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Silver Lake Leader photos
by Alyssa Schauer

Winter Wonderland

The first snowfall for the winter season in Minnesota dumped nearly a foot of snow on Silver Lake this past weekend. Plows were out Saturday and Sunday, clearing the roads, while residents braved the below zero temperatures on Monday to clear the sidewalks and their driveways. Light snow is expected for Saturday.



GSL School Board OKs 2013-14 levy with 3.7% decrease

By Rich Glennie
Editor

The Glencoe-Silver Lake School Board held its Truth in Taxation hearing Monday night in the board room at Lincoln Jr. High, and later that evening approved its 2012 tax levy, payable in 2013, for the 2013-14 school year.

That levy amounts to \$2,323,633, or a decrease of 3.765 percent, or about \$91,000 less than 2012-13.

Michelle Sander, school district business manager, methodically went through the process of determining school funding, tax levies and setting budgets.

The Truth in Taxation hearing, held prior to the regular December School Board meeting, was attended by a handful of people.

The majority of the tax levy is for the general fund (\$1,154,447), but other components include:

- The equity/transition levy (\$179,328).
- The net capacity levy for operating capital, unemployment insurance, the Safe School program, the career and technical program, health and safety projects, deferred maintenance work, building lease, debt service adjustment and abatement adjustments (\$596,211).

- Community service for community education, Early Childhood Family Education, home visiting, school-age care and abatement adjustments (\$163,130).

- General debt service (voter approved) including building bond debt for the former McLeod West district (\$230,259).

Schools are different than cities, counties and townships, Sander said, because the school's fiscal year begins July 1 rather than on a calendar year.

She said there is little a school board controls in the budgeting process. She said an assessor determines property values, the state Legislature determines the formula for taxes, the county auditor calculates the property taxes and the Department of Education comes up with the levy documents.

Sander said there are two basic parts to determining the tax levy, that part of the budget that is generated by local property taxes — property valuations and student counts.

Once the tax levy is set, Sander said, it cannot be adjusted, but the budget, which is usually approved by the board

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Basketball teams OK'd to help cancer fund raiser

By Rich Glennie
Editor

The Glencoe-Silver Lake basketball teams will be doing something a little different this season — they also will be involved in fund-raising to fight cancer while competing at two scheduled games.

Head girls' basketball coach Cullen Ober, along with players Clarissa Ober and Kelly Beneke, attended Monday's night GSL School Board meeting to ask permission to participate in the fund raisers.

The first will be double-header girls' and boys' basketball games against Norwood Young America on Jan. 12, with the aim to raise funds for breast cancer research.

The other is a "Pink Out" in a girls' basketball game at Orono on Jan. 18.

The proceeds from the NYA doubleheader will go toward the Tim Orth Foundation and the Susan G. Komen Walk For The Cure.

"It is an excellent opportunity," for student involvement,

said GSL Superintendent Chris Sonju. He said it was similar to the Randy Shaver Tackle Cancer Night event held during a football game earlier this school year.

But Sonju said any additional fund raisers added to the schedule need School Board approval.

"It's awesome they're doing this," Sonju said.

In other matters, the School Board:

- Accepted the audit for the 2011-12 fiscal year. Kim

Pelzel Helberg of Clifton Larson Allen LLP presented the audit report, which indicated the district had a general fund balance of \$5.9 million as of June 30, 2012. The unassigned fund balance equals about 30 percent of the general fund, she added.

Helberg said GSL is no different than many other districts who have high fund balances, "due to the uncertainty of state aid." She said it also "helps weather the tough economy."

Generally, it is recommended school districts have a fund balance minimum of 8 percent to 16 percent, she said.

"All (GSL) funds are healthy," Helberg said. "Everything looks good." She also praised Michelle Sander, GSL business manager, for having one of the best financial reports she has worked with.

- Heard a request from Teri Windschitl to take Spanish students on an educational trip to Peru in 2014. She took stu-

dents to Costa Rica last summer, and GSL students went to Europe in 2010.

She called the benefits and experiences of the trips for the students as "tremendous."

The nine-day trip also includes a half credit toward graduation. The estimated cost per student is about \$3,000, and there is no cost to the school district.

- Heard that the United

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Bayerl's commissioner career began with friend's dying wish

By Lori Copley
Staff Writer

McLeod County 1st District Commissioner Ray Bayerl's 22-1/2-year political career was born with the death of a friend.

Bayerl, of rural Winsted, is stepping down as a county commissioner Dec. 31.

Before being elected to the County Board in 1990, Bayerl's only experience with a governing body was being a member of the parish council at Holy Trinity in Winsted.

But in 1989, his friend Lawrence Fiecke, who was then the 1st District commissioner, was battling cancer. Bayerl used to drive him to his treatments.

"We used to talk about what was going on during those drives," said Bayerl.

When Fiecke's condition worsened to a point in which he was hospitalized, Bayerl would visit. Visits were limited, and Bayerl recalls that during one such visit, he was



Ray Bayerl

waiting in the hallway when Fiecke's daughter emerged from his room.

She told Bayerl that Fiecke had stated that if Fiecke was unable to fill out his term, he wanted Bayerl to replace him. "That was really kind of a turning point for me," said Bayerl.

After Fiecke's death, a special election to fill out his

term was set for June 1990. Bayerl won the seat held by his friend.

Were the succeeding 22 years enjoyable?

"Well, they've certainly been interesting," said Bayerl. "There has been both good and bad, but I think the good outweighed the bad."

A continuing issue over the years has been the county's building needs, said Bayerl.

Early in his career, there was a proposal to expand the current courthouse in Glencoe.

"That would have left us landlocked," said Bayerl, who added that he appreciates the recent move of the Veterans Services Office to the North Complex building, giving veterans handicap-accessible access to the office.

A 2007 proposal for a \$22.5 million, 95-bed jail, which the County Board ultimately rejected, was probably

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Submitted photo

A royal Christmas cookie bake

Last Friday, the Pola-Czesky royalty visited Cedar Crest in Silver Lake and frosted Christmas cookies with the residents. Above, Queen Kayla Schermann (left) and Princess Chrissy Helmbrecht (right) show off their platter of frosted cookies with res-

ident Hank Pawlicki (middle). The royalty has been busy this month, with lighted winter parades, cookie baking and Christmas caroling.

Winterfest set Saturday

The 11th-annual Silver Lake Winter Fest celebration is set for Saturday, Dec. 15, from 12:30 p.m. to 3 p.m., at the Silver Lake Auditorium.

There will be various activities including a coloring contest sponsored by the Degree of Honor, photo opportunities with live reindeer and Syvertson's sleigh, and horse-drawn wagon rides through town. Santa and Mrs. Claus will

be at the Silver Lake American Legion at 1 p.m. and all children visiting will receive a goodie bag compliments of the Legion.

Free sandwiches, cookies, hot cider, coffee and hot chocolate will also be provided by the GFWC Silver Lake Women's Club. Door prizes will also be drawn.

Come and enjoy the festivities at the auditorium!

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States Department of Agriculture has changed its school lunch rules.

"The USDA took enough heat," Sander said of the changes that were announced recently.

She said details are still sketchy, but the changes involved an increase in meats and grains portions per week into the school lunches. But she said there is no change in the calories offered the students.

Sander said the changes will give food service "more flexibility in menu planning."

- Heard that the district is working with students walking to school about train safety and with Twin Cities & Western Railroad, which has held up some buses as it switches rail cars.

- Approved a new three-year contract with Sander as business manager. The new contract starts July 1 and includes a total package increase of 5.8 percent over the three years, or about 1.95 percent each year.

Board member Jamie Al-sleben said Sander has brought "great strength to the district, not only in knowing the numbers, but articulating in a way that simplifies that so they (the public) can understand."

- Heard that a GSL blood drive will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 12. Chantelle Wolff of Student Government said the goal is to collect 60 units of blood at the drive.

- Heard the annual geography bee is scheduled for 7 p.m., Monday, Jan. 7.

- Hired Tricia Schilling as a 9-hour-per-week paraprofessional in the Early Childhood Special Education program at Lakeside, a new position.

- Accepted the resignation of Deb Rudy as a special education paraprofessional at the high school; Brea Wiblemo as head cheerleader coach; and Lisa Eischens as junior high gymnastics coach.

- Approved the following extracurricular assignments: Rebecca Haddad as seventh-grade girls' basketball coach, replacing Mallory Godel, who resigned.

Dave Prehn as eighth-grade boys' basketball coach, new position.

Carrie Chap and Mona Ewald, co-coaches for cheerleaders.

Jeff Delwiche, junior high wrestling coach, replacing Brian Heimerl, who resigned.

Accepted the following donations:

For the Close-Up program, Silver Lake Lions, \$250; Silver Lake Knights of Columbus, \$25; Glencoe Lions Club, \$50; Silver Lake American Legion Auxiliary to Post 141, \$100; and New Auburn VFW Post 7266, \$500.

GFWC of Silver Lake, \$200 for Lakeside library books.

New Auburn VFW Post 7266, \$500 for GSL FFA chapter.

PRI Robotics Inc., \$500 for new robotics club.

The School Board also was notified that Medtronics donated \$6,500 to sponsor the new GSL robotics team. The donation will cover the entry fee and materials, according to a report by Paul Sparby, high school principal.

Upcoming Events

Dining site birthday party

The Silver Lake senior dining site will hold its December birthday party Thursday, Dec. 13. There will be music and bingo. The menu includes pork loin, whole parslid potatoes, carrots, dinner roll with margarine and poke cake. Call manager Pearl Branden at 320-327-2621 or 320-327-2536 to order your meal.

Santa visits Legion Dec. 15

Santa and Mrs. Claus will be at the Silver Lake American Legion on Saturday, Dec. 15, at 1 p.m. All children visiting will receive a goodie bag, compliments of the Legion. Also, Tom and Jerrys will be served in the front.

WFLA Christmas party set

The Western Fraternal Life Lodge Lumir will hold its Christmas party on Sunday, Dec. 16, at 12:30 p.m., with a potluck dinner at the Komensky School at 19981 Major Ave. Items for McLeod Alliance Against Domestic Violence will be collected. Bring a small wrapped gift for prizes. Refreshments will be provided, along with raffle items for the WFLA scholarship. For any questions, call 320-587-8728.

Legion members meeting

The Silver Lake American Legion will hold its regular monthly meeting on Monday, Dec. 17, at 7 p.m., at the Silver Lake Legion.

Auxiliary members to meet

The Silver Lake American Legion Auxiliary members will hold their monthly meeting on Monday, Dec. 17, with potluck lunch at 7:15 p.m. and meeting to follow in the Legion Club rooms. There will be a \$5 gift exchange if interested in participating, and please bring an item for the food shelf.

GSL holiday band concert

The Glencoe-Silver Lake High School bands will present a holiday concert on Monday, Dec. 17, at 7:30 p.m., in the GSL High School Auditorium. This concert will feature some holiday favorites as well as some non-holiday selections and will be presented by the GSL ninth- and 10th-grade band and the GSL Concert Band. Tickets are available at the door.

Museum Christmas auction

The McLeod County Historical Museum is hosting its annual Christmas auction fund raiser and potluck dinner. The silent auction began Monday, Dec. 10, and runs until Monday, Dec. 17. The potluck dinner is set for Monday, Dec. 17, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., at the McLeod County Historical Museum in Hutchinson.

Dining site Christmas party

The Silver Lake senior dining site is hosting its Christmas party on Thursday, Dec. 20, at the auditorium. The menu includes glazed ham, au gratin potatoes, vegetable blend, dinner roll with margarine and cheesecake. There will be music and bingo. Call Pearl Branden at 320-327-2621 or 320-327-2536 to order a meal.

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the biggest issue Bayerl faced in his career.

Bayerl said he feels the County Board received some "misinformation" about the need for the additional space for the county's 32-bed jail.

After the project was abandoned, the County Board has been receiving weekly reports on the jail's occupancy, which averages in the low 20s, said Bayerl.

"Looking back, I think it was a good decision," Bayerl said of abandoning the proposal. "If we hadn't made that decision, this county wouldn't have the zero debt and the healthy reserves it has now."

In fact, Bayerl said, leaving office with the county not having any debt "is probably as rewarding as anything we've accomplished."

But even more rewarding, Bayerl said, was being able to help people.

"If I was able to help people out, to get answers to their questions ... well, I really enjoyed that," Bayerl said.

Bayerl, a retired farmer, said he has no immediate plans for his retirement from his second job, that of county commissioner.

"We'd like to do some traveling, but other than that, we have no big plans," he said.



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The 12-hour journey home: part 1

December seems to be a busy month with all sorts of days set aside for Christmas shopping, baking Christmas cookies, holiday work parties, seeing all of the Christmas lights, and, of course, those traditional family get-togethers that everybody stresses over and something always seems to go wrong.

The Schauer family had one of those stressful days a few Christmases ago, and it was so full of mishaps, that I have to tell the story in two weeks' worth of columns.

Trust me. I could probably fill up a full newspaper page about everything that happened that day.

So here goes.

It was the day before Christmas Eve in 2008, and we were all getting ready to leave to spend Christmas in Minnesota.

As Mom would say, we were in "normal" Schauer mode — much to do and a short window of time to do it.

We had to pack for a week, finish wrapping Christmas presents, and clean up the house. Dad had to finish up repairs at his small engine shop, get to the bank for an appointment at 11 a.m. and snow-blow the driveway — all before 2 p.m., which was the planned departure time to head to Silver Lake.

Alex and Mitchell had school until 1:30 that afternoon, and I was to run errands in the morning, pick up and deposit Nick's paycheck for him, while he stayed home to clean with Mom and pack up the truck.

The first delay started when the bank called Dad and pushed back the appointment for after lunch, and Mom had to be at the appointment also to sign papers, so Nick and I were left home to finish packing and cleaning.

The Travel Section

By Alyssa Schauer



Then the plan was to leave between 3 and 4 p.m.

I had forgotten to pick up Nick's check, so he headed into town to deposit it, and Mom and Dad were just leaving the shop at 3 p.m., so then our departure time was pushed back to about 5 p.m.

Alex had then told us he had to work at the grocery store that night until 10:30 p.m. because he forgot to ask off, so I decided to stay and wait and drive separately with him, while the rest of the family left earlier.

As soon as Dad got home, he and Nick started up the snowblower to clear the driveway, when a tire chain fell off. After Dad fixed that and got going, the starter on the snowblower went out, and he was able to replace it with a new one, before the gear on that starter flew off and the snowblower died once more.

Dad gripped the steering wheel of the snowblower and his eyes bulged as he let out a loud crazed laugh that sent Nick running into the house.

Dad was losing it.

After another repair, Dad was able to get the driveway plowed before moving onto the next chore. Dad and a cautious Nick headed into the garage to check the oil and fluids in the truck to get it ready for the journey to Minnesota, only to find a leaking radiator.

Dad got his tools out to fix the problem, and the goal now was to leave by 6 p.m. when we got a call from Alex.

He was at the Shopko com-

plex in Eau Claire, picking up a video game before going to work when he locked his keys in his car, and now, he was running late for work.

Needless to say, Mom and Dad were less than pleased. Alex said his spare key was on Dad's truck keys and asked me to drive the key to him.

So I headed out to the garage where the truck was running while Dad and Nick were working on it. Unfortunately, the key remote device on Dad's set of keys had a low battery, and before I could open the driver's door, the low battery remote device auto-locked Dad's truck doors.

So, yes, the truck is still running, with doors locked and Alex's spare key on Dad's keys in the ignition.

After searching through the junk drawers in the house and on all sets of keys, Dad's spare key was nowhere to be found, but Nick managed to pry open the back window of the truck, turn it off and get the keys.

It was now 5:30 p.m., and as I look through Dad's set of keys, I find that Alex's spare is not, in fact, on the key ring.

You can imagine the stress-levels in the house and in the garage at this time as I call Alex to scream at him that his key is not where he thought.

He then remembered it was on his dresser in his room, and Mom and I took the van and rushed to Eau Claire to bring the key to him, only to find it was not the spare key for his car!

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Sun., Dec. 16 — "First Light" radio broadcast on KARP 106.9 FM, 7:30 a.m.; pre-service prayer time, 9:15 a.m.; worship service, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday school and Christmas program practice, 10:35 a.m.; Living Water Puppets Christmas program, 4 p.m.

Wed., Dec. 19 — Christmas program dress rehearsal, 6 p.m.; prayer time, 7 p.m.

Sun., Dec. 23 — "First Light" radio broadcast on KARP 106.9 FM, 7:30 a.m.; pre-service prayer time, 9:15 a.m.; worship service, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday school and Christmas program practice, 10:35 a.m.

Mon., Dec. 24 — Christmas Eve program, 4 p.m.

Tues., Dec. 25 — Christmas morning service, 9:30 a.m. Dial-A-Bible Story, 320-327-2843.

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Sat., Dec. 15 — Children's program practice, 9:30 a.m.

Sun., Dec. 16 — Children's

Christmas program with Jesus' birthday party to follow, 10 a.m.; Christmas bake sale, 11 a.m.; pre-school open house, 11:30 a.m.; Blue Christmas service, 7 p.m.

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Fri., Dec. 14 — Mass, 8 a.m.; AFC staff Christmas gathering at Holy Family, 6:30 p.m.

Sat. Dec. 15 — Together in Communion at St. Anastasia in Hutchinson, 9 a.m.; reconciliation, 5 p.m.; Mass, 6:30 p.m.

Sun., Dec. 16 — Mass, 8 a.m. and 8 p.m.; Communal Reconciliation, 6 p.m. at Holy Family.

Tues., Dec. 18 — Mass, 8 a.m.; adoration, 8:30 a.m.-10 p.m.; KC meeting and Christmas potluck, 7 p.m.

Wed., Dec. 19 — Mass, 5 p.m.; first-through sixth-grade religious education classes, 5:30 p.m.; seventh-through 11th-grade religious education classes, 7:15 p.m.

Thurs., Dec. 20 — Rosary at Cedar Crest, 10:10 a.m.; Mass at Cedar Crest, 10:30 a.m.; adult choir practice, 6:30 p.m.

Fri., Dec. 21 — Mass, 8 a.m.

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Thurs., Dec. 13 — Mass at GRHS-LTC, 10:30 a.m.; St. Pius

X Christmas program, 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Fri., Dec. 14 — Morning prayer, 8 a.m.; school Mass, 8:20 a.m.; no Spanish Mass.

Sat., Dec. 15 — CCW assembly and delivery of gifts to home-bound, 9:30 a.m.; KC Advent day of reflection, 2 p.m.-4 p.m.; reconciliation, 3:30 p.m.; Mass, 5 p.m.

Sun., Dec. 16 — Third Sunday of Advent; Mass, 9:30 a.m.; CCW bake sale after Mass; Spanish Mass, 11:30 a.m.; eucharistic adoration, 12:30 p.m.-3:45 p.m.; benediction, 3:45 p.m.; communal celebration of sacrament of reconciliation, 4 p.m.; Posadas begins; Mass at Holy Family, Silver Lake, 8 p.m.

Mon., Dec. 17 — No Mass; Glencoe posadas; adult choir practice, 7 p.m.

Tues., Dec. 18 — Morning prayer, 8 a.m.; school Mass, 8:20 a.m.; St. Pius X staff meeting, 10 a.m.; junior choir, 2:50 p.m.

Wed., Dec. 19 — Morning prayer, 7 a.m.; Mass, 7:20 a.m.; grades K-6 RE classes, 7 p.m.-8 p.m.; grades 7-11 RE classes, 7 p.m.-8:15 p.m.

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Sat., Dec. 15 — Sunday school program practice, 9 a.m.; movie night, 7 p.m.

Sun., Dec. 16 — Worship and Christmas program, 9 a.m.

Mon., Dec. 17 — Ladies' Bible study, 7 a.m.

Wed., Dec. 19 — Office open, 3 p.m.; Advent service, 6 p.m.; choir practice, 7 p.m.

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in June, can be adjusted because of changes in state aid due to enrollment changes.

The current 2012-13 budget has about \$18 million in revenues and \$18.47 million in expenditures. That is down from the 2011-12 budget of \$18.17 million in revenues and \$18.42 in expenses.

Sander said salaries and benefits account for 68 percent of the school budget. "We're a people business," Sander said. "That's what we do."

Larry Gutknecht, a district resident in attendance, asked about the planned new addition onto the Lincoln Jr. High. "Is that (approach) going to be the norm from now on?"

He said it will be more expensive doing it a piece at a time rather than passing a larger building bond referendum in the first place.

"Yes and no," Sander replied. She said she did not see the board's action of approving the \$1.5 million addition as "the norm" in the future.

She said it will be a School Board decision, but she said it is still likely the School Board "will look to pass a big bond down the road."

"Piecemeal is not usually the way to do it," Sander added. "But again, that's a School Board decision."

The addition to Lincoln is for the Early Childhood Family Education/Early Childhood Special Education (ECFE/ECSE) and School Readiness programs.

"It will free up at least one classroom at Helen Baker and free up one classroom at Silver Lake (where ECSE is located)," Sander said.

"It gives us some time," she

said of future space needs planning. The ECFE/ECSE project is expected to be completed "about this time next year."

Sander said the School Board opted for a lease levy to fund the \$1.5 million project. The district will levy for \$1 million and use \$500,000 from reserves, she added.

But Sander stressed the GSL addition plan needs approval from the Minnesota Department of Education first.

Resident Al Schochenmaier asked about the state aid and how much is owed to the GSL School District.

Sander said the state aid is paid to the school district twice a month, but property taxes are paid to the district twice a year by the county.

The state aid is never paid fully in a fiscal year, Sander said. In the past the district received 90 percent of its state aid during the school year, and 10 percent was held back until final enrollment numbers were set in the fall.

But state legislators have whittled that amount down over the past years to help balance the state's budgets. Sander said the district now gets only 64.3 percent of its state aid during the current school year, "and they (the state) keeps the rest."

But in December, with a state budget surplus forecast, the state will increase its payments to 82.5 of its state aid "unless the Legislature changes the law," Sander added.

Schochenmaier asked about losses in state aid by GSL with students open enrolling out of the district.

Sander said GSL loses about

400 students to open enrollment and gains about 90. At \$6,000 per student, "that's a big chunk."

GSL Superintendent Chris Sonju said the district has done numerous surveys to find out why students open enroll out of GSL, "and geography is the reason."

Sonju said students on the district's fringes often enroll in schools closer to their homes, Sibley East to the south, Dassel-Cokato to the north and Hutchinson, which gets about 100 GSL district students.

"Many (parents) are respectful of the GSL District, think we are doing great things, but the school is too far away," Sonju said.

Blue Christmas service at Faith Presbyterian

The holidays can be difficult for all of us, the stresses and strains of trying to have that perfect celebration takes a toll.

Many people find they have trouble feeling in the "spirit" of things, whether because of the death of a family member or friend, the end of a marriage, the loss of work, or health or any other trying situation.

On Sunday, Dec. 16, at 7 p.m., Faith Presbyterian Church will be hosting a Blue Christmas service that is open to everyone in the community.

Come share in a time when we can acknowledge our feelings of loss, but also remember the Hope of Christmas. Coffee fellowship will follow the short service.

Sander said GSL loses about

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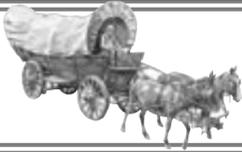
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Down Memory Lane

Compiled by Margaret Benz



75 YEARS AGO - DEC. 18, 1937 — Santa Claus will be in Silver Lake on Tuesday, Dec. 21, at 1:30 o'clock. He will be met outside of town and escorted down Main Street in the fire department truck to the park, where he will meet all the little folks, and youngsters under the age of 12 years of age will be given a bag of candy and nuts.

Henry Hakel, Slavik Ruzicka, Chas. Podrasky, Clarence C. Vorlicek, John Navratil, and John Horejsi appeared before the village council meeting on Dec. 6 and protested the raise in the 3.2 beer license and requested the council to reconsider same, or they would not apply for the 3.2 license. After a long discussion of the matter, no action was taken by the council on the protest. The council also approved that the Village of Silver Lake pay off two more bonds of \$500 each on Jan. 1, 1938.

The pupils of St. Adalbert's School will give a Christmas program on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday evenings, Dec. 19-21. The real Santa will visit at the program. Admission is 25¢ for adults and children under 16 are 10¢.

Miss Mary Ann Urban, teacher at Komensky School, and her pupils will present their Christmas program on Thursday evening, Dec. 23. Pupils of District 69, Miss Ann Zaruba teacher, will present their Christmas program at the schoolhouse on Tuesday evening, Dec. 23.

Letters to Santa: Francis Pokornowski would like a train with track and a truck with lights. A truck with lights, a football, and a checkerboard are wanted by Sylvester Pokornowski. Alice Carol Trutna wants a doll with a hat, coat, muff and boots and also an ironing board, some beads, a doll bed, some books, pair of brown ski pants, some blocks, Lincoln logs, a little circus, mouth organ, some cutout letters, sewing cards, and a little piano. A piano, kitchen set and a dress are wanted by Genevieve Vlcek. Frances Vlcek wants a snowsuit, sewing machine, a baking set, and some candy and nuts. Paul Radtke wants a truck, tractor and plow, a 73-piece stock farm, wood animals, candy, nuts and peanuts.

50 YEARS AGO - DEC. 13, 1962 — Santa Claus will be in Silver Lake on Saturday, Dec. 15, at the Silver Lake Auditorium. Free movies will be held in the auditorium basement for the youngsters and at the end Santa will distribute bags of goodies. During the movie, Santa will make a special visit upstairs to the tiny tots and present them with a big bag of goodies.

Marlene's Beauty Lounge, located in the newly remodeled business apartments in the former Moody building and owned and operated by Marlene Ruzicka, will hold a grand opening on Tuesday, Dec. 18.

The Silver Lake Fire Department made a run to the Mrs. Joseph K. Ruzicka farm on Highway 7 about 10 o'clock Tuesday morning to quell a chimney fire. The previous Saturday, the department made a run to the Peterson Sinclair Station on Highway 7 in Silver Lake where an overheated oil burner threatened to get out of control.

Robert Navratil, son of Mrs. John Navratil and the late John Navratil, received a BA degree from Mankato State University on Thursday, Dec. 6.

Mrs. Joseph Tupa, 74, died Friday, Dec. 7, at the Hutchinson Hospital. Funeral services were held at the Presbyterian Church in Silver Lake on Monday, Dec. 10.

Sons were born to Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Johnson, band and music director at Silver Lake Public School, on Dec. 6, and Mr. and Mrs. Daniel (Vivian Zeleny) Osmek on Dec. 2.

25 YEARS AGO - DEC. 17, 1987 — The city of Silver Lake received notification that it is the recipient of an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) grant for its lagoon waste treatment facility. The grant is for 55 percent of the estimated \$2.3 million cost of the project. This was good news since earlier the Farm Home Administration (FmHA) had agreed to a \$750,000 grant plus a \$450,000 low-interest loan.

Santa Claus will make his annual visit to Silver Lake on Saturday, Dec. 19, at the Silver Lake Auditorium. The movie begins at 1:30 p.m. and Santa makes his appearance at 2 p.m. The Silver Lake American Legion Post 141 is sponsoring Santa's visit.

The vocal and music department of the Silver Lake Junior-Senior High School will present its annual Christmas concert on Tuesday, Dec. 22, in the school gym.

The 1987 nine-man state champion Lakeites had three players named to the 1987 Nine-Man All State Team. They include Jeff Konen, Tim Rumrill and Mike Stifter. Stifter also was selected to the 1987 All-State Academic Team. Rumrill was named to the WCC Team of the Week and Jeff Monahan was selected as KARE Channel 11 Prep Athlete of the Week.

Jerry Jerabek, son of Donald and Kathy Jerabek, will be listed in the 1988 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges.

Otto Zeik, 66, passed away on Dec. 9 at his home in Silver Lake. Funeral services were held on Saturday, Dec. 12, at the St. Joseph Church.

Eric Hallstrom, 23, passed away on Monday evening, Dec. 7, near Glencoe. Funeral services were held on Thursday, Dec. 10, at the Johnson-McBride Funeral Chapel in Glencoe.

Nominations sought for provider of the year

The McLeod Social Service Center is seeking nominations for the "Professional Family Child Care Provider of the Year."

Nominated individuals must have been licensed for a minimum of three years, promote in-home licensed child care in

the community, exhibit special competency and professionalism in the child care field, and have plans to continue to enhance their skills in child care.

If you know a family day care provider who deserves special recognition for the positive impact he or she has

made in the lives of young children, please contact the McLeod Social Service Center at 320-864-3144, 320-484-4330 (Hutchinson) or 1-800-247-1756 (toll free) to request a nomination form.

The deadline for nomination is Jan. 18.

Faith Preschool sets open house for Dec. 16

Come meet new teacher, Sue Nord, who is from Glencoe and will be teaching preschool classes at Faith Preschool.

The preschool's open house will be on Sunday, Dec. 16, from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Registrations will begin on Dec. 16.

Come see the changes that have been made to accommo-

date the preschool, which will be offering two-day-per-week classes that will be starting Jan. 3.

The preschool's focus for the rest of the school year will be on preparing for pre-kindergarten classes next year.

For more information, call 320-327-6548 or 320-327-2452.

Lighting contest Friday

On Friday, Dec. 14, beginning at 7 p.m., members of the Silver Lake Civic Association will be traveling throughout the community to judge Christmas lights for the annual contest.

Any contestants who have

won in the past two years are not eligible to win. Winners will be announced at the Winter Festival on Saturday, Dec. 15. Cash prizes will be awarded.

Remember to turn on your lights!

Living Water Puppets will present play

On Sunday afternoon, Dec. 16, beginning at 4 p.m., The Living Water Puppets will put on a special Christmas puppet program titled, "The 'Plane' Truth About Christmas." Young children will especially enjoy the puppets.

There is no charge, and the public is invited to attend. Grace Bible Church, 300 Cleveland St., Silver Lake, next to the city water tower.

The church website is www.silverlakechurch.org.



HARK!

The McLeod County Chronicle & Silver Lake Leader have early deadlines

Due to the holidays, ads for the **Dec. 27 Silver Lake Leader** are needed by **Noon on THURSDAY, DEC. 20**. Ads for the **Dec. 26 McLeod County Chronicle** are needed by **Noon on FRIDAY, DEC. 21**.

Ads for the **Jan. 3 Silver Lake Leader** are needed by **Noon on THURSDAY, DEC. 27**. Ads for the **Jan. 2 McLeod County Chronicle** are needed by **Noon on FRIDAY, DEC. 28**.

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Our Glencoe office will be closing at 2 p.m. on Dec. 24 and will be closed Dec. 25th and Jan. 1.

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Panthers open with 80-63 win

By Lee Ostrom
Sports Editor

Ethan Maass led the way with 26 points, and three of his Glencoe-Silver Lake teammates also posted double-figure totals, as the Panthers won their long-anticipated basketball opener 80-63 last Friday (Dec. 7) at Watertown-Mayer.

GSL, 7-20 one year ago, played hard, pushed pace and showed good depth against its Section 5 (Class AA) rivals, who lost for the second time since topping Dassel-Cokato in its Nov. 30 opener.

GSL head coach Robb DeCorsey, who had fed his boys a steady diet of drills and scrimmages since the Monday before Thanksgiving, said they were chomping at the bit for a game. Senior guard Travis Rothstein saw it, too.

"After three long weeks of practice," he said, "we were ready to show people what we've got this year."

What did the Panthers show? "A team effort," senior forward Trent Draeger said.

In particular, Draeger thought GSL's man-to-man defense — something he said DeCorsey stresses "every day" in practice — was key.

"Everybody who played made positive contributions," DeCorsey said.

About nine minutes in, Watertown-Mayer closed to within 21-20 on guard Jacob Grotbo's trey — his first, and his team's fourth.

However, the Royals came away empty — 0-for-3 from the field, 0-for-2 from the line, with three turnovers — on its next five possessions. At the same time, GSL was tallying 12 points, including a four-point play (three-point shot plus a free throw) from Maass, an All-Wright County Conference point.

Senior forward Brandon Ebert, who started the 12-0 spree with a medium-post deuce, finished it by finding the netting from the side.

GSL would lead by 13 for a second time, when Keaton Anderson knocked down a triple that made the score 36-23.

Then, Watertown-Mayer made a move, using Grotbo's second trey and two free throws by guard Jacob Wandersee to get to within six at 38-32. But a triple by Maass and a reverse layup by sophomore forward Garrett Ober allowed GSL to go to intermission with a 43-34 advantage.

The Panthers added the first four points of the second half — two on a Draeger layup from Maass, and two on a steal and layup by Anderson, a sophomore lefty who finished with 14 points.

Maass' fifth triple made it 52-38 with 15:18 to go. His back-to-back driving deuces upped GSL's lead to 58-43 with 12:15 remaining. A few possessions later, the bulge became 17 when senior forward Reed Dunbar stuck a deuce from a corner of the lane.

From there, the Royals

fought back, getting to 62-52 on two of 6-4 junior center Luke Sandquist's 19 points.

But after a free throw by Dunbar, senior GSL guard Greg Ober (10 points) tallied a steal-and-solo deuce; then a couple of minutes later, Ober did it again, pushing the lead back to 14.

— Maass connected on nine of 14 shots from the floor and three of four from the line for his 26 points. He also charted seven assists, six rebounds and two steals.

Anderson was GSL's top rebounder, with seven. He and Rothstein had four assists each. Greg Ober led in steals with three.

— GSL scored on 37 of 74 possessions, while WM tallied on 31 of 74.

The Panthers were 32-for-61 from the field (seven treys) and 9-for-15 from the line. The Royals were 22-for-47 (six treys) and 13-for-24.

GSL committed 23 turnovers to WM's 24. The guests converted 10 second-chance opportunities into eight points; the hosts eight into five. In all, GSL outrebounded WM, 30-27.

— These 10 Panthers (points) had playing minutes: Maass (26), Anderson (14), Draeger (12), Greg Ober (10), Ebert (8), Dunbar (6), Rothstein (2), Garrett Ober (2), Brody Bratsch, and Teddy Petersen.

— WM's scoring: Sandquist (19), Wandersee (14), Barna Berenyi (10), Grotbo (7),



Silver Lake Leader photo by Lori Copley

GSL guard Ethan Maass (3) tries saving the ball to a teammate before going out of bounds. Action is from last Friday's game in Watertown, won by the Panthers. Jacob Grotbo is the pictured Watertown-Mayer player.

Hunter Hulley (5), Brandon Kuntz (4) and Caleb Falls (4).

— After a game at Bloomington Jefferson on Dec. 11, the Panthers return for their home opener Thursday

evening with Hutchinson. Opening tip at 7:30 p.m.

New Ulm visits GSL for a Saturday (Dec. 15) matinee, scheduled to start at 1:30 p.m.



GSL girls' team tumbles twice

Ober, Klockmann have big games in 58-54 loss at Belle Plaine

Senior Marshall guard Kelsey Saugstad, pictured here guarding GSL's Maddie Monahan, tallied eight first-half triples in a 68-38 win.

The GSL girls' basketball team still searches for its first win, after last week's losses at Belle Plaine (58-54) on Tuesday, Dec. 4, and at home against Marshall (68-38) two nights later.

"We're young and still learning the varsity game's (faster pace)," head coach Cullen Ober said.

At Belle Plaine, senior Clarissa Ober had a big night, putting up 18 points with eight

rebounds, eight blocked shots and six steals.

Junior Steph Klockmann had a 13-point, 17-rebound double/double.

Ober came back with a 14-point game against Marshall.

Wrestlers 2nd with 4 champs at Andover

By Kevin Simonson
Special to The Leader

Coming off their best-ever finish in a Don Hall Invitational, the Panther wrestlers took their talents to Andover last weekend for the annual Husky Invitational.

The GSL/Lester Prairie coaching staff set a goal of finishing in the top three of 13 teams. In December 2011, the Panthers placed fifth. This year, led by four individual champions, three second-place finishers and a third, GSL/LP brought home the runner-up trophy.

"I thought everyone wrestled great, and we wrestled as a team. Everyone stepped it up a notch and we were able to get second," commented senior captain Mitchell Hartwig.

Team champion Centennial had three champions, three seconds and three thirds.

Centennial defended its team title from a year ago by scoring 225 points, compared to the Panthers' 188.5. Chippewa Falls (Wis.) was a distant third with 155.5. What aided Centennial to the team title was the ability to fill all 14 weight classes and place in 13 of them. On the other hand, GSL/LP filled only 11 of the weights, with only eight of them placing.

Bringing home champion medals for the Panthers were

Jacob Jewett (106), Nate Tesch (138), Hartwig (152) and Dalton Clouse (195). Jewett, Hartwig and Clouse were all number-one seeds, while Tesch was seeded sixth. None of the four champions was named outstanding wrestler of the tournament, but each could have, based on individual accomplishments.

Jewett won by fall in each of his first two matches; then beat Jake Bergeland from Centennial in the finals 7-4. Jewett currently is the state's ninth-ranked Class AA 106-pounder. Tesch pinned the third seed, Shawn Sura of Chippewa Falls, in the quarters; in the next round he defeated second-seeded Michael Straw from Minneapolis South, 10-3. In the finals, he faced top-seeded Devon Felton from Austin.

Felton was a state entrant a year ago and is currently ranked fifth in the state. Tesch scored a quick takedown and three nearfall points before giving up a reversal and two nearfall points. Moments later, though, Tesch had the reversal that put Felton on his back. Suddenly, the referee hit the mat for the fall at 1:19.

Hartwig won three matches on the day with all wins coming by fall. In the finals, he beat Kyle Zerbian from Chippewa Falls in 3:47. Hartwig, who improved to 6-0 on the year,



Photo by Kevin Simonson

Glencoe-Silver Lake/Lester Prairie junior Michael Donnay works his cross-body ride against Danny Chiebek (St. Louis Park) in the championship match at 120 pounds last Saturday in Andover. Donnay placed second.

moved his career win total to 114. Currently, he is ranked third at 152.

Clouse won his title at 195. Clouse barely worked up a sweat, as he recorded three falls in times of 39 seconds, 27 seconds and 1:14. Hartwig and Clouse were both champions last year.

Finishing second for the Panthers were Michael Donnay (120), Brandon Richter (126) and Nick Brelje (160).

Donnay was the top seed at 120 and advanced to the finals by scoring a fall in his first match and winning 9-0 in the semifinals. In the championship match, he fell 4-3 after giving up a reversal late in the third period to Danny Chiebek of St. Louis Park.

Richter, the third seed, won

Donnay lost 8-5. This dropped Donnay to the wrestlebacks where he won three matches to finish third with a 4-1 tourney record.

Also competing for the Panthers were John Williams (170), who finished 1-2, and Martin Lezama (182), who went 0-2. Chris Lemke, a second-year wrestler, finished the day 0-2 at 285 but went the distance in both matches. He came close to winning by fall in his second match, before running out of time.

The Panthers hit the road Thursday for a double-duty event at Litchfield. GSL/LP will face the host Dragons in the opening round and then Dassel-Cokato in the finale.

On Saturday, the tourney action is in Richfield.

GSL Panther Winter Sports

BOYS' BASKETBALL

December
07....at Watertown-May. W,80-63
11....at Bl. Jefferson.....L,64-57
13....Hutchinson.....7:30
15....New Ulm.....1:30
18....at Waconia.....7:30
21....Rocori.....7:30
28....GSL tourney: vs.
Spectrum.....2:30
29....GSL tourney6 or 7:30

January
05....Jordan.....3:00
08....at Dassel-Cokato7:30
11....at Mound-Wtka.6:30
12....NYA Central7:30
15....N.London-Spicer.....7:30
18....Orono.....7:30
19....at Faribault.....7:30
22....at Litchfield7:30
25....at Hutchinson7:30
29....at Annandale.....7:30

February
01....HF Catholic.....7:30
08....Dassel-Cokato7:30
09....Mound-Wtka.7:30
11....at Sibley East.....7:30
14....at N.London-Sp.7:30
19....Litchfield7:30
22....Delano7:30
26....Annandale7:30

March
Section 5(AA) Tourney
07....1st Round

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

November
27....at St.Peter.....L,69-48
29....at JordanL,69-35

December
04....at Belle PlaineL,58-54
06....Marshall.....L,68-38
11....New Prague.....L,59-45
14....at Annandale.....7:30
20....Mayer Lutheran7:30
28....vs. Luverne7:30

January
05....at New Ulm.....3:00
08....Dassel-Cokato7:30
11....at Mound-Wtka.7:45
12....NYA Central6:00
15....at N.London-Spicer...7:30
18....at Orono.....7:30
22....Litchfield7:30
25....Hutchinson.....7:30
29....Annandale7:30

February
01....at HF Catholic.....7:30
05....Spectrum7:30
07....at Dassel-Cokato7:30
09....Mound-Wtka.6:00
12....N.London-Sp.7:30
15....Waconia.....7:30
19....at Litchfield7:30
22....at Delano7:30

Section 2(AAA) Tourney
26....1st Round

March
Section 2(AAA) Tourney
02....2nd Round

GYMNASTICS

November
30....Annandale.....114.7

December
01....at Becker Inv.....noon
08....at Northfield Inv.....10:30
13....at WM triangular6:00
15....at St. Peter.....1:00
21....Orono.....6:00

January
08....at Litchfield6:00
11....Dassel-Cokato6:00
18....Waconia.....6:00
19....at WM 2D.....noon
24....Delano.....6:00
26....at Northfield Inv.....10:30

February
01....Mound-Wtka.6:00
06....at NL-Spicer.....6:00

Section 2(A) Meet
15....at Watertown.....TBA

WRESTLING

December
01....GSL-Don Hall Inv.....4th
08....at Andover Inv.....2nd
13....at Richfield 2D.....6:00
15....at DC Invite.....9:00
20....at Hutch 2D.....6:00

January
03....GSL 2D (with Waconia, Hutchinson).....6:00
05....at Ogilvie Inv.....10:00
08....at WM 2D.....6:30
10....GSL 2D (with Delano, Orono).....6:00
12....at Zimmerman Inv.....9:00
19....at LCWM Invite.....10:00
22....St.Peter (at LP).....6:00
24....GSL 2D (with Mound-Wtka., Hutch).....6:00
25....at N.Prague 2D.....5:00
31....at HLWW.....6:30

February
01....WCC. at Delano.....3:30
08....at MW Invite.....5:00
09....at DC Invite.....10:00

Section 2(AA) Tourney
14....Teams, 1st rounds ...TBA
22-23...Indys, at Waconia..TBA



Silver Lake City Council

Regular Meeting

Dec. 17, 2012

6:30 p.m.

Agenda

Call to order:

Approve agenda:

Consent agenda:

1. Approve minutes of the Nov. 19 regular meeting.
2. Approve payroll Nos. 23, 24, 25, November, December Ambulance, annual fire, and quarter four.
3. Claims to be paid:

Old business:

1. Update on Grove Avenue/CSAH 2 reconstruction project.
 2. Review 2013 budget and levy (Truth in Taxation).
- New business:
1. 2013 compensation plan.
 2. Resolution declaring council members as employees of the city.
 3. Resolution classifying fund balances for financial reporting purposes.
 4. Resolution authorizing year-end transfers.
 5. Resolution approving health insurance plan for qualifying employees.
 6. Club on-sale license applicaiton for Silver Lake Legion.
 7. Request for contribution for paving the Luce Line Trail.

Department Business:

1. Liquor Store.
2. Public safety.
3. Public works.
4. Community development.
5. Administration.

Open discussion:



Submitted photo

Students of month

Glencoe-Silver Lake High School honored its students of the month for November on Tuesday morning. They included, front, from left, Ulrike Schwarze, Brooke Kosek and Alexis Wendlandt. In the back are Austin Maynard, Ethan Wolff and John Seipel. Missing were Kayla Dostal, Mitchell Kettner, Jacob Popelka and Yodee Rivera.



Submitted photo

Pillars of Character

The monthly Pillars of Character award winners were selected for November at Glencoe-Silver Lake High School and honored on Tuesday morning. They included, front, from left, Amanda Schmidt and Alyson Winn. In the back are Tyler Donnay and Cody Becker. Missing were Markos Colin, Yodee Rivera, Lucia Vega and Wyatt Simrell.

Seniors held Christmas party; 41 in attendance

The Silver Lake Senior Citizens Club met on Monday, Dec. 10, at the Silver Lake Auditorium for its regular meeting and Christmas party.

President Genny Lhotka called the meeting to order followed by the pledge to the flag. There were 41 members present. Guest musician was Alice Nowak.

December birthdays include Mercedes Nowak, Joanne Victorian, Jean Lewandowski, Betty Vejrosta and Dallas Ehrke.

Members are reminded that the 2013 dues are due at the Jan. 14 meeting.

The club received donations from the Silver Lake Lions Club for \$100 and the Silver Lake Women's Club for \$50.

Lunch committee for the Jan. 14 meeting are Roger Lhotka and Joanne and Tony Victorian.

After the meeting, bingo was played, and Alice Nowak and Alice Carol Totusek lead the club in singing Christmas carols.

After the entertainment, a Christmas dinner was catered by Lindy's of Glencoe.

The next meeting will be Monday, Jan. 14.

Legal Notices

Glencoe-Silver Lake School Board

School Board Proceedings
ISD #2859
Glencoe-Silver Lake, Minnesota
November 13, 2012

The School Board of Independent School District #2859 met in regular session on November 13 at 7:00 p.m. at GSL Lakeside Elementary School in Silver Lake. Board Chair Christianson called the meeting to order. Members present: Alsleben, Lindeman, Schreifels, Kuester, Christianson, and Twiss. In addition, Superintendent Sonju; Business Manager Sander; Principals Butler, Wang and Sparby; Chartwells District Manager John Durtschi and Food Service Director Bernie Getzlaff; Donna VonBerge; Teachers Scott Picha, Julie Grams, and Jen Chrast; ECFE/SR Coordinator Jan Mackenthun; Andrea Ruud; Shannon Mattson; Technology Director Jensen, and Superintendent's Secretary Peterson were in attendance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

1. Announcements, Acknowledgements, and Reports: Announced the next regular School Board meeting will be on December 10 at 7:00 p.m. in the Lincoln Meeting Room; the Truth in Taxation Hearing will be held prior to the December School Board meeting beginning at 6:01 p.m.; the levy will be certified during the regular Board meeting at 7:00 p.m.; Chartwells District Manager Durtschi and Food Service Director Getzlaff gave a food service report to the Board; Principal Wang and 4th grade teacher Picha reported to the Board about Lakeside iPad usage; Business Manager Sander reported to the Board; Principals Butler, Wang and Sparby reported to the Board; Superintendent Sonju reported to the Board. No action taken.

2. Public Input: ECFE/SR Coordinator Mackenthun addressed the Board about the facility agenda item as it relates to Early Childhood Family Education, Early Childhood Special Education, and School Readiness.

3. Alsleben/Kuester to approve the agenda (6-0).

4. Twiss/Alsleben to approve the consent agenda: October bills; regular Board meeting minutes of October 8, 2012; the leave request of Emily Foss, Kindergarten Teacher at Helen Baker, for 10 weeks of FMLA Leave from on or around February 14, 2013, to April 20, 2013; the hiring of Kimberly Ruschmeier as K-6 Fundraising Coordinator/Volunteer Coordinator; Brandy Barrett as 1 FTE Kindergarten Instructional Assistant; and Kevin Peters as District School Nurse; the resignation of Dawn Heuer as 6.5- to 8-hour-a-day LPN at GSL High School; the extracurricular assign-

ments of Robb DeCorsey, Clare Nolan, and Kelsey Bussler as Co-Junior Class Advisors (6-0).

5. Results from the November 6 General Election were provided: Jamie S. Alsleben - 3,811; Kevin L. Kuester - 3,609; Donna VonBerge - 3,080; Gary V. Schreifels - 2,792; total number of write in votes for this office - 67. Lindeman/Twiss to approve the Resolution Canvassing Returns of Votes of School District General Election (6-0).

6. Lindeman/Twiss to approve the Resolution Authorizing Issuance of Certificates of Election and Directing School District Clerk to Perform Other Election Related Duties (6-0).

7. Alsleben/Kuester to adopt the Education Minnesota: GSL seniority list for the 2012-2013 school year (6-0).

8. Alsleben/Kuester to adopt the Local #284 seniority list for the 2012-2013 school year (6-0).

9. Alsleben/Lindeman to approve the contract with McLeod County Public Health Nursing Service for mentoring services to our new School Nurse, Kevin Peters. The agreement is for a minimum of four weekly hours of service and will cost up to \$4,873 for the year (6-0).

10. Twiss/Kuester to add another section during the 2nd and 3rd trimesters to use the Plato Recovery Program at GSL High School. There isn't an increase in the cost of the program; rather, the increase will be in paying an overload to a staff member for tri 2 and 3. The program will start at the beginning of tri 2 and will cost \$6,365.35 (6-0).

11. Schreifels/Twiss to begin the process of building the Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE)/ Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE) addition onto the Lincoln Junior High School (6-0).

12. Lindeman/Alsleben to accept the donations from the following groups and/or individuals with appreciation: New Auburn VFW Post #7266; Plato American Legion Post #641; and Silver Lake Lions Club (6-0).

13. Superintendent Sonju thanked all the people who put on the November 12 Veterans Day program at GSL High School.

14. Alsleben/Kuester to adjourn at 9:22 p.m. (6-0).

Complete minutes and all documents relating to this meeting are on file and available for review at the Superintendent's Office, 1621 East 16th Street, Glencoe.

Glencoe-Silver Lake School District #2859
By: Anne Twiss, Board Clerk
These minutes are unofficial until approved by School Board action.
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Weather Corner

By Jake Yurek



Well, "Snowzilla 2012" is behind us and, hopefully, by the time you read this, the digging out is complete.

It was fun watching the forecast models pin down this storm in the days leading up to it. It just kept getting bigger and closer to our area, and in the end we were pretty much in the stripe of highest totals.

Most areas saw daily records for snowfall and St. Cloud hit the highest 24-hour snowfall total in December history for the city. The highest amount I've seen is around 17 inches to our southwest, with most areas around us seeing anywhere from nine to 14 inches.

Moving on to this week, we won't be seeing any kind of a repeat performance, and temperatures should rebound a bit after our very chilly start to the week. Highs should hover in the upper 20s to lower 30s with lows mostly in the teens.

There will be two storms moving across the middle part of the country toward the end of the week, but right now it appears one will miss to our north with the other heading to our south. I'm still keeping a few snow showers in the forecast Friday into Saturday, but there is a chance we could get missed by these.

Taking a peek at the extended shows a very normal December-like pattern setting up for us with a storm trying to take form by early next week.

Have a great week, all; hopefully, you can get a chance to enjoy the fresh snow considering the non-winter we had last year.

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Wednesday night — Lows 14-20; partly cloudy.

Thursday — Highs 24-32; lows 10-16, clear.

Friday — Highs 25-33; lows 15-20; partly cloudy.

Saturday — Highs 23-31; lows 13-19; clouds/snow showers.

Sunday — Highs 23-31; partly cloudy.

Weather Quiz: Any fun facts or weather records from last weekend's big storm?

Answer to last week's question: On average, our area will have a white Christmas about 80 percent of the time. This year I'm going to go out on a limb and say we have a 100 percent chance.

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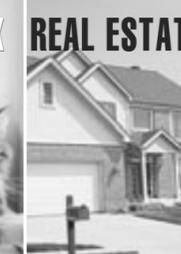
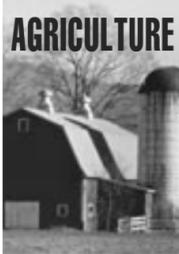
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