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Halloween fun

Last week, the preschool children at Faith Presbyterian Preschool in Silver Lake painted pumpkins to celebrate the holiday. The students also dressed in their costumes and decorated Halloween cup-

cakes! In the front are Ashlynn Imdieke and Garrett Mills. In the back are Ella Graczyk, Hadley Wagner and Miranda Nowak.

9th-annual Thanksgiving dinner Nov. 28

Please mark your calendars for this year's Thanksgiving dinner on Thursday, Nov. 28.

Everyone is encouraged to attend and share all of the things we have to be thank-

ful with others around us, according to Mayor Bruce Bebo.

"This year, we would really like to honor and show our appreciation to all of our veterans and those who are

serving in our military," Bebo said.

Look for more information in future editions of the Silver Lake Leader. Sign-up will be at the city offices, or call Bebo at 320-327-3157.

Silver Lake Legion Club celebrates 30th anniversary

By Alyssa Schauer
Staff Writer

On Saturday, Oct. 26, the Silver Lake American Legion hosted a "30th anniversary" party in honor of the construction of the American Legion clubhouse, and Legion members also celebrated 90 years of charter membership.

Bob Sopkowiak, with the help of a committee, organized the event complete with food, drinks and a short program that highlighted the major events in purchasing and building the clubhouse.

Sopkowiak said the Legion

building was purchased in November 1982 but did not have a "clear title" of ownership until 1988.

"To purchase the building, we invested money and Leonard Fiala backed us up with finances, too. At that time, we were paying 12.75 percent interest on the loan," Sopkowiak said.

He said the building was renovated completely with volunteer help and, in 1991, the Legion was issued a land use permit to expand the club.

"The Lhotka brothers were contracted for that construc-

tion, and a lot of the interior work was completed by volunteers. We all worked very hard to upgrade the clubhouse. 'Failure' was not in our vocabulary," Sopkowiak said.

The expansion included a storage room for medical equipment to be loaned to those needing wheelchairs, crutches and other medical equipment.

Another meeting room, an office and a grill area to be used for steak fries also were

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Transportation commissioner: large gap between needs, revenue sources

By Lori Copler
Staff Writer

Minnesota Commissioner of Transportation Charlie Zelle was in Hutchinson Friday, emphasizing that a good transportation system is vital to the state's economy.

And not just the economy is reliant on good transportation, Zelle said.

"All the things we most care about are supported by our transportation system — our health, our economy, the air we breathe and the towns we live in," said Zelle. "Transportation is our access to our jobs, our schools, our churches and our shopping."

In turn, Zelle heard from local politicians that good transportation is vital for the local economy, as pitches were made to improve Highway 22 from Hutchinson to Glencoe to connect Highway 7 to Highway 212, and to improve Highway 212 as a major east-west artery from the Twin Cities to the South Dakota border.

But Zelle had a more serious message as well — there is a huge gap between the state's transportation needs and the revenue sources to fill those



Silver Lake Leader photo by Lori Copler

Minnesota Commissioner of Transportation Charlie Zelle was in Hutchinson Friday morning, where he hosted a town hall meeting to discuss transportation needs in the state.

needs.

In order to compete with its neighboring states, Minnesota

needs a "world-class" transportation

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Career change has been 'fulfilling' for local man

By Alyssa Schauer
Staff Writer

Making career changes can be risky and even a little frightening at times, but for Greg Graczyk, he knew his new career as a land specialist agent for Whitetail Properties Real Estate would be "an avenue that was going to be fulfilling."

Graczyk was raised on a small family cash crop farm operation outside of Silver Lake, and he cultivated a passion for farming and the outdoors at a very young age.

"I credit that passion to my father (Gerald). He either had me sitting on a tractor seat next to him or tracking behind him through the woods and wetlands at a very young age. He's the one who sparked my interest in a conservation career," Graczyk said.

Graczyk graduated from St. Cloud State University with a double major in biology and environmental studies.

"After graduation, I worked for a habitat wildlife restoration company that allowed me to travel across Minnesota to evaluate land

and assist landowners with the development and implementation of a variety of land enhancement and management practices," Graczyk said.

"I wanted to set roots around the family farm, and that led me to my job with a local soil and water conservation district in Carver County. I was the program coordinator there for 13 years, and I continued to assist landowners with land management decisions," Graczyk said.

He added that position provided him with a deeper knowledge on a variety of local, state, federal and special grant programs and regulations.

"That knowledge made me more efficient in assisting landowners with the development and implementation of land management practices and plans," Graczyk said.

"As great as that job was, I wanted something more."

He said he found the job listing for a "land specialist agent" on the website for Whitetail Properties.

"They are a real estate agency based out of Illinois,

who recently brokered into Minnesota. They assist new owners with conserving, maintaining and enhancing wildlife habitat, and they caught my interest when I first saw an episode of their TV show about deer hunting.

"Being an avid outdoorsman, anything involving shooting big deer interests me, so after seeing them on TV, I searched their website and found a link for 'careers.' They were looking for land specialist agents for Minnesota, so I thought I'd brush up the old resume and send it in," Graczyk said.

Graczyk completed two phone interviews before heading to the corporate office in Illinois for training.

"I completed schooling throughout the summer and officially became full time," Graczyk said.

"I felt I could add a lot to the job. Many real estate agents can sell properties and add something like, 'There's 15 acres of hunting land.' But I can tell interested buyers about that hunting land — I

Graczyk

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Silver Lake Leader photo by Alyssa Schauer

After working nearly 13 years for the local soil and water conservation district in Carver County, Greg Graczyk moves into a new career as a land specialist agent for Whitetail Properties Real Estate. He looks

forward to utilizing his experience in land, wildlife and conservation to help landowners recognize the "full" potential and benefits of their land parcels.



Silver Lake Leader photos by Alyssa Schauer

Halloween fun

Last Thursday, Cedar Crest Estate in Silver Lake opened its doors to trick-or-treaters in the area, and some of the residents even got into the Halloween spirit and dressed in costume, too! Above is King William Markgraf with his skeleton grandson, Logan Hendrickson. To the left is Minnesota Gophers cheerleader Rose Jergens.



Silver Lake Leader photos by Alyssa Schauer

Tricks and some treats

On Halloween, the Silver Lake Legion and Auxiliary members hosted their annual Halloween party at the auditorium. Above, the Pola-Czesky Royalty is in costume for the spooky holiday. From left to right are Jamie Kosek, Connor Sullivan, Claire Wrapsir, Mya Dahlheimer and Becca Green. To the right are Shany'ah Dahlheimer as Buzz Lightyear and Deja Webster as Cleopatra. The party entailed games, coloring, door prizes and free goodie bags for all those in attendance.



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can fully explain all the assets a parcel has to offer, from wildlife species on the land to the geography of the parcel to its agricultural benefits," Graczyk said.

"Land has always been an interest of mine. I've been very fortunate to grow up here and be part of a family farming operation. I contribute all that to Dad. He's the one who sparked that interest and he once told me, 'Land is one of the most rewarding purchases because God only made so much of it.' That is a motto I continue to live by," Graczyk said.

"In my past jobs, I've always loved working with landowners, and I get to continue to do that with this new job.

"It's something I am looking forward to — not only showing parcels to interested buyers, but being able to tell them about the benefits of the land. I feel I can add so much more than just the financial benefits, but I can share the agricultural and recreational aspects, too," Graczyk said.

He said he also is looking

forward to working with those interested in selling land. "I can fully explain the benefits of their land to promote to interested buyers," Graczyk said.

He added that his experience with Carver County will assist him in future transactions with buyers and sellers, also.

"Working for the government, I have a lot of experience with state and federal programs and even if I do not know the answer to a question, I know where to go to find it," Graczyk said.

He shared his experience of recently surveying a parcel of land up for sale.

"I went out there before the sun came up to take pictures. I was sort of 'hunting' with my camera and I captured live shots of the wetland populated with ducks and pheasants. I also noticed deer prints and trails. I know how to show what the land has to offer, and it's going that extra mile that will pay off," Graczyk said.

"I feel very proud to have made it through the interview

and to have been offered this job with Whitetail Properties. They are more than just 'real estate guys.' They are land specialists who live agriculture and wildlife recreation," Graczyk said.

"All these years, I came into loving working with landowners and helping them with their problems. But ultimately, I wanted something more in life and this job gives me the opportunity to continue working with landowners. This is an avenue for myself that is going to be fulfilling for me," Graczyk said.

Graczyk serves as a land specialist agent for Whitetail Properties in Carver, McLeod, Sibley, Meeker, Kandiyohi, Renville and Chippewa counties.

Along with his wife, Jill, and two daughters, Ella and Abigail, Graczyk also partners with his father in the family farming operation. His new-found love revolves around sharing outdoor experiences with his family and passing on the outdoor heritage and his love for the land to his children.

County parks closed during hunting season

The McLeod County Park Commission will not allow the public to enter any of the six county parks from Nov. 8 through Nov. 17. The reason is for public safety and to protect the wildlife during hunting

season. The affected parks are Buffalo Creek Park, Glencoe; Swan Lake Park, Silver Lake; William May Park, Winsted; Stahl's Lake Park, Hutchinson; Lake Marion Regional Park,

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Upcoming Events

Thanksgiving group to meet

There will be a meeting Thursday, Nov. 7 (tonight), at 7 p.m., in the Silver Lake city offices to discuss the ninth-annual Thanksgiving dinner. There is as much work leading up to the dinner as there is on Thanksgiving Day. This event takes many volunteers and supporters, and those interested in helping are asked to attend the meeting. Any questions, call Mayor Bruce Bebo at 320-327-3157.

SLBA set to meet Tuesday

The Silver Lake Business Association will meet Tuesday, Nov. 12, at 7 p.m., at the Silver Lake Auditorium. The Silver Lake Business Expo will be discussed. Those interested in participating should attend.

Legion Vets dinner Nov. 9

The Silver Lake American Legion is hosting its annual Veterans Day dinner at the Silver Lake Legion Post 141 on Saturday, Nov. 9. The social hour is at 6 p.m., and the dinner is at 7 p.m. Sign up at the Legion to attend. Call the Legion at 320-327-2404 for more information.

Seniors set to meet Nov. 11

The Silver Lake Senior Citizens Club will meet Monday, Nov. 11, at 1 p.m., at the Silver Lake Auditorium.

Degree of Honor meets

Degree of Honor No. 182 will have a social meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 12, at 5 p.m., in the Silver Lake Auditorium.

Opus Two to perform Nov. 7

Opus Two, an award-winning violin and piano duo, will appear at First Lutheran Church, 925 E. 13th St., Glencoe, tonight (Thursday), at 7 p.m., as the second performance of the 2013-14 Glencoe Concert Association season. The duo consists of violinist William Terwilliger and pianist Andrew Cooperstock. Call 320-864-5367 for more information.

Scout collection set Nov. 9

Glencoe Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts are teaming up to collect food for the McLeod Emergency Food Shelf on Saturday, Nov. 9. Please place non-perishable food items in a bag, and place the bag outside on your doorstep by 9 a.m. Saturday morning for the Scouts to pick up. This includes the cities of Glencoe and Silver Lake. If you are missed during the pick up, please drop your donation off at the food shelf at 808 12th St., Glencoe.

Common Cup choir concert

Choirs of Common Cup Ministry churches will "Come Together in Song" for the seventh-annual concert on Sunday, Nov. 24, at 3 p.m., at the Hutchinson High School Auditorium. The program will include individual choir members, community vocal groups and a mass choir of all participants. There is no charge for the concert. A free will offering will be taken to help support the outreach ministries of Common Cup Ministry.

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portation system, including not just roads and bridges, but rail, light rail, bus, air and water transportation, Zelle said.

"The bottom line is that we have to face some huge changes in our future," said Zelle, including an aging population which might be better served by bus and rail transportation.

First, Zelle said, the state needs to preserve its existing infrastructure, which in most cases is at least 50 years old and aging.

Second, the state must "complete regional connections" to ensure the flow of traffic through the state.

But the problem, Zelle said, is finding a sustainable funding source. Revenue sources, such as gas taxes and federal aid, can help the state department of transportation plan for five years.

"But what we really need is a funding source that will take us through the next 20 years," said Zelle.

And needs in the next 20 years include safety, maintenance, the relief of congestion and additional travel options, Zelle indicated.

Zelle said there is a \$12 billion gap over the next 20 years just to address road and bridge needs, and a \$50 billion gap to address all of the state's needs, including building new infrastructure.

And while an additional gas tax of 10 cents a gallon would cost a driver, on average, \$67 a year, that will not generate enough to close the gap for a couple of reasons, Zelle said.

First, the driving public is aging and perhaps looking for other modes of traffic; and, second, younger drivers are not as enamored with automobiles as they have been in the past.

"Young people don't have the love of automobiles as much as they have a love of cell phones," said Zelle. "Things are changing."

And with rising fuel costs, people are driving less and driving more fuel-efficient vehicles.

Along with trying to find new sources of revenue, Zelle said the department of transportation needs to take a harder look at its own efficiency.

"Are we using our existing resources wisely? Are we

being smart about the money that we do get?" Zelle said.

Technological advances can be costly, but could save the department money in the long run.

For example, Zelle said, a uniquely designed bridge in the Twin Cities area uses stainless-steel construction. While that bridge is costly, it should have a long life expectancy.

And changing to LED lighting in road lighting and signals has already saved significant dollars, Zelle said.

"LED lighting could save us \$18 million a year," said Zelle. "We're looking under every pillow to find money."

Along with an advisory council of citizens and businesses to help MnDOT find efficiencies, Zelle said the governor has charged him with reaching out to the public for advice and to share MnDOT's vision of the future.

State Rep. Glenn Gruenhagen, R-Glencoe, was the first to step up with some advice — get rid of prevailing wage requirements on projects.

"It drives up the cost of projects," said Gruenhagen. Minnesota's prevailing wages are among the highest in the country, and higher than the federal government.

"We have to reform that prevailing wage — at least get it down to the level of the federal government," said Gruenhagen.

Gruenhagen also said that MnDOT needs to look at the return on investment (ROI) on different modes of transportation.

Light rail, Gruenhagen contended, has a "very poor ROI. It goes decades out. Roads and bridges get a much quicker return on investment."

But Zelle said more should be considered on funding other modes of transportation besides "bidding out into the future," including "direct benefits" to the consumer, such as elderly people who may use other modes of transportation, and relief on traffic congestion and other issues.

"The key here is that there is no one solution for all situations," said Zelle.

McLeod County Commissioner Ron Shimanski urged MnDOT to look at ways to make its fleets of vehicles more efficient, and "put the

money saved toward our roads."

"That's a very good point, and we are looking at our fleet management plan for just such efficiencies," said Zelle.

Hutchinson Mayor Steve Cook said the area needs better connection between regional corridors to move goods produced locally, including improvements to Highway 22 between Hutchinson and Glencoe to provide a needed connection from Highway 7 to Highway 212.

McLeod County Commis-

sioner Kermit Terlinden also said a group is pushing to complete the expansion of Highway 212 to a four-lane, and to make it a major east-west corridor across the state.

Zelle thanked the group of about 50 people for their comments and suggestions.

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On Saturday, Oct. 26, the Silver Lake American Legion celebrated its 30th anniversary as a clubhouse. Food, drinks, and a short program were part of the event. Above, present Legion Commander Larry Lhotka shares history about the charter.

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part of the addition.

The 30th anniversary gathering was attended not only by Legion and Auxiliary members and the community, but other Legion members from the Third District, including past commanders from Glencoe, Norwood-Young America, Bayport and Waconia.

Speeches also were given by Duane Yurek, who was mayor of Silver Lake when the Legion clubhouse opened in 1983, and current mayor Bruce Bebo.

At the celebration, Ron Yurek, the Legion gambling manager, gave a report on how gambling has benefited the

community of Silver Lake.

"In the last 30 years, nearly \$1 million has been generated from gambling, and that money goes directly back into community projects," Sopotkowski said.

"We are so thankful for all who have supported us and who continue to support us. We wouldn't be where we are today without all the volunteers, donors and community support. Thank you," Sopotkowski said.

The Silver Lake American Legion is home to Legion members, Auxiliary members, Sons of the American Legion and Junior Auxiliary members.

Menu

Nov. 11-15 Silver Lake Senior Nutrition Site

Monday — Cranberry-glazed chicken, baked potato, California-blend vegetables, bread, margarine, fruit cocktail, low-fat milk.

Tuesday — Hamburger tomato casserole, green beans, mandarin orange whip, bread, margarine, cookie, low-fat milk.

Wednesday — Vegetable beef soup, turkey sandwich, pineapple, crackers, margarine, bar, low-fat milk.

Thursday — Lemon-pepper fish, brown rice, cole slaw, mixed vegetables, dinner roll, margarine, raspberry parfait dessert, low-fat milk.

Friday — Salisbury steak, parsnip whole potatoes, squash, bread, margarine, blushing pears, 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, low-fat milk.

Friday — Egg and cheese muffin or blueberry muffin and yogurt, orange juice, low-fat milk.

Helen Baker/Lakeside lunch

Monday — Hamburger on a whole-grain bun, ham and cheese on a whole-grain bun, oven-baked beans, baby carrots with dressing, apple wedges, pineapple tidbits.

Tuesday — Chicken nuggets, chef salad with cheese, egg and croutons, bread stick, mashed potatoes with gravy, cucumber slices with dressing, banana, chilled applesauce.

Wednesday — Cheesy Italian dunks, yogurt, American cheese and crackers fun lunch, seasoned green beans, cauliflower florets with dressing, grapes, chilled peaches.

Thursday — Pancakes with scrambled eggs, chef salad with cheese, egg and croutons, bread stick, oven-baked tator tots, 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, low-fat milk.

Friday — Sausage, egg and cheese biscuit or ultimate breakfast round and yogurt, orange juice cup, low-fat milk.

Junior/Senior High lunch

Monday — Macaroni and cheese, garlic bread stick, seasoned peas, marinated cucumbers and tomatoes, baby carrots with dressing, apple, chilled applesauce.

Tuesday — Chicken nuggets, mashed sweet potatoes, dinner roll, seasoned corn, chick pea salad, red pepper strips with dressing, banana, pineapple tidbits.

Wednesday — Oven-baked turkey corn dog, oven-baked beans, baked tator tots, broccoli salad with raisins, jicama sticks with dressing, kiwi wedges, chilled peaches.

Thursday — Oven-baked chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, seasoned carrots, dinner roll, confetti cole slaw, cucumber slices with dressing, orange wedges, chilled applesauce.

Friday — Italian cuisine, pasta bar with chicken alfredo or Italian spaghetti with meat sauce, bread stick, seasoned green beans, caesar romaine salad, baby carrots with dressing, apple, chilled mixed fruit.

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Much to be thankful for in this job

At one of my interviews last week, I was greeted with a big, loving hug, and I realized it has been one of those months with great reporting experiences again and I should thank the Lord each day for my job.

Last Monday, I encountered one of the most heartwarming interviews I've had in my three years as a reporter.

I was meeting Willie Tuominen and his mother, Julie. As you may have read last week, Willie was diagnosed with kidney failure and at the young age of 7, received a kidney transplant.

He was recently granted a "wish" from the Make-A-Wish Foundation and I headed over to their apartment for the story.

After a few knocks at their door, I was greeted with a big hug from a petite, red-headed little boy (Willie) who grabbed my hand and led me into the dining room to begin the interview.

He asked me all sorts of questions: "Who are you? Why are you here? What are you doing?" before helping me "unpack" my camera bag.

With all those questions, I thought I was the one getting interviewed. I think he'd make a great reporter.

After looking through my stash of business cards, reporter notebook and pile of blue proofreading markers and pens in my camera bag, he proceeded to tell me about his kidney.

He said he named it "Jacob" and he even showed me all his scars from his surgeries—about three or four scars almost as long as his little torso.

I couldn't help but tear up at the sight of those previous incisions, and I stared at him in amazement, wondering how

The Travel Section

By Alyssa Schauer



this little boy could be so positive, so energetic, so friendly after everything he has endured.

And the emotions continued as his mother shared the traumatic experience of his birth and near-death situation.

After the interview, Willie gave me a sheet of his school pictures to keep, and I had to laugh as I looked at eight wallet-sized portraits of Willie.

"Honey, I don't think Alyssa needs all eight pictures of you," his mother said as she cut one out for me.

Willie and his mom are two of the most inspiring and friendly people I have met, and I am so thankful to have been able to share their story with the hope of inspiring others.

My fun week in reporting continued with all of the Halloween activities scheduled on Thursday between Faith Presbyterian Preschool, Cedar Crest Estate and the Halloween party at the auditorium.

Halloween is my favorite holiday — I love scary movies, dressing up and, of course, the candy!

And since I started reporting, I enjoy being "on the job" to take Halloween pictures. Parents and children are so creative with costumes!

This year, I met a couple of glamorous princesses, a few beautiful witches (even a Candy Corn Witch who

looked like candy corn), Buzz Lightyear from Toy Story, the bearded Si from the popular television show Duck Dynasty, Johnny Cash and June Carter, and Cleopatra.

I really should have gotten their autographs or at least had my picture taken with them.

This reporting job also brought me to the Legion for a "senior dinner" on Monday, hosted by the Silver Lake Civic Association and Silver Lake GFWC Women's Club.

I enjoyed delicious rice hot-dish, caesar salad and cake in the company of some of my favorite people (the senior-aged adults), a few rounds of card bingo and, of course, good conversation about the Jeep, defective GPS devices, and polka-dancing.

After dinner, we engaged in a "sing-a-long" session with tunes like "You Are My Sunshine" and "On Top of Spaghetti."

We even sang a song to the tune of "My Favorite Things" about Maalox, dentures, fragile bones, and prunes — all things I have to look forward to.

So in this month of Thanksgiving, I must say I am thankful for my job. I'm always eager to see where it will bring me each week.

Wouldn't it be great if it brought me to Hawaii or Spain or Greece?

Maybe one day...

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Mon., Nov. 11 — Church board meeting, 7 p.m.

Wed., Nov. 13 — Confirmation class, 6 p.m.; prayer time and puppet practice, 7 p.m.

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Sun., Nov. 10 — Hand bells practice, 8:45 a.m.; worship service, 10 a.m.; fellowship to follow service.

Tues., Nov. 12 — Newsletter articles due.

Wed., Nov. 13 — Light supper, 5:30 p.m.; WOW classes, 6 p.m.; choir practice, 6:45 p.m.

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Thurs., Nov. 7 — Rosary and Mass at Cedar Crest, 10:10 a.m.; CCW, 7 p.m.

Fri., Nov. 8 — Mass, 8 a.m.

Sat., Nov. 9 — St. Pius X, Holy Family youth group Bible study, noon; reconciliation, 5:30 p.m.; 6:30 p.m.

Sun., Nov. 10 — Mass, 8 a.m. and 8 p.m.

Mon., Nov. 11 — No Mass.
Tues., Nov. 12 — Mass, 8 a.m.; eucharistic adoration, 8:30 a.m.-10 p.m.; quilting, 9 a.m.; staff meeting, 10 a.m.

Wed., Nov. 13 — Mass, 5 p.m.; first-through sixth-grade religious education, 5:30 p.m.-6:45 p.m.; seventh-through 10th-grade religious education, 7 p.m.-8:15 p.m.

Thurs., Nov. 14 — Mass at Cedar Crest, 10:30 a.m.; Area Worship, 7 p.m.

Fri., Nov. 15 — No Mass.

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Wed., Nov. 13 — Family night activities, 6:30 p.m.

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

ST. PIUS X CHURCH
1014 Knight Ave., Glencoe
Anthony Stubeda, Pastor

Thurs., Nov. 7 — Morning prayer, 7 a.m.; Mass, 7:20 a.m.; staff meeting, 11 a.m.; Schoenstatt boys' group meeting, 2:50 p.m.; fundraiser Unhinged! Pizza, 5 p.m.; CCW meeting, 7 p.m.

Fri., Nov. 8 — Morning prayer, 8 a.m.; school Mass, 8:20 a.m.; no Spanish Mass.

Sat., Nov. 9 — Mothers group rosary, 9 a.m.; pre-baptism in Spanish, 10 a.m.; St. Pius X/Holy Family youth group Bible study at St. Pius X, noon; reconciliation, 4 p.m.; Mass, 5 p.m.

Sun., Nov. 10 — Mass, 9:30 a.m.; Spanish Mass, 11:30 a.m.; Hispanic ministry religious education for youths and adults, 12:45 p.m.; Guadalupe committee meeting, 1:45 p.m.; Mass at Holy Family, Silver Lake, 8 p.m.

Mon., Nov. 11 — No Mass; gather meeting in Renville, 10 a.m.; mission club meeting, 1:30 p.m.; Schoenstatt girls' group, 3 p.m.

Tues., Nov. 12 — No Mass; no PAC meeting.

Wed., Nov. 13 — Evening

prayer, 5:40 p.m.; Mass, 6 p.m.; kindergarten through sixth-grade religious education, 7 p.m.-8 p.m.; seventh- through 10th-grade religious education classes, 7 p.m.-8:15 p.m.

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Thurs., Nov. 7 — High school lunch; worship team rehearsal, 6 p.m.

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

Mon., Nov. 11 — Griefshare workshop, 6:30 p.m.; women's discipleship, 7 p.m.

Tues., Nov. 12 — Women's discipleship, 9 a.m.

Wed., Nov. 13 — AWANA for children ages 4 through fifth grade, 6:30 p.m.; SOS (Students of Shalom) middle school, 6:30 p.m.; high school, 7:30 p.m.

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Sun., Nov. 10 — Worship, 9 a.m.; coffee and fellowship, 10:15 a.m.; Sunday school, 10:15 a.m.; council meeting, 10:30 a.m.

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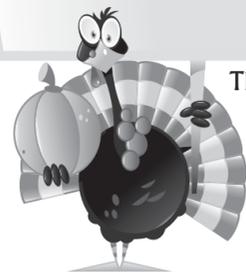
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Tracing Roots

By Ron Pulkrabek



Walking around Silver Lake

Editor's Note: Ron Pulkrabek wrote his first series of columns looking through the eyes of someone coming to Silver Lake in the 1930s and what it would have looked like then. He continues this week walking down the streets in Silver Lake.

Way down the street is Frank Zrust's lumberyard. They will even make fine kitchen cabinets upon request.

Across the street is the fine, solid, brick elementary and high school built in 1922 for \$40,000 after the wooden one burned down. School hours are 9 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. until 4 p.m.

The first meeting of the Silver Lake Parent Teachers Association was held a few months ago. They kicked off the event by featuring the Lyman Cooley Travel Talk Show, accompanied by motion pictures. Admission was 15 cents.

The High School gymnasium was filled to capacity when the junior class play featured "Poor Father."

Last week, the Silver Lake school officials received a letter from the state school inspector after his visit, stating that all conditions were satisfactory.

I see eight ladies skating on the lake, dressed in long dresses and coats and fancy hats. Maybe they are some of the group from the branch of the Silver Lake Red Cross Ladies. They do a lot of volunteer work and look very impressive when they march in parades, all dressed in long, gleaming white, flowing dresses.

Or was it was the ladies who appeared on a program for the Glencoe Women's Club, dressed in ethnic Czech costumes, singing and dancing for the enjoyment of the Glencoe ladies?

Just a few years ago, the

lake was completely dry. People had gardens on the edges. Happy Bill Makovsky's hay mower broke down in the middle of the lake. Before he could get it fixed it started raining. Some people say it still remains under the water.

Up the street to the north is Johnny Cermak's Garage. This was his father's former feed mill after he was injured at the mill and died.

Johnny is a laid-back type of mechanic, never in a hurry, but gets things done and does good work. In his smiley face he most always smokes or chews a two-inch long cigar. Being a bachelor he lives above the shop in some sort of low-roofed room.

He just overhauled a Model "A" and must have gotten the bearings a little too tight. The motor had difficulty turning over. By pushing it outside and pointing it downhill towards the lake, three guys shove it at a fast clip. The driver pops the clutch; the motor starts amid a cloud of smoke, which very shortly clears up and begins to purr like a kitten.

One old guy said in the hot summer the boys will chip in 10 cents each for one of them to take a two-quart fruit jar across the street to the Log Cabin to be filled. They pass it around until they cool off.

Then up to the corner diagonally from St. Adalberts Church stands The Mallak Confectionery and Clothing Store.

Right next door is Frank Dudek's Tailor Shop. He must be a fine tailor with the looks

of the way people are dressed in Silver Lake. Frank makes men's shirts in one arm length only. Then sells a sort of arm garter so each man can adjust the arm length he needs.

Across the alley is Ed Nuwash's Furniture Store and Mortuary. Whenever there is a funeral, furniture is moved to one side, folding chairs are set up and the casket is rolled in up front. Women might be admiring the new furniture while giving their last respects.

Upstairs is the huge Krejci's dance hall entered by 38 outside roof-covered steps.

Next door is John Navaratil's Confectionery and Grocery Store complete with a soda fountain.

The Farmers and Merchants Bank built the next solid building, but went broke a few years ago during the Depression. Everyone lost all their money at the time. The patrons just received word that the State Banking Commission will pay them back a 5 percent dividend on the \$21,644 they lost.

Charlie Podrasky now has a 3.2 tavern there.

J.J. Danek built the huge three-story building on the corner opening up the hardware store and lodging upstairs and sells Ford cars. Just recently he held a contest to see how many pumps on a hand tire pump it would take to bust an inner tube. The tube reached 24 inches in diameter and seven feet across before it burst at 6,678 pumps. Albert Buska won a new inner tube by guessing 7,000 pumps.

Earlier in the year, Daneks had a "back-to-school" sale. Buy 25 cents worth of school supplies and you will receive a lead pencil and an oversized eraser for free.

To be continued ...



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GSL Panther Fall Sports

FOOTBALL

September

06...HutchinsonL,36-7
13...at AnnandaleW,48-28
20...New London-Spicer
.....W,42-25
27...at LitchfieldW,40-7

October

04...Spring Lake Park L,21-20
11...Waconia (homecoming) ...
.....W,42-28
16...Dassel-CokatoW,49-19
26...Breck (Sections) .W,55-12

November

01...Watertown-Mayer (Section
Championship)W,33-0
08...at St. Croix Lutheran
(State quarterfinals at
Macalaster College in St. Paul)
.....7:00

VOLLEYBALL

September

03...NYA CentralL,3-1
09...Sibley EastL,3-0
10...Mound-WtkaW,3-0
12...at Dassel-CokatoL,3-1
14...Montevideo Inv5th
17...WaconiaL,3-0
19...at OronoL,3-2
21...Sibley East Inv3rd
24...at GFWL,3-1
26...DelanoL,3-0

October

01...at HutchinsonL,3-2
03...AnnandaleW,3-2
08...at New London-Spicer
.....W,3-0
10...at LitchfieldW,3-2
19...Rochester Inv7th
24...at Jordan (Sections) L,3-1

CROSS COUNTRY

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
.....(Boys 7th) (Girls 7th)
05...at Swain Inv
.....(Boys 6th) (Girls 23rd)
10...at Dassel-Cokato WCC
championships.....
.....(Boys 6th) (Girls 9th)
15...at Watertown-Mayer.....
.....(Boys 1st) (Girls 5th)
24...at Milaca (Sections)
.....(Boys 2nd) (Girls 9th)

November

2...St. Olaf College (State
Championships)
.....(Boys 8th) (Tori Burr 21st)

TENNIS

September

03...at AnnandaleW,6-1
05...at DelanoL,7-0
07...at Brainerd Inv4th
10...HF CatholicL,7-0
12...at LitchfieldW,4-3
13...at Hutch Inv4th
14...at Litchfield Inv2nd
17...HutchinsonL,5-2
19...N.London-Sp.L,6-1
28...WCC, at OronoL,6-1

October

02...MACCRAYW,4-3
02...ProvidenceL,7-0

Girls' SOCCER

September

03...at DelanoL,2-0
05...HutchinsonL,5-1
09...at WaconiaL,7-1
10...at Mayer Lutheran ...L,1-0
12...at Watertown-Mayer L,6-0
16...at OronoL,8-0
17...at Mound-WtkaL,8-0
19...at Chain of Lakes ...L,4-0
23...DelanoL,6-0
24...at HutchinsonL,5-0
28...WaconiaL,5-0

October

01...WorthingtonW,3-0
03...at HF CatholicL,7-0
08...at Albert LeaL,7-0

Boys' SOCCER

September

03...at DelanoL,5-1
05...HutchinsonL,3-1
09...at WaconiaL,6-0
12...at Mayer Lutheran ...L,3-0
16...at OronoL,13-0
17...at Mound-WtkaL,6-0
19...at Chain of Lakes ...L,5-1
23...DelanoL,3-0
24...at HutchinsonL,5-0
26...Marshall PublicL,2-1
27...Mankato LoyolaTie,2-2
28...WaconiaL,7-0

October

01...WorthingtonL,9-0
03...at HF CatholicL,9-2
07...at WasecaL,11-0



Silver Lake Leader photo by Josh Randt

The Glencoe-Silver Lake varsity offensive and defensive players pose with their Section 2 (Class AAA) championship trophy after defeating Watertown-Mayer 33-0 on Friday, Nov. 1. Front row from left: Tristan Weber, Chris

Lemke, Josh VonBerge, Carter Pinske*, Keenan Mehlos*, Jake Stuedemann*, Dalton Clouse*, Nolan Lepel, Jacob Popelka and Teddy Petersen. Back row from left: Adam Eberhard, Dominic Bondhus, Colton Lued-

ers, Tyler Donnay, Luke Syvertson, Keaton Anderson, Tanner Grack, Alex Ramano, Zach Jones, Mason Goettl, Aaron Schuch, Bennett Bielke and Austin Maynard. *Captains.

State tournament bound

By Josh Randt
Sports Editor

It's been three long years, but the Glencoe-Silver Lake Panther football team is headed back to the state tournament after claiming the Section 2 (Class AAA) championship with a 33-0 win over Watertown-Mayer (WM) on Friday, Nov. 1.

The last time the Panthers made it to the Class AAA state tournament the 2010-2011 team lost 37-14 in the first round to Rochester Lourdes, who went on to win the state championship over Holy Family Catholic.

GSL now faces the 8-2 St. Croix Lutheran Crusaders at Macalaster College in St. Paul on Friday, Nov. 8, at 7 p.m. with a trip to the Metrodome on the line.

The last time GSL and Watertown-Mayer met happened to be the same season that the Pan-

thers lost to Rochester Lourdes in the opening round of the state tournament in 2010.

The Royals and Panthers collided during the former's final season in the Wright County Conference, as GSL cruised to a 47-0 victory at Watertown.

When the two teams met Friday night at Stevens Seminary Stadium, a similar result surfaced when the Panthers routed the Royals 33-0 for the Section 2 championship.

While the Royals' program has improved since the last meeting, so has GSL's, and it showed.

GSL already had 27 of its 33 points heading into halftime, as Jake Stuedemann found the end zone three times on eight carries for 81 yards. Colton Lueders scored the other first-half touchdown from eight yards out.

Stuedemann finished the game with 125 yards on 17 carries and four touchdowns, while fullback Dalton Clouse pounded

out 127 yards on 19 carries.

"We were really getting a good surge off the line," Lueders said. "We were coming up and going on sound, and they were still moving and trying to figure out what they were doing. We were just firing off."

Not only was the offensive line pushing bodies around, but Lueders and Clouse were given the opportunity to lead block a number of times for Stuedemann as well, which they relished.

"As long as we block hard," Lueders said with a smile, "it makes it fun for us when we're smashing them in the face."

"Especially when me and Lueders lead up the middle with huge blocks," Clouse echoed. "It gives me goose bumps!"

"They're both relentless as far as hitting," head coach Scott Tschimperle said of the two backs. "Especially Clouse. He relishes contact. He'd rather inflict the pain than receive it."

While the GSL offense was getting goose bumps, the Panther defense was busy knocking them off the Royals' offense.

Spearheaded by senior linebackers Keenan Mehlos and Carter Pinske, the Panther defense held WM to just one rushing yard, and 83 yards passing for a total of 84 offensive yards on 41 plays.

Royal quarterback Brett Johnson was running for his life early and often as GSL sacked him six times and forced the junior to hurry his throws all evening.

"(It was) a big performance by everybody," Mehlos said. "We all came together and did our jobs and shut them down."

The section championship is welcomed, but defensive end Adam Eberhard said there's still one more goal to check off on this team's list.

"We had a nice streak of eight or nine section championships," Eberhard said of GSL's history.

"Hopefully we can start anew and get all the way to the last game. The big game."

"We can't be satisfied now," Tschimperle said. "We have bigger goals that we want to get to. We need to remain focused and willing to continue to get better."

"Our goal is to get to the dome," Tschimperle said. "A lot of people think it's expected of us to get there, not realizing how much work it takes to get there ... The great thing about it, the kids have been focused all season long from when we started two-a-days up to now. That makes it fun and rewarding when the kids are doing what you want them to do, and good things are happening for them."

The focus now shifts to St. Croix Lutheran, who runs a veer option-offense similar to GSL's with a pair of quick running backs and a solid quarterback in David Ponath, but employs a man defense, of which GSL has not seen a lot.

Boys 8th as team, Burr is all-state

By Josh Randt
Sports Editor

The 2013 cross country season came to a climactic end this weekend as Tori Burr represented the Glencoe-Silver Lake girls' team with a 21st-place finish at St. Olaf college, and the boys' team earned 8th place in its first trip back to the event in over a decade.

A total of eight runners from GSL took to the course in Northfield on a beautiful Saturday afternoon to cap off the 2013 cross country season.

Girls

Burr earned the title of all-state with her time of 15:29, but said she was disappointed with her overall performance in Northfield.

"It wasn't what I wanted," Burr said after the race. "I wanted to improve on my place or my time, but my legs were just bricks ... It just wasn't my day I guess."

The senior said the highlight of the season was the team's ninth-place performance at the section meet in Milaca last month.

"We pulled together at sections, so that was fun to see," she said. "It was like a light bulb went off for the other girls and we finally came together as a team."

What sets Burr apart from the other runners, girls' head coach Jann Savre said, is her work ethic and goals.

"She sets her goals, and she shows you why she's as good as she is, because she has these goals," Savre said. "Sometimes you reach those goals and sometimes you don't. But she's always fighting on those goals. If you watched her in all these races, she's fighting the entire race."

Even while her performance wasn't what she wanted, Burr said she pushed through the final leg of the race in order to attain all-state honors.



The Glencoe-Silver Lake boys' team and Tori Burr from the girls' team took part in the 2013 state cross country meet Saturday, Nov. 2, at St. Olaf College in Northfield. Above center, the boys' team jockeys for position during the start of the boys' 5K, which they took eighth

"I knew once I was coming down the home stretch that I wasn't going to be where I wanted," Burr recalled. "So I was just fighting to stay at the all-state spot. There was a point that I was in 22nd (place) and I caught up and passed a couple people. I thought I at least had to get all-state or I was going to be really mad!"

Participating in her fourth state meet in six years of varsity running, Burr took a moment to laugh while recognizing the differences between herself then and now.

"I don't say I'm going to pass out in certain spots anymore!" Burr said with a laugh. "I used to think of spots where I could just drop out and roll over! This year I haven't done that."

Boys

While the girls' team loses its top-runner to graduation, the boys will return the majority of the team that claimed eighth place out of 16 teams at the state meet this year with a team score of 221 points.

Jac Chelman crossed the finish line first for GSL, completing the course in 16:51 for 15th place overall and will return as a senior next year.

"This was all I wanted the whole year," Chelman said. "We've been working really hard just to get up here and I'm glad we did it ... But we've got to be working harder next year, that's for sure. We have to push each other harder and build each other up."

The two seniors, Cody Becker

and Casey Schulz, will have to cherish the memories of being part of the first GSL boys' team to make it to state since the 1999-2000 team.

"It feels great," Becker said of being a part of this year's team. "I never could have pictured this happening ... Just coming to state blew my mind, and to go out as a senior — I can't ask for a better team, I can't ask for better coaches ... our coaches are just a perfect mixture to keep you in the sport and make it fun, but still be successful."

Boys' head coach Jeff Delwiche said, "I couldn't have expected them to run any better," at the state meet.

Delwiche said he'll take the eighth-place finish, the specialty since he was just happy the team



Silver Lake Leader photos by Josh Randt

place with a total of 221 team points. Above right, Tori Burr pushes through the final leg of the girls' 4K en route to a 21st-place, all-state performance. Burr finished the course in 15:29.1.

made it to state.

"I would probably still say that sections was the absolute prime part of their season," Delwiche said. "But this was pretty close. Just getting here was their goal ... I think we did everything we came to do."

Delwiche is hopeful that the performance of this year's team will attract more kids to the cross country programs, now that they have another state meet to hang their hat.

"I know when my daughters were running cross country that the better they did the more girls came out," Delwiche said. "Obviously, the more people you get out (for the sport). We can only hope, 'cause this was fun. It was a good ride."

Obituaries

Albin Lewandowski, 87, of Silver Lake

Albin Cyril Lewandowski, 87, of Silver Lake, died Nov. 1, 2013, at Prairie Senior Cottages in Hutchinson.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Monday, Nov. 4, at Holy Family Catholic Church, Silver Lake. The Rev. Paul Schumacher was the celebrant.

Pallbearers were Tim Weseloh, Ryan Allen, James Lewandowski, Eric Hawes, Stan Horstmann and Ron Lewandowski. Interment was in Holy Family Cemetery, Silver Lake.

Mr. Lewandowski was born April 18, 1926, in McLeod County, to Frank and Josephine (Pawlak) Lewandowski.

On Oct. 4, 1944, he enlisted in the U.S. Army and served in Korea in the Pacific.

On Oct. 14, 1950, Leona M. Fiecke and Albin C. Lewandowski were joined in holy marriage in Riverside, Calif., and they shared 61 years of marriage.

He farmed for over 20 years and also worked for Millerbernd Manufacturing in Winsted during that time. He retired from Millerbernd Manufacturing.

Mr. Lewandowski enjoyed camping, threshing bees, antique tractor shows and he loved attending parades.

Survivors include his children, Jane Hawes of Cokato and loving companion, Randy Youngkrantz, Dean Lewandowski and companion Vicki of Princeton, Jeanie (Patrick) Ebert of Hutchinson, David (Roxi) Lewandowski and Donna (James) Richards, all

of Silver Lake; grandchildren, Daniel and Eric (Angela) Hawes, Kristin (Ryan) Allen and Lisa (Tim) Weseloh, James (Jessica) Lewandowski, Jessie Lewandowski, Mathew Richards, Michael Richards and Joseph Richards; great-grandchildren, Blake, Allie, Austin, Wyatte, Izzabella, Mason, Brady, Hadley, Gavin, Audrey and Laynee; sister, Bernice Strauss of Winsted; and brothers, Benny (Jean) Lewandowski of Lester Prairie and Larry (Della) Lewandowski of Glencoe.

Preceding him in death were his parents; wife, Leona; infant son, James Andrew Lewandowski in 1968; son, Dale Edward Lewandowski in 1971; and sister, Irene Herbert.

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



Silver Lake Leader photos by Alyssa Schauer and Brenda Fogarty

First snow

Get out the mittens, scarves, and boots! The first measureable amount of snow for the winter season fell Tuesday evening, Nov. 5 in Silver Lake. Nearly 4-1/2 inches were recorded as flurries moved in from the east around 4 p.m. and it continued to snow through the night. On Wednesday, children were spotted trudging through the fluffy, white mess to school. This weekend, temperatures are expected to be in the 40s and there is a 30 percent chance of rain and snow forecasted for Friday evening.



Darlene J. Vorliceck, 76, of Buffalo

Darlene Jeanette Vorliceck, 76, of Buffalo, died Sunday, Nov. 3, 2013, at her residence. Funeral services will be held Tuesday, Nov. 12, at 11 a.m., at the Peterson Chapel in Buffalo.

Pallbearers will be Clarence Vorliceck, Dale Grochow, Zachary Grochow, Dean Carlson, Samuel Carlson and Joel Carlson. Interment will be at Ripley Cemetery in Litchfield.

Darlene J. Lenz was born July 20, 1937, in Janesville, to William J. and Amanda E. (Shult) Lenz. She graduated from Foley High School in 1955.

On June 20, 1959, Darlene

J. Lenz and Robert "Bob" Vorliceck were joined in holy marriage at Stockholm Lutheran Church in rural Cokato. God blessed their marriage with a son, Allen.

Mrs. Vorliceck was a good homemaker. She enjoyed canning, cooking and watching the Minnesota Twins. She especially enjoyed her granddaughters coming to Arizona to visit in the winter. She was a very caring and giving person.

Survivors include her loving husband of 54 years, Robert "Bob" Vorliceck; son, Allen R. (Dianne) Vorliceck of St. Michael; grandchildren, Chel-

sea, Ashley and Madeline; a brother, Floyd Lenz; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Clarence and Pat Vorliceck of Cokato; sisters-in-law, Helen Miller of Bloomington and Esther Trautmann of Littleton, Colo.; other relatives and friends.

Preceding her in death were her parents; a granddaughter, Natalie Vorliceck; and a sister-in-law, JoAnn Oliva.

The Peterson Chapel in Buffalo is serving the family. Online condolences may be made at www.thepetersonchapel.com.

RATE INCREASE NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR CENTERPOINT ENERGY MINNESOTA CUSTOMERS

On August 2, 2013, CenterPoint Energy filed a request with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (MPUC) to change its rates for utility distribution service. If approved by the MPUC, the proposed new rates will result in an overall increase in revenue of \$44.3 million, or about 5 percent annually. The requested increase would add about \$4.00 to a typical residential customer's monthly bill.

We expect the MPUC's final decision on this request in June 2014. If final rates are less than interim rates, customers will be refunded the difference with interest. If final rates are higher, customers will not be charged the difference.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Any CenterPoint Energy customer or other person may attend or provide comments at the hearings. You are invited to comment on the adequacy and quality of CenterPoint Energy's service, the level of rates or other related matters. You do not need to be represented by an attorney.

Administrative Law Judge, LauraSue Schlatter will conduct five public hearings. You may participate at any of the dates, times and locations shown at right:

Date	Time	Locations
Monday Dec. 2	7:00 p.m.	Central Lakes Community College 501 W. College Dr., Room E203, Brainerd
Tuesday Dec. 3	7:00 p.m.	Normandale Community College, Classroom P0808 9700 France Ave. S., Bloomington
Wednesday Dec. 4	7:00 p.m.	Mankato Place Mall, Mankato Room 12 Civic Center Plaza, Mankato
Monday Dec. 9	1:00 p.m.	CEAP - Community Room 7051 Brooklyn Blvd., Brooklyn Center
Tuesday Dec. 10	7:00 p.m.	Sabathani Community Center, Auditorium 310 E. 38th St., Minneapolis

WRITTEN COMMENTS

Written comments may be sent to: **Administrative Law Judge, LauraSue Schlatter**
Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH)
P.O. Box 64620, St. Paul, MN 55164-0620
ratecomments.oah@state.mn.us

Customers may also send comments to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission:
121 Seventh Place East, Suite 350, St. Paul, MN 55101-2147

Email: PublicComments.puc@state.mn.us

Telephone: 651-296-0406 or 800-657-3782 or your preferred Telecommunications Relay Service

Written comments are most effective when the following three items are included:

1. The issues in CenterPoint Energy's proposal you are addressing
2. Your specific recommendations
3. The reason for your recommendations

Please include OAH docket number 80-2500-30979 and MPUC docket number G-008/GR-13-316 in all communications. The deadline for written comments is **December 31, 2013**.

Important: Comments will be made available to the public on the MPUC's website, except in limited circumstances consistent with the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act. The MPUC does not edit or delete personal identifying information from submissions.

The chart below shows the effect of both the interim and proposed rate changes on monthly bills for residential, commercial and industrial customers with average natural gas use:

Customer type (usage in therms)	Avg monthly usage in therms	Avg monthly bill: current rates	Avg monthly bill: interim rates	Avg monthly bill: rates proposed
Residential	73	\$57.50	\$60.25	\$61.50
Commercial/Industrial - Up to 1,500/year	60	\$51.50	\$54.00	\$55.00
Commercial/Industrial - 1,500 to 5,000/year	226	\$166.50	\$174.75	\$167.25
Commercial/Industrial - 5,000 or more/year	1,136	\$774.25	\$812.00	\$788.50
Small Volume Dual Fuel Sales Service - Up to 120,000/year	3,799	\$2,114	\$2,217	\$2,161
Small Volume Dual Fuel Sales Service - 120,000 or more/year	13,743	\$7,449	\$7,813	\$7,617
Large Volume Dual Fuel Sales Service	125,750	\$59,200	\$62,089	\$60,736

* Figures above are rounded (residential and commercial/industrial customers are rounded to the nearest \$0.25 and dual fuel customers are rounded to the nearest whole number).

EVIDENTIARY HEARINGS

Formal evidentiary hearings on CenterPoint Energy's proposal are scheduled to start on January 14, 2014, in the MPUC's large hearing room, 3rd floor, 121 Seventh Place East, St. Paul. The purpose of the evidentiary hearings is to allow CenterPoint Energy, the Minnesota Department of Commerce - Division of Energy Resources, the Minnesota Office of Attorney General - Antitrust and Utilities Division and others to present testimony and to cross-examine each other's witnesses on the proposed rate increase.

Anyone who wishes to formally intervene in this case should contact the Administrative Law Judge, LauraSue Schlatter, at the address at left.

CenterPoint Energy requested the rate changes described in this notice. The MPUC may either grant or deny the requested changes, in whole or in part, and may grant a lesser or greater increase than that requested for any class or classes of service.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

You may visit CenterPoint Energy's offices during normal business hours (8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday) to examine the proposed rate schedule and a comparison of present and proposed rates at:

800 LaSalle Avenue, 14th floor, Minneapolis, MN 55402
Phone: 612-372-4727

Web: CenterPointEnergy.com/RateCase

Or you may contact the Department of Commerce at:
85 Seventh Place East, Suite 500, St. Paul, MN 55101
Phone: 651-539-1534

Persons with hearing loss or speech disabilities may call through their preferred Telecommunications Relay Service.

Web: <https://www.edockets.state.mn.us/EFiling/search.jsp>

(Select 13 in the year field, enter 316 in the number field, select search, and the list of documents will appear on the next page), to examine the filing.

ACCOMMODATIONS

If any reasonable accommodation is needed to enable you to fully participate in these public hearings (for example, sign language or foreign language interpreter, wheelchair accessibility, or large print materials), please contact the MPUC at 651-296-0406 or 800-657-3782 one week in advance of the hearing.



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October Panther Pride winners

The October Panther Pride winners at Glencoe-Silver Lake were, front row, left to right, Sawyer Rosenlund, Emily Kientzy, Evan Motzko, Reagan Feltmann, Samantha Mattson, Guillermo Avila, Jack Tobias, Lia Oelfke, Joseph Silva and Berlin Kass. In the second row are Emma Salisbury, Evan Marti, Brayden Mathwig, Jaileen Alvarado, Gavin

Kottke, Ellie Scheidt, Luke Roepke, Chloe Hoemberg, Luke Schmiege, Geniess Balderas, Jason Maire, Olivia Wanous and Ava Koenen. In the back row are Natalie Davis, Caden Neid, Claire Verdeck, Eli Ehrke, Braxton Streich, Jaeligh Fern, Isabelle McCrea, Blake Kaczmarek, Natasha Fisher and Thomas Dressen.

County Board discusses tax notices; proposed 2.27% levy increase for 2014

By Lori Copley
Staff Writer

Most taxing authorities in McLeod County are considering moderate property tax hikes, keeping their levies the same or even lowering them, the McLeod County Board of Commissioners heard at a workshop session Tuesday morning, Oct. 29.

But that won't necessarily mean that property taxes will remain the same or be lower for property owners, County Auditor-Treasurer Cindy Schultz told the County Board. Schultz said the workshop was to see what "proposed tax notices are going to look like" as local government units prepare for their annual truth-in-taxation hearings.

One issue with the proposed tax statements, scheduled to go out this month, is that they are based on the preliminary levies that were adopted in September, and won't show the results of any referendums held in conjunction with the

November election.

As an example, Schultz said, the Hutchinson school district has a debt-redemption levy that is set to expire at the end of this year. However, the district also has a two-question ballot this week on whether to replace that levy or even increase it.

Because the taxation notices are already prepared, they won't reflect the results of that election, and the proposed notices show that school taxes will be going down.

"What people are seeing now may not be the reality in a next year," said Schultz. If the referendum passes, she said, her office will get "phone calls next March" when actual tax statements go out.

Because of declining residential values and an increase in agricultural land values, most homes' property taxes will likely be lower or the same, unless valuations increased significantly because of improvements, Schultz said.

Conversely, property taxes on ag land may go up, even if taxing units are holding their levies the same or lowering them, because of the increased valuation of the property.

Another factor that could be a "big impact" is the tier system for property taxes, said Schultz.

Currently, property valued at \$1.5 million or less (Tier 1 property) has a .5 tax rate. Once the valuation crosses the \$1.5 million threshold, the tax rate doubles to a 1 tax rate.

Schultz cited an instance of commercial property in a township that will have topped the \$1.5 million threshold, and will see a property tax increase of near 67 percent.

"It's a huge factor," said Schultz of the tier system, which was set up by the Minnesota Department of Revenue.

The County Board also briefly discussed whether it should continue to consider its proposed 2.27 percent levy in-

crease.

Commissioner Jon Christensen pointed out that while the county currently has no debt, it continues to levy as if it does, generating extra money. He also noted that the county is getting another \$415,000 in county program aid from the state.

However, Commissioner Sheldon Nies noted that the county remains in labor negotiations with its employee unions.

"We have no idea where our negotiations with unions are going," said Nies. "We're starting out with requests for increases of 10 to 12 percent."

Nies also pointed out that the County Board had committed to its jail expansion and courthouse security project, and may need to use reserves to help pay for that.

Nies suggested waiting until December to set the final levy.

People News

Daughter born to Jureks

Aaron and Brenda Jurek are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Chloe Marilyn, on Sept. 28, 2013, at 2:50 p.m. Chloe weighed 7 pounds, 14 ounces, and was 19 inches long. Grandparents are Brad and Barb Droege of Hamburg and Doug and Lynn Jurek of Victoria. Great-grandparents are Lois Droege of Hamburg, Lucy Kauffmann of Arlington, Howard and Bea Schuette of Plato, and Jim and the late Marilyn Jurek of Silver Lake.



Benefit for Hlavka family set Nov. 24 in Jackson

A benefit for Frank and Therese (Shimanski) Hlavka of Sherburn will be held on Sunday, Nov. 24, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Good Shepherd Hall at 311 North Sverdrup Ave., Jackson.

This is not a story of one person, but two: Frank and Therese Hlavka. Their journey started in December 2012 when Frank was diagnosed with cancer in the bile ducts of his liver, which resulted in surgery on Dec. 26 to remove 60 percent of his liver.

With such a rare cancer, the doctors felt Frank should have radiation and chemotherapy simultaneously. He began treatment in February and finished in March.

After undergoing a second round of chemo between April and July, another CT scan in August showed Frank's cancer was still present. He was removed from a clinical trial at

Mayo in October as his cancer continues to grow and spread.

In March 2013, Therese was diagnosed with ovarian cancer. She went through the recommended six cycles of chemo between April and August. She is set for a three-month checkup in November.

Join in a time of fellowship and support for Frank and Therese and their family at the pancake breakfast benefit on Sunday, Nov. 24.

Also, there will be a silent auction, a craft sale, and a bake sale during the benefit. If you have questions, contact Kathy Nowak at 320-420-4743 or Genny Lhotka at 320-583-9222.

Donations can be made at: Bank Midwest, PO Box 49, Jackson, MN 56143. C/O Frank and Therese Hlavka Benefit.

Blood donations bring hope during the holidays, 4 drives set in November

The holiday season is a time for people to reflect on what makes them grateful. Family, friends and good health come to mind for many.

Countless patients like Ethan Hoffart, however, strive for good health during the holidays, oftentimes in a hospital room, away from family and friends. Blood donations can bring them hope.

When Ethan was 10 years old, he spent most of the holiday season being treated for aplastic anemia, a disease in which the body's bone marrow doesn't make enough new blood cells.

For four months, Ethan was dependent on blood transfusions every seven days and platelet transfusions every three days.

"I probably wouldn't even be here if no one gave blood," he said. "The transfusions pretty much saved me."

Thanks in part to volunteer donors, Ethan's disease is under control, and he will be at home with his family for the holidays this year.

All blood types are needed, especially O negative. A negative and B negative. Appointments to donate with the American Red Cross and bring hope to patients in need can be made at redcross-blood.org or 1-800-RED CROSS.

Upcoming McLeod County blood donation opportunities

Fire hydrants to be flushed

The city of Silver Lake will flush hydrants on Thursday, Nov. 7 (today), beginning at 9 a.m., weather permitting.

include:

- Wednesday, Nov. 20, from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m., at Lester Prairie City Hall, 37 Juniper St. N.

- Friday, Nov. 22, from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m., at Hutchinson Mall, 1060 Highway 15.

- Wednesday, Nov. 27, from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m., at Glencoe City Center, 1107 11th St. (complimentary T-shirt for presenting donors, while supplies last).

- Friday, Nov. 29, from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Neisen's Bar 'n' Grill, 300 Dorans St. in Biscay (complimentary T-shirt for presenting donors, while supplies last).

To donate blood, simply call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit redcross-blood.org to make an appointment or for more information.

All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age (16 with parental consent in some states), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood.

High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

Weather Corner

By Jake Yurek



We started the week with our first real "sort-of-large" snow threat. As I write this, it still hasn't happened and I'm rather pleased that I don't have to technically venture a guess as to what did happen.

Early news reports got pretty excited about this, and I'm thinking they're overdoing it a bit, especially for our area. If things hold together we should have only seen minor accumulations. The bulk of the precipitation was aimed to our south, and cold air is limited this year so, hopefully, the weather doesn't make me look silly. But I'm guessing we survived this blast with only minor effects.

Onto the end of week forecast: things will be cool this week with highs in the upper 30s to lower 40s with lows in the 20s.

Another storm will push into the area Friday into early Saturday. This one is aimed a bit to our north, but we could be in line for some more rain and/or snow showers.

The all-important deer hunting opener is looking mostly OK once we get the late week storm to exit the area. Highs should stay in the upper 30s to lower 40s. If you're traveling to hunt, the northern portion of the state could have a bit more in question with this storm, so watch more up-to-date forecasts.

Also it's worth mentioning, if the late-week storm moves south a bit, we could see a little more precipitation and snow ... fair warning.

Have a great week all, and good luck to the hunters ... stay safe!

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Wednesday night — Lows 22-28; partly cloudy.

Thursday — Highs 38-44; lows 22-28; mostly clear.

Friday — Highs 38-46; lows 25-31; clouds increase/rain or snow later.

Saturday — Highs 38-46; lows 25-31; rain/snow early, clouds.

Sunday — Highs 38-46; mostly clear.

Weather Quiz: How much snow will we see this year?

Answer to last week's question: **What are normal snowfall totals by month in an average winter?** October = 0.6 inches, November = 10, December = 10, January = 13.5, February = 8.2, March = 10.4, April = 3.1 and May = 0.1 inches.

Remember: I make the forecast, not the weather!

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Property Tax Reminder
TO MCLEOD COUNTY TAXPAYERS

The Second Half of your property tax payments are due November 15, 2013 for agricultural properties.

Payments are accepted by mail, in person at the McLeod County North Complex building 2391 Hennepin Ave. N. from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or there is a convenient PAYMENT DROP BOX located just outside of the building.

If you are interested in paying by credit card or e-check, visit the County website: www.co.mcleod.mn.us. There is a fee involved for paying your property tax by this method.

If mailing, please return your statement stub with your payment to insure proper credit. Postmark determines mail payment date. Late postmarks will be returned for proper penalty. Minnesota Statutes direct a penalty be assessed on late payments.

**Cindy Schultz
McLeod County Auditor-Treasurer
2391 Hennepin Ave N
Glencoe, MN 55336
320-864-1271**



Silver Lake Leader photos by Alyssa Schauer

Senior dinner

On Monday, the Silver Lake Civic Association teamed with the Silver Lake GFWC Women's Club to host a "senior dinner" at the Silver Lake American Legion. Above, from left to right are Laura Kaczmarek, Kathy Kaczmarek, Gary Kaczmarek, Ed Goede, Delores Goede and Deannie Navratil. To the right, LeRoy and Judy Penas are served with rice hotdish, casesar salad, dinner rolls, and cake, catered by Molly's Cafe in Silver Lake. The night consisted of singing, card bingo, and door prizes.



Kitchen Delights & Other Things



Pumpkin Waffles with Apple Cider Syrup

Ingredients:

- 2-1/2 cups all-purpose flour
 - 4 teaspoons baking powder
 - 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
 - 1 teaspoon ground allspice
 - 1 teaspoon ground ginger
 - 1/2 teaspoon salt
 - 1/4 cup packed brown sugar
 - 1 cup canned pumpkin
 - 2 cups milk
 - 4 eggs, separated
 - 1/4 cup butter, melted
- #### Cider Syrup:
- 1/2 cup white sugar
 - 1 tablespoon cornstarch
 - 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
 - 1 cup apple cider
 - 1 tablespoon lemon juice
 - 2 tablespoons butter

Directions:

Preheat a waffle iron according to manufacturer's instructions. Combine the flour, baking powder, cinnamon, allspice, ginger, salt, and brown sugar in a mixing bowl. In a separate bowl, stir together the pumpkin, milk, and egg yolks. Whip the egg whites in a clean dry bowl until soft peaks form. Stir the flour mixture and 1/4 cup melted butter to the pumpkin mixture, stirring just to combine. Use a whisk to fold 1/3 of egg whites into the batter, stirring gently until incorporated. Fold in remaining egg whites. Cook waffles according to manufacturer's instructions. To make the syrup, stir together the sugar, cornstarch, and cinnamon in a saucepan. Stir in the apple cider and lemon juice. Cook over medium heat until mixture begins to boil; boil until syrup thickens. Remove from heat and stir in the 2 tablespoons butter until melted. Serve warm.

Party Potatoes

Ingredients:

- 4 cups mashed potatoes
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese, softened
- 1 teaspoon minced chives
- 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/4 cup dry bread crumbs
- 1 tablespoon butter, melted
- 1/2 cup shredded cheddar cheese

Directions:

In a large bowl, combine potatoes, sour cream,

cream cheese, chives and garlic powder. Turn into a greased two-quart casserole dish. Combine bread crumbs with butter; sprinkle over potatoes. Bake at 350 degrees for 50 to 60 minutes. Top with cheese and serve immediately.

Southern Italian Thanksgiving Stuffing

Ingredients:

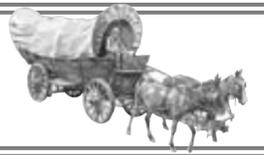
- 1-1/2 pounds bulk Italian sausage
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 6 ounces pancetta bacon, diced
- 2 onions, chopped
- 7 large celery stalks, chopped
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 6 cups day-old French bread, cut into 1/2-inch cubes
- 3 cups crumbled cornbread
- 1-1/2 tablespoons rubbed dried sage
- 1-1/2 tablespoons poultry seasoning
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup toasted pine nuts
- 4 cups chicken broth
- 2 cups shredded mozzarella cheese
- 1/2 cup butter
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh sage
- 1 ounce shaved Parmesan cheese

Directions:

Preheat an oven to 375 degrees. Grease a deep 9x13-inch dish or roasting pan. Heat a large skillet over medium-high heat and stir in the sausage. Cook and stir until the sausage is crumbly, evenly browned, and no longer pink. Drain and discard any excess grease. Place the browned sausage into a large mixing bowl. Meanwhile, heat the olive oil and pancetta in a large skillet over medium heat. Once the pancetta begins to brown, stir in the onions and celery, and cook until the onion softens and turns translucent, about 8 minutes. Stir in the garlic, and cook another 3 minutes until the aroma of the garlic mellows. Scrape the onion mixture into the bowl with the crumbled sausage. Add the French bread, cornbread, dried sage, poultry seasoning, salt, and pine nuts; stir well. Pour in the chicken broth and mozzarella cheese; stir until the chicken stock has been absorbed by the bread and the stuffing is evenly mixed. Pack the stuffing into the prepared baking dish and dot the butter overtop. Cover with aluminum foil. Bake for 45 minutes, then remove the foil, and continue baking until the top has turned golden brown, about 15 minutes more. Sprinkle with the fresh sage and shave Parmesan cheese to serve.

Down Memory Lane

Compiled by Margaret Benz



75 YEARS AGO - NOV. 12, 1938 — Silver Lake polled 325 votes at the general election held on Tuesday, Nov. 8.

At the meeting of the McLeod County Bankers Association held last week Wednesday at Hutchinson, F.J. Burich, president of the Citizens State Bank of Silver Lake, was re-elected president of the organization.

The Christian Endeavor Society of the Silver Lake Presbyterian Church will present the three-act comedy-drama, "A Little Clodhopper," on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 18-19, in the church parlor. The play is under the direction of Mrs. Joseph Leksa. The cast of characters includes Hilmer Hlavka, Donald Hlavka, Emily Kovar, Patricia Wraspir, Emily Makovsky, Mildred Hakel, Benjamin Hakel, Harvey Hlavka, Jerome Leksa and Mavis Wraspir. Admission is 15¢ and 25¢.

Instead of the Penny Bingo played the past winter at St. Adalbert's School, a new kind of bingo will be introduced this coming week, Tuesday, Nov. 15. Every player will pay 40¢ for the whole evening with 30 games played through the evening session.

Kaminsky Transfer is prepared to haul clean lake sand for plastering and foundations.

Mrs. Anthony Witucki recently purchased the former Joe Witucki farm owned by F.J. Pahl.

Some of the specials at The Quality Food Store include: Kraft cheese, 2 pound box, 45¢; Softasilk cake flour, 4 pound bag, 25¢; Kellogg's shredded wheat, 10¢ a package; lettuce, two heads for 13¢; six Texas seedless grapefruit for 15¢; Ocean Spray cranberry sauce, No. 2 can, 15¢.

Sons were born to Dr. and Mrs. Ellston J. Mikulecky on Nov. 8, Mr. and Mrs. Carlos A. Avery on Nov. 7, and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Dostal on Oct. 31.

50 YEARS AGO - NOV. 7, 1963 — Temperatures have hit as high as 58 degrees with mild nights, but foggy mornings.

One filing has been made for the three Silver Lake Village offices open. Mrs. Gertrude Navratil has filed for re-election as village treasurer. There are no filings for the office of mayor or councilman as Joe Gehlen and Joe Benz, incumbents, declined to file for these respective offices.

The senior class of Silver Lake High School

will present the comedy, "A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court," on Friday evening, Nov. 8, at the high school gym.

Don Knott is building three new houses in Silver Lake.

Vernon Lilienthal, 40, of Plato, was killed by a dynamite blast on Monday noon when working at blasting rocks on the Emil Schuette farm near Plato.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Fitzloff of Hutchinson were killed Monday morning when their car struck a westbound Great Northern freight train at the crossing near the depot in Litchfield.

An open house 50th wedding anniversary for Mr. and Mrs. John Drahos will be held on Sunday, Nov. 10, at the Oddfellow Hall in Hutchinson.

The public is invited to attend the wedding dance honoring Carol Habisch and Donald Miskovsky on Saturday evening, Nov. 9, at the Blue Note Ballroom, Winsted.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Schermann on Nov. 3. Mr. and Mrs. Junior Vorlicek are the parents of a daughter born on Nov. 3.

25 YEARS AGO - NOV. 10, 1988 — Silver Lake residents cast 321 ballots at the general and city elections on Tuesday. Duane Yurek, who was unopposed, was elected mayor. In the four-year City Council race, Dale Miska, incumbent, and Dale Nowak were elected to the two positions. The two-year City Council race had Gary Rannow being elected.

Variety Plus will be serving free coffee and cookies on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 11-12.

The Silver Lake Knights of Columbus are sponsoring their Ham & Poultry Party on Friday, Nov. 11, at the Silver Lake Auditorium.

The Silver Lake Fire Department was called to a grease fire on the stove at the Jeff Muenchow home on East Main Street on Monday, Nov. 7.

At a recent meeting of the Presbytery of Minnesota Valleys, Gladys Smoley was honored with the "Outstanding Senior Presbyterian Award" for 1988.

The Ladies Aid of St. Adalbert's Church are sponsoring a rummage sale on Saturday, Nov. 12, in the church basement.

A daughter was born on Nov. 8 to Bill and Carmen Merrill.



Submitted photo

Corn drive for Courage Center

The Glencoe-Silver Lake chapter of the FFA held its annual corn drive for True Friends Camps (Friendship Ventures) on Oct. 25. Approximately 20 members participated, raising \$2,600. Above, Zach Pierson collects a donation from Jon Lemke of Glencoe. "Members look forward to this event every year," FFA adviser Becky Haddad said. "They enjoy getting out and meeting local farmers, and appreciate the opportunity to raise money for a worthy cause." For over 59 years now, FFA fundraising activities have helped sponsor children and adults with physical disabili-

ties so that they can attend camp. All proceeds from the FFA drives are used to support camp needs: camper sponsorships, buildings and equipment, to name a few. Camping services are just some of the many programs and services offered by Courage Center, a non-profit rehabilitation center in the Twin Cities. For more information about Courage Center programs and services for people with physical disabilities or sensory and neurological impairments, please call 763-588-0811 or visit www.CourageCenter.org.

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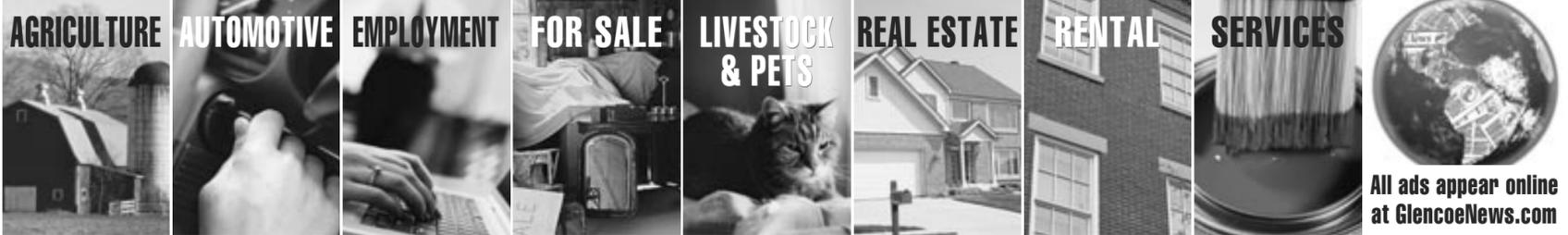
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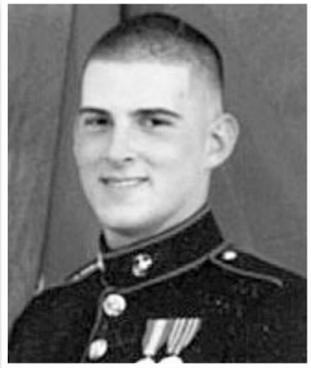
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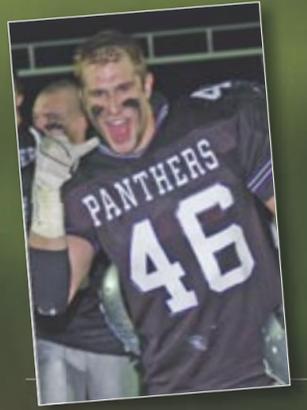
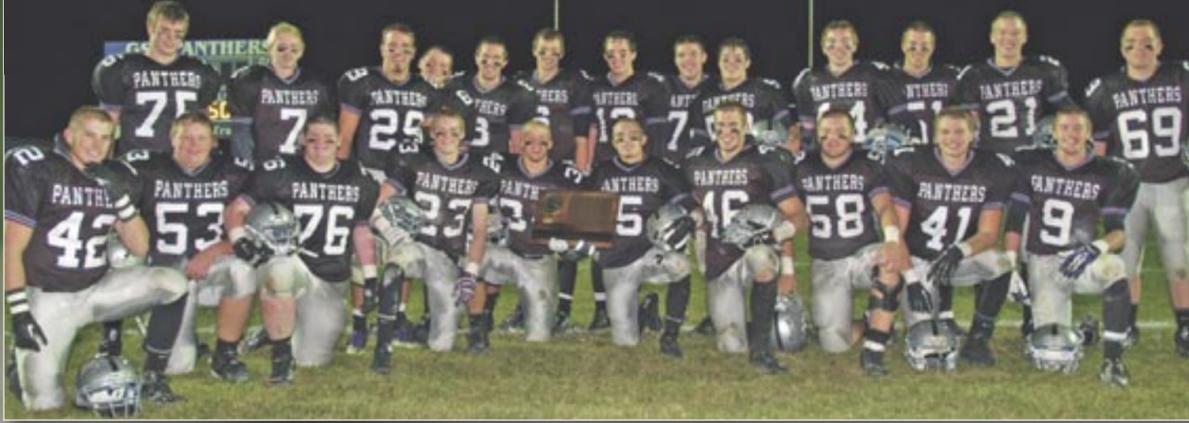
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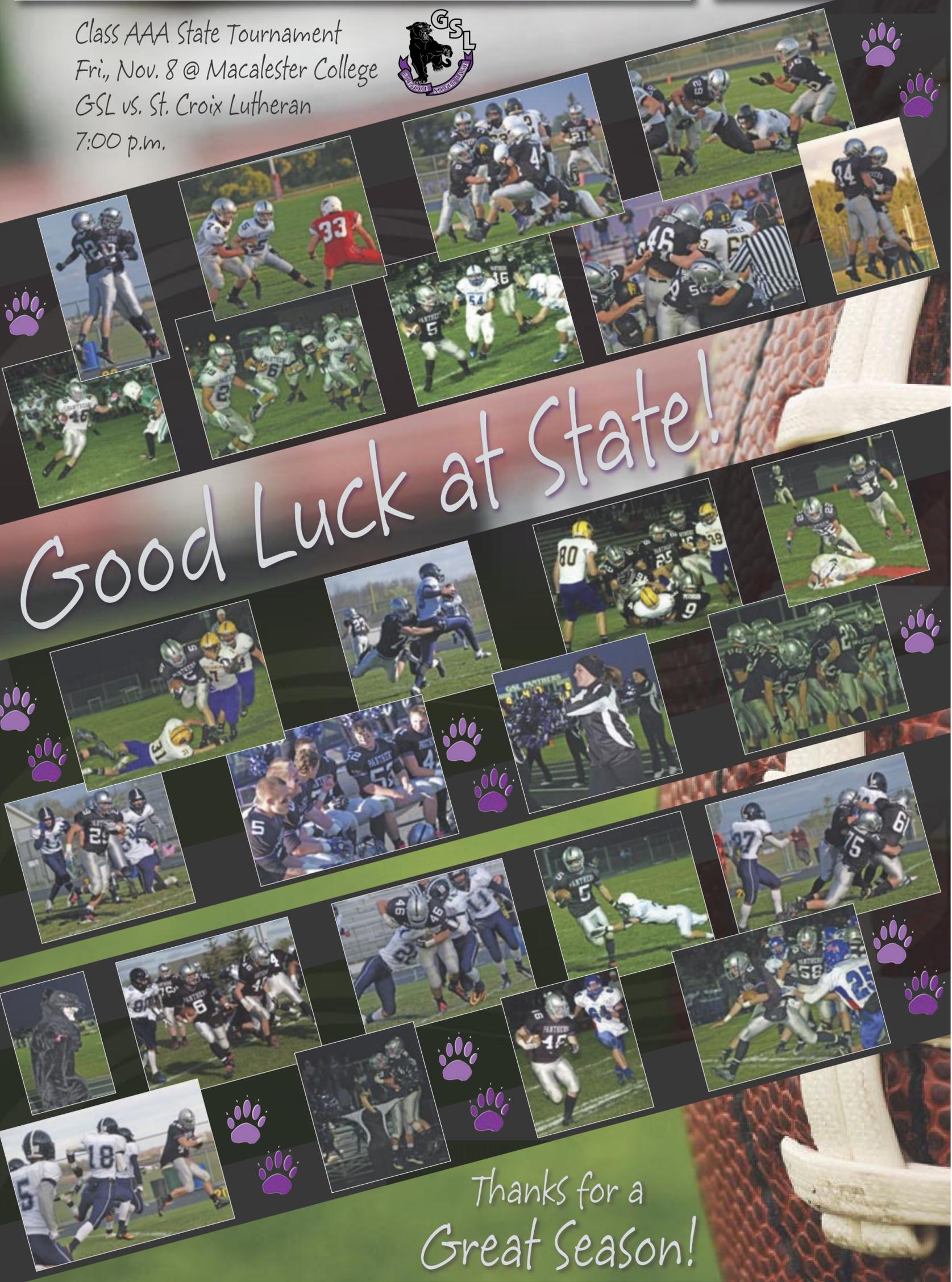
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