he worked with the state and the Silver Lake department to obtain all proper burning permits to execute the trailer burn.

"South Central College has worked with Silver Lake rescue services for many years, and the department has a great group of guys here, always eager to learn something new," Scheidt said.

## Fire Prevention Week: Silver Lake fire chief offers several safety tips

By Alyssa Schauer  
Staff Writer

Fire Prevention Week is set for Oct. 7 through Oct. 11 this year and Silver Lake Fire Chief Dale Kosek suggests a few tips for homeowners and families to be prepared.

"The most obvious thing is to check smoke detectors. Make sure they are up-to-date and working, and if they have low batteries, change them," Kosek said.

He added that checking carbon monoxide detectors is also very important, especially in the upcoming winter months.

"Most calls we have regarding the carbon monoxide detectors are false. We are paged out to a house but it's because their machine is old and outdated. It's important to do monthly self-tests on the detectors," Kosek said.

He also added the following:

- Do not leave candles unattended, especially with Halloween approaching. Avoid using candles in bedrooms and sleeping areas and extinguish candles after use. Also, keep them at least 12 inches away from anything that can burn.
- Acquire burning permits from your local township or government entity.
- Plan a family fire drill and



Fire Chief Dale Kosek

design an escape plan before winter sets in. Practice an escape plan from every room in the house, and caution everyone to stay low to the floor when escaping from fire. Select a location where everyone can meet after escaping the house.

- Check wiring in sheds, garages, and barns.
- Do not overload electrical circuits with too many cords and electronics. Do not place cords and wires under rugs or

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### Silver Lake City Council Regular Meeting Oct. 7, 2013 6:30 p.m. Agenda

**\*\*A portion of the meeting will be closed pursuant to Minnesota law for a performance appraisal**

Call to order:  
Approve Agenda  
Consent Agenda:  
Old business:

1. Update Grove Avenue (CSAH 2) project.
2. Building inspectors report.
3. Clerk/treasurer annual review.

New business:

1. Review of year-to-date revenue and expenditures.
- Open Discussion:

## KC paper drive Oct. 11-12, profits go to local groups

The Silver Lake Knights of Columbus Council No. 1841 will have a paper drive Friday and Saturday, Oct. 11-12, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. The trailer will be parked on the north side of Holy Family Church in Silver Lake.

Items accepted include newspapers, junk mail, magazines, paper bags, and card-

board.

Cardboard should be kept separate from papers. No plastic, please.

Profits will go to the Silver Lake Ambulance Service, the Silver Lake Fire Department, and Silver Lake Winterfest.

For information or help hauling papers, please call Ray Bandas at 320-327-3115.

## Jail spends over \$100,000 a year to board inmates elsewhere

### County hopes to save with jail expansion plan

By Lori Cople  
Staff Writer

An analysis of five years of inmate housing shows that the McLeod County Jail has been spending well over \$100,000 a year to board inmates in other facilities.

At a public hearing that had been held Sept. 17 regarding a proposed 15-bed expansion of the current jail, as well as se-

curity improvements at the courthouse, county officials said the sheriff's department could save about \$100,000 annually by eliminating most of the out-of-county boarding of inmates.

The cost of boarding inmates elsewhere peaked in 2009, when it cost the county \$197,695.

But Sheriff Scott Rehmann said 2009 was a blip in the statistics, because nearly all of McLeod County's inmates were boarded elsewhere.

"That was the year that we completed some significant improvements in the jail," said

Rehmann. Those improvements, including "suicide-proofing" jail cells, came at the behest of the Minnesota Department of Corrections (DOC). Inmates were housed elsewhere during the construction period.

In the years since, the county paid \$134,640 in 2010, \$111,210 in 2011 and \$114,900 in 2012 to board inmates in other facilities. Through August of this year, the county has spent \$62,205.

Rehmann said the county has had to house out 17 to 18 percent of its jail population in order to meet DOC regula-

tions, which include classifying inmates in several categories, including maximum vs. less security and males vs. females.

At the Sept. 17 public hearing, McLeod County Attorney Mike Junge said that the addition of the beds to the jail could be done without increasing staff, but that there may still be some out-of-county housing of inmates depending on the mix of classifications at any particular time.

The county still hopes to find a significant savings of about \$100,000 a year with the addition, which also will pro-

vide DOC-required space for inmates to meet with counselors, nurses and attorneys.

The county is proposing a \$7 million project that will add on to the jail, create a secure entrance, create a secure passageway between the jail and one of the three courtrooms (one other courtroom already has a secure passage) as well as other security improvements.

The County Board also is hoping that a probate judge will approve using between \$3.8 million and \$4 million from the Annamarie Tudhope estate to pay for the jail expan-

sion.

Tudhope, former publisher and editor of the Glencoe Enterprise, bequeathed the bulk of her estate to the county for the construction of a new jail. Because the project is an expansion of the existing jail and not the construction of a new one, a judge will need to determine if the project is in keeping with the intent of Tudhope's will.

Rehmann also said the county's security committee met last week and has been

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## Upcoming Events

### Holy Family Fall Bazaar set

The Church of the Holy Family in Silver Lake is hosting its annual bazaar at the church, 700 W. Main St. in Silver Lake, on Sunday, Oct. 6, beginning with a polka Mass at 10 a.m. and a chicken and ham dinner to follow from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be bingo and a cash raffle drawing. Come see the huge country store and more.

### Grace hosts salad luncheon

The women of Grace Bible Church in Silver Lake invite area ladies to their annual fall salad luncheon on Saturday, Oct. 26, at 10:30 a.m. The event is free and will include a variety of salads and a talk by Avril Vavrosky. Vavrosky is originally from South Africa, and her husband, Doug, from North Dakota. They are with OMF International (previously known as the China Inland Mission) and have ministered to Chinese-speaking people in many parts of the world. Grace Bible Church is located in Silver Lake at 300 Cleveland St., next to the city water tower. Reservations are not required, but are appreciated for planning purposes. For more information, contact Jeanie Oestreich at 320-327-2671.

### History event in Hutchinson

On Monday, Oct. 7, at 6:30 p.m., at the McLeod County Fairgrounds commercial building in Hutchinson, Kitty Werthmann, a living survivor from Nazi-controlled Austria, will be speaking. Light refreshments will be served at 6:30 p.m. and the program will begin at 7 p.m. The event is open to the public and freewill donations are accepted. Werthmann will illustrate the parallels between the loss of freedom in her country and what is occurring in America today. The event is sponsored by the McLeod County Republicans. For more information, e-mail [deputychair@mcleodgop.com](mailto:deputychair@mcleodgop.com) or call 320-961-4674.

### Business Association meets

The Silver Lake Business Association will meet Tuesday, Oct. 8, at 7 p.m., in the Silver Lake Auditorium.

### St. Peter's 'Evening' event

St. Peter Lutheran Church in Watertown is hosting "An Evening of Fine Wine, Food and Fellowship" event on Saturday, Oct. 5, at 5:30 p.m., at the church located at 3030 Navajo Ave. in Watertown. Tickets are needed and the menu includes a five-course dinner with great wines. Tickets are limited to the first 80 people. To order, mail a check to St. Peter Lutheran Church, PO Box 508, Watertown, MN 55388.

### Fall Bazaar at Holy Trinity

The Holy Trinity Council of Catholic Women will host a fall bazaar Saturday, Oct. 5, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., at Holy Trinity High School in Winsted. The sale includes crafts and gifts, area crafters and small businesses, produce, baked goods, plants, a silent auction, raffle and grab bags. Breakfast starts at 8:30 a.m. and lunch is from 10:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.

### Degree of Honor meets Oct. 8

Degree of Honor No. 182 will meet Tuesday, Oct. 8, at 5 p.m., in the Silver Lake Auditorium.

### Senior dining birthday party

The Silver Lake senior dining site is hosting its October birthday party Wednesday, Oct. 9, at the Silver Lake Auditorium. The menu includes roast beef, mashed potatoes, carrots, dinner roll with margarine, pudding dessert and low-fat milk. There will be bingo. Call manager Pearl Branden at 320-327-2621 or 320-327-2536 to order a meal.

### County senior meeting set

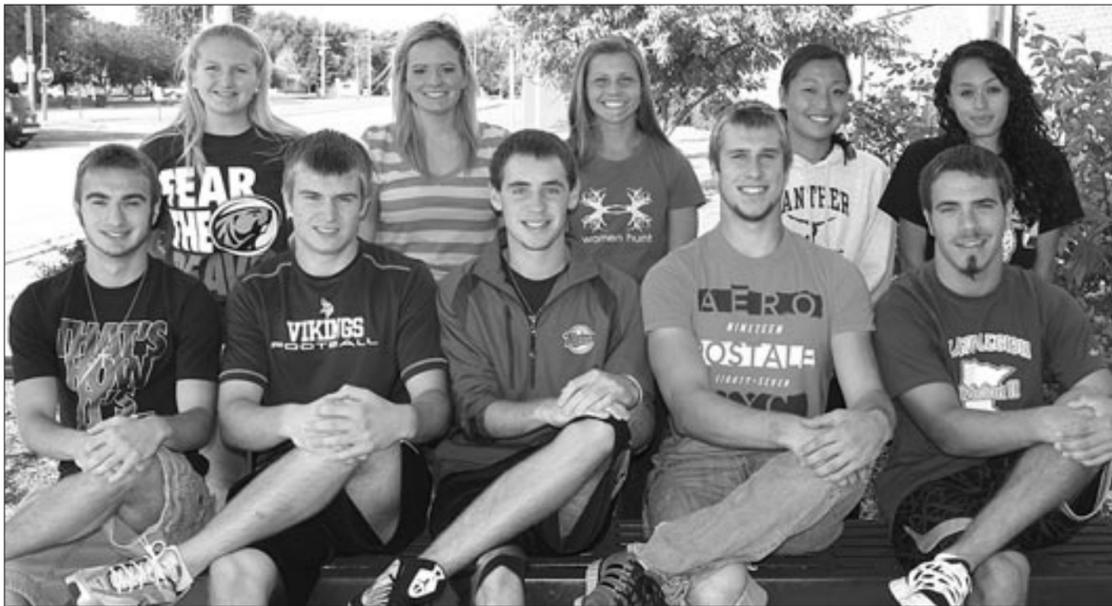
The McLeod County senior citizens will hold their quarterly meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 16, at 1:30 p.m., in the Brownton Community Center. After the meeting, cards will follow. Come and enjoy yourself before the snow flies. For questions, call 320-327-2499.

### Abrams Brothers perform

The Abrams Brothers, playing guitar, violin and bass, will appear in Glencoe on Saturday, Oct. 12, at 7 p.m., in the Glencoe-Silver Lake High School Auditorium as part of the Glencoe Area Performing Artists Concert Series. They skillfully combine the music of their roots with their own distinct sound as they perform a variety of bluegrass, country and folk-rock music. Season membership tickets will be available to purchase.

### Legion Auxiliary set to meet

The regular meeting of the Hutchinson American Legion Auxiliary Unit 96 will be Monday, Oct. 14, at 7 p.m., at the Hutchinson American Legion Post 96. The executive board meeting will be at 6:15 p.m.



Silver Lake Leader photo by Rich Glennie

### GSL homecoming candidates

The Glencoe-Silver Lake student body selected its 10 homecoming candidates for 2013 last week, and this year's homecoming royalty will be crowned Monday at 8 p.m. in the high school auditorium. The candidates are, front, from right, Lou Iacona, son of Louis and Claire Iacona; Adam Eberhard, son of Robert and Gloria Eberhard; Cole Petersen, son of Shawn and Lisa Petersen; Dalton Clouse, son of Todd and Jodi Clouse; and Colton Lueders, son of Jeff and Denise Lueders. In the back are, from left,

Cassidy Schrader, daughter of Jeff and Michelle Schrader; Samantha Lange, daughter of Mark and Lana Lange; Kelly Arnold, daughter of Peter and Sandy Arnold; Emily Popelka, daughter of Dale and Carmen Popelka; and Yodee Rivera, daughter of Noemi Sanchez. Homecoming week activities start Oct. 7 and end Friday, Oct. 11. On Friday, the annual homecoming football game is against the Waconia Wildcats, followed by the homecoming dance.

### GFWC Silver Lake kicked off its new year Sept. 23

The GFWC Silver Lake Women's Club held its first meeting of the 2013-14 year on Monday, Sept. 23, at the Silver Lake Legion club rooms.

All the summer activities the club was involved in were discussed.

The 2013-14 program was

handed out to club members.

The senior apartments and spouses meal will be on Monday, Nov. 4, at 6 p.m., at the Legion club rooms.

The club will donate \$100 to McLeod Alliance For Victims of Domestic Abuse because October is Domestic Abuse Awareness Month.

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over nails.

Kosek also added suggestions for those using wood-burning stoves and those disposing of paint cans and rags.

"With wood-burning stoves, one should remember to not burn green wood. This is what causes the majority of chimney fires," Kosek said.

Regarding paint supplies, Kosek reminds homeowners to "dispose of paint rags and varnish rags separately. The best bet is to seal the paint cans before disposing. That way not much oxygen can get in the can to start a fire," Kosek said.

With the holiday season approaching, Kosek said to use "extra caution" in the use of extension cords for extra Christmas lighting, etc.

Kosek also suggested clearing homes of clutter.

"Clutter is a huge hazard to fire safety. It's a fire trap waiting to happen, so clean hallways and rooms of clutter," Kosek said.

He added that he has found boxes sitting on extension cords and piled next to heaters in some homes. "The best thing is to clean it up. Keep the cords cleared and keep items at

least three feet from heaters," he said.

To create awareness for fire prevention, the Silver Lake Fire Department will be teaching third-grade students at Lakeside Elementary about fire safety techniques on Tuesday, Oct. 8.

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The McLeod County Parks will be officially closed for the season on Monday, Oct. 7.

Gates will be closed, but anyone wanting to hike or walk through the area parks is welcome.

The following parks will be closed: Buffalo Creek Park (Glencoe), Swan Lake Park (Silver Lake), William May Park (Winsted), Stahl's Lake Park (Hutchinson), Lake Marion Regional Park (Brownton), and Piepenburg Regional Park (Hutchinson).

The tentative opening of the parks in the spring will be May 1, 2014.

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discussing issues raised by constituents at the public hearing, in particular a desire to not close off the north entrances to the courthouse. Rehmann said the committee will likely recommend to the County Board that the entrances stay open.

But the multiple entrances to the courthouse will still be a

concern for security, Rehmann indicated.

"We may have to do something different with those north entrances during high-profile events, such as murder trials," Rehmann said.

The County Board intends to take up the matter again at its Oct. 22 meeting.

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**Officers of the Glencoe-Silver Lake FFA chapter include, left to right, Kirsten Barott, Becca Green, Sam Lange, Maddie Kuehn, Laura Becker with Kole Polzin in the front.**

## GSL FFA members attend Greenhands regional event

By **Becky Haddad**  
GSL FFA adviser

Thirty-four students from Glencoe-Silver Lake Junior High school left at 6:30 a.m. Sept. 25 for the Prairie Woods Environmental Learning Center.

The students started the day with nervous, "What are we going to be doing today?" and mostly came home with big smiles.

Greenhands in the Spotlight is hosted by Region V FFA every fall so that new FFA members can become acquainted with what FFA is and the opportunities it offers.

Upon arrival, students were promptly greeted with a game of "Ninja," led by the Region V officers.

After opening ceremonies, students broke into groups and spent time learning about the

FFA emblem, creed, motto and potential opportunities, including career development events and supervised agricultural experiences.

One of the sessions was led by GSL's Zach Pierson, who serves as a Region V director. Other students headed to "the farm," where they got to climb the rock wall, scale the ropes course, or take a ride on the flying squirrel. Students also participated in team-building activities and networking functions.

Also hosted on Sept. 25 was the Chapter Leaders Conference, where GSL's high school FFA officers spent the day putting together their chapter office guide.

The officers, including Sam Lange, Laura Becker, Becca Green, Kirsten Barott, Kole Polzin and Maddie Kuehn,

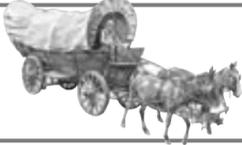
chose as their vision statement for the year, "To increase involvement and enthusiasm among FFA members and alumni."

And they are certainly hitting the ground running with that goal at the forefront. From planning activities for "Officer Togetherness," to setting their communication plan in place, to developing an ag literacy project and selecting chapter goals, this is a group of go-getters.

GSL FFA is looking forward to seeing the results of the spark that was ignited Sept. 25. The enthusiasm sparked by such a conference only grows as it begins an October full of career development events and looks forward to the national convention.

## Down Memory Lane

Compiled by Margaret Benz



**75 YEARS AGO - OCT. 8, 1938** — A series of petty thefts and break-ins recently occurred when two bulk stations were broken into at the Minnesota-Western tracks and the rear door of Danek's Hardware store broken open. At the Standard Bulk Station, agent F.A. Bandas reports the loss of several cases of oil valued at about \$35. Mr. Chalupsky of the Conoco Bulk Station reports his loss at about \$5. The person breaking in at Danek's evidently was frustrated as no loss was discovered.

The Silver Lake Village Council will receive sealed bids for the purchase of the dwelling only known as the late residence of Jozefka Zrust near the public school.

Due to numerous complaints that minors and school students are permitted to frequent places licensed to sell 3.2 beer and liquors, the Silver Lake Village Council gives notice that the police have been ordered to enforce the law and operators of such places found guilty of selling beer or liquor to minors or permitting minors to frequent their places of business or permitting adults to purchase beer or liquor for minors will have their license revoked without notice.

Tuesday evening, Oct. 11, the Ladies Aid of the Silver Lake Presbyterian Church will serve its famous chicken dinner in the church parlors beginning at six o'clock. Tickets are 50¢ and 25¢.

Emil Trutna and his crew are installing a new front in Totushek's Red & White Store building, which will give it a more modern appearance.

Farmers in this vicinity will be treated to a big day at the City Hall in Silver Lake on Saturday, Oct. 8, in the afternoon and evening as guests of the Sargent Co. and the Victoria Elevator Co.

Mrs. Mike Budzinski has moved to Silver Lake and will make her home with her daughter, Mrs. Martha Jurek.

George Peterson of the Archway Station has added a new 24-record Wurlitzer automatic phonograph to his place of business.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sopkowiak mourn the loss of their infant son, Frank Joseph, born on Oct. 1 and who died shortly after birth. The funeral was held on Monday from the St. Adalbert's Church.

Arlene DeLoris Tatting was married Wednesday evening, Sept. 28, to Raymond Plath at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R.G. Tatting.

**50 YEARS AGO - OCT. 3, 1963** — Earl Micka has sold his cafe and tavern on Abraham Street to Mr. and Mrs. Willard Ziemer. The

owners took over on Oct. 1 and have named the establishment The Village Inn.

The big annual St. Adalbert Fall Festival will be held on Sunday, Oct. 6, at the church hall. A bountiful home-cooked chicken and ham dinner will be served.

Joe Gehlen of Gehlen Farm Service is observing his 12th year in business beginning this week and features a series of 12th anniversary specials.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Kaminsky have sold their house to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Nuwash and, in turn, the Kaminskys have purchased the Lee Kohl's residence on Main Street West.

Ray Rochowiak was struck by a car last Saturday on Main Street at about 7 p.m. The accident occurred in the block between Ardolf's Hardware Store and Mallak's corner.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Chapman on Sept. 21. Daughters were born to Mr. and Mrs. Ruben (Delores Lhotka) Beich on Sept. 11 and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Yurek on Sept. 14.

**25 YEARS AGO - OCT. 6, 1988** — Frost hit the area Monday night with temperatures dropping to the 20s.

Residents of Silver Lake Public School District 425 will have an opportunity to hear the reasons the school is asking for the increase in taxes at an informational meeting on Monday, Oct. 10, in the public school multi-purpose room.

In observance of Fire Prevention Week, the Silver Lake Fire Department will hold an open house on Sunday, Oct. 9, at the fire hall.

The Silver Lake Civic Association will host a potluck-game night for Silver Lake senior citizens on Monday, Oct. 10, at the auditorium.

Army Reserve Private Daniel Hingst, son of Lee and Edna Hingst, graduated from the U.S. Army subsistence supply specialist course at Fort Lee, Va.

Brad Shamla, son of Bob and Val Shamla, is in a new role with the football Dragons of Moorhead State University this fall. Shamla was relocated from linebacker to end when the Dragons overhauled their defense.

The public is invited to attend the wedding dance honoring Peni Jo Conley and Robert Penas on Saturday, Oct. 8, at the Silver Lake Auditorium.

A daughter was born on Sept. 23 to Mark and Judy (Schultz) Peterson.

## SL Lions plan tour of state eye bank

Silver Lake Lions members are inviting anyone interested to visit the Minnesota Lions Eye Bank on Saturday, Oct. 12.

The Lions Eye Bank, part of the departments of Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology,

will hold tours at its location on the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis campus.

A second tour is planned for Saturday, April 12, 2014.

If interested, please call Silver Lake Lions Club President Roxy Yurek at 320-327-2752.

Call if interested in either tour.

This will be a chance to visit firsthand some of the care and research that is made possible by Lions support of the Eye Bank.

## My grape weekend as Lucille Ball

This Saturday, I had the incredible chance to live out one of my childhood fantasies — to stomp grapes in a wine vat like Lucille Ball did in the infamous "grape stomping" episode of "I Love Lucy."

You know, the episode where Lucy and an Italian woman get into a brawl and end up swimming in the giant wooden tub of squished grapes?

Well, I didn't get into a brawl with an Italian woman (though to be honest, I was kind of hoping to get in a grape-tossing fight), but I did get five whole minutes to dance around in a pool of juicy grapes and dye my toes purple at the Crow River Winery's annual "Grape Stomp."

Oh, don't worry — they do not use the stomped grapes in their wines. I think.

The grape stomp includes several different stomping competitions, including the grape stomping tournament, the "Itty Bitty Stomp" for kids, the "I Love Lucy Stomp" for the Lucille Balls of the world, and a "Trash the Dress Stomp" for brides to stomp grapes wearing wedding dresses and even wrestle each other to see who can come out of the wooden barrel looking the most purple.

All last week I watched clips of the "Lucy's Italian Movie" episode just to prepare myself for the event, practicing my best "Lucy" funny faces and dancing around the kitchen, hands on my hips, hopping up and down as if I were in Italy, squishing grapes.

Even convinced my cousin, Laura, into joining me for the messy endeavor and we spent Thursday afternoon in thrift stores, trying on several different dresses until we found the perfect 1950s peasant-looking outfits, complete with handkerchiefs for our hair and dangly earrings — just like Lucy.

But I couldn't have picked a worse time to participate in the grape stomp. Saturday was filled with taking pictures of the fire department's trailer burn training, helping my cousin pack to move to North

## The Travel Section

By **Alyssa Schauer**



Dakota, writing the news stories for the week since I'll be out of the office until Monday, and packing for the World Dairy Expo, for which I was leaving at 7 a.m. Sunday morning.

Sometimes I just don't think clearly about my schedule, but I managed to squeeze in a couple hours of time to dress up like Lucille Ball and stomp some grapes with seven other Lucys. It was worth the lack of sleep Saturday night and the fact I had to bring some newspaper work with me to the Expo.

Naturally, in true Schauer form, I was running late for the grape stomp, and about a mile from the winery, Grandma Genny was calling that they were announcing my name, looking for me for the contest.

I stepped on the gas and rumbled into the parking lot, squeezed into the only available spot left in the lot, jumped out of the Jeep, and raced to the stage as spectators cheered my cousin and me on, "Run, Lucys, run!"

Thankfully, we made it with more than enough time to join the second heat of Lucys for the "I Love Lucy" portion, and my adrenaline was pumping as my cousin and I danced around the crowd excitedly, waiting for the competition to begin.

The wooden barrel was five feet in diameter, about two feet in height, and it sat in a makeshift outdoor staging area behind the winery.

Before stepping into the purple ocean of cold, mushy grapes, we were told to rub baby oil on our legs and feet. I

think this helps keep the grapes from staining our skin, though I must say, I still have purple toes.

I headed up to the stage, carefully lifted my red dress to my knees and kicked one leg over the barrel into the grapes. I couldn't help but make the same, wide-eyed, repulsed face Lucy did when she stepped into the wine vat in Italy as my foot touched the cold, wet, soft grapes.

My feet sank into the heaps of stems and oozing fruit and the clock started. We had five minutes to stomp the grapes, and my cousin and I, along with the other two Lucys in our heat, hopped around in a circular pattern, crushing bunches left and right.

We got into a rhythm and started do-si-doing in circles around the other Lucys before both of us slipped and nearly fell into the bubbly, deep purple mess of mashed grapes.

Would you believe after two minutes I got tired of jumping around? Stomping grapes is quite the workout, and I thought the activity would make for a fun, entertaining exercise video. I think Richard Simmons would be interested.

And as if I wasn't already enjoying stomping grapes, I found we each earned a free bottle of wine and a "Grape Stomp" T-shirt from Crow River for participating!

I'm already planning on kicking grapes around again next year, whether I have a wedding or not, and I am thinking of investing in several pounds of the seedless fruit at the local grocery store to practice. Anybody want to join me?

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## Obituaries

### Dr. David John Willins, 65, Silver Lake

Dr. David "Dave" John Willins, 65, died Sept. 29, 2013, at his residence in Silver Lake.

Memorial services will be held Friday, Oct. 4, at 1 p.m., at the Maresh Funeral Home in Silver Lake, with his brother-in-law, the Rev. Chuck McConkey, presiding.



**Dr. David Willins**

Dr. Willins was born Dec. 29, 1947, in Farnborough, Hampshire, England, the son of Dr. John and Joan (Fitton) Willins.

Dr. Willins attended University College London where he earned a doctor of philosophy (PhD) in physics on June 21, 1972, at the age of 23. He achieved the status of ocean yachtmaster in 1993, as sailing was one of his favorite hobbies.

Dr. Willins enjoyed many other activities, including traveling around the world for business and pleasure, playing the piano and downhill skiing. He also loved animals, especially his dog Jeanie.

On Dec. 9, 1994, he was united in marriage to Linda McConkey McBee in Blandford Forum, Dorset, England.

Dr. Willins was employed for several years by the Ministry of Defense in England and then had a 30-year career with Thales Underwater Systems in Templecombe, Somerset, England, until retiring in 2011. In his retirement, he was marketing director for Lancashire Family History & Heraldry Society.

Dr. Willins became a resident of the United States in 2012 while also maintaining a permanent home in Bradford Abbas, Dorset, England. He enjoyed renovating his home in Silver Lake, spending time with his family — especially his three grandchildren — and

having a beer with his neighbors in Silver Lake.

Survivors include his wife, Linda; mother, Joan of Severn Stoke, Worcs, England; aunt, Norah Brown of Moreley Green, Cheshire, England; sons, Robert McBee II (Kathleen) of Lester Prairie, and Ronald MacBaen (Trina) of Oak Grove; daughter, Linda (Roger) White of Valencia, Calif.; grandchildren Robert McBee III, Kaitlin McBee, and William McBee of Lester Prairie; brothers-in-law, the Rev. Chuck (Betty) McConkey of Bixby, Okla., David (Marylou) McConkey of Dededo, Guam, and Steven (Angela) McConkey of Rochelle, Ill.; and many friends all over the world. Dr. Willins was a wonderful man and will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

The Maresh Funeral Home in Silver Lake is serving the family. Online condolences may be made to [www.mareshfuneralhome.com](http://www.mareshfuneralhome.com).

## Kitchen Delights & Other Things



### Creamy White Chili

#### Ingredients:

- 1 pound boneless skinless chicken breasts, cut into 1/2-inch cubes
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 1-1/2 teaspoons garlic powder
- 1 tablespoon canola oil
- 2 cans (15.5 ounces each) great northern beans, rinsed and drained
- 1 can (14.5 ounces) chicken broth
- 2 cans (4 ounces each) chopped green chilies
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1 teaspoon dried oregano
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1/2 cup heavy whipping cream

#### Directions:

In a large saucepan, saute the chicken, onion and garlic powder in oil until chicken is no longer pink. Add the beans, broth, chilies, and seasonings. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat; simmer, uncovered, for 30 minutes. Remove from heat; stir in sour cream and cream.

### Banana Crumb Muffins

#### Ingredients:

- 1-1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 3 bananas, mashed
- 3/4 cup white sugar
- 1 egg, lightly beaten
- 1/3 cup butter, melted
- 1/3 cup packed brown sugar
- 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1/8 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 tablespoon butter

#### Directions:

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Lightly grease 10 muffin cups or line with muffin papers. In a large bowl, mix together 1-1/2 cups flour, baking soda, baking powder, and salt. In another bowl, beat together bananas, sugar, egg and melted butter. Stir the banana mixture into the flour mixture just until moistened. Spoon batter into prepared muffin cups. In a small bowl, mix together brown sugar, 2 tablespoons flour and cinnamon. Cut in 1 tablespoon butter until mixture resembles coarse cornmeal. Sprinkle topping over muffins. Bake for 18 to 20 minutes, until a toothpick inserted into center of a muffin comes out clean.

### Caramel Pecan Bars

#### Ingredients:

- 1 cup butter, cubed
- 2-1/4 cups packed brown sugar
- 2 eggs
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 1-1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 2 cups chopped pecans
- Confectioners' sugar, optional

#### Directions:

In a large saucepan, combine butter and brown sugar over medium heat until sugar is dissolved. In a small bowl, beat eggs and vanilla. Gradually add hot sugar mixture, stirring constantly. Combine flour and baking powder; gradually add to the butter mixture and mix well. Stir in pecans. Spread into a greased 13x9-inch baking pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 20-25 minutes or until a toothpick inserted near the center comes out with moist crumbs and edges are crisp. Cool on a wire rack. Dust with confectioners' sugar if desired. Cut into bars.

## Church News

### GRACE BIBLE CHURCH

300 Cleveland Ave., Silver Lake  
**Dr. Tom Rakow, Pastor**  
 320-327-2265  
<http://silverlakechurch.org>  
 Sat., Oct. 5 — Men's Bible study, 7 a.m.  
 Sun., Oct. 6 — "First Light" radio broadcast on KARP 106.9 FM, 7:30 a.m.; pre-service prayer time, 9:15 a.m.; fellowship and refreshment time, 9 a.m.; worship service with communion, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday school, 10:35 a.m.; open shooting for Centershot graduates, 11:45 a.m.  
 Mon., Oct. 7 — Church board meeting, 7 p.m.  
 Wed., Oct. 9 — Confirmation, 6 p.m.; prayer time, puppet practice, 7 p.m.  
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### FAITH PRESBYTERIAN

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**Carol Chmielewski, pastor**  
**Office hours: Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.**  
 Sun., Oct. 6 — Handbells practice, 8:45 a.m.; worship service with fellowship to follow, 10 a.m.  
 Wed., Oct. 9 — 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., Oct. 3 — Mass at Cedar Crest, 10:30 a.m.; CCW, 7 p.m.  
 Fri., Oct. 4 — Mass, 8 a.m.; first Friday calls.  
 Sat., Oct. 5 — Bazaar set-up; diocesan ethics conference in Redwood Falls, 8:30 a.m.; reconciliation, 5:30 p.m.; Mass, 6:30 p.m.  
 Sun., Oct. 6 — Mass, 8 a.m. and 8 p.m.; Pilgrimage Day at St. Pius X, 12:15 p.m.  
 Tues., Oct. 8 — Mass, 8 a.m.; eucharistic adoration, 8:30 a.m.-10 p.m.; quilting, 9 a.m.  
 Wed., Oct. 9 — Mass, 5 p.m.; grades one through six religious education classes, 5:30 p.m.; grades seven through 10 religious education classes, 7 p.m.

### WORD OF LIFE CHURCH

950 School Rd. S.W. Hutchinson  
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 E-mail: [infor@loversoftruth.com](mailto:infor@loversoftruth.com)  
**Jim Hall, Pastor**  
 Sun., Oct. 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., Oct. 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

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 E-mail: [assembly@hutchtel.net](mailto:assembly@hutchtel.net)  
**Dr. Lee Allison, pastor**  
 Sun., Oct. 6 — Worship, 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.  
 Wed., Oct. 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](mailto:jmm@hutchtel.net)  
 Sun., Oct. 6 — Sunday school, 9 a.m.; worship, 10:15 a.m.

### ST. PIUS X CHURCH

1014 Knight Ave., Glencoe  
**Anthony Stubeda, Pastor**  
 Thurs., Oct. 3 — Morning prayer, 7 a.m.; Mass, 7:30 a.m.; Region 6 priests meeting, Litchfield, noon; fundraiser night at Unhinged! Pizza; CCW meeting, 7 p.m.  
 Fri., Oct. 4 — Morning prayer, 8 a.m.; Mass, 8:20 a.m.; adoration of blessed sacrament follows Mass until noon; first Friday communion calls begin; Spanish Mass, 5 p.m.  
 Sat., Oct. 5 — Holy Trinity CCW Fall Bazaar; widow, widower and senior singles breakfast, Dubbs Grill, 9:30 a.m.; Spanish baptism session, 10 a.m.; reconciliation, 4 p.m.; Mass and baptism, 5 p.m.  
 Sun., Oct. 6 — Respect Life Sunday; Holy Family annual fall bazaar; Mass, 9:30 a.m.; Spanish Mass and baptisms, 11:30 a.m.; Hispanic ministry religious education for youths and adults, 12:45 p.m.; Mass at Holy Family, Silver Lake, 8 p.m.  
 Mon., Oct. 7 — No Mass; HandS committee meeting, 6:30

p.m.  
 Tues., Oct. 8 — Morning prayer, 7 a.m.; Mass, 7:20 a.m.  
 Wed., Oct. 9 — Evening prayer, 5:40 p.m.; Mass, 6 p.m.; kindergarten through sixth-grade religious education, 7 p.m.; seventh-through 10th-grade religious education, 7 p.m.; confirmation candidate, parent session at Holy Family, Silver Lake, 7 p.m.

### SHALOM BAPTIST CHURCH

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**Rick Stapleton, senior pastor**  
**Adam Krumrie, worship pastor/director of student ministries**  
 Thurs., Oct. 3 — High school lunch, 11 a.m.; worship team rehearsal, 6 p.m.  
 Sun., Oct. 6 — Worship, 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.; adult growth groups and Sunday school, 9 a.m.; Shalom running group, open to everyone, 4 p.m.; Couples Connect, 4 p.m.; Financial Peace University, 7 p.m.  
 Mon., Oct. 7 — Women's discipleship, 7 p.m.  
 Tues., Oct. 8 — Women's discipleship, 9 a.m.  
 Wed., Oct. 9 — AWANA for children ages 4 through fifth-grade and SOS, 6:30 p.m.; middle school youth group, 6:30 p.m.; high school youth group, 7:30 p.m.

### BETHEL LUTHERAN

77 Lincoln Ave., Lester Prairie  
**Bethany Nelson, pastor**  
 320-395-2125  
 Fri., Oct. 4 — Prepare potatoes for lutefisk making, 9 a.m.  
 Sat., Oct. 5 — Roll and bake lutefisk, 9 a.m.  
 Sun., Oct. 6 — Worship, 9 a.m.; coffee and fellowship, 10:15 a.m.; Sunday school, 10:15 a.m.; roll and bake lutefisk, 10:15 a.m.; confirmation, 10:30 a.m.  
 Tues., Oct. 8 — Trustee meeting, 5:30 p.m.  
 Wed., Oct. 9 — Lutefisk committee meeting, 6 p.m.; choir, 7 p.m.

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 We especially wish to thank of Holy Family Church Father Patrick Okonkwo for visiting our dad and Reverend Anthony Stubeda for the beautiful eulogy and mass.  
 Thank you to the musicians, choir and the ladies of the church for the lovely luncheon served with many delicious salads and desserts.  
 We want to thank the American Legion and the Ladies Auxiliary for the military funeral honors, the Knights of Columbus for praying the rosary, and senior citizens and senior dining for all the good times dad enjoyed with you. We thank the J.A. Wedum Residence Hospice for the great care during dad's last days.  
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## Menu

### Oct. 7-Oct. 11

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 Tuesday — Liver or pepper steak, buttered boiled potatoes, peas, bread, margarine, apricots, low-fat milk.  
 Wednesday — Roast beef, mashed potatoes, carrots, dinner roll, margarine, pudding dessert, low-fat milk.  
 Thursday — Chicken chow mein, rice, chow mein noodles, oriental vegetables, mandarin orange gelatin, brownie, low-fat milk.  
 Friday — Creamy vegetable soup, turkey sandwich, tropical fruit, crackers, margarine, cookie, low-fat milk.

#### GSL Elementary Breakfast

Monday — Tony's breakfast pizza or Cinnamon Toast Crunch and string cheese and apple juice cup, low-fat milk.  
 Tuesday — Pancake on a stick with syrup or apple cinnamon muffin and yogurt, mandarin oranges, low-fat milk.  
 Wednesday — French toast sticks with syrup or Golden Grahams and string cheese, diced peaches, low-fat milk.  
 Thursday — Tony's breakfast pizza or oatmeal with cinnamon and raisins, orange juice cup, low-fat milk.

Friday — Egg and cheese muffin or blueberry muffin and yogurt, mixed fruit, low-fat milk.

#### Helen Baker/Lakeside lunch

Monday — Hamburger on whole-grain bun, deli combo sub, oven-baked beans, baby carrots with dressing, apple wedges, pineapple tidbits.  
 Tuesday — Chicken nuggets, fun lunch of yogurt, American cheese and crackers, mashed potatoes with gravy, cucumber slices with dressing, banana, chilled applesauce.  
 Wednesday — Cheesy Italian dunkers, chef salad with cheese, egg, croissants, bread stick, seasoned green beans, cauliflower florets with dressing, grapes, chilled peaches.  
 Thursday — Diced barbecue chicken on whole-grain bun, ham and cheese on whole-grain bun, oven-baked French fries, marinated cucumbers and tomatoes, orange wedges, chilled applesauce.  
 Friday — Tony's cheese pizza, turkey and cheese on whole-grain bread, seasoned carrots, caesar romaine salad with dressing, apple wedges, chilled mixed fruit.

#### Junior/Senior High breakfast

Monday — Breakfast pizza or Cinnamon Toast Crunch and blueberry muffin, diced pears, low-fat milk.  
 Tuesday — Pancake on a stick

with syrup, or oatmeal with cinnamon and raisins, mandarin oranges, low-fat milk.

Wednesday — Breakfast burrito or ultimate breakfast round, yogurt, diced peaches, low-fat milk.

Thursday — French toast sticks or Cinnamon Toast Crunch and apple cinnamon muffin, orange juice cup, low-fat milk.

Friday — Sausage, egg and cheese biscuit or ultimate breakfast round and yogurt, mixed fruit, low-fat milk.

#### Junior/Senior High lunch

Monday — Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes with gravy, dinner roll, seasoned peas, confetti coleslaw, red pepper strips with dressing, apple, pineapple tidbits.  
 Tuesday — Mexican bar with beef and chicken nachos or tacos, brown rice, refried beans, corn, black bean and salsa, banana, chilled applesauce.  
 Wednesday — Homecoming cookout, hamburger on whole-grain bun, baby carrots, apple, ice cream sundae.  
 Thursday — Oven-baked chicken, whole-grain dinner rolls, potato salad, seasoned corn, chick pea salad, cucumber slices with dressing, orange wedges, chilled applesauce.  
 Friday — Pasta bar with chicken alfredo or Italian spaghetti with meat sauce, bread stick, seasoned green beans, baby carrots with dressing, apple, chilled mixed fruit.

## GSL Panther Fall Sports

### FOOTBALL

**August**  
29....at HF Catholic.....W,34-7

**September**  
06....Hutchinson.....L,36-7  
13....at Annandale.....W,48-28  
20....New London-Spicer.....  
.....W,42-25  
27....at Litchfield.....W,40-7

**October**  
04....Spring Lake Park.....7:00  
11....Waconia (homecoming).....  
.....7:00  
16....Dassel-Cokato.....7:00

### VOLLEYBALL

**August**  
27....at Watertown-Mayer.....L,3-1  
29....HF Catholic.....L,3-1

**September**  
03....NYA Central.....L,3-1  
09....Sibley East.....L,3-0  
10....Mound-Wtka.....W,3-0  
12....at Dassel-Cokato.....L,3-1  
14....Montevideo Inv.....5th  
17....Waconia.....L,3-0  
19....at Orono.....L,3-2  
21....Sibley East Inv.....3rd  
24....at GFW.....L,3-1  
26....Delano.....L,3-0

**October**  
01....at Hutchinson.....7:00  
03....Annandale.....7:00  
08....at New London-Spicer.....  
.....7:00  
10....at Litchfield.....7:00  
18....Rochester Inv.....5:15  
19....Rochester Inv.....10a.m.

### CROSS COUNTRY

**August**  
24....at NYA Jamboree.....

**September**  
05....at Montgomery Inv.....  
.....(Boys 8th) (Girls 17th)  
11....at NYA.....  
.....(Boys 5th) (Girls 10th)  
17....at Waconia Inv.....  
.....(Boys 3rd) (Girls 5th)  
19....GSL Inv.....  
.....(Boys 1st) (Girls 3rd)  
24....at Dassel-Cokato.....  
.....(Boys 2nd) (Girls 7th)

**October**  
03....at Litchfield.....4:00  
05....at Swain Inv.....TBD  
10....at Mound-Wtka.....4:00  
11....Waconia (homecoming).....  
.....12p.m.  
15....at Watertown-Mayer.....4:15

### TENNIS

**September**  
03....at Annandale.....W,6-1  
05....at Delano.....L,7-0  
07....at Brainerd Inv.....4th  
10....HF Catholic.....L,7-0  
12....at Litchfield.....W,4-3  
13....at Hutch Inv.....4th  
14....at Litchfield Inv.....2nd  
17....Hutchinson.....L,5-2  
19....N.London-Sp.....L,6-1  
28....WCC, at Orono.....

**October**  
02....MACCRAY.....3:30

### Girls' SOCCER

**August**  
22....at Willmar.....L,3-0  
28....Mound-Wtka.....L,4-0  
30....Chain of Lakes.....L,4-2

**September**  
03....at Delano.....L,2-0  
05....Hutchinson.....L,5-1  
09....at Waconia.....L,7-1  
10....at Mayer Lutheran.....L,1-0  
12....at Watertown-Mayer.....L,6-0  
16....at Orono.....L,8-0  
17....at Mound-Wtka.....L,8-0  
19....at Chain of Lakes.....L,4-0  
23....Delano.....L,6-0  
24....at Hutchinson.....L,5-0  
28....Waconia.....L,5-0

**October**  
01....Worthington.....6:00  
03....at HF Catholic.....5:00

### Boys' SOCCER

**August**  
29....Mound-Wtka.....L,9-0  
30....Chain of Lakes.....L,3-0

**September**  
03....at Delano.....L,5-1  
05....Hutchinson.....L,3-1  
09....at Waconia.....L,6-0  
12....at Mayer Lutheran.....L,3-0  
16....at Orono.....L,13-0  
17....at Mound-Wtka.....L,6-0  
19....at Chain of Lakes.....L,5-1  
23....Delano.....L,3-0  
24....at Hutchinson.....L,5-0  
26....Marshall Public.....L,2-1  
27....Mankato Loyola.....Tie,2-2  
28....Waconia.....L,7-0

**October**  
01....Worthington.....4:00  
03....at HF Catholic.....5:00

## Not much to slay Panthers beat Dragons 40-7 at Litchfield

By Josh Randt  
Sports Editor

Sitting atop the West Division of the Wright County Conference, the Glencoe-Silver Lake Panthers established their dominance over the Litchfield Dragons early in Friday's game.

Quarterback Keaton Anderson went 80 yards untouched on the first play from scrimmage, giving GSL a 7-0 advantage. Running a midline play, Anderson pulled the ball from Dalton Clouse at fullback after seeing the defensive end collapse down.

"It was just pure reading," Anderson said. "We just started riding (the option) and their end didn't do much. Then he crashed at the last second, so I pulled and just took it around the end. It was wide open."

Litchfield made some adjustments defensively after the big play, and forced GSL to punt on its next drive.

But once the Panthers got the ball back with 8:46 remaining in the first quarter, they went on a signature drive from their own 20-yard line.

The Panther offense drove the length of the field in 13 plays, and ate up six minutes of the first-quarter clock before Jake Stuedemann punched it in from five yards out for a 14-0 advantage.

"That's the beauty about our offense; our kids don't care who gets the credit as long as we win," head coach Scott Tschimperle said. "When one guy doesn't have a big game, another one does."

GSL's defense gave up one touchdown when Litchfield took advantage of good field position early in the second quarter when the Panthers fumbled on their own 21-yard line.

Other than that, the Panther defense slayed the Dragon offense, stuffing Litchfield ball carriers for a measly 86 yards



Silver Lake Leader photo by Josh Randt

**Jake Stuedemann breaks around the left side of the Panther line for a 5-yard score during the 40-7 victory over the Litchfield Dragons on Friday, Sept. 27.**

rushing, compared to GSL's 342 in the 40-7 blowout.

With senior defensive captain Keenan Mehlos out with an injury, fellow captain Carter Pinske said it "felt like I really had to step up into his role. To get us a win, I had to come out and fire up the defense and get us a little angry."

Coaches oftentimes say not to play angry for fear of losing technique, but what GSL lost in finesse it gained in power and play-making abilities.

Four Panthers, including Pinske, sacked Litchfield quarterback Alex Hendricks, and kept the Dragon passing game grounded with the exception of a 28-yard toss to Cody Rau.

"He's their whole offense pretty much," Pinske said of Rau. "We were basing everything around him, and didn't want him to get outside."

Rau had Litchfield's only

pass reception, and only managed five yards on one carry as GSL held the Dragons to 114 total offensive yards.

GSL now hosts the Spring Lake Park Panthers from Section 4 (Class AAAAA) Friday night at Stevens Seminary Stadium.

"They have two very good halfbacks," Tschimperle said of Spring Lake Park. "They're very elusive runners that have great balance. They're tremendous athletes that don't go down easy."

SLP also runs a veer option offense like GSL's, which will test the Panther defense.

"We have to be very disciplined on defense," Tschimperle said. "Our offense has to control the game and the clock, so we can keep their offense off the field and slow them down."

## Injuries hit CC teams

By Josh Randt  
Sports Editor

The Panther cross country teams had a quality showing against some strong Wright County Conference competition last week at Dassel-Cokato's invitation meet.

The problem both teams now face is overcoming injuries that have hit multiple runners.

Sophomore Michael Schaefer is now out for the season with a possible stress fracture in his hips.

"Whatever it is, it's going to take him out indefinitely," head coach Jeff Delwiche said. "It doesn't matter whether or not he had it (a stress fracture), the doctors are recommending the same physical therapy for it either way."

Replacing Schaefer will be Casey Shultz, who has already seen time on varsity this year.

Erica Hecksel and Taylor Venier also suffered injuries at the DC meet for the girls, with Hecksel bruising her foot, and Venier twisting her ankle.

"Erica's spike came up through her shoe and bruised her foot. Taylor stepped on a root and twisted her ankle," girls' head coach Jann Savre said.

Despite the injuries, Glencoe-Silver Lake's boys' team nabbed second place with 67 team points, 19 points behind first-place Delano with 48.

The girls' team finished seventh with 166 points. Tori Burr had another top-five finish, claiming third place with a time of 15:41.

GSL travels to Litchfield on Thursday this week, but Delwiche said he may have the JV boys run varsity in order to save his top runners for the weekend meet in Duluth.

Hecksel will not run Thursday at Litchfield for the girls. Savre said she'll hopefully be ready for Duluth on Saturday. Taylor Venier will possibly run Thursday, but the lineup is currently undetermined.

### Boys

It would have been tough for the boys to overtake Delano from the top spot, as its top four runners claimed first through fourth place at DC.

"It was a good day; I don't think we could have done any better," Delwiche said. "I don't think there's any way we were going to beat Delano. They've put four in front of us for three or four meets in a row."

Though his team has some injuries, Delwiche said his team is performing quite well.

"We just have to put it together on the right days," he said.

#### Results from DC:

6.Jac Chelman 17:49  
7.Brandon Richter 17:58  
10.Isiah Herout 18:15  
21.Cody Becker 18:55  
23.Garret Ardolf 19:05  
27.Garrett Ober 19:19  
33.Austin Schroeffer

### Girls

The girls' team finished in seventh place at DC, with Burr producing another strong finish, coming in third with a time of 15:41.

In order to move up as a team, GSL needs to close some of the gaps between runners.

"We ran some better times at Norwood and Waconia," Savre said. "We race a little conservative, saving too much for the end of the race. I would love to see them bust loose at a meet."

Hecksel finished with a time of 19:32, good enough for 49th place, while Taylor Venier finished in 55th place with a 20:02.

A pair of freshman were called upon for Thursday's race, as Pricilla Friberg and Marlaina Chelman saw time at the varsity level.

#### Results from DC:

3.Tori Burr 14:41  
35.Kaylee Weniger 18:32  
37.Jennifer Illg 18:33  
49.Erica Hecksel 19:32  
52.Pricilla Friberg 19:52  
54.Marlaina Chelman 20:00  
55.Taylor Venier 20:02



Silver Lake Leader photo by Josh Randt

**Kyle Beck dribbles the ball up field against a Marshall defender during the game on Thursday, Sept. 26. The Panther boys lost 2-1, but went on to tie Mankato Loyola the following day.**

## Boys' 2-2 tie felt like a win

By Josh Randt  
Sports Editor

Earning a tie against Mankato Loyola, the boys' soccer team notched a goal with 10 seconds left when Lou Iacona scored on a rebound after Aaron Geisen put a shot on goal.

The tie is a culmination of hard work and 11 players coming together as a team.

"This result and performance is the highlight of our season!" head coach Jeff Shults said excitedly. "This game was our fourth game this week. Tired and in pain, the boys were working very hard and found a way to succeed."

The first goal of the game was scored by AJ Anderson Sanchez, who was assisted by senior captain Gustavo Villalobos.

"This goal brought even more confidence to our team," Shults said. "Our pressuring improved

as we played, and our goalie Spencer Lund did an outstanding job to keep Mankato from scoring."

Once Iacona's equalizer evened the score, the teams went into overtime.

"For the first five minutes of the first overtime, we were the aggressors," Shults said. "But in the second overtime, Mankato had more possessions and we only tried to counter attack. Nobody scored, but our team felt like winners after that game."

Glencoe-Silver Lake hosted Worthington in a makeup game from Aug. 27 on Tuesday. The Panthers now travel to Holy Family on Thursday to wrap up the regular season. The section tournament begins Monday, Oct. 7, with the Panthers most likely traveling to the higher seed's location.

## Tigers clobber Panthers

Lose in three, 25-9, 25-16, 25-16 to top-ranked Delano

By Josh Randt  
Sports Editor

The Lady Panthers fell to 5-13 after losing games to GFW and Delano last week.

After dropping the first set, 25-20 to GFW, Glencoe-Silver Lake came back and won a tough second set, 25-23, but lost sets three and four 25-23, and 25-22.

The scores were not that close against Delano, however, as the Tigers came to town with a pair of 6-footers and an array of talented players.

GSL lost in three sets, 25-9, 25-16 and 25-16 as the Tigers were blocking and spiking all over the Panthers.

The Lady Panthers were playing close to the net all night, trying to dig-up the Delano spikes, but the size and power of Shelby Seurer and Alex Wittinger proved to be too much.

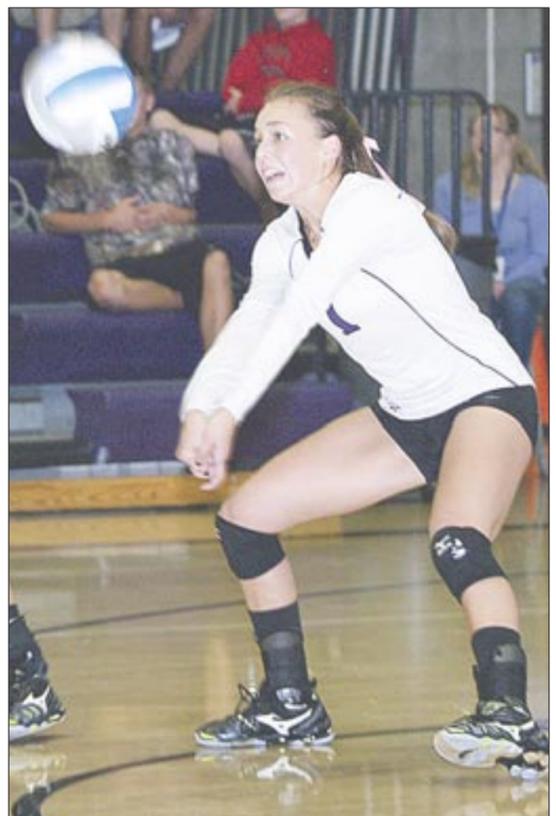
Still, senior captain Steph Klockmann said her team came away with some positives.

"We played as a team tonight. We didn't get down on each other," Klockmann said. "It was fun to play together tonight. We were just trying to get in the flow of it and stay positive, instead of getting down on each other."

Despite the loss, the Lady Panthers did seem to make the most of the situation, and still managed to score 16 points in sets two and three.

"Sixteen points, that's pretty good for playing against a strong team like that," Klockmann said. "We played hard, and we knew it was going to be a hard game coming into it."

Head coach Lori Schwirtz



Silver Lake Leader photo by Josh Randt

**Taylor Novak prepares to bump a Delano serve to her setter during a Wright County Conference game on Thursday, Sept. 26.**

said she tried to prepare her players as best as she could, but ultimately, Delano is just an extremely tough team.

"I told them that this was going to be by far the toughest battle that we were going to face this year," Schwirtz said. "And that we had to go out and focus on the positives, because if we folded, it would have been 25-2."

Schwirtz told her team after

the game, "I'm proud of them. They played with class, and didn't give up. They worked hard and I just want them to be excited about the good things that they did tonight."

GSL traveled to Hutchinson on Tuesday for a rivalry game with the Tigers.

The Panthers then host Annandale on Thursday, before traveling to New London-Spicer on Tuesday, Oct. 8.



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### September Panther Pride awards

**Panther Pride recipients at GSL's Helen Baker Elementary (students who display respect, responsibility and safety) for the month of September include, front row from left, Valeria Varelas-Reyna, Garrett Teubert, Brady Rosenlund, Samuel Hecksel, Denver Wika, Maelee Streufert, William Oestrich, Aubrey Lindeman, Ava Wisch, Janette Morado and Mathew Schmiege; middle row, Joseph Sullivan, Hailey Hanson, Brian Garnica-**

**Calderon, Dulce Diaz, Mason Breikreutz, Baylee Hahn, Landon Stifter, Sabrina Lewandowski, Aiden LaPlante, Robin Lueck, Hudson Mikolichew, Tyler Templin and Abigail Ziegler; and, back row, Brayden Gildea, Allison Willcox, Grace Lipke, Levi Silfverstron, Caleb Lindeman, Aleisha Teubert, Hannah Graf, Cavin Streufert, Ezequiel Martinez and Brooklyn Christianson.**

### Weather Corner

By Jake Yurek



Here comes the rain! We've had some rather nice above-average fall weather recently and, as they say, all good things must come to an end.

A large storm system has been hitting the northwest coast for a few days now and a piece of this will join up with some Gulf moisture and dump a decent amount of rain on the area late in the week.

Things should get going late Wednesday night as showers and storms develop with periodic bouts of rain/thunder pretty much all the way to early Saturday.

Early indications point to anywhere from one-half to over 3 inches of rain, depending on where the heavy rain bands set up (latest runs have been pushing the bulls-eye north), so this could go a long way in helping with our worsening drought.

If the rain persists during the days on Friday and Saturday, highs will have a tough time getting out of the 50s. Sunday, it looks like the system will move far enough away to clear things up a bit and allow temperatures to make a run at 60.

The long range forecast is a bit shaky, but I'd expect much of the same continuing ... normal fall ups and downs.

Have a great week, all; stay dry!  
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 Wednesday night — Lows 52-58; rain/thunder late.  
 Thursday — Highs 62-68; lows 50-56; rain/thunder.  
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 Saturday — Highs 48-56; lows 36-42; showers early/clouds.  
 Sunday — Highs 57-64; clearing.

Weather Quiz: How do average compare from the start of the month to the end?

Answer to last week's question: **What are some of October's weather extremes?** Highest temperature 90 degrees (Oct. 3, 1997 and Oct. 10, 1928); lowest temperature 10 degrees (Oct. 30, 1925); most precipitation 4.61 inches (Oct. 4, 1905); and most snowfall 8.2 inches at the start of the Halloween blizzard of 1991.

Remember: I make the forecast, not the weather!

## County Board sets tentative Oct. 8 workshop to discuss courthouse project

By Lori Copley  
 Staff Writer

The McLeod County Board of Commissioners tentatively set a workshop session for Tuesday, Oct. 8, after its regular meeting to discuss its proposed \$7 million courthouse security/jail expansion project, prior to voting on the project at its Oct. 22 meeting.

But Board Chair Paul Wright said Tuesday morning at the County Board meeting that the Oct. 8 workshop may be postponed, because the County Board has a "pretty hefty" meeting agenda for Oct. 8.

And Wright also said that two commissioners may also have 1 p.m. meetings that day, which would further crimp the schedule.

County Auditor-Treasurer Cindy Schultz said that she requires up to an hour of the

County Board's time Oct. 8 as it considers setting minimum values on about 60 parcels of forfeited property.

Schultz said each of those properties will need to be reviewed individually and the suggested minimum value reviewed by the County Board. The minimum values must be approved before the tax-forfeited properties are put up for auction, Schultz said.

Wright also noted that a county highway project update and road tour that had been set for this Tuesday's meeting (Oct. 1) has been postponed, and needs to be rescheduled.

If an Oct. 8 workshop does not work out for the security/jail issue, the County Board could perhaps reschedule both items for the same day prior to the Oct. 22 meeting.



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### KCs make donation

**JolEn Bentz, left, activity director of Silver Lake Cedar Crest, accepts a monetary donation for residents activities from the Silver Lake Knights of Columbus. LeRoy Penaz, Bernie Kaczmarek, Tony Victorian, Gary Kaczmarek, Donald Benz, Ben Lewandowski and Ray Ewald presented the much appreciated gift.**

### Silver Lake Lions members collecting books for all ages

A study has found low-income families have only one book for every 300 children. The Silver Lake Lions are joining with the Cologne Leos Club and other clubs of the Lions 5M2 District to collect books that will be distributed locally (50 percent), nationally and internationally later this year.

Books for the young and all ages are being collected.

If you have books to be donated, drop them off at the home of Duane Yurek at 816 Main St. in Silver Lake or at the home of Silver Lake Lion President, Roxy Yurek, at 400 Cleveland St., in Silver Lake.

Books are being collected through Saturday, Oct. 6.

## People News

### Daughter born to Gutknechts

Eric and Amanda Gutknecht of Glencoe announce the birth of their daughter, Avery Marie, on Sept. 23, 2013, at Glencoe Regional Health Services. Avery weighed 8 pounds and was 20 inches long. Her older sister is Mariah. Grandparents are Charles and Kimberly Reed and Larry and Sharon Gutknecht, all of Glencoe. Great-grandparents are Lois Raduencz of Lester Prairie and Elva Kjenstad of Winsted.

### Daughter for Elke, Strasmann

Lyndsie Elke and Michael Strasmann of Hutchinson announce the birth of their daughter, Autumn Jade Strasmann, on Sept. 28, 2013, at Glencoe Regional Health Services. Autumn weighed 7 pounds, 1 ounce, and was 20-1/4 inches in length. Her grandparents are Tracy Schmidt and Dale Horton of Glencoe, Wes and Kathy Elke of Litchfield and Dawn Strasmann of Hutchinson.



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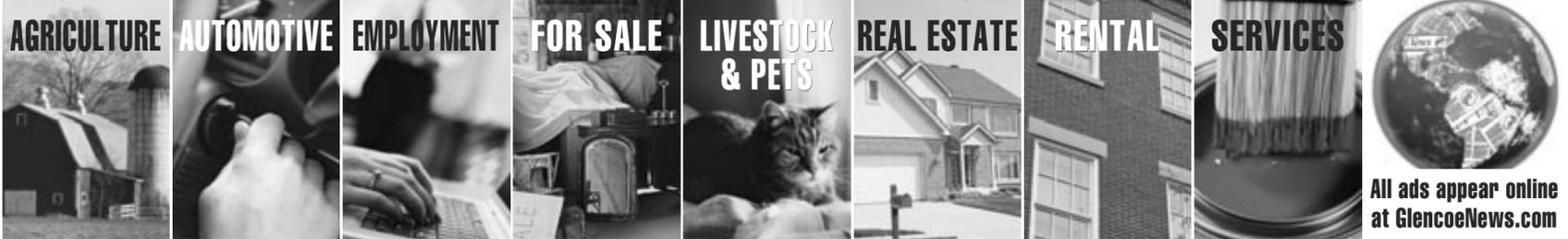
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