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Council cuts contingency funds from 2012 budget

By Alyssa Schauer
Staff Writer

At the Truth in Taxation hearing during its regular meeting Monday evening, the Silver Lake City Council set the 2013 tax levy for \$481,973, down 1.67 percent from the 2012 tax levy of \$490,137.

The preliminary tax levy was set at \$505,898 and a total of three residents attended the hearing and voiced concerns about the hike in taxes.

Expenses for the 2013 budget total \$662,472, down from the \$682,231 in 2012, and revenues for 2013 are projected at \$658,472, down from the \$682,231 in 2012.

"The biggest things we've seen as a city are the cuts in state aid," said City Clerk Kerry Venier. "Local government aid was meant to redistribute sales tax money going to St. Paul to smaller cities, but that is not happening anymore. We are seeing cuts in aid, but no decrease in sales tax."

"Elected officials will not give a straight answer as to why that is happening," Councilor Eric Nelson added.

Venier said the loss of the water tower rent also is a cause to the decrease in revenues. "And we are not seeing any new revenue coming into the picture," he added.

"I know quite a few properties in town that have seen double tax values, and this is due to that change in home-stead credit," Venier said.

He explained that because Silver Lake does not really have a lot of commercial income, the few businesses that are in town "had to take that burden."

"Unless we cut 25 percent off of the budget, you won't see a big difference in tax val-

ues," Venier explained to the residents in attendance.

He went on to explain that Silver Lake is the only ambulance service in the county operated by the municipality, which costs about \$15,000 a year to operate.

"Also, we are one of two small towns in the county to operate our own police department," Venier said. He added that Brownton is the other.

Duane Yurek, one of the three residents present, asked how Silver Lake's tax rate compares to the tax rates of other small towns in the county.

"We're one of the lowest. We're lower than Stewart, but if we jump up to Lester Prairie, they have lower tax rates, but I don't really compare Silver Lake to them as they are double the size of the city."

"Our biggest struggle is that we just don't have the commercial base that would significantly lower our tax rate," Venier said.

"As a council, you guys are doing a good job, and I don't want to take away from anything you're doing for the city, but remember we don't have a commercial base, and we're a bedroom community," Yurek said. "If you start taxing those bedrooms so much, people start to move, and we become a ghost town. Just keep that in mind."

Mayor Bruce Bebo said Silver Lake is a city that offers services most don't, such as the fire department and ambulance service, as well as a police department.

"In order to keep that tax levy down, the only thing to change in the future would be to cut these services. I hate to say it, and I don't want to do that. We don't ever want to do

that, but those are our options," Bebo said.

Nelson proposed lowering the budget by roughly \$20,000 due to the "nearly absent" snow year last year. "Last year, we budgeted \$37,000 for the snow and ice fund, and used very little. Take the \$20,000 we didn't use and roll it over to the 2013 fund," Nelson said.

The Council extensively discussed this option, and Bebo said, "I understand Eric's way of thinking on this, and you can do it, but you need to remember to look at the big picture. You've got to look at what's going to happen in the future."

Bebo added that snow and ice are "something we can't predict."

"I'm going to be very frank. When I first got on Council, it was that kind of thinking that got us into a big hole. You're looking at the small picture, not the big picture," Bebo said.

"I disagree. I think opposite. I am looking at the big picture for our taxpayers. I'm trying to find a way to stop this habitual tax hike each year," Nelson said.

"We haven't seen a habitual tax hike. We're lowering it," Venier interjected.

"It has been habitual until this round," Nelson responded.

Bebo added that the "extra" money each year from the funds builds up the reserves. "Eric, you weren't on Council that year the pay loader blew up," Bebo said.

"Isn't that what the contingency is for?" Nelson asked.

"Six thousand dollars won't cover that," Bebo said.

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by Alyssa Schauer

Santa's Visit

Last Saturday, Santa and Mrs. Claus stopped by the Silver Lake Amercian Legion and Winter Fest celebration to greet children and listen to Christmas wishes. Above, Josh Fiecke listens to Santa's advice about "being good" and to the left, little Olivia Grams gazes up at Santa with intent. Children from all over the area visited Santa, and many brought their Christmas lists to share. All children visiting received a goodie bag and Santa's reminder to "be good."



On 4-1 vote, City Council dedicates \$10,000 to Luce Line trail paving project

By Alyssa Schauer
Staff Writer

On a 4-1 vote, the Silver Lake City Council on Monday night dedicated \$10,000 toward the development of the Luce Line Trail into a paved recreational trail.

City Clerk Kerry Venier explained to councilors that the neighboring communities and the county were putting forth money to "bump" the project up on the state's priority list.

He told councilors that the city of Hutchinson dedicated \$750,000 toward the project, the city of Winsted, \$100,000, and McLeod County, \$500,000.

"The DNR (Department of Natural Resources) committee is also putting local money into it to bump the project higher on the priority list to get it done."

"Basically, the county and the communities are putting up money so that paving the trail is a priority on the state's agenda next year," Venier said.

Mayor Bruce Bebo asked about getting reimbursed if the state doesn't go through with the project. He also questioned if the money would be used to "prep" the trail, and if the Legacy money would be used for paving.

Venier said the money put forth by the communities and the county is "solely for paving."

Questions about the project getting completed and the city getting reimbursed also were raised.

Venier pointed out that in the agreement, it states: "Reimbursement will be due within 30 days of the state's presentation of invoices for services performed."

"So it looks like we'll get reimbursed later," Councilor Eric Nelson pointed out.

Venier said the City Council could put forth \$10,000 toward the project. "The Council could utilize some economic development money that has been put away. The money has been in that fund for about six years," he said.

He added that there is \$7,300 in the economic development fund.

"I don't think anyone would argue that this project isn't part of economic development. If it brings people to the city, that's growth," Venier said.

"If there's \$7,300 in the EDA (economic development authority) fund, where is the \$2,700 coming from then?" Nelson asked.

Venier said that money

would come from the general fund reserves.

"I wouldn't have a problem using the \$7,300 from the EDA fund, but I have a hard time adding new money to that," Nelson said.

"In lieu of what everyone else is putting in, our addition looks insignificant. I hope we have the trail, so I feel putting the money in from the EDA fund plus some to make \$10,000 is appropriate," Bebo said.

Councilor Carol Roquette agreed that \$10,000 should be dedicated, "being that we don't spend that money until the work gets done. I don't want to see that money just sit somewhere," she said.

Councilor Pat Fogarty agreed and on a 4-1 vote, the Council approved to dedicate \$10,000 with \$7,300 coming from the economic development fund and \$2,700 from the general reserves fund. Nelson opposed the motion.

In other matters, the Council:

- Heard an update about the Grove Avenue project and learned that engineers were still preparing the final report and specifications.

Venier informed councilors that the engineers had to file

for a variance from the state regarding the radius of the corner on Gehlen Drive and Grove Avenue.

"The radius of the corner is not up to state aid standards. We would have to purchase the home on that corner and remove it."

"We didn't budget to purchase a home, and so we're applying for a variance," Venier said.

Bebo asked about the possibility of not getting the variance, and Venier said it would be an "issue" for both the city and the county, as it is a joint powers agreement.

- Approved a 2 percent cost of living adjustment for the city's full-time employees.

- Approved the on-sale license application for the Silver Lake Legion.

- Reviewed the Municipal Liquor Store (MLS) report to find that the net profit was a negative 1.10 percent for the month of November.

Fogarty reported that revenues for the month were \$22,950.67 and expenses were \$23,473.38. He said the expenses were up due to the three pay-period weeks in November.

Luce Line

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Silver Lake Leader photo by Matt Kaczmarek

Smoking water tower

The Silver Lake water tower caught on fire Wednesday afternoon this week. Initial reports stated that the water tower was undergoing maintenance and insulation was being replaced inside the tower when it caught on fire. The Silver Lake Fire Department responded to the scene, and the Hutchinson Fire Department was also on scene to help control the fire. The details about how the fire started were not yet released at the time of press. Look to a future Silver Lake Leader for more information.



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Winter Fest

Last Saturday, Silver Lake held the annual Winter Fest at the Silver Lake Auditorium. Hundreds of people, joined in on the fun. Above, Mayor Bruce Bebo joined GFWC Silver Lake members Margaret Benz (left) and Laura Kaczmarek (right). To the left, Santa, Mrs. Claus and one of their reindeer posed with Rachel Wagner and little Hadley for a Christmas photo. The event was bustling, with a coloring contest, horse-drawn wagon rides, free food, live entertainment, a reindeer station and, of course, Santa's visit.



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Pictured: JoLen Benz, Activity Director; Ray Ewald, CC resident and KC member; and LeRoy Penas, KC member.

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Kay & Gary, and families**

Grace Bible Church plans program

Members and friends of Grace Bible Church in Silver Lake will be hosting a special Christmas Eve program on Monday, Dec. 24, at 4 p.m. The program is "Questions of Christmas Are Answered," an original play written by Bessie Pessek. There also will be a Christmas morning worship service on Tuesday, Dec. 25, at 9:30 a.m. The public is invited to attend and there is no charge. Grace Bible Church is located on Cleveland Avenue in Silver Lake, next to the city water tower.

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Upcoming Events

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.

Business Expo set Jan. 19

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

Upcoming blood drives set in McLeod County

January is National Blood Donor Month, a time when the American Red Cross recognizes and thanks the millions of dedicated blood donors across the country for helping ensure a stable blood supply for patients in need. The upcoming blood drives for McLeod County are set for Jan. 8, from noon to 6 p.m., at Peace Lutheran Church, 400 Franklin St. SW, Hutchinson, and Jan. 10, from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m., at Cactus Jacks II in Stewart. Since 1970, National Blood Donor Month has been celebrated in an effort to educate Americans about the impor-

tance of regular blood donation and the impact it can have. Every day, around 44,000 pints of blood are needed in hospitals to help treat trauma victims, surgery patients, organ transplant recipients, premature babies, cancer patients and more. January can be an especially challenging month to collect blood donations because of inclement weather and seasonal illnesses. Throughout the month, the Red Cross is honoring the contributions of those who roll up their sleeves to help save lives, one donation at a time.

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The 12-hour journey home: part 2

Last week, in the spirit of preparing for Christmas and holiday celebrations, I started to share one of the most frustrating (and memorable) Schauer family Christmas experiences, where everything that could go wrong did.

As I said, it was the day before Christmas Eve in 2008, and we were home in Wisconsin, getting ready to head to Minnesota for the holidays.

It was Mom's goal to leave by 2 p.m., and I left off at about 5:30 p.m., with Alex's spare key not working.

So there we were, in the Shopko parking lot, with Alex's locked car and no key to get in.

Because he was already running late for work, Mom and I decided to bring him into work, and I would try to find the key when we got back home.

The goal was then to get on the road by 7 p.m. Of course, we never did find that spare key, but the plan was that Mom and Dad would drop me off at Alex's car before they hit the road, and we would "break" into the car with a wire hanger.

Then, I would take the car home, wait for Alex to get off work and pick him up at 10:30 p.m. so he and I could head to Minnesota.

It wasn't until about 7:30 p.m. that we got everything packed and loaded into the van and we finally left the driveway!

But first we had to go to Joe and Carol's house, our neighbors, a mile down the road, to drop off the house key as they were house-sitting for us that whole week we were gone.

We got to Joe and Carol's, and realized we forgot the extra house key on the table, so Nick (who was driving sep-

The Travel Section

By Alyssa Schauer



arately), drove back home with Mitchell to grab it quickly while Mom and Dad chatted up the neighbors and I sat in the warm van.

After about 10 minutes, we started to wonder where Nick was, so I called him.

No answer. So I called him again. And again. And again.

After about 20 minutes and 17 calls to Nick, he pulls into Joe and Carol's driveway, with the key, looking a little frazzled.

We learned that he was held up so long at home because an Eau Claire sheriff's deputy was there waiting for him at home to deliver a \$324 ticket for failing to stop during a school bus drop off earlier that day.

Nick went to deposit his check in Eau Claire that afternoon because I had forgotten to do for him in the morning. So before heading into town, he cleaned the snow off his vehicle and his license plates.

On his way home, traveling in the far right lane southbound of a four-lane highway, he met an Eau Claire school bus (who was in the far right lane of the north bound traffic) dropping kids off.

Nick was the third vehicle in a long string of cars in that far left lane that kept driving through when the bus stopped, but he didn't realize he needed to stop being that he was three lanes over.

Unfortunately, the bus driver couldn't identify the other vehicles in that string of cars because of their snow-filled license plates, and Nick's red Blazer was the only one he could pick out.

So finally, at 8 p.m., we headed to the Shopko parking lot, ready to break into Alex's car. We spent a good hour

using a wire hanger and breaking a couple of ice scrapers trying to get into Alex's car.

The temperature was dropping and Dad's hands and my hands were numb trying to pry open the door, and some choice words were said before we realized we could probably find better tools inside Shopko to get into the car.

Sure thing, we found a campfire hot dog fork and a small screwdriver. Dad managed to use the screwdriver to pry open the top of the driver's door enough so I could slide the campfire fork through to push the "unlock" button on the door handle. Success!

By this point, it was 9:30 p.m. and Mom and Dad decided to wait with me for Alex to finish his shift.

In the meantime, we were starving, and didn't have any supper, so we headed to McDonald's across the street, and just our luck, we pulled in to the restaurant behind a bus full of hockey team players. As over 20 players stood in line ordering meals, we looked at each other and laughed. We gave into the day's trouble, got in the back of the line and got our food, 25 minutes later.

At 10:20 p.m., I headed to the grocery store to pick Alex up from work, when he realized he left his suitcase at home. So we headed home to grab it, and by 11:30 p.m., we were finally on the interstate, and made it to Grandma's at 2:15 a.m. Christmas Eve morning.

I crawled right into bed to forget the nightmare that was that day.

May all of you be blessed with a Merry Christmas! And of course, some memorable family mishaps you can share for years and years.



Silver Lake Leader photos
Alyssa Schauer

Puppet Pals

Last Sunday, the Living Water Puppets performed "The Plane Truth About Christmas" at Grace Bible Church in Silver Lake. Puppet masters pictured, in the front, from left to right, are Mercy Rakow, Madeline Mills, Camille Bondhus, Melody Nikkel, and Kennedy Wraspir. In the second row, from left to right are Faith Rakow, Melody Nikkel, Abbie Mills, Julianna Henderson, and Dini Schweikert. In the back row are Brianna Wraspir, Kaiman Bondhus, and Josiah Aldrich. To the right, Kennedy Wraspir flashes a smile with her puppet.



Letters to Editor

GSL has emergency crisis plan in place

To the Editor:

Last Friday, our nation was saddened as we learned about what happened at Sandy Hook Elementary School. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the families that are involved in this senseless act.

The coverage of this event has been extensive and with that, I would like to take this opportunity to remind district members that we have a plan in place in each of our schools to handle emergency situations.

We are required to have several practice lockdown and fire drills throughout the year. With these drills and having a crisis plan in place, we feel confident in our preparation.

While no amount of planning can guarantee that a tragedy such as this will not occur, we are doing what we can to keep children safe while at school.

We are grateful to have quality service people that are here for us on a moment's notice and with their leadership,

we will handle crisis situations as best as possible.

What happened in Connecticut is unthinkable, yet in today's world, seems to be happening far too frequently.

With that said, please join me in sending our heartfelt condolences from all of us at GSL to the many people and families who were affected by this tragedy.

Christopher Sonju
GSL Superintendent

Legal Notices

Hale Township

Hale Township Notice of Filing

Filing for the following of the Hale Township board opens on Tuesday, December 25, 2012, and will remain open until Tuesday, January 8, 2013 at 5 p.m.

One (1) three-year term supervisor (Roger Pokornowski) expired

One (1) two-year term treasurer (Colleen Kaczmarek) expired.

Affidavits may be obtained at the home of the clerk.

Tammy Stifter Clerk
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Menus

Dec. 24-28
Silver Lake

Senior Nutrition Site

Monday — Closed. Merry Christmas!

Tuesday — Closed. Merry Christmas!
Wednesday — Beef tips with gravy, mashed potatoes, broccoli, bread, margarine, peaches, low-fat milk.

Thursday — Roast turkey, mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans, stuffing, cranberries, garnish, pumpkin dessert, low-fat milk.

Friday — Sloppy joe, oven-browned potatoes, country-blend vegetables, bun, margarine, orange, low-fat milk.

No school, Christmas break.

Weather Corner

By Jake Yurek



We'll have a mostly quiet weather week as a storm passes to our south and cold air filters into the area. Last week, a storm started out being forecast by computers to hit Iowa, and I fell for it. In reality, it came into our area and actually gave us a decent amount of rain (in December)!

A similar situation is building this week as a fairly strong storm is forecast to slide through the Upper Midwest. I feel more confident thinking this one will stay south as it's a couple days closer to when I'm forecasting.

Some locations in Iowa could be in line for up to a foot of snow from this one, but we might be just far enough away to see little or nothing. Timing should bring it in around Wednesday and Thursday. It still bears watching as any movement north could put us into the snow band, but as I write this it looks like we'll be spared.

The other thing this storm will do is drag in a cold pool of air, knocking highs down to the teens and lows around 0. The cold weather will linger into the weekend with no big storms. There could be a passing snow shower Sunday, but it's a long shot at this point.

Taking a peek at the extended shows a slight warming to start next week with another large storm taking aim at the Upper Midwest mid-week.

Have a great week, all!

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Wednesday night — Lows 9-15; clouds.

Thursday — Highs 14-20; lows -3 to 3; partly cloudy.

Friday — Highs 14-20; lows 0-6; clear.

Saturday — Highs 15-22; lows -2 to 4; clear.

Sunday — Highs 13-22; mostly clear.

Weather Quiz: What kind of weather do we typically see on Christmas Day?

Answer to last week's question: As I said last week, a few areas in the main snow band saw records for most snowfall from a December storm (St. Cloud), and with all reports in, it looks like areas around Montevideo won the snowfall game with 20 inches. This one storm brought us back to normal and even slightly above-normal snowfall for the season, but we're still in a severe drought due to the lack of fall rain.

Remember: I make the forecast, not the weather!

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County Board continues to discuss recycling issue

By Lori Copley
Staff Writer

In a statement by Commissioner Kermit Terlinden, a brief report on a Material Recycling Facility (MRF) meeting, and in an answer to a question posed by a Glencoe resident, the McLeod County Board on Tuesday continued to discuss issues with the city of Glencoe's decision to begin a one-sort recycling program outside of the county's offered program.

First, Terlinden attempted to clarify why he voted "no" at an earlier meeting on exploring with County Attorney Mike Junge as to whether Glencoe's decision was in violation of the county's recycling ordinance or policy.

"I think it should have probably been tabled," said Terlinden of the issue.

Tabling the vote, he added,

would have given the county time to let the "public know what's happening and get some input," as well as allow Terlinden to gather more information on the issue.

Commissioner Sheldon Nies, a member of the MRF committee, said the committee met with Junge and is still "on a fact-finding mission" as to whether there is any legal action the county can take.

And, Nies reminded his fellow commissioners, any plans to pursue legal action needs to be approved by the County Board, not just the MRF committee.

Marie Thurn, a resident of Glencoe, asked during the public forum part of the meeting if it is true, as had apparently been asserted at a Glencoe City Council meeting, that the city and the county were unable to come

together for a meeting on the issue.

Nies said that he, Terlinden (whose district includes the city of Glencoe) and Solid Waste Director Ed Homan had met Nov. 29 with the Glencoe mayor, two council members and City Administrator Mark Larson regarding the city's proposal to begin a one-sort recycling program. Nies also said that meeting was "put together by Kermit and Sheldon."

And, at that meeting, the county explained that the change would cost the county up to \$100,000.

First, Nies said, the county had approved a contract with West Central Sanitation for curbside recycling in McLeod County communities, including Glencoe. That contract will cost the county \$70,000 a year, whether the county provides

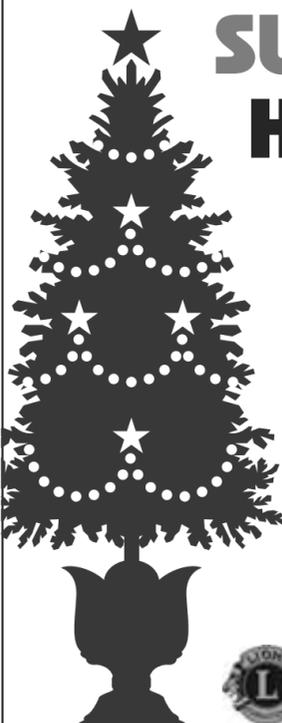
recycling service in Glencoe or not.

"We have to honor that contract, even without offering the service," said Nies.

Second, Nies added, the county will no longer be getting recycled products from Glencoe, which also will cost the county lost revenue because the county sells the recycled products it collects to other markets.

Nies also pointed out that the county's five-sort recycling service is free to city residents, while the single-sort system will cost Glencoe residents an additional \$2.90 per month.

Nies did acknowledge that there have been no "follow-up" meetings between the county and the city, primarily, he indicated, because of scheduling conflicts.



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**Silver Lake
Lions Club**

Lincoln Junior High names honor rolls

Lincoln Junior High recently announced its first-trimester honor rolls. The following students were honored for their academic achievements:

A Honor Roll

Seventh grade: Uilleam Armstrong, Jacob Blahowski, Gregory Boyum, Jessica Brelje, Aaron Castillo, Kyle Christensen, Zoe Christensen, Joseph Lawver-Cullen, Mackenzie Davis, Ashley Dreier, Madeline Dressel, Alexa Dubuc, Dallas Durbin, Jaecub Fondurulia, Audrey Forcier, Peter Gepson, Alexandra Hansch, Allie Harpel, Zackary Herout, Karsen Howard, Emmi Jerabek, Connor Kantack, Mariah Koester, Jamie Koski, Nicholas Lange, Rebecca Lieser, Paige Litzau, McKenna Monahan, Kylie

Ness, Austin Pinske, Laura Popelka, Cody Raduenz, Taryn Reichow, Dylan Richter, Jakob Rusten, Ellie Schmidt, Abigail Schmieg, Nicole Seevers, Theresa Siers, Carsen Streich and Sierra Trebesch.

Eighth grade: Ashley Bandermer, Jordan Briedenbach, Cameron Chap, Jacob Fehrenbach, Devin Fleck, Brandon Fronk, Shawna Goettl, Erica Hecksel, Amanda Husted, Jordan Kaczmarek, Hannah Kunkel, Cora Kuras, Jayden Lachermeier, Marisa Luchsinger, Brittney Medina, Madison Monahan, Maggie Petersen, Kole Polzin, Rachael Popp, Rachel Reichow, Matthew Sanchez, Nicholas Schmidt, Dini Schweikert, Joseph Torgerson, Katherine Twiss, Jacob Vasek and

Teanna Vorlicek.

B Honor Roll

Seventh grade: Abisai Sanchez Anderson, Dakota Beckmann, Eduardo Blanco, Ashley Brandt, Cadi Brooks, Grace Draeger, Alyssa Ebert, John Eiden, Nicholas Fenner, Tony Fischer, Evan Foley, Mickalyn Frahm, Alex Ide, Madelynn Kjenstad, Colbie Kuras, Spencer Lepel, Militza Medina, Will Micholichek, Regina Moosbrugger, Benjamin Olson, Blake Ortloff, Cassandra Perschau, Joseph Richards, Alexis Sanchez, Rylie Schafer, Cassandra She-manek, Tyler Siewert, Adam Thalmann, Mackenzie Wendolek and Ethan Wraspir.

Eighth grade: Kelli Bailey, Sarah Bandas, Mitchell Boesche, Deanna Bondhus, Kenzie Bulau, Molli Cacka,

Marlaina Chelman, Tanner Chmielewski, Justin Dose, Tatum Engelke, Daria Fegley, Luke Frahm, Hunter Glaeser, Miranda Grack, Matthew Heineman, Connor Heuer, Catherine Holtz, Justin Jimenez, Marissa Kirchoff, Dalton Kosek, Ashley Lawrence, Jacob Litzau, Leah Litzau, Nicole Llovera, Isabell Mallak, Grayson Maresh, Michael Meyer, Jacob Mohr, Michaela Neyers, Brandi Pikal, Jenaya Posusta, Faith Rakow, Macy Rhodes, Mitchell Rolf, Roxanna Sanchez, Sarah Schmieg, Austin Schroepfer, Nathan Schuch, Jacob Simons, Hannah Stifter, Hanna Stuedemann, Destiny Senn-Talbot, Eric Villnow, Samantha Voigt, Kyle Wanous, Alexis Wildey and Chance Wildey.



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 THURS., DEC. 20**. Ads for the **Dec. 26** McLeod County Chronicle are needed by **Noon on FRI., DEC. 21**.

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

Our Silver Lake Office will be CLOSED Dec. 24 & 31.

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

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- After noon on Monday, December 24
- All day on Tuesday, December 25
- After noon on Monday, December 31
- All day on Tuesday, January 1

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- El martes 25 de diciembre durante todo el día
- El lunes 31 de diciembre a partir del mediodía
- El martes 1 de enero durante todo el día

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Glencoe Regional Health Services

Boys edge Hutch in OT

By Lee Ostrom
Sports Editor

The Glencoe-Silver Lake boys' basketball team opened its home court schedule with a show of fun entertainment last week. Thursday evening, the Panthers edged Hutchinson, 65-64, in an overtime thriller. Saturday afternoon, they dazzled New Ulm with a 31-6 run of points, and ultimately a 77-67 decision.

As a result, GSL is off to a 3-1 start — its lone loss being by a 64-57 score at traditional Class AAAA power Bloomington Jefferson last Tuesday, Dec. 11.

Last week's main attraction was supposed to be the Hutch game, and the two teams did not disappoint.

After GSL opened on a 14-3 run, the Tigers responded with a run of their own — highlighted by three straight triples from reserve guard Riley Steenhoek. Hutch led by five, when GSL sophomore Keaton Anderson drained a three-pointer that narrowed the Tigers lead to 36-34 at half-time.

The second half, including the 4-minute overtime stanza, was remarkably tight. Hutchinson's largest lead was a single

four-pointer, at 40-36. Four points was GSL's longest margin, too — at 52-48 and 60-56.

Hutch guard Alec Nas-sirzadeh's trey tied the score at 56-all with 1:21 of regulation time remaining. Each side had two empty possessions after that; thus, sending the game to overtime.

GSL struck first on deuces by seniors Reed Dunbar and Travis Rothstein. But Nas-sirzadeh knocked down another trey, before Dunbar answered from the shooting team's left corner.

A deuce by Steenhoek, a GSL turnover, and a steal-and-solo layup by Rothstein gave the Panthers a 64-61 lead with 34 seconds to go. But nine seconds later, Steenhoek pulled the trigger on a tying three. It was good.

With 12.9 seconds left, Panthers guard Ethan Maass knocked down the first of two bonus-situation free throws. Plenty of time for Hutchinson — which had worked over Panther rebounders on the GSL defensive board throughout the second half — to get up four at-temps at a go-head basket. Not one was on target. Finally, Maass — a much decorated football safety — knocked the ball off the board to himself.

The defensive board being the final play in GSL's victory.

"It was pretty much like football out there," Maass said. Maass, who led the Panthers in points (20) and assists (6), also took down nine boards.

"Ethan really ... prides himself on being a tough rebounder," head coach Robb DeCorsey said.

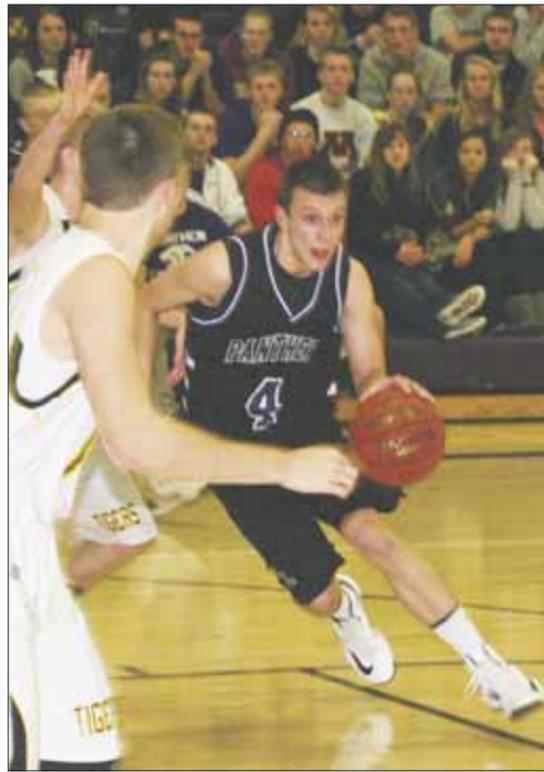
Despite the game's physical play and high intensity, Anderson (18 points) shot with touch. The lefty was 8-for-10 from the field, including 2-for-3 from beyond the arc. He also took down nine boards. Senior big Trenton Draeger was 3-for-3 before leaving the game with a lower thigh bruise. Dunbar, who DeCorsey lauded for holding the Panthers together at crunch time, was 5-for-10 with eight boards.

"It's a big-time win for us," Dunbar said. "We battled the entire game."

DeCorsey agreed. "We just fought!" he said.

— After a WCC game at mighty Waconia Dec. 18, the Panthers play host to Rocori on Friday evening.

Then, DeCorsey's boys begin preparations for the GSL Panther Booster Club Holiday Tournament, Dec. 28-29.



Silver Lake Leader photo by Lee Ostrom

Panthers sophomore Keaton Anderson attacks Hutchinson's defense during a 65-64 GSL victory last Thursday in Glencoe. Anderson contributed 18 points (on 8-for-10 firing from the field) and nine rebounds to the overtime decision.

Wins over DC, Litchfield are 1st since 2007

By Lee Ostrom
Sports Editor

Alex Jenson, Nick Larson, Brandon Barth and Ryan Kriesch were members of the 2006-07 Glencoe-Silver Lake/Lester Prairie wrestling squad. So were state qualifiers Chip Maresh and Chris Dahlke; as were Stephen Delwiche, Kenny Filbrandt, Essex Koester, Jeremy Chaplin and James Carlson. To name 11.

Until last Thursday (Dec. 13, 2012), the 2006-07 Panthers were head coach Lance Wurm's only GSL/LP team to defeat Dassel-Cokato in a dual meet; and his lone team to defeat Litchfield in a dual.

The 2006-07 Panthers defeated DC, 30-25, on Feb. 9 in Glencoe. Four nights later in Litchfield, they upset the Dragons, 25-22, in a quarterfinal of the Section 5 (Class AA) team tournament.

Now, Wurm's seventh squad of Panthers has scored a Chargers/Dragons double.

Indeed, Wurm's 2012-13 team opened its Wright County Conference dual schedule with victories of 42-30 over Dassel-Cokato and 53-14 over Litchfield.

GSL/LP won eight of the 14 individual matches with DC, including six-point falls by Jacob Jewett at 106, Aaron Donnay at 113, Nate Tesch at 145, Mitchell Hartwig at 160 and Dalton Clouse at 195, plus a six-point win by forfeit from Brandon Richter at 132.

Against Litchfield, 11 Panther individuals notched wins, including Jewett, 120-pounder Michael Donnay, Tesch and Clouse by fall, plus upperweights Peyton Sell and Christopher Lemke by forfeit.

Wurm said he figured things would be closer than they actually were. Afterward, he saluted all his boys.

"They're pretty dang tough," he said.

He noted that in the Litchfield match, ninth-graders

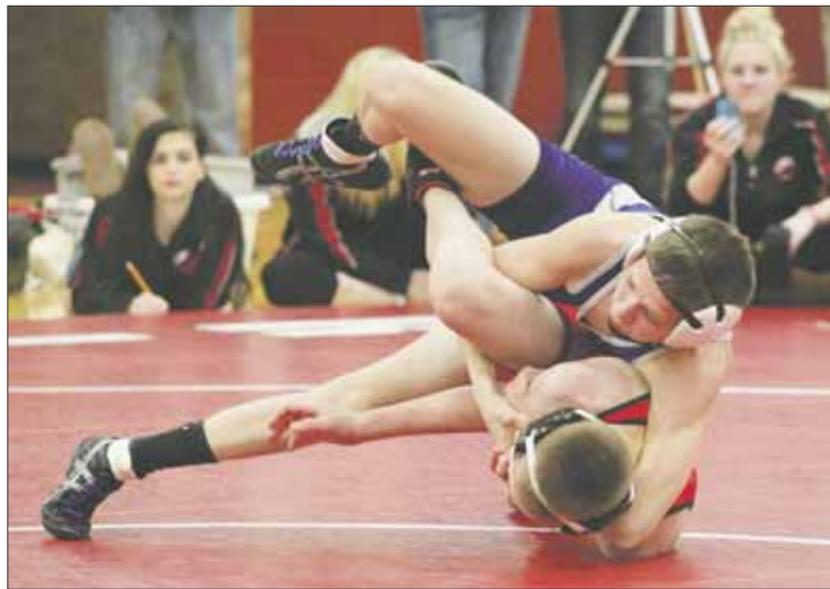


Photo by Kevin Simonson

En route to a (20-4) win by technical fall, works over Lakeville North's Seth Anderson last Saturday at Richfield. GSL/LP 106-pounder Jacob Jewett

Aaron Donnay (10-4 decision at 113) and Nick Brejle (10-7 decision at 160) defeated opponents who had pinned them last winter.

Each was aggressive from the start and tallied an initial takedown.

The Panthers' overall record in duals is 4-1, following their second-place showing at last Saturday's tourney in Rich-

field.

Seventh a year ago, GSL/LP advanced to this year's championship match with victories over Roseville Area, 66-15, and Eastview, 50-27. The team title, however, went to Lakeville North, 47-24.

Unbeaten Panthers were the following: Jewett, who won twice by fall and once by technical fall at 106 pounds;

Richter, who won twice by fall at 130 and once by fall at 126; Aaron Donnay, who won once by fall, once by major decision and once by decision at 113; Michael Donnay, who won twice by fall and once by major decision at 120; and Hartwig, who wrestled in only two duals at Richfield, winning once by fall and once by major decision at 152.

GSL Panther Winter Sports

BOYS' BASKETBALL

December

07....at Watertown-May.. W,80-63
11....at Bl. Jefferson.....L,64-57
13....Hutchinson.....W,65-64
15....New Ulm.....W,77-67
18....at Waconia.....L,91-69
21....Rocori.....7:30
28....GSL tourney: vs. Spectrum.....2:30
29....GSL tourney.....6 or 7:30

January

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

February

01....HF Catholic.....7:30
08....Dassel-Cokato.....7:30
09....Mound-Wtka.....7:30
11....at Sibley East.....7:30
14....at N.London-Sp.....7:30
19....Litchfield.....7:30
22....Delano.....7:30
26....Annandale.....7:30

March

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

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

November

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

December

04....at Belle Plaine.....L,58-54
06....Marshall.....L,68-38
11....New Prague.....L,59-45
14....at Annandale.....L,55-42
20....Mayer Lutheran.....7:30
28....vs. Luverne.....7:30

January

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

February

01....at HF Catholic.....7:30
05....Spectrum.....7:30
07....at Dassel-Cokato.....7:30
09....Mound-Wtka.....6:00
12....N.London-Sp.....7:30
15....Waconia.....7:30
19....at Litchfield.....7:30
22....at Delano.....7:30

Section 2(AAA) Tourney

26....1st Round

March

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

GYMNASTICS

November

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

December

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

January

08....at Litchfield.....6:00
11....Dassel-Cokato.....6:00
18....Waconia.....6:00
19....GSL Invite.....noon
24....Delano.....6:00
26....at Northfield Inv.....10:30

February

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

Section 2(A) Meet

15....at Watertown.....TBA

WRESTLING

December

01....GSL-Don Hall Inv.....4th
08....at Andover Inv.....2nd
13....at Litchfield.....W,53-14
15....vs.DC.....W,42-30
15....at Richfield Inv.....2nd,2-1
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 Invie.....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 Leader photo by Lee Ostrom

Synergy performs

Glencoe-Silver Lake's 2012-13 dance team supplied the halftime entertainment at last Thursday's boys' basketball game with Hutchinson.

The four members pictured, from left, are: Ariel Simmons, Tara Tankersley, Brooke Noeldner, and Kailey Yurek.

County Board hears update on AMC activities, 2013 goals

By Lori Copley
Staff Writer

To no one's surprise, tax reform will be the hot topic of the 2013 State Legislature, the McLeod County Board heard Tuesday.

Jeff Spartz, executive director of the Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC) visited the County Board to provide an update on the association's activities and goals for the coming year.

Spartz said association members have made it clear that "property tax reform is a big issue."

Spartz said Minnesota has a very complex property tax system, with 55 or 56 different classifications of property for taxing purposes.

"There is a huge cloud of confusion around the property tax system," said Spartz.

Spartz also noted that tax reform is one of Gov. Mark Dayton's main goals for 2013, but that Dayton's plan will probably call for reform of not just the property tax system, but also for changes in income and sales taxes, as well.

Spartz expects that the state Senate and the House also will put forth tax reform proposals, and reform also will be divided along party lines.

"I think it will be a real dog fight," said Spartz of tax reform.

Spartz also said that with tax

reform will come the redesign of local governments and their services, and that the association is prepared to be a leader in that redesign, being an initiator for change, rather than reacting to changes made at the state level.

Another goal for the association is to urge the state to "modernize its data systems" for its department of human services. Out-of-date computers, Spartz said, "puts an extra burden on your (the county's) workers."

Spartz also encouraged commissioner participation on the association's various policy committees, which include committees on the environment and natural resources, general government, health and humans services, public safety and transportation.

In other business Tuesday morning, the County Board approved several requests from the Solid Waste Department, including:

- A recommendation to buy several recycling baskets, bins and containers for Maplewood Academy in Hutchinson at a total cost of \$7,289.46.

- Approved spending \$9,800 for signs for its recycling semi-trailers that are used by various organizations for paper drives.

- Approved the annual rebate to schools participating in recycling at a total of \$4,588

for the 2011-12 school year.

- Agreed to spend up to \$6,000 for security cameras at the Silver Lake brush collection and recycling site to monitor illegal dumping activities.

Solid Waste Coordinator Sarah Young said that while sites also have illegal dumping, the Silver Lake site seems to be a particular favorite for that type of activity.

The County Board also:

- Decided to "stagger" the terms of its newly formed ditch committee, by giving two-year terms to the representatives of Districts 2 and 5 and three-year terms to representatives of Districts 1, 3 and 4, starting Jan. 1. After the rotation is started, all of the terms will be for three years each.

- Approved a pay increase of 40 cents per hour for non-union employees, starting in 2013. The county also will contribute another \$10 per month toward single health coverage and \$60 for family coverage, as well as \$500 per single person and \$1,500 per family for employees who transition into a health savings account (HSA) during 2013.

- Approved a 70-cents-per-hour increase for part-time county employees, also starting in 2013, which also will take care of a raise which should have been offered in 2012.

Winterwear display set for museum

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

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

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

Complementing the clothing are a number of decorations that formerly adorned the streets of downtown Cokato, where they hung from light poles and wires stretched between buildings. The remainder of the museum's gallery will be festively decorated for the holiday season.

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

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

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

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Church News

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Dr. Tom Rakow, Pastor
320-327-2265
<http://silverlakechurch.org>
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 with guest speaker Tom McCracken, 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 with offering for general missions fund, 9:30 a.m.
Wed., Dec. 26 — No services.
Dial-A-Bible Story, 320-327-2843.

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Mark Ford, Pastor
Carol Chmielewski, CLP
Office hours: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.
Sun., Dec. 23 — Worship, 10 a.m.; coffee fellowship after worship.
Mon., Dec. 24 — Christmas Eve communion service, 5 p.m.
Tues., Dec. 25 — Christmas Day worship service, 10 a.m.; Christmas potluck dinner, 11:30 a.m.
Sun., Dec. 30 — Worship with coffee fellowship to follow, 10 a.m.
Wed., Jan. 2 — Presbyterian Women meeting, 1:30 p.m.; light supper, 5:30 p.m.; WOW classes, 6 p.m.; choir practice, 7 p.m.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY

700 W. Main St., Silver Lake

Anthony Stubeda, Pastor

Fri., Dec. 21 — Mass, 8 a.m.
Sat., Dec. 22 — Reconciliation, 5 p.m.; Mass, 6:30 p.m.
Sun., Dec. 23 — Mass, 8 a.m. and 8 p.m.
Mon., Dec. 24 — Parish offices closed; Christmas vigil Mass, 4 p.m.; midnight Christmas Mass, midnight.
Tues., Dec. 25 — Christmas Mass, 8 a.m.
Wed., Dec. 26 — Rosary followed by communion service at Cokato Manor, 9:30 a.m.
Thurs., Dec. 27 — Rosary at Cedar Crest, 10:10 a.m.; Mass at Cedar Crest, 10:30 a.m.
Fri., Dec. 28 — Meet and greet at Prairie Senior Cottages in Hutchinson, 1:30 p.m.

WORD OF LIFE CHURCH

950 School Rd. S.W. Hutchinson
320-587-9443
E-mail: infor@loversoftruth.com
Jim Hall, Pastor
Sun., Dec. 23 — Worship, 9:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS

770 School Rd., Hutchinson
Kenneth Rand, Branch President
320-587-5665
Sun., Dec. 23 — Sunday school, 10:50 a.m.-11:30 a.m.; priesthood, relief society and primary, 11:40 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

RIVERSIDE ASSEMBLY OF GOD

20924 State Hwy. 7 W. Hutchinson
320-587-2074
E-mail: assembly@hutchtel.net
Dr. Lee Allison, pastor
Sun., Dec. 23 — Worship, 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
Wed., Dec. 26 — Family night activities, 6:30 p.m.

FIRST CONGREGATION UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

31 Fourth Ave. S.W., Hutchinson
320-587-2125
E-mail: jmm@hutchtel.net
Sun., Dec. 23 — Sunday school, 9 a.m.; worship, 10:15 a.m.

ST. PIUS X CHURCH

1014 Knight Ave., Glencoe
Anthony Stubeda, Pastor
Thurs., Dec. 20 — Morning prayer, 7 a.m.; Mass, 7:20 a.m.
Fri., Dec. 21 — Morning prayer, 8 a.m.; school Mass, 8:20 a.m.; school reconciliation, 11 a.m.; reconciliation, 4 p.m.-5 p.m.; Spanish Mass, 5:30 p.m.
Sat., Dec. 22 — Reconciliation, 3:30 p.m.; Mass, 5 p.m.
Sun., Dec. 23 — Fourth Sunday of Advent; Mass, 9:30 a.m.; Spanish Mass, 11:30 a.m.; religious education posada; decorate church for Christmas, 1:30 p.m.; Mass at Holy Family, Silver Lake, 8 p.m.
Mon., Dec. 24 — School break begins; parish offices closed; Mass, 4 p.m.; Spanish Mass, 6 p.m.
Tues., Dec. 25 — Mass, 10 a.m.
Wed., Dec. 26 — No Mass,

7:20 a.m.; no school; parish offices closed; no religious education classes.

SHALOM BAPTIST CHURCH

1215 Roberts Rd. S.W. Hutchinson
Rick Stapleton, Senior pastor
Adam Krumrie, worship pastor
Tait Hoglund, Student ministries
Thurs., Dec. 20 — Senior high lunch, 11 a.m.; worship team, 6 p.m.
Sun., Dec. 23 — Worship, 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.; Griefshare, 2 p.m.
Mon., Dec. 24 — Christmas Eve worship, 4:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.
Thurs., Dec. 27 — Worship team, 6 p.m.

BETHEL LUTHERAN

77 Lincoln Ave., Lester Prairie
Bethany Nelson, pastor
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Mon., Dec. 24 — Christmas Eve worship, 5:30 p.m.

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Submitted Recipe Winner for Kitchen Delights & Other Things:



Stacy Miska, Watertown

Thank you to our recipe submission participants.

Submit a recipe to be used for print in this section. Recipes will be printed at the discretion of the editor

Christmas Brown Sugar Drops
Submitted by Eileen Pulkrabek

Ingredients:

- 1 cup soft shortening
- 2 cups brown sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1/2 cup soured milk or buttermilk
- 3-1/2 cups flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 cups candied cherries, chopped
- 2 cups dates, chopped
- 1-1/2 cup pecans, chopped

Directions:

Mix shortening, brown sugar and eggs thoroughly. Stir in milk. Blend flour, baking soda and salt and stir in brown sugar mixture. Add fruits and nuts. Chill at least 1 hour. Drop rounded teaspoonful of dough 2 inches apart on greased cooke sheet. Bake 8 to 10 minutes at 350 degrees to 375 degrees or until no imprint remains when touched with a finger. Makes about six dozen cookies.

Eggnog Thumbprints

Ingredients:

- 3/4 cup butter
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/4 cup packed brown sugar
- 1 egg
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 2 cups all-purpose flour

Filling:

- 1/4 cup butter
- 1 cup sifted powdered sugar
- 1 tablespoon rum*

Directions:

In a large mixer bowl, beat 3/4 cup butter until softened. Add sugar and brown sugar and beat until fluffy. Add egg, vanilla, and salt and beat well. Add flour and beat until well mixed.

Cover and chill one hour. Shape dough into 1-inch balls. Place two inches apart on an ungreased cookie sheet. Press down centers with thumb. Bake in a 350-degree oven about 12 minutes or until done. Remove and cool. For filling, beat 1/4 cup butter until softened. Add powdered sugar and beat until fluffy. Add rum and beat well. Spoon about 1/2 teaspoon filling into center of each cookie. Sprinkle with nutmeg. Chill until filling is firm. Makes about 50. *You can substitute 1 tablespoon milk and 1/4 teaspoon rum extract for the rum.

Salted Whiskey Caramels

Ingredients:

- 5 tablespoons butter
- 1 cup heavy whipping cream
- 1/4 cup whiskey
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1/4 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1-1/2 cups sugar
- 1/4 cup light corn syrup
- 1/4 cup water
- 1 tablespoon kosher salt, for sprinkling

Directions:

Line a nine-inch square pan with wax paper, allowing paper to drape over two sides; spray lightly with cooking spray. In a one-quart saucepan, heat butter, heavy whipping cream, whiskey, vanilla, and 1/4 teaspoon salt to boiling, stirring frequently. Remove from heat; set aside. In a three-quart saucepan, mix sugar, corn syrup, and water. Heat to boiling over medium-high heat. Do not stir. Boil until sugar turns a warm golden brown. When sugar mixture is done, turn off heat and slowly add cream mixture to sugar mixture. Be careful — it will bubble violently. Cook over medium-low heat for 10 minutes, until mixture reaches 248 degrees on a candy thermometer. Pour caramel into pan; cool 10 minutes. Sprinkle with 1 tablespoon salt; cool completely. Cut into squares.



Silver Lake Leader photos by Rich Glennie

Winter fun

The five sections of GSL kindergarten classes got together last week for the annual winter concert in the high school auditorium. Above, Ava Ranzau, Aden Fering and Haley Korsor performed "Head & Shoulders, Knees and Toes," which stressed body awareness and tempo changes. At right, Isaiah Vega beamed as he danced to "Jump Jim Joe," which featured dancing with a partner. The music was directed by Carrie Knott, and the accompanying art show was coordinated by Andrea Wigern.



GFWC Silver Lake makes donations

GFWC Silver Lake had its Christmas party and meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 4, at the Legion Club rooms.

The evening began with a potluck supper and games. Following the meal, President Margaret Benz opened the meeting. The Pledge of Allegiance and the Club Collect were recited.

The members served refreshments at the Silver Lake Winter Festival held Saturday, Dec. 15.

The Silver Lake Business Expo will be held on Saturday, Jan. 19, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Silver Lake Auditorium. The club will be serving lunch.

Donations of \$50 each were given to the Silver Lake Senior Citizens Club, Silver Lake dining site, and Silver Lake Winter Festival.

The next meeting will be Monday, Jan. 28, at 6:30 p.m. The club will be entertaining the residents of Cedar Crest.

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." Parents and community members are encouraged to nominate licensed family child care professionals who have had a positive impact on children and the community.

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 professional-

ism 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, 2013.



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SANTA LETTERS: Mrs. Grams' class

Editor's Note: The following letters to Santa Claus were written by first-grade students at GSL's Helen Baker Elementary School. All the letters were written on Dec. 7.

Dear Santa,
I hope you have a good Christmas. I will have a good Christmas too. I want a Barbie that has different colored hair and a Monster High toy and a Poppet that has music.
Love,
Katheryn Arguijo-Amaya

Dear Santa,
What is your favorite cookie? I would like a blue DS.
Dolan Jaster

Dear Santa,
How are you? I am being good. I would like a DS.
Travis Lueck

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Claus? I am being good. I would like a new Barbie.
Katrina Robeck

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Claus? How are the elves? I want a Barbie.
Love,
Sabina Arzate

Dear Santa,
I hope that Rudolph is ok. I am being good. I want a DS. I want an iPod. I want a race care that comes with a semi, 2 of them a blue one and a red one.
Love,
Aden Carrigan

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph? I would like a toy copy of Rudolph. Claire would like a new puppy. How are the elves? I would also like a flag please. Claire would also like a new toy. How is Mrs. Claus? I would like a new baby doll. My mom would like a new pair of cleaning gloves and my dad would like a new scissors to cut his hair.
Love,
Audrey Schultz

Dear Santa,
How are you? How are the elves doing? How is Mrs. Claus? I want American girl doll clothes. I want a purple digit friend. I will leave you cookies. What kind of cookies do you like? My brother would like a big bumblebee.
Love,
Halle Becker

Dear Santa,
How are you? How are you elves? I would like a remote control car.
Chase Schaefer

Dear Santa,
Are you being good? For Christmas I want a football, candy, beef jerky, iPad, a pet snake, computer, a new pool, puzzles, a toy robot, Xbox 360, jelly beans, Wiiu, Legos, a guitar, a pet lizard, a hot dog, a corn dog, mini corn dogs, football cards, baseball cards and Pokeman cards.
From,
Josh Fiecke

Dear Santa,
How old are you? Can you bring me presents for Christmas? I want Lego Ningo Masters of Sin. Do you like the ABCs?
Love,
Alex Calderon

Dear Santa,
How are you? I am good! I want a Barbie doll.
Love,
Karla Rodriguez

Dear Santa,
How are you? I am being really good! How is Rudolph? I would like a new Barbie. My mom would like a new camera. My dad would like a new TV. Isaias would like a new car. Gaby would like a new Barbie too. Genesis would like a new Barbie too.
Love,
Sarahi Vega

Dear Santa,
How are the elves? Santa, I have been very, very good to my brother. Santa I want a Wiiu and a Wiiu game the Batman one. Santa, I will leave you cookies and milk.
Love,
Luis Villarreal

Dear Santa,
How is Dasher? I am being really, really good. I would like a bb gun. I would like a computer. I will leave you cookies.
Love,
Joe Urban

Dear Santa,
How are you? I want a water proof camera. I will leave you some cookies.
Love,
Miguel Arandia

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Claus? I would like a EDS and an Xbox 360 and a new Xbox and a new DS, and a new TV, and a new TV, and a new dog and cat. What is your favorite cookie.
Love,
Joaquin Orozco-Anderson

Dear Santa,
How are you? I am being really good! How is Rudolph? I want a water gun. I want a bike.
Love,
Levi Silfverston

Dear Santa,
How are you? I am being really good! How is Rudolph? I would like you to have a good Christmas. I would like a baby doll. I will leave you cookies.
Love,
Jaeleigh Fern

Dear Santa,
How are you? How are the elves? How is Mrs. Claus? How are the reindeer? I would like a necklace. I would like everyone to have a good Christmas. I have been really good! I am happy!
Love,
Lola Strey

Dear Santa,
How are you? How are the elves? Can I please have a Nook? What are your favorite cookies?
Love,
Addy Graupmann

Dear Santa,
How old are you? How are the elves doing? I want a SMARTBoard just like Mrs. Grams. I want everyone to have a good Christmas.
Love,
Brooklyn Christianson

Dear Santa,
How are the elves? I would like a new Xbox. I would like a new remote control car. I would like a new trampoline.
Love,
Cole Karg

SANTA LETTERS: Mrs. Farrell's class

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie doll with pretty clothes. Have a great trip.
Love, Elizabeth Hilerio

Dear Santa,
I would like a 3 DS, Taylor Swift CD, phone, my own house, remote control helicopter, robot, and a Smart board
From, Thomas Drew

Dear Santa,
I want a lego train and remote control train.
From, Dylan Mathews

Dear Santa,
You are the best Santa ever! Can you bring me a DS and games. I trust you Santa.
Love, Nathaniel Schnabel

Dear Santa,
I want an x-box 360 and laptop and PSP and battle ship games and a Wii.
From, Zachary Templin

Dear Santa,
I want a DS3, and an I Pod, I like Santa. I want a doll please. I love Santa.
Love, Kayleen Montes

Dear Santa,
You are the best Santa ever. I like you. How are you doing? I want nail polish, an I pad, and glitter.
Love, Leah Lemmers

Dear Santa,
This year I want some trading cards, a sports necklace, and a trading book.
Love,
Hunter Schmitt

Dear Santa,
This year I want a nurf gun, an I pod, DS, 3D DS, electric nurf gun, and hand sanitizer.
Love,
Joe Mattson

Dear Santa,
Please leave a remote control spider, a remote control snake, and a 3D DS
From, Tanner Rosenlund

Dear Santa,
All I want for Christmas is... legos, a 3D DS, my two front teeth, remote control car, and lots of dollars.
From,
Kody Leske

Dear Santa,
I want an I pod, phone, little Christmas tree, little hand sanitizers, stickers, tattoos, 50 notebooks, my own white board, and headbands.
From,
Adriana Lipe

Dear Santa,
I would like an x-box, 3D DS, a big dog, and a car.
From, Andrew Bandas

Dear Santa,
You are the best! I would like an Under Armour sweat-shirt, remote control spy jet, 3D DS, PSP, nurf gun, backpack, bow and arrow, and a knife
Love,
Stuart Rosenlund

Dear Santa,
I would like an I pod, a little double stroller, a DSI, a book, and a camper.
From,
Hannah Graf

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? For Christmas I want Littlest Pet Shop and Leap pad games. I also want books.
Love,
Marissa Brinkmann

Dear Santa,
All I want for Christmas is a 3D DS and a DSi and lots of money, more chapter books, a Wii, and lots of presents for Christmas.
Love,
Caleb Lindeman

Dear Santa,
I want art stuff, monkey stuffed animals and a good Christmas.
Love,
Logan Hanson

Dear Santa,
This year I want some trading cards and a picture frame to hold my trading card. I also want a wood flat that I want you to nail the trading cards to the wood. I would also like a trading card book, sports necklace of the Lions, and a 22.
From, Eli Ehrke

Dear Santa,
I want an I Pod, car, cat, DS, four-wheeler, an easel, Christmas songs, Spiderman suit, Alvin and the Chipmunk, CD, a motorcycle, and a toy car.
Love,
Natosha Fisher

Dear Santa,
I want a Wii, a PS3, DS, Xbox 360, phone, computer.
Love,
Eliel Escalante

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a fortune cookie maker, American girl doll, color splashes, Barbie life in a dream house, DS charger, DS games, toy unicorn, Barbies, a limo for Barbies, and to my mommy and daddy, love for Christmas.
Love,
Riley Spears

Dear Santa,
I want a DS, a bike, and a skateboard. I love skateboards!
From, Gabriel Jewell

Editor's note: This Santa letter was written by an 8-year-old student at Helen Baker after the Sandy Hook massacre in Connecticut.

Dear Santa,
Just please give me what I deserve. And please make sure that all the little angels get what they want in heaven. Oh and one girl that died, she wanted cowgirl hat and boots so please make sure she gets them.
Love, Shawn McHugh

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SANTA LETTERS: Mrs. Peirce's class

Dear Santa,
I wish for a 3DS for Christmas. How are you Santa and Mrs. Claus?
Jose Alvarado

Dear Santa,
I want to know how the elves are. How are the reindeers? How is Mrs. Claus? I want a farm set, bow and arrow, fishing set, and a clock like Mrs. Peirce's. Have a Merry Christmas. I will put some cookies out for you!
Profidio Gonzalez

Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer? How is Mrs. Claus? How are the elves? For Christmas I want a DS.
Hanna Schroeder

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? For Christmas I want 3DS XL. I am 7 years old.
Wyatt Follestad

Dear Santa,
How are you today Santa? I want a DSi XL and Angry Birds. I am being good today. I love you Santa. How are your reindeer? I want a Wii U.
Owen Schmiege

Dear Santa,
I want for Christmas an Xbox and a Wii U. I want a Mario game 2 for the 3DS. How old are you?
Daniel Hernandez

Dear Santa,
What are you doing in the North Pole? I wish for a PS3 for Christmas and I wish for a Mario Sticker land for a 3DS. My brother wishes for Call Duty Black Ops 2.
Sincerely, Brayden Gildea

Dear Santa,
How are you? I want a 3DSi XL and bring my sister some mittens. You can take my brother. I've been good.
Written by, Lacie Black-owiak

Dear Santa,
How old are you? I wish for a big doll. I have been good. I love you. I want you to bring a toy for my brother. I just want to hug you so much. Maybe bring me some cookies. My family is good. I am so happy!
Love, Nubia Medina

Dear Santa,
How old are you? I was good this year. I want a big dog named Lilly and a little golden retriever.
Love, Hunter Fearing

Dear Santa,
What are the elves doing? I want a DSi and an Xbox. Take my brother with you. Why do you have to wear red at Christmas? I love to have toys because I get to have fun.
Love, Braxton Streich

Dear Santa,
How are you Santa? Or Christmas I want a real baby cat.
Hailey Carrillo

Dear Santa,
What are your favorite cookies? I have been good this year. For Christmas I want a 3DS. For Christmas I want the new Tinkerbell movie. For Christmas I want a diary. For Christmas my brother Garrett wants cars. My brother Brenden wants a tractor.
Love, Aleisha Teubert

Dear Santa,
How old are you? I wish for a toy dragon. My brother wants a dragon too.
Love, Jasmine Lewis

Dear Santa,
I want Angry Birds Space, Angry Birds Star Wars, and I want a Wii U.
Aaron Rodriguez

Dear Santa,
How are your elves? I want a snowplow for Christmas!
By Chase Duenow
Ho! Ho!

Dear Santa,
Santa, how are the elves? I want some Lego Friends. I want some farming toys. I want a DS XL. I want some Barbies. I know that Natalie likes Dora.
Love, Brianna Matheny

Dear Santa,
How are you? For Christmas I want a Play Station 360. How are you Mrs. Claus? How are the reindeer? Why do you like cookies?
Love, Skyler Askerud

Dear Santa,
I am wondering how the reindeer are? I am being good so I want everything on my note. I want a Cotton Candy Machine and an Easy Bake Oven. I want a Barbie Camera, a map, a Wii U. So this is what I want, so bring it here by Christmas Eve.
Rachel Anderson

Dear Santa,
How do your reindeer fly? How old are you? I want an iPad and a phone for Christmas. I love Santa.
Evelynne Raddatz

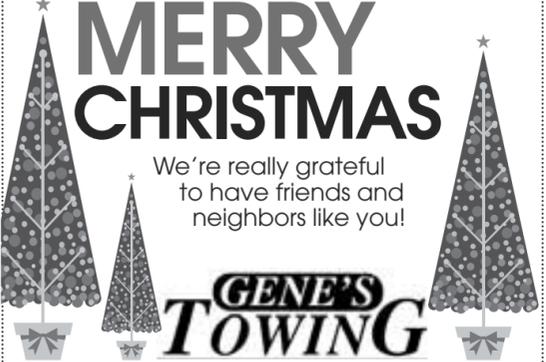
Dear Santa,
Are you getting ready for Christmas? I want for Christmas is a guitar and an iPod Touch. I want for Christmas a Lego Girl Vet Set. What is your favorite cookie Santa? What does your reindeer like to eat? For Christmas I want a baby cat.
Love, Allison Willcox

Dear Santa,
I would like to get toys with flashing lights. The brighter the lights, the better for me. I also like to listen to music, so if you have something that I can touch and it will play a variety of songs or melodies that would be super! Thank you of thinking of me and all your kindness.
Love, Trace Otto



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May Good Tidings Knock on Your Door This Holiday.

Best wishes to you and your family, as you welcome the peace and joy of the Christmas season into your home. We hope your holiday is filled with comfort and joy and the warmth of good friends.

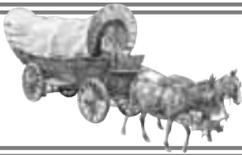
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Down Memory Lane

Compiled by Margaret Benz



75 YEARS AGO - DEC. 25, 1937 — A new butcher shop, located in the Felix Slanga building on Main Street and formerly occupied by George Ruppert, is now operated by George Marek and Paul Schultz from Hutchinson. They are now open and ready for business and will give you first-class service in curing, smoking, butchering, grinding meat and sausage making and will also handle a complete line of fresh meats.

The Silver Lake High School Alumni will host its annual Midwater Party on Tuesday, Dec. 28, with a pair of basketball games and follow up by a big dance with music by Henry Klima's Orchestra. The basketball game will be between the high school team and the alumni with the first game starting at 7:30 p.m. Admission is 10¢ and 25¢ for the doubleheader basketball game. Dance admission is 25¢ and 10¢ for the lunch.

Nearly 600 bags of candy and nuts were distributed by Santa on Tuesday, Dec. 21.

Starting Thursday afternoon, December 30, Sherman Station will celebrate the opening of George Peterson's big new store and amusement place. Mr. Peterson has secured radio stars, orchestras and entertainment to make the grand opening the biggest event ever to be held at Sherman. The grand opening continues Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, Dec. 31-Jan. 2, with dancing and entertainment in the "Archway," the new air-conditioned dance floor, a part of the new building.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Born on Dec. 23.

50 YEARS AGO - DEC. 20, 1962 — Ruzicka's Super Market will be giving away free prizes on Monday, Dec. 24; just stop in and register and you might be a lucky winner.

Silver Lake High School FFA members Duane Yurek and Tom Metkowski placed third and seventh, respectively, at a Cow Clipping Contest held at Brownston on Saturday, Dec. 1.

Maresh Furniture Store has a Christmas special of a stereo console for \$149.95 and a high speed GE dryer for only \$168.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Stibal are residing on the John Marvan farm near Komensky.

Mrs. Ben Trutna, 56, died Monday, Dec. 17, at the Hutchinson Hospital. Funeral services were held on Thursday, Dec. 20, at Bethlehem Evangelical United Brethren Church in Hutchinson.

Frank Gutzman died at his apartment in Silver Lake on Thursday, Dec. 13. Funeral services were held on Monday morning at the Church of St. Adalbert.

Mrs. Max Fisher (Magdalen Svoboda), 55, died at her home in Hutchinson on Tuesday, Dec. 18. Funeral services were held on Saturday, Dec. 22, at the St. Anastasia School Chapel at Hutchinson.

25 YEARS AGO - DEC. 24, 1987 — Silver Lake Knights of Columbus Cabrini Council 1841 received the Knights of Columbus Columbian Award.

Tickets are still available for the New Year's Eve party to be held at the Silver Lake American Legion Club. Admission includes dinner, noise makers, live music and a chance to win one of the three \$25 cash prizes.

Mike Holm, son of Wes and Donna Holm, graduated from St. Cloud State University on Wednesday, Nov. 25, with a bachelor of science degree with magna cum laude honors.

Ben Graczyk of Foley passed away on Monday, Dec. 21. Funeral services were held in Foley.

GSL FFA awarded grant

The Minnesota FFA Foundation announced the 2012 Legacy Club Grant recipients, including the Glencoe-Silver Lake FFA chapter.

"We were honored to receive this grant," said Becky Haddad, GSL FFA adviser, "and the money will be used for obtaining technology to ramp up our Supervised Agriculture Experience program and FFA."

Established in 2012, the Legacy Club is comprised of individuals who desire to see strong FFA programs.

"FFA works to develop its member's premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education and the FFA. Strong FFA programs begin at the chapter level and we desire to support that growth," said executive director, Val Aarsvold.

In its first year, the Minnesota FFA Foundation awarded grants totaling \$25,000 to 23 chapters across the state. Chapters will utilize these funds to improve technology for their program, hold leadership training, purchase chapter FFA jackets, conduct community outreach efforts and obtain materials to prepare their members for career development events.

"It takes the involvement of many to support strong agricultural education programs. We encourage more people to join us in this important effort. FFA and agricultural education programs help train young people for the many careers in agriculture," said Michael Dove, past chair, Minnesota FFA Foundation. Interested individuals are asked to donate \$1,000 towards the Legacy Club. This donation can be made in one to four years. For more information about the Minnesota FFA Foundation's Legacy Club, contact Aarsvold at 507-534-0188 or visit its website at www.mnffaoundation.org.



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

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

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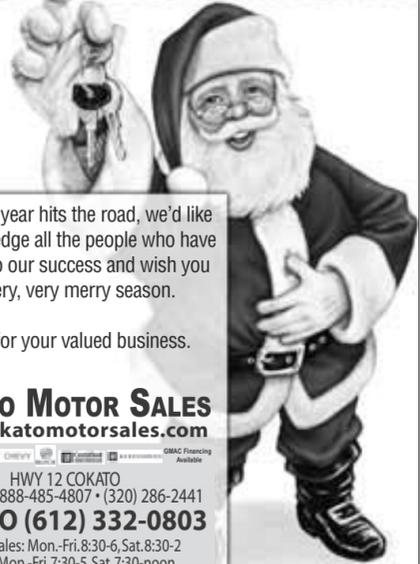
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Swan Lake aeration to begin in January

An aeration system, creating open water and thin ice, is tentatively set to begin in January 2013, weather permitting. The system will be on Swan

Lake in McLeod County, 117 township, Range 28, Section 28-31.

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ber. The year-to-date reports show a net profit of 5.69 percent, up from the 4.64 percent in 2011. Operating revenues totaled \$230,656.29 and operating expenses totaled \$202,341.99.

• Approved a request to replace the door gaskets on the walk-in cooler in the MLS for a total cost of \$3,997.41. The money will be used from the capital improvement fund for the MLS, which budgeted

\$7,000.

• Hired Kelley Roach and Kari Eischens as part-time bartenders.

• Heard the public safety report from Police Chief Forrest Henriksen and learned that the hiring process for John Reigstad is almost complete.

Henriksen said Reigstad can begin the field training process after the results of the drug test are received.

• Discussed liaison assignments for 2013.

“Everything is moving really smoothly between liaisons and department heads. I feel there is good, open communication, so I am proposing that we keep liaisons as they are for this next year,” Bebo said.

“I have felt one year has been too short, and I’ve said that in past years, too,” Councilor Nolan Johnson said.

Nelson agreed and the Council decided to keep liaison assignments the same for 2013.

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Nelson said the Council could just think about it this year, and build up the reserves again next year.

“I’m trying to find a different way of doing business that works. I just want us to think about it,” Nelson said.

“It is good to bring to the table for something to think about,” Councilor Carol Roquette added.

“I appreciate your ideas, but I don’t like the word habitual. We’ve done our due diligence to take care of the budget as best as we can,” Venier added. “Truthfully, I appreciate

what you’re doing, Eric, but we have got to look at the average data over the years. Looking at snow and ice, we’ve had one year of excess out of 10,” Bebo said. “You have to be careful what you take out, because you have to put it back in.”

Bebo said that decreasing the levy by 2 percent this year could produce a 5 percent increase the next if something were to happen.

Nelson said he felt there was no support, so he did not make a motion on the issue.

Councilor Pat Fogarty made

a motion to take the \$6,000 contingency out of the budget this year.

“Why?” Roquette asked.

“I see what Eric is saying. We have roughly \$300,000 in reserves,” Fogarty said.

On a 4-1 vote, Council removed the \$6,000 contingency from the budget. Bebo opposed the motion.

After removing the contingency and making cuts to other transfer funds and health insurance expenses, Council voted 5-0 on a 2013 total tax levy of \$481,973, down from the 2012 levy of \$490,137.

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