



Silver Lake Leader photo by Alyssa Schauer

Preschool valentines

The preschool students at Faith Presbyterian Preschool in Silver Lake have been busy this month, making pancakes to learn about the letter “p” and creating “valentine

snow globes.” From left to right are Miranda Nowak, Ashlyn Imdieke, Ella Graczyk, Hadley Wagner and Garrett Mills.

Christianson named School Board chair; Alsleben withdraws

By Rich Glennie
Editor

It took only minutes to break a 3-3 tie and re-elect Clark Christianson as the chairman of the Glencoe-Silver Lake School Board Monday night. Jamie Alsleben was re-elected vice chairman.

The election ended a 3-3 deadlock over who would be the chairman in 2014. The School Board took three votes at its January reorganizational meeting and could not decide between Christianson and Alsleben.

At Monday’s meeting, Alsleben took his name out of consideration.

He said his nomination was “unsolicited,” but he kept his name on the January ballot “as a point of respect to the nominator (Donna VonBerge) and the second (Kevin Kuester).” He said his action was “no

disrespect to the chair and acting chair (Christianson), and no disrespect for those who did not support me.

“No disrespect was meant or taken,” Alsleben said.

The January meeting was a show of democracy at work, Alsleben said. “Something very unscripted.” Things can get a bit uncomfortable when unscripted, he added.

Alsleben said he withdrew his name from consideration “so the Board can move forward.”

He added the 3-3 votes indicated the “Board was not ready for change, and that’s OK. Other things need to get accomplished.”

All the Board members are “all one vote and all equal votes, whether a chair or a director,” Alsleben added.

Christianson thanked the Board for his re-election.

Never mind: School calendar not changing

By Rich Glennie
Editor

After a brutal winter in which school has been canceled on several occasions, including one ordered by Gov. Mark Dayton, the Glencoe-Silver Lake School Board on Monday night decided not to change its 2013-14 calendar to make up those days.

That means Presidents Day on Monday, Feb. 17, remains a day off from school, according to GSL Superintendent Chris Sonju.

Sonju withdrew his planned recommendation for Monday’s meeting and opted not to hold school on Presidents Day, not to add another student day on Wednesday, June 4, and not to

add another teacher workshop day for Thursday, June 5.

Sonju apologized for all the confusion, but said the planned additional days simply did not work.

The aim, he said, was to add days as close to the school closure dates as possible to ensure the integrity of the district’s trimester system. “Unfortunately, it’s not going to work.”

But Sonju said as the school year goes on, this topic may come up again if additional weather-related school closings occur. “It depends on the weather.”

In a related matter, the School Board approved the new two-year calendar for the 2014-15 and 2015-16 school

years.

In 2014-15, the school year starts on Tuesday, Sept. 2, and ends Friday, May 29. Graduation also is May 29.

But built into that calendar will be snow days on Monday, Jan. 19 (Martin Luther King Jr. Day); Monday, Feb. 16 (Presidents Day); Thursday, April 2; and additional days added to the end of the school year.

The start of the 2015-16 school year will be Tuesday, Sept. 8, with the final day being Thursday, June 2. Graduation will be Friday, May 27, 2016.

Winter break will be Dec. 23 through Jan. 3, and spring break will be March 24-28, 2016.

Also included are five two-hour early releases in 2015-16.

In other matters, the School Board:

- Saw a presentation on parliamentary procedure by the GSL FFA chapter, who will be in competition later this week. The students conducted an FFA meeting for the board to hone their skills.

- Heard that the GSL One-Act Play cast finished third at the recent section competition. Earlier, GSL’s actors won their subsection to advance to the section.

- Heard that the GSL Robotics team will have this year’s project on display at this weekend’s Glencoe Business Expo. The state competition is set for

March 27-29 at Mariucci Arena on the University of Minnesota campus.

- Heard that three GSL students were named to the Minnesota Band Directors Association Honor Band. They include Laura Popelka as third chair clarinet; Mariah Koester as a 12th chair clarinet; and Jack Gepson, as first chair trumpet in a 12-trumpet section.

High School Principal Paul Sparby said this is a very competitive selection process, and having three musicians from GSL “is really exciting.”

- Rejected the three bids for the tennis court project after they came in higher than expected.

District Business Manager Michelle Sander said the original project included reconstruction of the current eight courts, with three alternates, including adding four more courts.

But the lowest base bid came in \$583,000 and the highest at \$914,953. With the three alternates — adding four new courts; finishing the new courts; and adding lighting — the lowest overall bid came in at \$1.024 million and the highest at \$1.3 million.

“The base bid was higher than anticipated,” Sander said. The specifications will be re-

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County Board splits on resolution regarding publishing legal notices

By Lori Copler
Staff Writer

Resolutions stating political goals continue to cause split votes among the McLeod County Board of Commissioners.

At its Tuesday, Feb. 4, meeting, commissioners were divided on a resolution asking the state Legislature to allow counties to post their legal notices on county websites, and not designate a legal newspaper for publication, as is now required by state law.

According to the resolution that the commissioners considered, eliminating the legal newspaper requirement would allow counties to provide information to the public in a more timely and less costly manner by eliminating “the time and costly burden of publishing in newspapers.”

Information provided to the County Board indicated that the county spends about \$12,000 annually publishing its minutes and other public notices.

Commissioners Jon Christensen and Ron Shimanski voted against the resolution.

“I like paper,” said Chris-

tensen, and Shimanski noted that “not everyone has access to the Internet.”

Commissioner Sheldon Nies said counties would still have the option to publish legal notices in a newspaper, even if the Legislature eliminates the mandate.

Shimanski noted that the county could also publish its legal notices on its website now, if it desires, while at the same time publishing them in the legal newspaper.

The County Board supported the resolution on a 3-2 vote, with Nies and commissioner Paul Wright and Kermit Terlinden voting in favor, and Shimanski and Christensen voting against it.

The commissioners also reviewed a long list of legislative issues prepared by county department heads.

County Administrator Pat Melvin said the list will be brought to a Feb. 13 joint meeting with city officials to see if “we can find some common ground” on which issues to jointly support.

Shimanski said he felt the Board’s approval of the list “essentially endorses this

whole platform,” and that he doesn’t agree with many of the issues brought forth.

Christensen agreed with Shimanski, saying he disagreed with some of the platforms, particularly those endorsing tax increases.

Nies said he also doesn’t agree with many of the statements, but felt the department heads have the right to bring their concerns to legislators.

“This is not endorsing these statements, this is voting for their right to bring them before their legislators,” said Nies.

Wright said the County Board could vote to support the department heads’ right to bring the issues forth, without necessarily endorsing each one.

“We could be here all day” if the County Board wanted to debate each one individually, Wright said.

The County Board unanimously voted to allow the department heads to bring their issues forward.

In other business Feb. 4, the County Board:

- Appointed Chuck Hausladen to the Board of Adjustments to replace retiring

member Franklin Boller.

- Combined its wetlands advisory and water plan committees into one with the following members: Donald Albrecht, representing the township association until the association considers the appointment at one of its meetings; Charles Mathews, soil and water conservation district representative; Skip Quade, businessman; Kevin Lindeman, farmer; and Virgil Voigt, member of a conservation group; and Christensen from the Board of Commissioners. Also to be appointed is someone from one of the watershed districts.

- Heard from Wright that a vote on the county’s one-sort recycling proposal and retrofit of the Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) probably won’t happen until March 4. However, the item will be discussed at the Feb. 18 County Board meeting.

- Agreed to spend up to \$46,000 with Ehlert and Associates for consulting services for a potential fiber project to connect the county facilities in Hutchinson with those in Glencoe.

County Board issues favorable review of Melvin’s performance

By Lori Copler
Staff Writer

McLeod County Administrator Pat Melvin is performing at a 2.6 on a 3.0 scale, according to a statement released by the county commissioners at their Feb. 4 meeting.

The County Board met in a closed session on Dec. 31 to evaluate Melvin’s job performance.

According to the statement, a “1” on the one to three scale indicates “needs improvement,” while a “3” indicates “above expectations.”

According to the statement, “last year’s accomplishments include providing the commissioners with iPads, creating a Commissioner Reference Manual, establishing long-range goals, summarizing the survey results that led to county employees being able to opt out of carrying county health insurance, advocating for a telecommunications and energy audit, and continuing to support the McLeod for Tomorrow program.”

For 2014, the County Board



County Administrator
Pat Melvin

“asked that Melvin work more with department heads to further develop the vision that they have for their respective departments and that he continue to assist in developing department heads through working with HR (human resources) to schedule some on-

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Upcoming Events

‘500’ played at Cedar Crest

The community is invited to play “500” with residents at Cedar Crest Estate in Silver Lake on Wednesday, Feb. 19, at 1:30 p.m. Refreshments will be provided. Cedar Crest Estate is located at 1401 Main St. W.

Singing Valentine fundraiser

The McLeod County Historical Society will have a singing Valentine fundraiser Friday, Feb. 14, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For a \$50 donation to the historical society, in conjunction with Crow River Floral & Gifts, a song and a rose will be presented to a loved one on Valentine’s Day. Add \$10 for outside of Hutchinson. Choose from “Let Me Call You Sweetheart,” “You Are My Sunshine” and “Side By Side,” all songs from the 1920s. Singers will be in historic costume.

Legion meeting set Feb. 17

The Silver Lake American Legion will have its regular monthly meeting Monday, Feb. 17, at 7 p.m., at the Silver Lake Legion Post 141.

FFA winter barnyard Feb. 20

The Glencoe-Silver Lake FFA invites the public to “The Barnyard” at the GSL ag room Thursday, Feb. 20, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Come see cows, baby chicks, rabbits, horses, goats, sheep and much more.

Senior dining birthday party

The Silver Lake senior dining site set the February birthday party for Friday, Feb. 21, at the Silver Lake Auditorium. The menu includes Salisbury steak, parslied whole potatoes, squash, bread and margarine, and blushing pears. Call site manager Pearl Branden at 320-327-2536 or 320-327-2621 to order.

Donations for Jonathan Pavlish benefit sought

Jonathan Pavlish was born Nov. 20, 2013, to Carl and Rachael Pavlish at Maple Grove Hospital and has underwent multiple medical issues since birth.

After birth, Jonathan had a seizure and was sent to North Memorial Child Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, where he had another seizure and was then sent to University Hospital.

After three days, Jonathan seemed to improve, and breathing tubes and heart monitors were removed. He was home for two days when his parents noticed he was sleeping and could not be awakened.

He was sent to Abbott Children’s Hospital where they

found he could not digest his baby formula and he remained limp. The Pavlishes were told he might not live and a baptism was held, but Jonathan woke the next morning hungry and crying.

The following Saturday, he was discharged from the hospital.

To help with the financial difficulty, a benefit fund has been set up at US Bank and donations are being accepted. Jonathan is the grandson of Raymond and Jeanette Pavlish.

Donations can be mailed to: US Bank
Attn: Jonathan Pavlish benefit account
19695 Holt St. NW
Elk River, MN 55350.

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worked with the architect, she added.

• Set a School Board workshop session for 5 p.m., Monday, March 24, in Room 124 of the Lincoln Jr. High. Sonju said a variety of topics will be on the agenda.

• Heard that Winterfest is scheduled for Feb. 18-21 at the high school. The annual talent show will be Thursday, Feb. 20.

• Hired Beth Dennison as district school nurse, replacing Andrea Kuenzel, who resigned.

• Hired Cassie Morris as a part-time Pathways II assistant until June in the Early Childhood Learning Center at Lincoln Jr. High.

• Accepted the following donations:

Glencoe American Legion Post 95, robotics program, \$200.

Shopko Hometown, Glencoe, activities, \$76.31.

Crow River Sno Pros, robotics program, \$500; and Close Up program, \$1,000.

Panther Boosters, football,

\$1,438.

Stevens Seminary Foundation, Close Up program, \$5,850; robotics program, \$750; “Get to Day” program, \$1,000; and teacher initiative program, \$10,000.

Brownton Lions Club, Close Up program, \$450.

Gruenhagen Insurance and Financial Services, Minnesota House Page program, \$100.

McLeod County Republican Party, House Page program, \$400.

Nathan Kiewel, House Page program, \$150.

Plato American Legion Post 641, robotics program, \$100.

Silver Lake Civic Association, Close Up program, \$500.

Southwest Initiative Foundation, SuperMileage program, \$1,500.

Midwest Industrial Tool Grinding, robotics program, \$250.

Board member Anne Twiss added it “is a long and generous list for many programs. We are really grateful” to the donors.

GSL hosts Knowledge Bowl meet

By Vicky Harris
Knowledge Bowl Coach

It’s hard to describe a Knowledge Bowl meet if you have never been to one. But once a year, Glencoe-Silver Lake hosts a meet for its region.

On Saturday, 45 teams from 15 schools came to Glencoe for that meet. That makes a lot of buses in the parking lot.

Like Little Falls, GSL let teams choose their own names. There were few themes, except that all GSL varsity and junior varsity teams chose names of mythological monsters.

The varsity part of the meet was the smallest, with just 10 teams. GSL’s team, Charybdis, began in third place with a 43-point written score.

Despite winning the competition in its room (16-14-11) during round one, it dropped to Room 2 for the second round. Again it won its room (15-11-9) and moved back to Room 1, which it won again in round three (15-13-10).

Meanwhile, Willmar had jumped to first place during round one with a 38-point round in Room 3. This was followed by Hutchinson earning 23 points in Room 2 during the third round, which meant that in round four, GSL was in third place, matched against Willmar and Hutchinson.

Again, GSL won (16 points to Hutchinson’s 14 and Willmar’s 9), but the final result left GSL in third place, which was disappointing after it had done so well against each individual team.

Hutchinson finished first with 114.5 points, while Willmar earned second with 111 points. GSL was tied with ACGC for third place at 110.5.

The team with this remarkable and frustrating result included Ethan Bass, Kyle Beck, Maddie Kuehn and Mark Lueders. (Many of GSL’s students were taking the ACT on Saturday, and missed the meet.)

The JV competition included 18 teams, three from GSL. GSL’s Sirens started in third place, won Room 1, then lost to GSL’s Chimera in round two.

The Sirens moved to Room 2, where they lost to Lester Prairie, then earned 16 points in round four. This put them in second place with 107 points behind Hutchinson with 109.

This team included Marisa Luchsinger, Dini Schweikert, Robin Swift and Katie Twiss.

GSL’s Chimera started in



Silver Lake Leader photo by Alyssa Schauer

Glencoe-Silver Lake hosted Saturday’s Knowledge Bowl meet at the high school. Above is team Chimera: Jenna Lokensgard, Jake Vasek, Jake Fehrenbach and Lindsay Wedin.

Room 2, but moved up to Room 1, where they earned 12, 13 and 7 points. They finished in third with 102.5 points. Team members were Jenna Lokensgard, Lindsay Wedin, Jake Fehrenbach and Jake Vasek.

Minotaur (also from GSL) began in Room 2, then dropped to Room 3, then repeated that pattern. The team ended the meet with 90 points, good for seventh place. This team included Mitch Beneke, Trevor Posusta, Maggie Petersen and Rachel Reichow.

The junior high meet had 17 teams, again with three from GSL. The Doberhuahuas (an interesting cross breed, perhaps?) started in first place with a 50-point written score. Then they won every round but one in Room 1. They ended the meet with 121 points and a commanding lead over the second-place team from Willmar with 108.

Austin Pinske, Brett Baumgarten, Megan Fehrenbach, Jared Lokensgard and Jacob Reichow were team members.

GSL’s Canadian Llamas started in ninth place, moved up to fifth, dropped to 10th, and rose again to fourth. They earned individual round scores as high as 21, and finished the meet with 101.5 points and in fourth place. The team included Jack Gepson, Becky

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site training. In addition, Melvin and the Board agreed to schedule more frequent workshop sessions where they can further dialogue about long-range goals and other emerging issues.”

Melvin also provided some of his own goals for 2014, including “a monthly update to commissioners, continuing to pursue the long-range goals, develop a capital improvement plan and, through the county’s electronic document management system (EDMS) organize, reduce and eliminate the many hard-copy documents being retained in storage,” the statement concluded.

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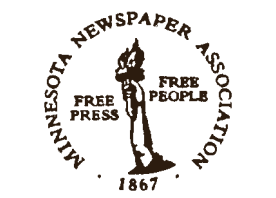
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Tracing Roots

By Ron Pulkrabek



5 Pulkrabeks married 5 Nemecs

Editor's note: This is a continuation of last week's column on letters written by and to the Pulkrabek families in Wisconsin and McLeod County in 1866.

Hearty greetings to my sister-in-law; she should visit us and very soon. I have a very pretty boy for her. He has 150 acres and a nice farm.

We greet you a hundred times and kiss you till we see you again. Write us again soon and tell us all the news.

Tell us also at the wedding when old Mrs. Kucera was married? Sincere, hearty greetings to the Peters. Are they well and how are they getting along? Is Washicheck already well? Let him write us. Sincere greetings to Moravec. I think often of him. (In 1909 my grandfather married Clara Moravec).

Nice greetings to the Chasteks and Klimas. He asked me to write him but what should I write him? I told him everything in person and if he does not believe me, let him ask Popelka, who is coming here for a visit. He will tell him!

Everybody is longing to come here. Here is nice land for sale. Only I have far to go to get beer!

Signed: Dear friends and

neighbor, Goodbye. Anton and Anna Pulkrabek (Let Peturas read this letter.)

Anton and Anna eventually had 15 children. Two children died in Europe; one baby died here. During a period from 1897 to 1904, five Pulkrabeks from the same family married five Nemecs from the same family. The Nemecs had 11 children, three of whom died in infancy.

The Pulkrabek and Nemec farms touched at the corners, located near the present Rich Valley Township Hall, so it was just a matter of walking through the corn field and over the pasture to find true love.

Anton and Anna are buried in the Koniska Cemetery, along with 23 other Pulkrabeks and allied families. (One-third of the people buried there.)

Most Pulkrabek families stayed around the Glencoe and Silver Lake areas, but many scattered to Canada, the Red River Valley near East Grand Forks, Mandan, N.D., Bowman, N.D., Plentywood, Mont., Oregon, Chicago, Appleton, Olivia, Clarissa and Hopkins in Minnesota, Yankton, S.D., California, Texas and other states.

Some of the Pulkrabeks married into families of

Brabec, Dolezal, Dvorak, Koktan, Kopesky, Lhotka, Maresh, Micka, Moravec, Nemec, Osmek, Penas, Podrasky, Polifka, Popelka, Posusta, Stibal, Sustacek, Vacek, Zaruba, Zeleny, Zrust and many more.

By 1973, the total was 1,443. The total now would probably be over 4,000. All from two brothers who came to America in 1857!

We should all be so thankful to our ancestors who came to America! The land of freedom! It was not so lucky for the people who stayed behind in the Czech and Polish lands as future articles will show.

These articles are not only about my ancestors, but your ancestors, also, and could be anyone who wants to trace their roots having similar stories to tell and share.

These were real people, living in real times. They had many hardships and only occasional joy.

Some of the information is taken from family tree books, personal experiences and short reviews of books I've read.

Due to language translations, misunderstanding and my interpretation of certain things, there will certainly be many mistakes. Any corrections or additions are always welcome.

All you need: Good friends, family

With a sprained quad muscle, hip pain and large bruise on my right knee, I survived donkey basketball.

I've never really played basketball in my life, so I was worried my lack of experience would affect our team's success, but would you believe we made it to the championship game?

I shouldn't even brag about anything because I had no part in our journey to the championship, besides being a crowd-pleaser who falls off her mule a few times and strains her hip just trying to mount the donkey.

It's not easy being short.

But despite the pain I'm still feeling in my legs days later, the event was incredibly fun, and I would volunteer to ride again in a heartbeat.

Credit is due to the GSL FFA for organizing and sponsoring the game — that group is so ambitious, and I love seeing the students so passionately involved in their extracurricular activities.

On Saturday, I also had the opportunity to photograph the Knowledge Bowl meet, and there are not enough words to describe those intelligent, witty, admirable students.

As I said before, I enjoyed academic activities in high school, so I felt very comfortable spending the morning with students who love trivia and history, English, math and science as much as I do.

But very quickly I realized how much I really didn't know as I observed their instantaneous reactions to what seemed impossible questions.

If you ever get a chance to see a Knowledge Bowl meet, or are curious to test your own

The Travel Section

By Alyssa Schauer



skills in the realm of academics, I recommend attending the conference championship meet on Feb. 18 at GSL.

They'll make you wonder if you really know anything at all, and they'll definitely renew your faith in today's youth, who have a reputation of "too much screen time" in our ever-evolving world of technology.

Between donkey basketball, the Knowledge Bowl meet, dinner with a "second family" and hugs and hugs and hugs from preschool students, this is shaping up to be a great week.

I'm still so tired of the winter weather, but I've learned that when you have friends and family, a job you love, and your health, life really can't get any better.

On Monday, I spent the evening with DeNeil and Lisa Thompson, indulging in homemade chicken noodle soup (with homemade noodles!) and a giant's share of baguette bread slices, with real butter, of course.

There's nothing like enjoying a steaming bowl of soup with good friends to make this dreary winter a little brighter.

And they certainly spoiled me, building a roaring fire in their brick fireplace that crackled away as we talked about movies, work and funny mem-

ories, forgetting about the below-zero windchill reigning over Minnesota.

Mom said if you have good friends and good family in your life, you have everything you need. Once again, she's right.

I'm really lucky to be living in a community where everybody is pretty much considered "good family and good friends."

I think even young kids realize this special quality about Silver Lake as a few of them ran up to hug me and greet me when I walked into Faith Presbyterian Preschool Tuesday.

Hadley and Ella, two students at the preschool, rushed to greet me with big hugs and shrieked, "Hiiii!" before telling me stories about their art projects.

It's not often I'm greeted on the job like that, and I had to laugh at their enthusiasm and energy.

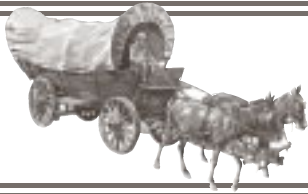
They've realized the routine by now, that when I show up, their picture will be in the newspaper, and so they may just be "hammin' it up" for me.

But I love it.

So here's to good friends and good family — may you all keep warm and enjoy what is left of winter. Spring is just 35 days away!

Down Memory Lane

Compiled by Margaret Benz



75 YEARS AGO - FEB. 18, 1939 — A new Commercial Club organizational meeting was held Monday at the council rooms in the village hall, which was attended by nearly every businessman in town. George H. Totushek of Silver Lake's Red and White Store was elected president of the club. A.L. Danek was elected vice president; Wilbert Merrill, advertising manager of the Leader, as secretary/treasurer; and A.J. Domagalski, Joe Lowy, Ray Chalupsky and Frank Shamla on the board of directors.

The Silver Lake Fire Department is sponsoring the Last Dance Before Lent on Monday night, Feb. 20, at the Village Hall. Henry Klima and his orchestra will furnish the music.

The annual meeting of the Farmers Cooperative Livestock Shipping Association will be held on Friday afternoon, Feb. 24, at Totushek's Hall.

Farmers of Hale and Rich Valley townships will attend a sign-up meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 22, at the Silver Lake Village Hall for the purpose of applying the allotments and payments to each individual farm, together with an explanation of the requirements for each compliance in the agricultural adjustment administration conservation program. The meeting will open in the forenoon and continue until the afternoon.

John J. Schultz was elected president of the Farmers Produce Co., Inc., at its annual meeting held on Tuesday afternoon. Peter Wawrzyniak was elected vice president, succeeding John J. Schultz in that office. Dana Lord was re-elected secretary and Dewey Born, manager of the company's business for many years, was re-elected treasurer and manager. The 1939 board of directors include Joseph Mikolichuk, Leo A. Zanoth and Will Zanda.

Mrs. Emil Yukel, 51, passed away Friday, Feb. 10, at the University Hospital in Minneapolis. Funeral services were held Monday afternoon, Feb. 13, at the Presbyterian Church in Silver Lake.

50 YEARS AGO - FEB. 13, 1964 — Sixty new band uniforms for the Silver Lake High School Band have been ordered at a cost of \$85.35 per uniform. The Band Uniform Fund Drive has collected \$2,900, but still needs over \$2,000. The Band Uniform Committee has decided to reopen the drive until after July 1 for more contributions. The uniforms will consist of one jacket and trousers of 12-ounce, all-wool whipcord, one cap with ostrich plume, one maroon sash, two citation cords, one overlay (this

is part of the marching uniform with SL on the front), and one pair of suspenders.

Mrs. James Jurek Jr., with the assistance of Mrs. Harry Jerabek and Mrs. James Navratil Jr., won the hog at the Silver Lake Fire Department Masquerade Dance.

John Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Smith, was promoted to first lieutenant in the Air Force.

The Silver Lake High School FFA Chapter, under Erling Rognli, will have a display honoring National FFA Week in the window of the Silver Lake Sundries.

Mrs. George Mazal will hold an auction at her farm 6-1/2 miles northeast of Glencoe on Thursday, Feb. 20.

Some of the specials at Ruzicka's Super Market include: 3-pound can of Crisco, 76¢; Armour Star pork shoulder picnics 33¢ a pound; Longhorn cheese 59¢ a pound; Nabisco Chicken in a Basket snack crackers, package, 39¢; Chicken of the Sea tuna, family size, 49¢; 3 dozen oranges, 89¢.

25 YEARS AGO - FEB. 16, 1989 — The Silver Lake High School wrestling team claimed sole possession of the Circle 8 Conference title on Tuesday, Feb. 7. The wrestlers won the sub-region west championship and qualified for the team region on Tuesday, Feb. 14, at Winthrop.

HML Marjorie Marchese, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Nowak, was commissioned as an ensign in the Navy in Jacksonville, Fla.

The Silver Lake Centennial plates have an error on them. Names of two of the churches were inadvertently switched.

Friday night, the Silver Lake Fire Department was called to a chimney fire at the John Kucera residence, 1-1/2 miles south of Silver Lake on County Road 24.

Fr. Edward Ardolf will celebrate his 25th anniversary of ordination on Sunday, Feb. 26, with a Mass. A dinner and open house will follow at the Holy Rosary Parish in North Mankato, where he is currently the pastor.

Barney Witucki, 70, of Oroville, Calif., passed away on Feb. 7. Funeral services were held on Friday, Feb. 10, at St. Thomas Catholic Church in Oroville.

Thomas Zanoth, 85, passed away Wednesday, Feb. 8, at Burns Manor Nursing Home, Hutchinson. Funeral services were held on Saturday, Feb. 11, from the St. Joseph Church.

Ridgewater announces dean's list

Ridgewater College announced its fall semester dean's list, which includes a number of area students. Named to the academic honor roll were:

Cokato: Hans Aho, Kallie Evans, Renee Grangroth, Megan Gustafson, Mitchell Kaczmarek, Michael Koivukangas and Amanda Lundeen.

Dassel: Ryan Bjork, Kyle

Johnson, Mary McCauley, Travis Piehl, Korra-Shay Richards and Abigail Thomas.

Glencoe: Sara Bistodeau, Victoria Burr, Oakley Clark, Kaleb Donnay, Teri Friauf, Sara Gindorff, Jessica Klitzke, Cortney Kressin, Ashley Kuphal, Ashlyn Ratike, Anthony Rued, Genevieve Teubert, Eric Trnka, Jessica Underdahl, Genise Werth, Craig Wosmek and Douglas

Wosmek.

Lester Prairie: Adam Feltmann, Molly Millerbernd, Nicholas Rasset, Sky Tervo and Kristina Zarnke.

Silver Lake: Wade Dolezal, Patricia Hemerick, Cheryl Lueck, Andrew Penas, Kyle Schultz and Cole Wendolek.

Winsted: Kimberly Condon, Christina Donnay, Joel Koch, Justin Littfin and Thomas Maresh.

8th-annual Ice Golf tournament set Feb. 22

The eighth-annual Silver Lake Ice Golf tournament is set for Saturday, Feb. 22.

The nine-hole golf tournament will be held on the ice of Silver Lake. Four-person teams can sign up at the Silver Lake Municipal Liquor Store.

Cost per team is \$40, and a meat raffle will be held at the Silver Lake Liquor Store

throughout the day.

An awards ceremony, prizes, and food will be at the Silver Lake Legion at 5 p.m., and all proceeds from the event go to the Silver Lake summer recreation program.

Sign up at the Silver Lake Muni or call 320-327-2777 for details.

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Obituaries

David E. Kosek, 54, of Silver Lake

A Concelebrated Mass of Christian Burial for David Edward Kosek, 54, of Silver Lake, was held Monday, Feb. 10, at Holy Family Catholic Church in Silver Lake. The Rev. Patrick Okonkwo and the Rev. Anthony Stubeda were concelebrants.



David Kosek

Mr. Kosek died Feb. 5, 2014, at his home, surrounded by his loving family. Pallbearers were Jason Babatz, Tony Rozeske, Troy Rozeske, Mark Lewandowski, Travis Jacques and Chad Salmela. Honorary pallbearers were Austin Feltmann, Abby Feltmann, Amanda Teubert, Beau Teubert, Jennifer Jacques, Carter Kosek, Tami Alsleben, Melissa Barsness,

Gary Lhotka and Dan Dolezal. Mr. Kosek was born Oct. 11, 1959, to Clemens and Verona (Zabel) Kosek. On Sept. 29, 1984, Mr. Kosek and Karen Rozeske were joined in holy marriage at St. Adalbert's Catholic Church in Silver Lake. Their marriage was blessed with three beautiful daughters, Katie, Kim and Jamie. He was formerly employed at Lester Buildings, Inc., Litchfield Lumber and Walmart. Mr. Kosek had a passion for hunting, fishing, camping, football and family get-togethers. He was a loyal fan of high school football and wouldn't dare to miss a game. He and his family enjoyed many weekends camping and fishing. He loved hunting with his daughters, dad, brothers, uncles, cousins and nephews. Survivors include his loving wife, Karen; daughters, Katie (Justin) Ryks, Kim (Joe Goettl) Kosek and Jamie

Kosek; parents, Clemens and Verona Kosek; grandchildren, Ian Ryks and Emma Goettl; siblings, Mike Kosek, Pat (Chris) Jacques, Julie Teubert and Carla (Brent) Feltmann; sisters-in-law, Jean (Ben) Lewandowski and Marilyn Salmela; brother-in-law, Tom (Linda) Rozeske; nieces; nephews and other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his grandparents and in-laws. In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to The Richard M. Schulze Family American Cancer Society Hope Lodge-Minneapolis, 2500 University Ave. SE, Minneapolis, MN 55414; www.cancer.org/hopelodgeminneapolis. The Maresh Funeral Home assisted the family with funeral arrangements. Online condolences may be made at www.mareshfuneralhome.com.



Silver Lake Leader photo by Alyssa Schauer

Geography Bee participants

In January, the annual geography bee was held at Lakeside Elementary in Silver Lake. Participating in the event were, in the front, from left to right, Marianna Castillo, Caleb Schmieg, Rylan Rosenlund and

Katelyn Fiecke. In the back, from left to right, are Hope Kosek, Elias Kuehn, Taylor Hatlestad, Derek Trippel and Katie Nowak. Missing was Guadalupe Acevedo. Castillo was the champion of the geography bee.

Church News

GRACE BIBLE CHURCH
300 Cleveland Ave., Silver Lake
Dr. Tom Rakow, Pastor
320-327-2265
<http://silverlakechurch.org>

Sat., Feb. 15 — Men's Bible study, 7 a.m.; women's Bible study, 9 a.m.; booth at Glencoe Business Expo, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
Sun., Feb. 16 — "First Light" radio broadcast on KARP 106.9 FM, 7:30 a.m.; pre-service prayer time, 9:15 a.m.; worship, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday school for all ages, 10:35 a.m.; booth at Glencoe Expo; Centershot Archery Ministry, 1 p.m.
Wed., Feb. 19 — Confirmation, discipleship class, 6 p.m.; puppet practice, prayer time, 7 p.m.
Sat., Feb. 22 — Men's Bible study, 7 a.m.
Dial-A-Bible Story, 320-327-2843.

FAITH PRESBYTERIAN
108 W. Main St., Silver Lake
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E-mail: faithfriends@embarqmail.com
Carol Chmielewski, pastor
Office hours: Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Sun., Feb. 16 — Handbell practice, 8:45 a.m.; worship service with fellowship to follow, 10 a.m.
Wed., Feb. 19 — Light supper, 5:30 p.m.; WOW classes, 6 p.m.; choir practice, 6:45 p.m.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY
700 W. Main St., Silver Lake
Anthony Stubeda, Pastor
Thurs., Feb. 13 — Mass at Cedar Crest, 10:30 a.m.; worship, 5 p.m.
Fri., Feb. 14 — Mass, 8 a.m.
Sat., Feb. 15 — AFC consultation at Holy Family, 1 p.m.; reconciliation, 5:30 p.m.; Mass, 6:30 p.m.
Sun., Feb. 16 — Mass, 8 a.m.; CCW coffee and rolls; first communion parent meeting, 2 p.m.; Mass, 8 p.m.
Mon., Feb. 17 — No Mass; parish office closed for Presidents Day.
Tues., Feb. 18 — Mass, 8 a.m.;

eucharistic adoration, 8:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.; quilting, 9 a.m.; KC meeting, 7 p.m.
Wed., Feb. 19 — Mass, 5 p.m.; first- through sixth-grade religious education classes, 7 p.m.-8 p.m.; seventh- through 11th-grade religious education classes, 7 p.m.-8:15 p.m.
Thurs., Feb. 20 — Mass at Cedar Crest, 10:30 a.m.; meet and greet at The Pines in Hutchinson, 11:30 a.m.
Fri., Feb. 21 — No Mass.

WORD OF LIFE CHURCH
950 School Rd. S.W. Hutchinson
320-587-9443
E-mail: infor@loversoftruth.com
Jim Hall, Pastor
Sun., Feb. 16 — 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., Feb. 9 — 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., Feb. 16 — Worship, 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

FIRST CONGREGATION UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
31 Fourth Ave. S.W., Hutchinson
320-587-2125
E-mail: jmm@hutchtel.net
Sun., Feb. 16 — Sunday school, 9 a.m.; worship, 10:15 a.m.

ST. PIUS X CHURCH
1014 Knight Ave., Glencoe
Anthony Stubeda, Pastor
Thurs., Feb. 13 — Mass at GRHS-LTC, 10:30 a.m.; no junior

choir; worship committee, 7 p.m.
Fri., Feb. 14 — Morning prayer, 8 a.m.; school Mass, 8:20 a.m.; Spanish Mass, 5:30 p.m.
Sat., Feb. 15 — Llamados a Sevir, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.; AFC consultation at Holy Family, 1 p.m.; reconciliation, 4 p.m.; Mass, 5 p.m.
Sun., Feb. 16 — Mass, 9:30 a.m.; Spanish Mass, 11:30 a.m.; Spanish religious education for children and adults, 12:45 p.m.; AFC first communion parent meeting, Holy Family, 2 p.m.; Mass at Holy Family, Silver Lake, 8 p.m.
Mon., Feb. 17 — Mass, 11 a.m.; Province of Minneapolis and St. Paul Board meeting.
Tues., Feb. 18 — Morning prayer, 7 a.m.; Mass, 7:20 a.m.; KC meeting 7:30 p.m.
Wed., Feb. 19 — Evening prayer, 5:40 p.m.; Mass, 6 p.m.; kindergarten through sixth-grade religious education classes, 7 p.m.-8 p.m.; seventh- through 11th-grade religious education classes, 7 p.m.-8:15 p.m.; confirmation candidate exam at St. Pius X, 7 p.m.

SHALOM BAPTIST CHURCH
1215 Roberts Rd. S.W., Hutchinson
Rick Stapleton, senior pastor
Adam Krumrie, worship pastor/director of student ministries
Sun., Feb. 16 — Adult growth groups, Sunday school and worship, 9 a.m.; adult growth groups and worship, 10:30 a.m.; discover membership, noon; Shalom running group, 4 p.m.; Financial Peace University, 7 p.m.
Mon., Feb. 17 — Griefshare workshop, 6:30 p.m.; women's discipleship, 7 p.m.

BETHEL LUTHERAN
77 Lincoln Ave., Lester Prairie
Bethany Nelson, pastor
320-395-2125
Sun., Feb. 16 — Worship, 9 a.m.; Penaz baptism; confirmation, 10:15 a.m.; Sunday school, 10:15 a.m.
Mon., Feb. 17 — Ladies Bible study, 7 p.m.
Wed., Feb. 19 — Deacons meeting, 6 p.m.; choir, 7 p.m.; council meeting, 7 p.m.



Silver Lake Leader photo by Alyssa Schauer

Spelling bee participants

In January, a district-wide spelling bee was held at Lincoln Junior High gymnasium. Lakeside students participating include, in the front, from left to right, Teagan Hansch, Jasmine Knick, Mikayla Witte, Rylan Rosenlund and Anthony LaPlante. In the

back are Abby Gronlund, Courtney Richer, Taylor Hatlestad, Allie Gronlund and Alayna Knowles. Spencer Lilienthal of First Lutheran School was crowned champion and will advance to the regional spelling bee in February.

Kitchen Delights & Other Things



Strawberry Cream Cheese Heart Cookies

Ingredients:
1 pouch sugar cookie mix
1/4 cup all-purpose flour
4 ounces strawberry cream cheese, softened
2 teaspoons grated lemon peel
1 egg
Neon pink food color
Assorted candy sprinkles

Directions:
Heat oven to 375° and line cookie sheet with cooking parchment paper. In medium bowl, stir cookie mix, flour, softened cream cheese, lemon peel and egg until soft dough forms. Stir in food color to get desired pink color. Roll dough 1/4-inch thick on lightly floured surface. Cut with 2-1/2 to 3-inch heart-shaped cookie cutter. Place 1 inch apart on cookie sheet. Decorate cookies as desired by pressing assorted sprinkles into dough. Bake 7 to 9 minutes or until light golden brown around edges. Remove from cooking sheet to cooling rack. Cool completely, about 15 minutes.

Roasted Red Pepper Ravioli Bake

Ingredients:
2 each of medium green, sweet red and yellow peppers
1 package (25 ounces) frozen cheese ravioli
1 tablespoon olive oil
1 teaspoon sugar
1/4 teaspoon salt
2 cups meatless spaghetti sauce, divided
4 ounces sliced part-skim mozzarella cheese

Directions:
Place peppers on a broiler pan. Broil 4 inches from the heat until skins blister, about 6 to 8 minutes. With tongs, rotate peppers a quarter turn. Broil and rotate until all sides are blistered and blackened. Immediately place peppers in a bowl; cover and let stand for 15 to 20 minutes. Meanwhile, cook ravioli according to package directions; drain. Peel off and discard charred

skin from peppers. Remove stems and seeds. Finely chop peppers; drain. In a large bowl, combine the peppers, oil, sugar and salt. Spread 1-1/2 cups spaghetti sauce in a 9x13-inch baking dish coated with cooking spray. Layer with ravioli, pepper mixture and cheese. Top with remaining spaghetti sauce. Cover and bake at 350° for 15 minutes. Uncover; bake 15-20 minutes longer or until heated through.

Salsa Chicken

Ingredients:
4 skinless, boneless chicken breast halves
4 teaspoons taco seasoning mix
1 cup salsa
1 cup shredded Cheddar cheese
2 tablespoons sour cream

Directions:
Preheat oven to 375° and place chicken breasts in a lightly greased 9x13-inch baking dish. Sprinkle taco seasoning on both sides of chicken breasts, and pour salsa over all. Bake for 25 to 35 minutes, or until chicken is tender and juicy and its juices run clear. Sprinkle chicken evenly with cheese, and continue baking for an additional 3 to 5 minutes, or until cheese is melted and bubbly. Top with sour cream if desired, and serve.

Slow Cooker Barbecue

Ingredients:
1 boneless chuck roast (3 pounds)
1 teaspoon garlic powder
1 teaspoon onion powder
Salt and pepper to taste
1 bottle (18 ounces) barbecue sauce

Directions:
Place roast into slow cooker. Sprinkle with garlic powder and onion powder, and season with salt and pepper. Pour barbecue sauce over meat. Cook on Low for 6 to 8 hours. Remove meat from slow cooker, shred, and return to slow cooker. Cook for 1 more hour. Serve hot.

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BOYS' BASKETBALL

December

06....at Bloomington JeffersonL,68-36
07....at NYAW,73-48
10....at HutchinsonW,66-59
12....Dassel-Cokato.....W,47-37
17....at AnnandaleL,62-54
28....Belle PlaineW,79-72

January

03....Sibley EastW,57-55
04....at JordanL,63-43
09....at BOLDW,66-52
10....Mound-Witka.....W,77-60
14....at NLSW,66-63
17....at OronoL,73-55
21....LitchfieldW,55-51
24....HutchinsonL,62-57
31....at Holy Family.....L,69-43

February

03....at Belle PlaineL,67-65
06....at Dassel-CokatoW,73-50
10....at RocoriL,64-53
11....NLSW,66-63
13....Annandale7:15
14....Waconia7:15
18....at Litchfield7:15
20....at Watertown-Mayer .7:30
21....at Delano7:15

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

December

03....St. PeterW,60-42
07....at NYAW,39-33
10....Belle PaineW,68-35
13....New UlmW,60-48
17....at New Prague.....L,62-30
20....Lester Prairie.....W,71-58
28....at MACCRAW,58-23

January

03....at Sibley EastW,49-40
10....at Mound-Witka.....L,53-41
11....at Mayer LutheranL,81-62
14....NLSL,62-52
17....OronoL,73-52
21....at LitchfieldW,63-53
23....WillmarL,56-46
24....at HutchinsonL,72-52
31....Holy Family.....L,76-54

February

03....RocoriW,61-51
07....Dassel-Cokato.....L,73-58
10....at AnnandaleL,71-66
11....at NLSL,70-41
18....Litchfield7:15
20....at Waconia7:15
21....Delano7:15
25....Annandale7:15

WRESTLING

December

05....Wabasso-Red Rock Central.....L,36-31
07....GSL Inv.2nd
12....Dassel-Cokato.....W,48-25
12....LitchfieldW,47-21
14....at Andover Inv.1st
19....at NLSW,37-21
19....at Ann/MLW,31-30
20....at St. PeterW,45-31
20....at WEM/JWPW,45-30
21....at Richfield Inv.3rd

January

02....Watertown-MayerW,36-30
09....OronoW,65-14
09....DelanoW,58-6
11....at Zimmerman Inv.....3rd
18....at LCWM Inv2nd
20....at Mound-Witka.....L,41-29
21....at Waconia.....L,36-31
23....at HutchinsonL,61-8
30....LCWML,33-24
30....ACGCL,48-24
30....Sibley EastW,36-29
31....Conf. Tourney4th

February

06....New Prague.....L,50-17
07....at STMAL,65-6
08....at DC Inv.....8:00

GYMNASTICS

January

14....LitchfieldL,123.375-103.125
17....at Dassel-CokatoL,120.775-101.6
18....GSL Inv5th
21....St. Peter and Orono3rd
23....WaconiaL,128.875-98.45
30....at DelanoL,131.7-105.25

February

07....Mound-WitkaL,132.55-104.225
14....at Mankato (Sections)5:30

DANCELINE

December

12....at NLS Conf. Tourney10th
14....at Hutchinson Inv.....6th

January

04....at Belle Plaine Inv.....
09....at Holy Family Cath Conf. Tourney
11....at Delano Inv
18....at Waconia Conf. Tourney ..
25....at NLS Inv
February

01....at Mound-Witka (Sections)10th

All on the line

By Josh Randt
Sports Editor

Stringing together its two highest scores of the season, the Glencoe-Silver Lake gymnastics team turned in a 104.225 in a loss to Mound-Westonka, which scored 132.55.

Though Friday's score dropped ever so slightly from GSL's 105.25 posted against Delano the previous week, head coach Kim Hahn is pleased with her team's performance heading into the section tournament in Mankato this Friday.

"They did drop slightly in some areas, but improved in others ... So, I think that was a good way to end the season," Hahn said. "I think our team will do great at sections — if we can have another meet like Friday I would be happy! I expect the girls to once again compete with their new skills, and just really concentrate on their form throughout each routine."

The biggest improvements were made on floor exercises, where Paige Anderson turned in an 8.1, and Ellie Schmidt scored

a 7.2.

Last week, Paige Anderson scored a 7.725, and Schmidt a 6.9.

Amanda Anderson also improved her floor routine from 6.7 against Delano, to a 7.0 Friday.

This was the first meet that Paige Anderson was not the highest scoring Panther all around.

Chrissy Helmbrecht's 22.7 edged Paige Anderson's 21.975, as the pair came in at No. 6 and No. 7 all around.

Helmbrecht had a 7.8 on vault, 4.575 on bars, 4.125 for beam and a 6.2 on floor.

Paige Anderson's 8.15 on vault was her highest scoring event, as she compiled the rest of her points on beam with a 5.725, and an 8.1 on floor.

Amanda Anderson finished with an all around score of 20.85, while Cassidy Schrader mustered a 13.8, and Ellie Schmidt a 13.1.

The section meet is at 5:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 14, at K&G Gymnastics Club in Mankato.



Silver Lake Leader photo by Josh Randt

Danceline takes 10th at sections

The season came to an end for the Glencoe-Silver Lake danceline team on Feb. 1, as it took 10th place out of 12 teams. Pictured are, front row from left: Same Cornell and Deanna Bondhus. Back row: Kai-ley Yurek and Emily Oberlin.

Time for wrestlers to 'believe in themselves'

By Josh Randt
Sports Editor

Starting the season with an 11-2 dual record, the Glencoe-Silver Lake/Lester Prairie wrestlers have lost seven of their last eight duals, and ride a three-dual losing streak into the Section 2 (Class AA) tournament.

"Believe in yourself, and wrestle at the highest level you've ever wrestled," head coach Lance Wurm said of what his team needs to do leading up to, and during, the section tournament, where GSL/LP will first face Chaska in Waconia on Thursday. "We're good enough, but they don't think they belong. They have got to get over the hump" of not believing they can compete with the best teams.

GSL/LP faced two of the best teams in the state last week from Class AA (New Prague, No. 7) and Class AAA (St. Michael-Albertville, No. 2).

First the Panthers fell 50-17 to the Trojans of New Prague on Thursday, before being dismantled by STMA 65-6 the following day.

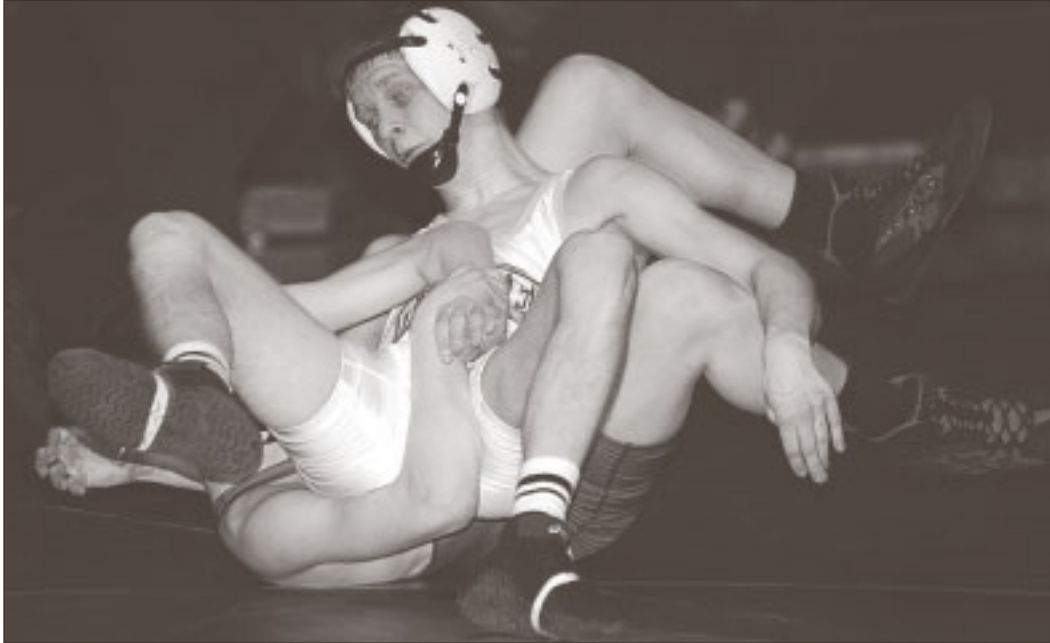
"Thursday was just kind of frustrating. I didn't think we wrestled to our full potential," Wurm said of the loss to New Prague.

"He said we've got to step it up a little bit and work harder in practice," senior co-captain Jacob Jewett said of Wurm. "There are teams out there that work really, really hard, and we just have to match that to be as good as them."

The Panthers have seen plenty of talented teams this season, and will have a rematch with Waconia following the dual with Chaska Thursday.

The Wildcats defeated the Panthers 36-31 when the two teams met on Jan. 21.

But missing from the Panther lineup at the first meeting were



Silver Lake Leader photo by Josh Randt

The eyes of Jacob Jewett (top) get a little wide as Brady O'Neill of New Prague attempts a roll on the senior. Jewett would

have none of it, and defeated the Trojan by major decision, 16-6, but the Panthers still lost 50-17.

Michael Donnay and Nate Tesch, who are now cleared to roll.

John Williams likely will miss the remainder of the team schedule, but has not been completely ruled out for individual sections.

"Never getting hurt until a couple weeks before sections my senior year is a real bummer," Williams said. "But I'm not completely out. I go in Thursday, and it's feeling a lot better."

Regardless of whether he's in the lineup, Williams and Wurm both said the key to avoiding an early exit in the post-season lies in the team's mindset, and for guys to wrestle an entire match.

"We haven't wrestled to our full potential yet ... The whole team just wasn't focused," Williams said of why GSL/LP hasn't gotten over the hump and what it will have to do in sections.

"They wrestle the last three, or the last two (minutes) and then

It's about trust

By Josh Randt
Sports Editor

With two straight losses to conference opponents Dassel-Cokato (73-58) and Annandale (71-66), Glencoe-Silver Lake girls' basketball coach Zach Otto-Fisher said the final six games will be about trust.

"The girls need to start trusting in themselves, the team, and importantly, the coaches," Otto-Fisher said after Monday's loss. "The times that they don't have that trust is when we find ourselves giving up an easy shot, missing a board, or misreading a play ... Our players seventh-12th need to trust our system and realize we coaches are here to make them all better."

Monday the Panthers hosted the now 8-10 Annandale Cardinals, and led 37-36 at the half, despite trailing 10-0 just two minutes into the game.

GSL fought back behind a spark generated by senior captain Steph Klockmann and the young Monahan sisters, Maddie and Mac.

The trio accounted for 32 of the Panthers' 37 first-half points, with Klockmann and Maddie Monahan scoring 10 to Mac's 12. But the ground gained was not enough, as the Cardinals scored 35 in the second to GSL's 29.

The highlight of the night for the Panthers had to be Klockmann's 26 points and double-digit rebounds as she notched another double-double in her belt for the season.

"(Klockmann) is playing great ball right now," Otto-Fisher said of his senior captain. "The thing I love about her is her work ethic. (It) doesn't matter if we are up by 10 or down by 10 in the last five seconds, she acts like every rebound, tip, or shot is the one that can change the game."

GSL never stopped fighting, but it was the three-pointers from Annandale's Emma Atkinson that really hurt the Panthers.

Atkinson was Annandale's second highest scorer with 19



Silver Lake Leader photo by Josh Randt

Erin Nowak keeps the ball down low away from a Dassel-Cokato defender during Friday's 73-58 loss to the Chargers. Nowak finished with four points, two rebounds and two assists.

behind Hannah Spaulding, who had 26. But Atkinson hit three treys in each half, including three in a row for the Cardinals in the first 18 minutes as GSL had a hard time locking her down.

The first two threes Atkinson made in the second each moved the Cardinals in front of the Panthers. Her third extended the lead to 57-51 midway through the second as it bounced off the rim, grabbed the glass and fell.

Sam Lange's three at the end of the game made the score look a little better, but the Panthers still lost 71-66.

With five out of the last six games against conference op-

ponents, Otto-Fisher is making a change to his lineup against New London-Spicer on Tuesday, giving eighth-grader Mac Monahan the start after coming off the bench all season.

"That kid is playing with so much confidence right now, and playing 'complete' ball," Otto-Fisher said of Mac Monahan. "She is getting tips on D, layups on offense, and making things happen in transition. It has been fun to see her step up and play an important role for varsity."

GSL rematched with New London-Spicer Tuesday night, and is now off until Tuesday, Feb. 18, when it hosts Litchfield for parent's night.

slow at 145 with a 2-1 lead after the first. He opened it up to 11-1 following the second as he would not let the senior escape once he scored another take-down.

Looking for a stand up, Michael Donnay was stuffed every time as Berg promptly lifted him off the ground once he made it to his feet.

The losses made it 20-11 New Prague.

After a pair of pins at 152 and 160, New Prague's Cameron Schmitz won by injury default over Tristan Weber at 170, as Weber went down with a sprained ankle just 29 seconds into the match.

Another injury default for the Panthers at 182 gave New Prague another six points with Williams still nursing an elbow.

Colton Lueders had the most thrilling, and controversial, match of the evening at 195 pounds.

Lueders had a 2-1 lead in the third period, but gave up an escape to Mitch Gullickson of New Prague, forcing overtime with a locked 2-2 score.

Neither grappler scored in overtime, so it went to an ultimate tiebreaker.

Gullickson chose down to start, but Lueders cut him loose from the get-go, giving him the 3-2 lead, which extended to 5-2 with a takedown from the Trojan.

Not sure he could escape Gullickson's ride, Lueders opted to start neutral.

Twice, it appeared, Lueders had Gullickson taken down, but was called out of bounds both times as jeers rained down from the strained Panther crowd.

Lueders finally hit a double that was far enough in bounds, but gave up an escape as he eventually lost 6-5, pushing New Prague's lead to 47-11.

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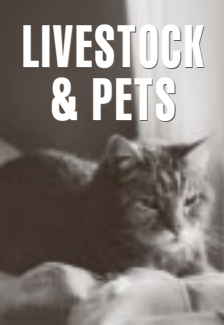
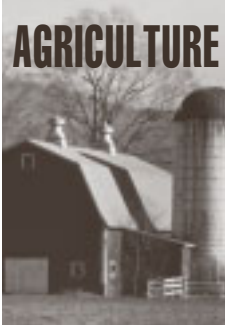
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Donkey
basketball

On Sunday, the Glencoe-Silver Lake FFA organized “Donkey Basketball” at the high school gymnasium. Members of the FFA, GSL staff, GSL athletics and local fire departments participated, including Jared Brecht (above) and Keith Schmidt (right.) Players had to wear protective head gear. About 420 people were in attendance and the event also featured a kiddie ride and raised about \$1,800.



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‘Who’s in Bed With the Butler?’

The GSL Panther Association is sponsoring a community theater comedy, “Who’s in Bed With the Butler,” for five performances, Feb. 20-24, at the Glencoe City Center. The Thursday through Saturday performances are at 7 p.m., with a 2 p.m., Sunday matinee. Above, Renee LaFleur

(Kay Wilson) is surprised by the Kung Fu moves of bumbling detective William Davis Jr. (David Nelson), as they try to sort out the affairs of Clifton, the lead character. Tickets are available by visiting www.glencoeemn.com.

People News

Son born to Turner family

Rebecca and Christopher Turner of Lester Prairie are proud to announce the birth of their son, Michael Lee, on Jan. 24, 2014, at Glencoe Regional Health Services. Michael weighed 9 pounds, 2 ounces, and was 20-1/2 inches in length. He is welcomed home by big sister Alexandra. Grandparents are Mike and LuAnn Kalbfell of Lakeville, Shirley Johnson of Carlsbad, N.M., and James Turner of Michigan.

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