



# Leader

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Silver Lake Leader photos by Alyssa Schauer

The eighth-annual ice golf tournament was held Saturday on Silver Lake, bringing in 21 teams of four golfers each for the event. The Silver Lake Municipal hosted the tourney and raised over \$500 for the Silver Lake summer recreation program. Above, Scott "Tito" Stritesky tees off while

teammate Kevin "Norby" Schermann waits his turn. On the bottom left are this year's champions Jason Chrast, Josh Scharber and Pat Pollard. Their teammate is Karl Tysuchia. On the bottom right is Bonnie Dahl, teeing off at the first hole of the nine-hole course.

## Ice golf tournament raises \$500 for summer recreation

By Alyssa Schauer  
Staff Writer

On Saturday, in its first year sponsoring the annual ice golf tournament, the Silver Lake Municipal Liquor Store (MLS) raised over \$500 and donated the profits to the Silver Lake summer recreation program.

Twenty-one teams of four golfers each braved the windchill for the event and spent the day on the ice, completing the nine-hole course designed and plowed by Eric Inselmann and Ryan Sturges.

Due to last week's snowy weather, the course was plowed three or four times before Saturday's tournament.

Ice golf is played with golf clubs and tennis balls, and the course looped around the northwest end of Silver Lake. Holes were marked with discarded Christmas trees picked up by Mayor Bruce Bebo in January.

An awards ceremony was held at the Silver Lake Legion following the tournament, where door prizes were given away and the champions were announced.

The 2014 ice golf champions are Pat Pollard, Josh Scharber, Jason Chrast and Karl Tysuchia. Their team photo will be framed on the trophy until next year's tournament.

"We attribute this win to dedication and practice," Pollard said.

The annual ice golf tournament began eight years ago and was sponsored by the Silver Lake Lake Enhancement Association, "but we will now be sponsoring the event in the future," MLS Manager Jon Jerabek said.

"It's a good event that brings people into our community and is good for business," Jerabek said.

He added that he also plans on hosting similar fundraising events throughout the year and donating the profits to other local organizations.

## Overflow at Hale Township shed is posing problems

By Alyssa Schauer  
Staff Writer

At its regular meeting last Tuesday evening, Feb. 18, the Silver Lake City Council heard that Ed Homan, solid waste director for McLeod County, was looking for recommendations regarding the high recycling activity in the county.

City Clerk Kerry Venier presented councilors with a letter from Homan stating there are currently six township sheds that are heavily used and require collection clean-outs every Tuesday and Friday.

"Some of those sheds are more active due to the residents from the township, city

and neighboring counties using them to drop off their recyclables, like ours here in Silver Lake," Venier said.

He said the Hale Township recycling shed located east on Main Street fills up quickly due to "more than just township residents" using it.

"The overflow is a problem and Ed (Homan) is looking for our input on addressing the issue," Venier said.

Options provided included:

- Increase the shed size and add 90-gallon carts to accommodate the sort;
- Add an additional shed;
- Set larger roll-offs or drop boxes for fiber cardboard and newspaper in the interim;

- Set larger roll-offs or drop boxes for plastic in the interim;

- Increase the collection and clean-out schedule from two times a week to three times a week, either Tuesdays through Fridays or Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays;

- Remove/replace the shed with one-sort containers;
- Other options provided by townships and cities.

Homan added: "The commitment to recycling has been exciting, and we have not had a lot of illegal dumping of appliances or e-waste at any shed

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## Frozen water pipes plague some residences; some tips

By Alyssa Schauer  
Staff Writer

This year, water service lines to Silver Lake residences have been freezing, Public Works Supervisor Dale Kosek reported at the City Council meeting last Tuesday.

Kosek said frost has gone over six feet into the ground, according to contractors, and a few residences in Silver Lake have experienced frozen pipes.

Frozen pipes also have impacted other local communities, including Winsted, Lester Prairie and Hutchinson.

Kosek said the most likely places for frozen pipes are against exterior walls or where water service lines enter homes through the foundation.

City Clerk Kerry Venier gathered information on how to prevent frozen water lines from the League of Minnesota Cities and suggests residents:

- Keep areas clear of storage items so warmer room air can reach pipes. This may mean removing items from a vanity cabinet or in a utility room.
- Open kitchen and bathroom cabinet doors to allow warmer air to circulate around the plumbing. Remember to move any harmful cleaners and household chemicals out of reach of children.
- Use heat tape around

pipes or a warm hair dryer to keep pipes warm.

- Make sure the roof vent isn't covered with snow or is otherwise blocked. Snow build-up over the vent will cause the sewer drain to slow down.

"This prevents the warmer air in the sewer system from venting up the house line and keeping the line above freezing," Venier said.

- Monitor water flow in the nearest (to the outside) fixture closely. Run cold water for a couple of minutes and then take the temperature of the water.

If the temperature is below 40 degrees, as a last resort, let cold water run from this faucet at a pencil thickness.

The League of Minnesota Cities suggested running the water non-stop when there is no one home or no water is being used for a period of time.

"Watch for unintended consequences of sewer or septic back-ups if running water continuously," Venier said.

Venier added that residents should call ahead to the city offices at 320-327-2412 if running constant water.

"This way we can keep track of it on their water bills," Venier said.

For future protection of frozen pipes, McLeod County Emergency Management Director Kevin Mathews suggests relocating exposed pipes to provide increased protection from freezing.

Pipes can be relocated by a professional if the home is remodeled.

Mathews also suggested adding insulation to attics, basements and crawl spaces to maintain higher temperatures in those areas.

He also suggested keeping the thermostat set to the same temperature both during the day and night.

"By temporarily suspending the use of lower nighttime temperatures, you may incur a higher heating bill, but you can prevent a much more costly repair job if pipes freeze and burst," Mathews said.

He also suggested that snowbirds who travel south during cold weather leave the heat on in their homes, set to a temperature no lower than 55 degrees.

For more information about freezing water pipes, contact a licensed plumber, building professional, or call the city offices in Silver Lake at 320-327-2412.



Silver Lake Leader photos by Alyssa Schauer

## Talent show

Last Thursday, students at Glencoe-Silver Lake High School showed off their talents for the annual talent show held in the auditorium. Above are Dalton Kosek, David Pineda and Aaron Donnay performing "Ice Ice Baby," and at the bottom, to the left is

Freddy Pena dancing to a mash-up of Michael Jackson and Dubstep. To the right is teacher Michael Haefs, who opened the show with teacher Brook Magnuson, and performed "Don't Stop Believin'."

## Upcoming Events

### 6th-grade science fair Friday

Parents, relatives, friends and all are welcome to see the sixth-grade students' ingenious scientific experiments at Glencoe-Silver Lake's Lakeside Elementary on Friday, Feb. 28, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., and 1:30 p.m. to 2:50 p.m., at the Lakeside gymnasium.

### Sportsmen meeting Feb. 27

The Silver Lake Sportsmen's Club will have its monthly meeting Thursday, Feb. 27, at 7 p.m., at the sanctuary.

### Fish Fry tickets now available

The annual Silver Lake Knights of Columbus fish fry is set for Friday, March 7, serving from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., at the Silver Lake Auditorium. The all-you-can-eat menu includes fish fillets, potato salad, cole slaw, beans, bread, coffee and milk. Take-outs are available and there will be raffle prizes and a free door prize. Advanced tickets can be purchased at Molly's Cafe, Kaz's Auto Station, the Municipal Liquor Store, Silver Lake Legion and First Community Bank until Thursday, March 6, at midnight.

### Seniors club meets March 10

The Silver Lake Senior Citizens Club will meet Monday, March 10, at 1 p.m. at the Silver Lake Auditorium.

### Degree of Honor to meet

Degree of Honor No. 182 will meet Tuesday, March 11, at 1 p.m., in the Silver Lake Auditorium. Note the change in time.

### Lenten soup suppers begin

Each Wednesday night, beginning March 5, during the Lenten season, Grace Bible Church in Silver Lake will hold a 5:30 p.m. soup and chili supper (free-will offering) served by members of the Living Water Puppets Team. The meal will be followed by a 7 p.m. church service. This year's Lenten theme is "When Our Lord Prayed," and will involve an examination of selected passages in which Jesus prayed or talked about prayer. Speakers will include various members of the church board. The public is invited to attend. Grace Bible Church is located in Silver Lake at 300 Cleveland St., next to the city water tower.

### Welcome to Medicare class

The Minnesota River Area Agency on Aging®, Inc., will teach an introductory class on Medicare Monday, March 10, at 1 p.m., at the Hutchinson Senior Center, 1005 Highway 15 S, Suite 15. If you are almost 65, new to Medicare or just want information about benefits, this class is for you. For more details and to reserve a seat, contact Ashley Ronglien at 1-800-333-2433, extension 82024.

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site. However, the overflow at some sites has been a problem."

Venier said: "He would like our options and thoughts we might have on the situation."

Venier added that the Hale Township recycling shed in town has a major issue with overflow, even though the recycling is picked up twice a week.

"Isn't it a given to (increase collection,)" Mayor Bruce Bebo asked.

"Yeah," Venier said. He added the solid waste department was just looking for direction from the townships and cities regarding the overflow issues, because some of the options may not work at other shed locations.

"Well, our recommendation is to put the shed in Hale Township," Bebo said matter-of-factly.

He said the overflow is due to city residents using the shed, and suggested moving the shed out of town, next to the township hall.

Venier said the Hale Township recycling shed does report a much higher tonnage in recycling than other townships.

Bebo and Councilor Nolan Johnson questioned if vandalism is less of an issue with the shed being in town.

"My recommendation would be to get rid of everything and keep one roll-off for cardboard and one roll-off for everything else, especially if they are moving to a one-sort operation," Councilor Eric Nelson said.

Councilors decided to recommend to Homan to increase collection at the site and to consider removing the shed and replacing the bins with a one-sort container.

## Free health insurance counseling for seniors

The Senior LinkAge Line has trained specialists and volunteers available to help answer questions and simplify life.

Specialists and volunteers can provide assistance with Medicare, supplemental insurance, long-term care insurance, Medicare savings programs, prescription drugs, forms assistance and much more.

The outreach site is at the Hutchinson Event Center. A

trained specialist is available the last Tuesday of each month from 10 a.m. to noon in Hutchinson.

Also, one may contact the Senior LinkAge Line at 1-800-333-2433, if one needs to schedule help with a specialist or volunteer at a different time and/or location.

The Senior LinkAge Line is a service of the Minnesota Board on Aging and the Minnesota River Area Agency on Aging, Inc.

# County's snow removal costs still less than 2012-13 season

By Lori Copley  
Staff Writer

The harsh winter season has yet to severely impact McLeod County's winter road maintenance costs, the County Board heard at its Feb. 18 meeting.

County Engineer John Brunkhorst presented the County Board with a graph comparing winter maintenance costs in terms of salt and sand, diesel and overtime over the past several years.

As of mid-February, the county has spent about \$105,000 on salt and sand, about \$50,000 on diesel and \$30,000 on overtime.

Figures from the 2012-13 snow season show that the county spent about \$190,000 on salt and sand, \$130,000 on diesel and about \$35,000 on overtime, which was the most costly winter in the past eight

years.

The county spent the least in the winter of 2011-12, with about \$65,000 on salt and sand, a similar amount for diesel and about \$15,000 on overtime.

In other business Feb. 18, the County Board:

- Renewed its agreement with the city of Silver Lake in which the city will have use of part of the county's Silver Lake maintenance shed in exchange for the city plowing and sweeping county-owned streets within the city limits.

Brunkhorst said the county will retain two stalls in the shed for recycling purposes, and the county also will keep an option to stockpile sand and gravel on the site.

The county intends to move into its new maintenance shed being constructed between Sil-

ver Lake and Lester Prairie sometime this spring, Brunkhorst indicated.

Brunkhorst also said the city of Lester Prairie is looking at a similar agreement for use of the soon-to-be vacant county shed in Lester Prairie.

- Sold two used and replaced pieces of highway equipment on the bid system. A 1977 Caterpillar loader was sold to Troyco Concrete & Masonry, Inc., of Prior Lake for \$34,101. The county had set a minimum bid of \$20,500 on the loader.

The county's 2000 Sterling sign truck was sold to the Lincoln County Highway Department in Ivanhoe for a price of \$35,100. A minimum bid of \$12,000 had been set for the sign truck.

- Heard that Brunkhorst has been elected the president of

the Minnesota County Engineers Association, and approved his participation in out-of-state meetings. The costs of the meetings will be paid by the association, not McLeod County.

- Approved a new contract with Aviands Food Service for the jail meal program. The price per meal will increase by 2 cents, or to \$241.99 total cost per day from \$238.41 per day. The annual cost will be \$128,639.35, an increase of about \$703 over 2013.

- Agreed to buy a new 2014 Ford Interceptor squad car to replace a 2009 Impala that was totaled in a crash. The new car will cost \$24,105 on the state-bid system, and the county will receive \$11,704, less the \$1,000 deductible, for the totaled car through insurance, Sheriff Scott Rehmann said.

## County Board discusses HHS building

By Lori Copley  
Staff Writer

The McLeod County Board of Commissioners is still looking into the problem of chilly offices at its Health and Human Services (HHS) building on Ford Avenue.

Board Chair Paul Wright said at the commissioners' Feb. 18 meeting that he and Commissioner Kermit Terlingen had looked at the possibility of infloor heat for three of the coldest offices in the building.

However, that option, which would include lifting the existing carpet and installing the heat, would be about \$10,000 for those three offices, Wright said, which is cost-prohibitive.

That possibility, along with the addition of space heaters and an upgrade of the electrical system to accommodate extra heating, are only tempo-

rary solutions, Wright added.

Using space heaters is not "exactly the wisest option," for supplementing the existing heating system, but it should get the county through to spring.

Along with possible safety hazards, the space heaters are costing the county an additional \$487 monthly in electrical costs. Infloor heat would drive electrical costs up about \$271 per month, Wright indicated.

However, Wright said, the county still needs to look into long-term solutions for the building.

"We can't keep kicking the can down the road," said Wright. "We need to pick it up and do something with it."

The county already has hired a consultant to do a study of the exterior walls, or "envelope," of the building to come

up with possible solutions for making the building more energy efficient. Wright said those plans should also include fixes that will allow the county to add on to the building, if needed.

In other business, County Administrator Pat Melvin suggested having John McNamara of Wold Architects come to a workshop in April to "discuss our master plan" for facilities.

Melvin said the make-up of the County Board has changed

significantly since the last time the commissioners reviewed the plan, and ideas for future direction may have changed.

Also on tap for a future workshop, probably March 4, will be the state demographer to discuss population statistics for McLeod County.

Melvin indicated that an April 8 workshop will focus on the possibility of adopting the international building code for the county.

### Thank You

We would like to thank everyone who helped make the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Ice Golf Tournament a success. We were able to raise over \$500 that will be donated to the Silver Lake summer recreation program. A huge thank you goes to Frank Motor Co. of Hutchinson for the use of their plow truck and for donating fuel for the truck. Thanks to Ryan Sturges and Eric Inselmann for spending numerous hours building an amazing course. Thank you to Harvey Mikolichuk and Bruce Exsted for donating the fire pit and firewood. Finally, a thanks to everyone who braved the wind and cold and participated in the event. We hope everyone had a great time!

Sincerely, Silver Lake Municipal Liquors

## Juvenile diabetes fundraiser set March 1 at Blue Note

A juvenile diabetes fundraiser is set for Saturday, March 1, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Blue Note Ballroom in Winsted. The theme is "Spring Into Action and Help Find a Cure."

All money raised will go to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

The fundraiser includes a variety of activities and events, including a bake sale, silent auction, crafters and small businesses, a kids' carnival and live music by "Total

Country Band."

Donated diabetic supplies, like meters, sealed test strips and syringes also will help benefit those with diabetes in financial hardship.

The event is sponsored by Common Cup Ministry of Hutchinson.

## Menu

March 3-7  
Silver Lake  
Senior Nutrition Site

Monday — Swedish meatballs, paprika potatoes, spinach, bread, margarine, ice cream, low-fat milk.

Tuesday — Liver or pepper steak, buttered boiled potatoes, carrots, bread, margarine, scalloped apples, low-fat milk.

Wednesday — Salmon loaf, mashed potatoes, creamed peas, dinner roll, margarine, pudding dessert, low-fat milk.

Thursday — Chicken chow mein, rice, chow mein noodles, oriental vegetables, mandarin orange gelatin, brownie, low-fat milk.

Friday — Creamy vegetable soup, egg salad sandwich, tropical fruit, crackers, margarine, cookie, low-fat milk.

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# Daydreaming about travel plans

This wintry weather is going to get me in an accident, and not because of the ice build-up at intersections and slick roadways, but because I've been getting so lost in thought, daydreaming about summer, that I blew through a stop sign on Highway 15 Monday night.

Now I know it's February, and these subzero temperatures and inches upon inches of snowfall are normal in Minnesota, but pretty much since January I've been daydreaming of climbing mountains, kayaking rivers and hiking through lush woodlands.

Chock it up to cabin fever, but my mind has been elsewhere lately.

Now I would consider myself a daydreamer anyway, but it's definitely gotten worse since I received my tax refund.

I live for that annual meeting with our accountant to find out if I'm "making" any money back from the government, and each year, I vow to use the extra cash to travel somewhere exotic. I used my first generous rebate to fund my trip through Central America in 2010.

And this year, I'm thinking New Zealand.

The country has always been at the top of my "Places to Visit" list, and since I'm not in any weddings this year, I can use the extra cash instead for traveling!

I can't tell you enough how exciting this is.

I've spent my free time in the last month researching New Zealand, drooling over pictures of its mountain ranges, breathtaking ocean views, and making plans to do everything adventurous, from bungee jumping to skydiving

## The Travel Section

By Alyssa Schauer



to whale watching to cliff rappelling to exploring the landscape of J.R.R. Tolkien's "Middle Earth."

(He authored the Lord of the Rings trilogy and "The Hobbit," books about adventure and elves, wizards, dwarves, goblins, men, and hobbits; the Lord of the Rings movies were filmed in New Zealand. And yes, I'm sort of a huge nerd.)

To get started on planning this trip, I purchased Lonely Planet's "Australia and New Zealand On A Shoestring: Big Trips on Small Budgets," and haven't stopped reading.

The book outlines inexpensive places to eat, stay, visit and highlights itineraries for those with limited incomes. The book even discloses the average price of beer in New Zealand.

It's a great read.

So yes, I've been daydreaming more than usual lately, and on my snowy drive home from a tortellini dinner with some friends in Lester Prairie Monday evening, I was so fed up with winter, I got lost in thought and forgot about driving.

I was thinking about the warm sun on my shoulders, feeling the soft green grass between my toes as I run through the yard at Grandma Alice's farm, and the smell of roasted marshmallows over a large crackling bonfire.

I was daydreaming about summer sunrises on Silver Lake, and that feeling of cutting the still water with my kayak paddle as I venture to the other side.

When all of a sudden, I spotted the "JCT 15" sign approaching rapidly.

I knew the intersection was coming up, but it arrived sooner than I planned. I hit the brakes and swerved left and right before skidding right through the intersection of County Road 22 and Highway 15, coming to a complete stop on the other side of the intersection.

Thank the Lord there were no cars coming, but I felt foolish sitting on the other side of the road.

I looked out my windows to see if any other cars or neighboring residences would have seen that embarrassing driving example, and then I looked around to spot any red and blue flashing lights from cops staking out nearby.

What would you even tell them? I thought to myself.

That I was pretending I was in a kayak while driving? I might have been committed for sure.

So now, I've vowed to control my daydreaming, or I might just be using that tax refund on a new(er) vehicle.

## Tracing Roots

By Ron Pulkrabek



## Stepping behind the Iron Curtain

**Author's note: The following are recollections from my notes 25 years ago. Somehow it does not seem that long ago.**

Perhaps some of you have forgotten about the Iron Curtain or even the Berlin Wall. After World War II, in 1945, Prime Minister Churchill and President Truman signed an agreement, more or less, giving at least eight countries, including Poland and Czechoslovakia and 110 million people, to Stalin of Russia.

They were subjected to brutal treatment under six years of Nazi rule, were denied freedom and were physical and mental prisoners to Russia and Communism domination for an additional 45 years.

Czechoslovakia had only 21 years of freedom since it was formed.

The Iron Curtain was a strip of land averaging about 200 feet wide and about 1,000 miles long of "no-man's land," heavily guarded by armed soldiers, German Shepherd dogs, land mines, miles and miles of barbed wire fences, towers and search lights.

It was built to keep the 110 million people from fleeing to freedom in the West. It kept people in and information "out."

This absolutely ripped the heart out of the towns, the farms, the countryside and the people. It was best to learn German, then Russian. Stalin had already killed 20 million of his own people and at least 10 of his close family members.

In August 1985, six members of our family crossed this Iron Curtain and found our long lost relatives, Jirka (George) and Jana, who had been lost to our families for over 50 years.

Most of our family came to America in 1857. We made brief contact with Jana by mail, ordered our visas from the Czech Embassy, pre-paid our hotel in Prague, purchased our required hotel food coupons in the USA, rented a Volkswagen mini-bus in Munich, Germany, and headed for the Czech border.

I will not tell you their last

## St. Patrick's Day parade set March 15

The 27th-annual Silver Lake St. Patrick's Day parade is set for Saturday, March 15, starting at 2 p.m. sharp from the Glencoe-Silver Lake Lakeside Elementary school.

All Irish and "Irish in heart" are welcome to be in the parade. There are no forms to fill out and no one to call — just get out the green and be at the parade around 1:30 p.m.

The parade will begin at Lakeside and will end at the intersection of Main Street and Park Avenue (formally Kaz's Auto Service Station.)

Respect for the American flag will be observed by all as the flag passes by in the parade.

The "Irish After Glow" following the parade will be held at the Silver Lake American Legion Club in the northwest room for a family-oriented get-together.

Everyone is invited to this Irish festivity for Irish music and good cheer.

Erin Go Bragh! (Ireland Forever!)

## Down Memory Lane

Compiled by Margaret Benz



**75 YEARS AGO - MARCH 4, 1939** — The District 12 Boys Basketball Tournament will be held on Friday, March 3, at the new gym at Hutchinson High School. The boys from Silver Lake High School meet Hector for the first game opening the tournament.

The newly organized Commercial Club is seeking action in the long-delayed improvement of Trunk Highway No. 7, particularly between Silver Lake and St. Bonifacius. It adopted a resolution to be signed and forwarded to Rep. Dammann, Sen. Nelsen and the state highway department.

Magdalen Ardolf led Silver Lake High School's Declamatory representatives at the sub-district contest on Monday evening by taking first-place honors in the humorous division. Magdalen will be eligible as a contestant in the district Declamatory contest.

On Wednesday forenoon, the Silver Lake Fire Department made a quick run to the Albin Svihel home northwest of Silver Lake to extinguish a chimney fire that threatened the barn and other buildings.

James Witucki will hold an auction at the Dan Merchant farm, 3-1/2 miles northeast of Silver Lake, on Tuesday, March 7.

Having sold his farm two miles east of Silver Lake on Highway 7, Harry Smigleski will hold an auction on Friday, March 10.

At the annual Silver Lake Farmers Shipping Association meeting held last Friday, Ben Vorlicek was re-elected president; Tom Posusta, vice president; Albin Svihel, secretary and treasurer; and Joseph Chap, Art Hudec, and Anton Kaczmarek as directors.

Jesse Pericle, 62, who was born and raised in Silver Lake, died last week Sunday at his apartment in the Hotel Jorgenson. Funeral services were held on Wednesday afternoon at Quast's Funeral Home in Hutchinson.

Funeral services for Joseph Janecky, 86, were held on Wednesday in Hutchinson.

Michael Kaczmarek, 72, died Saturday morning, Feb. 25, at his home in Hale Township. Funeral services were held on Tuesday, Feb. 28, at the St. Adalbert's Church.

**50 YEARS AGO - FEB. 27, 1964** — Knights of Columbus Council 1841 will hold its fish fry on Friday, Feb. 28, at the Silver Lake Auditorium. Serving of the walleye pike begins at 5 p.m. and continues until 9 p.m.

Gehlen Farm Service is holding a Leap Year Bonus Dollar Day Special on Saturday, Feb. 29, with \$1 off on all seed orders, \$1 discount on all Purina feeds, plus more specials. Free coffee also will be served.

Ronald Miskovsky, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Miskovsky, left for six months of military training at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., on Feb. 5. Pvt. E 1 David Horejsi recently graduated from NCO at Fort Knox, Ky. Glen Pilarski, son of Mr. and Mrs. Phil Pilarski, left Feb. 10 for Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., after enlisting in the army for three years.

The 44th-annual meeting of the stockholders of the Farmers Produce Co., Inc., will be held at the Produce building in Silver Lake on Thursday, March 5.

The McLeod County Egg Show is scheduled

for March 5 at the Silver Lake Community Building.

Joseph H. Neumann suffered a fatal heart attack while driving on a Winsted-Sherman Station road.

Darlene Wosmek, 13, and Veronica Nowak, 19, remain hospitalized in Glencoe following a collision of two cars at the junction of County Road 2 and County Road 24, just south of Silver Lake, on Tuesday morning. Also hospitalized but released were Otto Wosmek, who was driving his children to school, and the other three children, Wendell 12, Darylce 10, and Randall 7. Veronica was on her way to work in Glencoe.

Mrs. Sophie Wanous, 91, passed away on Thursday morning, Feb. 27, at her home in Rich Valley Township. Funeral services will be held on Sunday, March 1, at the Maresh Funeral Chapel.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Pokornowski are the parents of a son born on Feb. 22.

**25 YEARS AGO - MARCH 2, 1989** — On Friday, March 3, at the Silver Lake Auditorium, the Silver Lake Knights of Columbus will be holding its annual fish fry.

The kickoff for the Silver Lake Centennial Celebration begins on Sunday, March 5, with a birthday party at the Silver Lake Auditorium.

The cast for Silver Lake's Centennial play, "Spirit of Silver Lake," written and directed by Millie Beneke, is presently rehearsing at the Silver Lake Auditorium. Over 50 Silver Lake-area people will appear in the show, which will open on April 7 at the Silver Lake Auditorium, and run for three performances, April 7-9. Kathy Horejsi Neubarth is the assistant director. The total number of people involved in the production climbs to over 80.

The annual meeting of the Silver Lake Cooperative Shipping Association will be held on Monday, March 6, in the Silver Lake Legion Club rooms.

Sunday proved to be a busy day for the Silver Lake Fire Department. At 10:45 a.m., it was called to assist the Glencoe Fire Department with a house fire located at the Willard Christianson farm north of Glencoe on the St. George road. Shortly before noon, the department received a call to the Neil Posusta garage where there was a fire around the chimney area in the repair shop.

Donald Lundstrom, 68, passed away on Feb. 16 at Ridgeview Hospital, Waconia. Funeral services were held on Saturday, Feb. 18, from St. John's Lutheran Church, Winsted.

Lydia Tschimperle, 83, passed away on Monday, Feb. 20, at St. Mary's Nursing Home, Winsted. Funeral services were held on Thursday, Feb. 23, from the St. Joseph Catholic Church in Hopkins.

Clarence Wawrzyniak, 65, passed away on Sunday, Feb. 26, in Chicago, Ill. Funeral services will be held on Thursday, March 2, in Chicago.

James Trnka, 83, passed away on Tuesday, Feb. 28, at the Glencoe Area Health Center. Funeral services will be held on Friday, March 3, from the Czech Brethren Presbyterian Church in Silver Lake.

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## Kitchen Delights & Other Things



### Corn Bread-Topped Chicken Chili

#### Ingredients:

1 can (16 ounces) kidney beans, rinsed and drained  
 2 cans (2-1/4 ounces each) sliced ripe black olives, drained  
 1 cup frozen whole kernel corn, thawed and drained  
 1 cup tomato juice  
 1 can (4 ounces) chopped green chilies, drained  
 2 tablespoons minced fresh cilantro  
 1 tablespoon chili powder  
 1/2 teaspoon ground chipotle pepper  
 1 small onion, finely chopped  
 1 small sweet red pepper, chopped  
 2 tablespoons canola oil, divided  
 2 garlic cloves, minced  
 1-1/4 pounds boneless skinless chicken breasts, cubed  
 2 tablespoons cornstarch  
 1/2 teaspoon salt, divided  
 1 cup cornmeal  
 2 teaspoons baking powder  
 1/2 teaspoon baking soda  
 1/2 cup 2% milk

#### Directions:

In a 4-quart slow cooker, combine the first eight ingredients. In a large skillet, saute onion and red pepper in 1 tablespoon oil until tender. Add garlic; cook 1 minute longer. Transfer to slow cooker. In a small bowl, toss chicken with cornstarch and 1/4 teaspoon salt; stir into bean mixture. Cover and cook on low for 3-4 hours or until chicken is tender. In a small bowl, combine the cornmeal, baking powder, baking soda and remaining salt. Stir in milk and remaining oil. Drop by tablespoons over chicken mixture. Cover and cook 1 hour longer or until a toothpick inserted in center of topping comes out clean.

### Rosemary Sweet Potato Fries

#### Ingredients:

3 tablespoons olive oil  
 1 tablespoon minced fresh rosemary  
 1 garlic clove, minced  
 1 teaspoon cornstarch  
 3/4 teaspoon salt  
 1/8 teaspoon pepper

3 large sweet potatoes, peeled and cut into 1/4-inch julienned strips (about 2-1/4 pounds)

#### Directions:

In a large re-sealable plastic bag, combine the first six ingredients. Add sweet potatoes; shake to coat. Arrange in a single layer on two 15-inch by 10-inch by 1-inch baking pans coated with cooking spray. Bake, uncovered, at 425° for 30-35 minutes or until tender and lightly browned, turning occasionally.

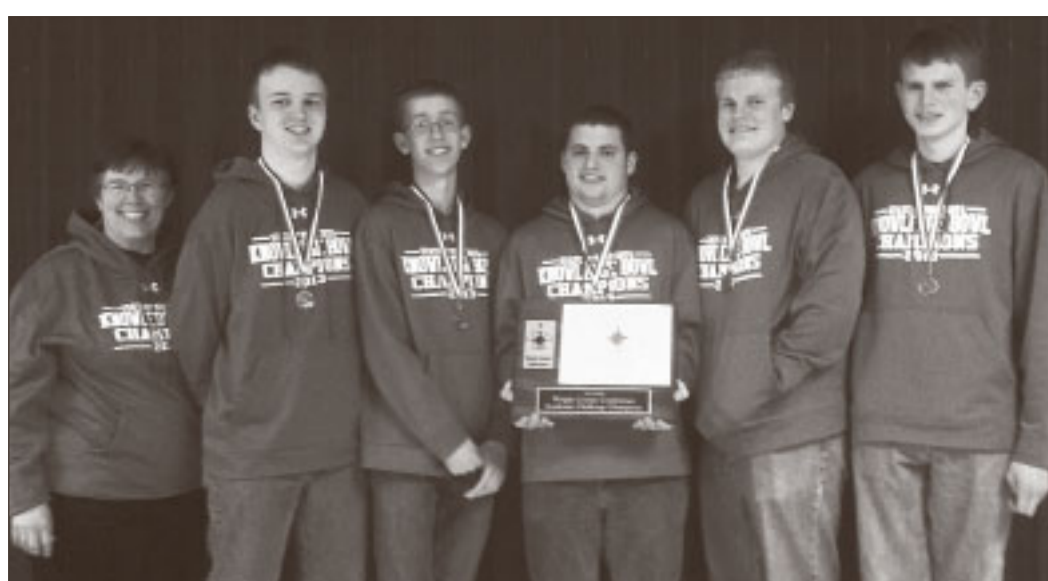
### French Toast Cupcakes

#### Ingredients:

1/2 cup butter, softened  
 1-1/2 cups sugar  
 2 eggs  
 2 teaspoons vanilla extract  
 2 cups all-purpose flour  
 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon  
 1/2 teaspoon baking powder  
 1/2 teaspoon baking soda  
 1/4 teaspoon salt  
 1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg  
 1-1/3 cups buttermilk  
**Maple butter cream frosting:**  
 1/2 cup butter, softened  
 1/4 cup shortening  
 1/2 cup maple syrup  
 Dash salt  
 2-1/2 cups confectioners' sugar  
 6 bacon strips, cooked and crumbled, optional

#### Directions:

In a large bowl, cream butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Beat in vanilla. Combine the flour, cinnamon, baking powder, baking soda, salt and nutmeg; add to the creamed mixture alternately with buttermilk, beating well after each addition. Fill paper-lined muffin cups two-thirds full. Bake at 350° for 17-22 minutes or until a toothpick inserted near the center comes out clean. Cool for 10 minutes before removing from pans to wire racks to cool completely. For frosting, in a small bowl, beat butter and shortening until fluffy. Beat in maple syrup and salt. Add confectioners' sugar; beat until smooth. Frost cupcakes. Sprinkle with bacon if desired.



Submitted photo

The GSL Knowledge Bowl team "Chaos" captured the recent WCC Academic Challenge. Team members include, from left, Coach Vicky Harris, Jacob Wawrzyniak, Chandler Swift, Ethan Bass, Patrick Fehrenbach and Mark Broderius.

## GSL Knowledge Bowl wins WCC Academic Challenge

On Tuesday, Feb. 18, Glencoe-Silver Lake hosted the third meet of the Wright County Conference Academic Challenge season and GSL made it a clean sweep to win the conference championship.

Academic Challenge is a new activity for the Wright County Conference, and involves teams which participate in Quiz Bowl or Knowledge Bowl.

There were two previous meets in December and January, both won by GSL. But this was the final meet, so it determined the championship for the year.

Each school is allowed to bring up to three teams, but some schools bring only one or two. The meet is similar to, but shorter than, a Knowledge Bowl meet, with a 30-question written round followed by three 45-question oral rounds.

At Tuesday's meet, nine teams participated from Holy Family Catholic, Hutchinson, Mound-Westonka and GSL.

GSL's "Chaos" began the meet in second place with a written score of 25, competing in Room 1 with two teams from Holy Family. Chaos won that round 18-12-5.

In the second round, Hutchinson moved up to take second place, and GSL floundered, with Holy Family winning the round with 16, and GSL only scoring 9.

For the third round, GSL's second team, "2 Good 4 U" moved up to Room 1 and Hutchinson dropped to Room 2.

The spread between the top four teams was only five points, and things were looking a little tense, said GSL coach Vicky Harris. "It was possible to imagine Hutchinson moving into first place from Room 2, but also possible for any of the teams in Room 1 to win."

Chaos pulled 19 points out of round three, with Holy Family scoring 12, and Hutchinson scoring 15 in Room 2.

## Legal Notices

### Rich Valley Township

#### RICH VALLEY TOWNSHIP ANNUAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given to the residents of Rich Valley Township, County of McLeod, State of Minnesota, that the Annual Town Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 11, 2014. In case of inclement weather the meeting may be postponed until the third Tuesday in March.

The annual meeting will commence at 7 p.m. to conduct all necessary business prescribed by law.

The annual meeting will be held at the following location: Rich Valley Township Hall, 16543 Ideal Avenue, Glencoe, MN 55336.

Theresa Rusten  
 Town Clerk, Town of Rich Valley  
 (Published in The Silver Lake Leader February 28 & March 6, 2014)

## Church News

### GRACE BIBLE CHURCH

300 Cleveland Ave., Silver Lake  
**Dr. Tom Rakow, Pastor**  
 320-327-2265  
<http://silverlakechurch.org>  
 Sat., March 1 — Men's Bible study, 7 a.m.; women's Bible study, 9 a.m.  
 Sun., March 2 — "First Light" radio broadcast on KARP 106.9 FM, 7:30 a.m.; fellowship and refreshment time, 9 a.m.; pre-service prayer time, 9:15 a.m.; worship, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday school for all ages, 10:35 a.m.; Centershoot Archery Ministry, 1 p.m.  
 Wed., March 5 — Soup supper, 5:30 p.m.; Confirmation class, 6 p.m.; Lenten service, 7 p.m.  
 Sat., March 8 — Men's Bible study, 7 a.m.  
 Dial-A-Bible Story, 320-327-2843.

### FAITH PRESBYTERIAN

108 W. Main St., Silver Lake  
 320-327-2452  
 Fax 320-327-6562  
 E-mail: [faithfriends@embarqmail.com](mailto:faithfriends@embarqmail.com)  
 Carol Chmielewski, pastor  
 Office hours: Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.  
 Sun., March 2 — Handbell practice, 8:45 a.m.; worship service with fellowship to follow, 10 a.m.  
 Wed., March 5 — Presbyterian Women meeting, 1:30 p.m.; Ash Wednesday service, 6:30 p.m.

### CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY

700 W. Main St., Silver Lake  
**Anthony Stubeda, Pastor**  
 Thurs., Feb. 27 — Mass at Cedar Crest, 10:30 a.m.; area pastoral council at Holy Family, 7 p.m.  
 Fri., Feb. 28 — Mass, 8 a.m.  
 Sat., March 1 — Youth group bake sale preparation at St. Pius X, 8 a.m.; Life Touch photo sessions, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; reconciliation, 5:30 p.m.; Mass, 6:30 p.m.; St. Pius X, Holy Family youth group bake sale after Mass.  
 Sun., March 2 — Mass, 8 a.m.; St. Pius X, Holy Family youth group bake sale after Mass; Mass, 8 p.m.  
 Mon., March 3 — No Mass; quilting, 9 a.m.; KC 4th degree meeting, Winsted, 7 p.m.  
 Tues., March 4 — Mass, 8 a.m.; eucharistic adoration 8:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Life Touch photo sessions, 2 p.m.-9 p.m.; Area Word at

Holy Family, 7 p.m.  
 Wed., March 5 — Ash Wednesday Mass, 8 a.m.; Life Touch photo sessions, 2 p.m.-9 p.m.; KC fish fry set-up, 7:15 p.m.; no religious education classes; Mass, 7:15 p.m.  
 Thurs., March 6 — Mass at Cedar Crest, 10:30 a.m.; Life-Touch photo sessions, 2 p.m.-9 p.m.; CCW, 7 p.m.  
 Fri., March 7 — Mass, 8 a.m.; First Friday calls; LifeTouch photo sessions, 2 p.m.-9 p.m.; Holy Family KC Fish Fry and CCW Bake Sale at Silver Lake Auditorium, 4:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.; Stations of the Cross, 6 p.m.

### WORD OF LIFE CHURCH

950 School Rd. S.W., Hutchinson  
 320-587-9443  
 E-mail: [infor@loversoftruth.com](mailto:infor@loversoftruth.com)  
**Jim Hall, Pastor**  
 Sun., March 2 — 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., March 2 — 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](mailto:assembly@hutchtel.net)  
**Dr. Lee Allison, pastor**  
 Sun., March 2 — 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](mailto:jmm@hutchtel.net)  
 Sun., March 2 — Sunday school, 9 a.m.; worship, 10:15 a.m.

### ST. PIUS X CHURCH

1014 Knight Ave., Glencoe  
**Anthony Stubeda, Pastor**  
 Thurs., Feb. 27 — GRHS-LTC Mass, 10:30 a.m.; CCW birthday party at GRHS-LTC, 1:15 p.m.; junior choir, 2:50 p.m.  
 Fri., Feb. 28 — Morning prayer, 8 a.m.; school Mass, 8:20

a.m.; Spanish Mass, 5:30 p.m.; Catholic United Financial (CUF) raffle tickets due in office.

Sat., March 1 — St. Pius X, Holy Family youth group bake sale preparation, 8 a.m.; Spanish baptism session, 1 p.m.; reconciliation, 4 p.m.; St. Pius X, Holy Family bake sale; Mass, 5 p.m.

Sun., March 2 — St. Pius X, Holy Family bake sale; Mass, 9:30 a.m.; Spanish Mass and baptisms, 11:30 a.m.; Spanish religious education for children and adults, 12:45 p.m.; HM parent meeting; Mass at Holy Family, Silver Lake, 8 p.m.

Mon., March 3 — No Mass; principals meeting.

Tues., March 4 — Morning prayer, 8 a.m.; Mass, 8:20 a.m.; HM adult catechesis; Area Word meeting, Holy Family, 7 p.m.

Wed., March 5 — Ash Wednesday; morning prayer, 8 a.m.; Mass, 8:20 a.m.; no religious education classes; Spanish Mass, 5:30 p.m.; Mass, 7:15 p.m.

### SHALOM BAPTIST CHURCH

1215 Roberts Rd. SW., Hutchinson  
**Rick Stapleton, senior pastor**  
**Adam Krumrie, worship pastor/director of student ministries**  
 Sun., March 2 — 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., March 3 — 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., March 2 — Worship with communion, 9 a.m.; fellowship, 10 a.m.; confirmation and Sunday school, 10:15 a.m.

Wed., March 5 — Ash Wednesday soup and supper, 6 p.m.; mid-week Lenten service, 7 p.m.

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## "Biggest LOSERS" Challenge UPDATE

### Weight Loss Percentage for February 25, 2014:

1. Flab-u-Less	42.54%	19. Moovers	10.94%
2. Muffin Top Droppers	31.36%	20. Lovely Losers	10.24%
3. Goodbye One Roll at a Time	28.83%	21. Three Little Pigs & A Kick Stand	9.94%
4. In It to Thin It	26.29%	22. Weapons of Mass Reduction	8.79%
5. Got Fat	26.25%	23. Champs	8.04%
6. Masters of the Cupcakes	24.99%	24. Fat Free Bakers	7.78%
7. The Frozen Four	24.69%	25. Fat Kicking Nijas	7.77%
8. Hungry Hippos	20.93%	26. PHAT	7.41%
9. Hideous Existors	19.48%	27. Wanna Bees	6.51%
10. Pinch an Inch	19.06%	28. Healthy Hearts	6.28%
11. We have Issues	17.57%	29. Marss++++	5.36%
12. Hot Tubs	14.48%	30. Loss Cause	5.31%
13. That's Not Sweat, That's my Fat Crying	14.43%	31. Gut Busters	5.05%
14. Sweet 60's	13.99%	32. Thin It To Win It	4.95%
15. Mission Slimpossible	12.49%	33. Baby bump Busters	4.89%
16. Cheese and Crackers	12.24%	34. Sassy Classy Ladies	3.36%
17. Dream Team	11.94%	35. Baby Steps	1.35%
18. Perfection In Progress	11.33%	36. Para Pounds	0%

**Total Weight Loss: 1051 lbs.**

**Top Individual Weight Losses:**

1) 34.6 lbs. 2) 30.4 lbs. 3) 29.0 lbs.

\* Percent of weight loss per team is the competitive number used.

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*Good Luck to our teams! Watch for weekly results to be posted.*

**SAMPLE BALLOT**

Judge \_\_\_\_\_ Judge \_\_\_\_\_

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 TOWN OF HALE, MINNESOTA  
 MARCH 11, 2014

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TOWN SUPERVISOR  
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TOWN CLERK  
 VOTE FOR ONE

TOWN ENGINEER  
 VOTE FOR ONE

TOWN STAFFER  
 VOTE FOR ONE

HALE TWP 0055

## HALE TOWNSHIP

### Notice of Annual Meeting & Election of Officers

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of Hale Township, County of McLeod, State of Minnesota, that the Annual Election of Town Officers and Annual Town Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 11, 2014.

In case of inclement weather, the Meeting and Election will be postponed until the third Tuesday in March (March 18, 2014).

The election poll hours will be from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., at which time the voters will elect:

**One (1) Supervisor – Three (3) Year Term**  
**One (1) Clerk – Two (2) Year Term**

The Annual Meeting will commence at 8:15 p.m. to discuss the usual business of the Township.

The Annual Election and Meeting will be held at the following location:

Hale Town Hall  
 9527 220th St.  
 Silver Lake, MN

Tammy Stifter  
 Hale Township Clerk

## GSL Winter Sports

### BOYS' BASKETBALL

**December**

06...at Bloomington Jefferson .....L,68-36  
 07...at NYA .....W,73-48  
 10...at Hutchinson .....W,66-59  
 12...Dassel-Cokato .....W,47-37  
 17...at Annandale .....L,62-54  
 28...Belle Plaine .....W,79-72

**January**

03...Sibley East .....W,57-55  
 04...at Jordan .....L,63-43  
 09...at BOLD .....W,66-52  
 10...Mound-Wtka .....W,77-60  
 14...at NLS .....W,66-63  
 17...at Orono .....L,73-55  
 21...Litchfield .....W,55-51  
 24...Hutchinson .....L,62-57  
 31...at Holy Family .....L,69-43

**February**

03...at Belle Plaine .....L,67-65  
 06...at Dassel-Cokato .....W,73-50  
 10...at Rocori .....L,64-53  
 11...NLS .....W,66-63  
 13...Annandale .....L,64-47  
 14...Waconia .....L,59-50  
 18...at Litchfield .....W,56-51  
 21...at Delano .....W,62-54  
 25...NYA .....W,49-29

### GIRLS' BASKETBALL

**December**

03...St. Peter .....W,60-42  
 07...at NYA .....W,39-33  
 10...Belle Paine .....W,68-35  
 13...New Ulm .....W,60-48  
 17...at New Prague .....L,62-30  
 20...Lester Prairie .....W,71-58  
 28...at MACCRAY .....W,58-23

**January**

03...at Sibley East .....W,49-40  
 10...at Mound-Wtka .....L,53-41  
 11...at Mayer Lutheran .....L,81-62  
 14...NLS .....L,62-52  
 17...Orono .....L,73-52  
 21...at Litchfield .....W,63-53  
 23...Willmar .....L,56-46  
 24...at Hutchinson .....L,72-52  
 31...Holy Family .....L,76-54

**February**

03...Rocori .....W,61-51  
 07...Dassel-Cokato .....L,73-58  
 10...at Annandale .....L,71-66  
 11...at NLS .....L,70-41  
 18...Litchfield .....W,67-48  
 21...Delano .....L,55-54  
 24...at Waconia .....L,122-115  
 25...Annandale .....L,62-47

### WRESTLING

**December**

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

**January**

02...Watertown-Mayer .....W,36-30  
 09...Orono .....W,65-14  
 09...Delano .....W,58-6  
 11...at Zimmermann Inv. ....3rd  
 18...at LCWM Inv. ....2nd  
 20...at Mound-Wtka .....L,41-29  
 21...at Waconia .....L,36-31  
 23...at Hutchinson .....L,61-8  
 30...LCWM .....L,33-24  
 30...ACGC .....L,48-24  
 30...Sibley East .....W,36-29  
 31...Conf. Tourney .....4th

**February**

06...New Prague .....L,50-17  
 07...at STMA .....L,65-6  
 13...Chaska .....W,72-9  
 13...at Waconia .....L,37-24

### GYMNASTICS

**January**

14...Litchfield .....L,123.375-103.125  
 17...at Dassel-Cokato .....L,120.775-101.6  
 18...GSL Inv. ....5th  
 21...St. Peter and Orono .....3rd  
 23...Waconia .....L,128.875-98.45  
 30...at Delano .....L,131.7-105.25

**February**

07...Mound-Wtka .....L,132.55-104.225  
 14...at Mankato (Sections) .....10th

### DANCELIN

**December**

12...at NLS Conf. Tourney .....10th  
 14...at Hutchinson Inv. ....6th

**January**

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

**February**

25...at NLS Inv. ....  
 01...at Mound-Wtka (Sections) .....10th



Silver Lake Leader photo by Josh Randt

**Steph Klockmann (right) makes her defensive presence felt as Litchfield's Macy Huhner puts up a shot during GSL's 67-48 victory. Klockmann joined the ranks of 1,000 point scorers with her 23-point performance against the Dragons.**

## Klockmann, Panthers are in the record books

By Josh Randt  
Sports Editor

It was a huge night Monday for the Glencoe-Silver Lake girls' basketball team, which lost to Waconia, 122-115, while setting a state record for most combined points in a game with 237.

Though, the loss is the team's second in a three-game span, and is also a state record for most points scored by a girls' team in a loss.

Senior post Steph Klockmann walked away with a career high 52 points, which looks to be a school record, while freshman point guard Maddie Monahan turned in 27.

Junior point guard for Waconia, Anna Scmitt, led all Wildcats with 21 points, though five players on the team scored in double digits.

Head coach Zach Otto-Fisher said Monday's shootout was the most fun he's had coaching all season.

"Yes, it is a shame that the girls couldn't pull out the win last night," Otto-Fisher said Tuesday. "It was one of those games that I am glad we played ... So far in the season, this is the most fun I've had coaching a game."

The 237 combined points broke the previous record of 216 set this year in a Waconia loss to Buffalo.

Of GSL's 115 points, 108 came from inside the paint, much to the delight of the head coach.

The problem was that Waconia made a record 23 three-pointers, while attempting 66. The score may lead one to be-

lieve there was no defense at all, but there were 87 free throws shot between the two teams.

GSL went 32-52 from the line, while Waconia shot 21-35.

GSL had a chance to seal the game in regulation when Sam Lange drew a foul with two seconds remaining and the score locked at 105.

The senior missed both, but Otto-Fisher said the loss is not on her.

"I told her after the game that she had a chance to win the game, but she did not lose it for us," Otto-Fisher said. "We missed a few easy buckets and free throws in the game. Those are the ones that come back to kick us in the butt later."

Remaining on the schedule for the girls was a Wright County Conference tilt that took place last night (Tuesday) at Annandale, and a game at Watertown-Mayer on Friday.

The first game of the playoffs will be Monday night for GSL, though seedings come out tonight (Wednesday).

Otto-Fisher said he wants his girls to be vicious in the coming games.

"We want to be vicious both physically, but also mentally in the game," said Otto-Fisher. "We need to attack the other team and take advantage of the mistakes they make."

### 1,000 points

Last Tuesday, Klockmann eclipsed the 1,000 point mark with her 23 points in the Panthers' 67-48 victory over Litchfield. She only needed 14, and was one shy at halftime, though

she admitted she lost count.



Silver Lake Leader photo by Josh Randt

**Steph Klockmann was all smiles with her game ball after surpassing 1,000 points versus Litchfield.**

"I lost track after about four," Klockmann said with a laugh after Tuesday's game. "It feels pretty good. I don't really feel like it's anything right now, it'll probably kick in later."

While she gets the milestone, the senior said it's in large part because of her teammates.

"I love my team, and I wouldn't have wanted it any other way," Klockmann said. "I would've never gotten this without my teammates."

The Panthers lost another close game Saturday when Delano came to town and escaped with a 55-54 win.

The Tigers keyed in on Klockmann, holding her to just seven points, while Maddie Monahan scored 19, 10 of which from the free-throw line.

## DeCorsey says it's 'all about mentality'

By Josh Randt  
Sports Editor

"It's going to be about our mentality," boys' head basketball coach Robb DeCorsey said of Tuesday's subsection game versus Norwood-Young America after the regular season came to an end last week. "Do

we want to bring it or not? That's what it's going to be about."

Despite being matched up with No. 6 seeded NYA, which GSL beat 73-48 back in December, DeCorsey said the key will be to get the ball inside.

"We need to contain their

three-pointers defensively, and we need to get the ball inside," DeCorsey said. "If we're smart enough to get the ball inside, we'll be a difficult team for NYA to beat."

The postseason started last night (Tuesday), and with a Panther win, GSL will face the

winner of Sibley East versus Jordan at New Prague High School on Friday, Feb. 28. A loss and the season is over.

GSL barely snuck by Sibley East back in January with a 57-55 victory. The next day it lost big, 63-43, to Jordan.

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Barring an injury or cancellation, Keaton Anderson should have reached 1,000 points during Tuesday's game against NYA. Anderson was five short of the mark after Saturday's victory over Delano.

## Jewett, Tesch and Clouse head to state

2 first-time state entrants and 1 returning for GSL/LP wrestlers; 7 place in all at Section 2 tourney

By Josh Randt  
Sports Editor

Saturday's Section 2 (Class AA) individual wrestling tournament in Mankato became the proving ground for Glencoe-Silver Lake/Lester Prairie wrestlers after their season came to a disappointing end.

Now, three Panthers move on to the Class AA individual state wrestling tournament this weekend.

Jacob Jewett returns to the Xcel Energy Center for the second year in a row after taking sixth place at 106 last year. He earned his way by winning a true second match 9-5 over fellow 115-pounder Dylan Pundsack from Hutchinson. Jewett lost to Scott West's Ben Kelvington 10-3, forcing the true second with Pundsack.

At 152, Nate Tesch makes his first state appearance as a junior after he pinned Owen

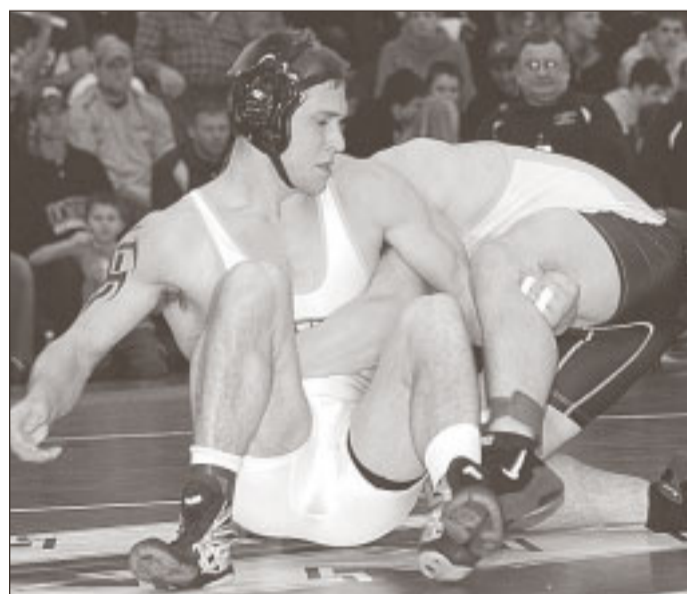
Hemze of Waconia during their true second match at 3:20, sealing his spot.

The win was especially sweet for Tesch, who lost to Hemze 11-8 when the team's season came to an end on Feb. 13.

The only Panther moving on to the tournament that didn't have to win a true second match is Dalton Clouse, who lost a close 6-4 decision to Hutch's Jake Filk during the 220 championship.

With the team's season ending the previous week in disappointment, head coach Lance Wurm said Saturday's performance was what he had been waiting for.

"They finally seemed relaxed," Wurm said. "They did what came naturally instead of forcing things. They let it come to them, and what (their opponents) gave them, they



Silver Lake Leader photo by Josh Randt

**Dalton Clouse (front) lost 6-4 to Hutchinson's Jake Filk in the 220-pound championship match. Clouse will make his first state appearance with a 24-5 record.**

took."

Seven GSL/LP wrestlers in all reached the podium Saturday, including sophomore 126-pounder Aaron Donnay, who won three of his four matches and earned third place; junior Brandon Richter, who also claimed third at 138; senior 145-pounder Michael Donnay who took third in a tough bracket, and lost his true second match to Aaron Sweeney of Watertown-Mayer; and sophomore Tristan Weber who finished fourth at 170.

The three remaining Panther grapplers now face their toughest test of the season when the state's best converge on St. Paul starting Friday.

First round of Class AA individuals starts at 11 a.m. with championship quarterfinals at 4:30 p.m. Saturday, consolation quarterfinals begin at 9:30

a.m. with championship and consolation semifinals following. Third and fifth place matches start at 4:30 p.m., championships at 7 p.m.

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GSL/LP sends one more wrestler than it did last year to the state tourney, despite not

boasting nearly as many 30-win wrestlers as last season.

The previous year, six Panthers finished with 31 wins or better. This year, only Jewett (34-6) and Aaron Donnay (31-11) eclipsed that mark in a season riddled with injuries and tough competition.

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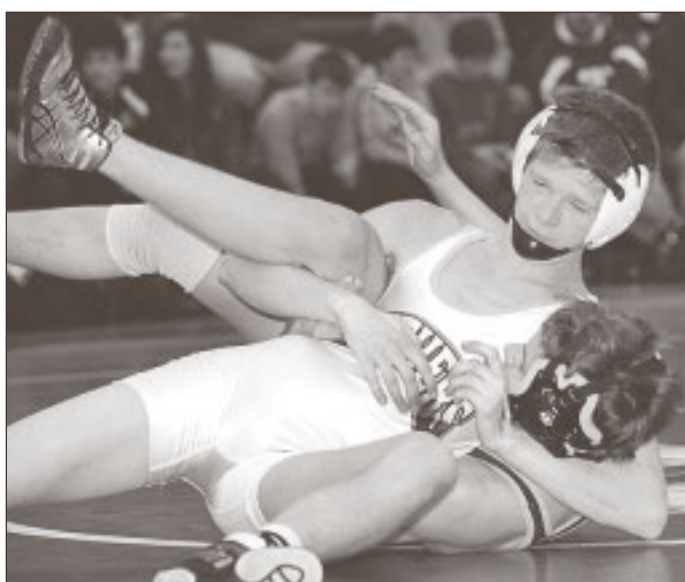
Making a surprise return Saturday was senior 182-pounder Jon Williams.

Williams was vacant from the lineup after dislocating his elbow two weeks before team sections.

"My arm was maybe at 10 percent," Williams admitted of Saturday. "But there was no way I wasn't going to wrestle."

His presence surprised everyone, including Wurm.

"I didn't think he was ever going to be able to wrestle (again)," Wurm said. "He probably would've hated me had I taken him out during the second match. The good thing was he didn't get hurt anymore, and he finished the way he wanted to."



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**Jacob Jewett (top) hooks up a reverse cradle on Dylan Pundsack of Hutchinson during their true second match at 113 pounds, which Jewett won 9-5 on Saturday.**



Silver Lake Leader photo by Josh Randt

**Nate Tesch (top) puts Waconia's Owen Hemze on his back during their 152 true second match. Tesch stuck him at 3:20 and takes a 22-15 record to state.**

# 3 GSL students to play with State Honor Band April 26-27

By Rich Glennie  
Editor

Much like a good sports program, Peter Gepson and Jaime Rossmiller have started a successful “feeder” system for the Glencoe-Silver Lake band program.

Gepson is the secondary band director at GSL Lincoln Junior High and the high school, while Rossmiller is the elementary band director at Lakeside in Silver Lake.

And that system is starting to produce results as three eighth-grade Lincoln Junior High students were recently selected to the Minnesota Band Directors Association’s State Honor Band for grades six through eight.

Selected for the second year in a row was Gepson’s son, Jack, who was named first trumpet for the State Honor Band.

“The highest score for trumpets,” the elder Gepson said.

Joining Jack Gepson April 26-27 at Edina High School will be Laura Popelka and Mariah Koester, both clarinet players. Popelka was selected as third seat and Koester 12th seat in the 16-member clarinet section.

“It’s a big deal,” Peter Gepson said. There were about 50 to 60 student auditions for the clarinet section, so being selected in quite an honor.

To have three from the same small school also is quite an honor, he added.

Peter Gepson said the MBDA State Honor Band program for high school students has been around for nearly 20 years, but there was never a state-level program for the younger musicians.

That changed several years ago, and now there are grades sixth through and grades nine-10 state honor bands, too.

The students audition by recording music, Gepson said. What used to be sent by audio



Chronicle photo by Rich Glennie

Three Glencoe-Silver Lake eighth-grade band students were selected to the Minnesota Band Director Association’s State Honor Band for grades six through eight.

They include, from left, Mariah Koester, clarinet; Jack Gepson, trumpet; and Laura Popelka, clarinet.

tape is now sent electronically, he added. The auditions are from students throughout Minnesota.

What is even more remarkable, Gepson said, is that most of the State Honor Band students are from the bigger, metro-area schools where many receive extensive private music lessons.

“There is not a lesson program at GSL,” Gepson said.

Gepson said he also never taught at the junior high level before coming to GSL.

As an active member of MBDA, Gepson said there is always talk about how to get more outstate schools involved. Many think they can-

not compete with the bigger metro schools, he added.

Of the 79 band students selected for the grades six through eight State Honor Band, only 14 are from outstate, and three of those at GSL students.

“The competition is tough,” Gepson added.

Gepson praised the work of Rossmiller at Lakeside in preparing the young musicians with the fundamentals by the time they come to the seventh-grade level. He said they are fundamentally sound by the time he gets them.

The addition of fifth-grade band back into the GSL schools several years ago was

a major decision that has improved the “feeder” system of music students.

Gepson said there would be no way the students would be as good as they are if they did not already have two years playing experience by the time they get to junior high.

“Give Jaime Rossmiller credit,” he stressed.

As to experiencing the State Honor Band last year, Jack Gepson said at that level “everyone is good. And the music is more challenging. It’s more fun.”

Popelka and Koester are about to experience that in April.

## People News

### Son born to Schimelpfenigs



Bri and Michael Schimelpfenig of Eden Prairie are proud to announce the birth of their son, Mason Michael, on Monday, Feb. 17, 2014, at Fairview Southdale Hospital. Mason weighed 8 pounds and was 21 inches long. Grandparents are Jerry and Mary Jo Schimelpfenig of Glencoe and Joe and Dori Kaczmarek of Silver Lake. Great-grandparents are Don and Shirley Harff of Watkins.

### Holy Trinity honor roll list

The following area students were named to the first quarter and second quarter “A” honor roll list at Holy Trinity Catholic School in Winsted: Katlyn Pokornowski, grade seven, daughter of David and Tammy Pokornowski of Silver Lake and Evelyn Penas, grade nine, daughter of Bob and Peni Penas of Silver Lake. On the “B” honor roll list for both quarters is Steph Hoffmann, grade nine, daughter of Tom and Bev Hoffmann of Silver Lake.

### Son born to Krcil family

Mark and Shelly Krcil of Hutchinson announce the birth of their son, Tyson Bennett, on Feb. 12, 2014, at Glencoe Regional Health Services. Tyson weighed 7 pounds, 10 ounces, and was 20 inches long. His big brother is Mason. Grandparents are Donnie and Vonnice Nowak of Silver Lake and Gary and Nancy Krcil of Glencoe.

### Girl for Sorensen, Eichten

Deanna Sorensen and Alton Eichten of Glencoe announce the birth of their daughter, Abby Ann Eichten, on Feb. 10, 2014, at Glencoe Regional Health Services. Abby weighed 7 pounds, 13 ounces, and was 20-1/2 inches long. She joins a sister, Emma Eichten. Grandparents are Ronald Brown of Glencoe, Dawn Eichten of Hutchinson, and Neil and Barb Sorensen of Apple Valley.

## Trailblazer Transit Board re-elects officers for '14

By Lori Copley  
Staff Writer

The Trailblazer Transit Joint Powers Board had its annual election of officers Thursday morning, unanimously re-electing the current slate for another year.

Those officers include, Bill Pinsky, Sibley County commissioner, as the chair; Kermit Terlinden, McLeod County commissioner, as the vice chair; and Ron Shimanski, McLeod County commissioner, as the recorder.

Other members of the Joint Powers Board are McLeod County Commissioner Sheldon Nies and Sibley County Commissioner Jim Swanson.

The Joint Powers Board also was introduced to Tonia Persons, who was hired as the operations manager about six weeks ago.

Persons said she had been the general manager of a restaurant for 13 years before being hired at Trailblazer. Per-

sons also said that she was enjoying learning about public transportation.

“I always thought public transit was for the elderly, but I’m finding that’s not true,” said Persons. “We serve people of all ages.”

Persons said the biggest challenge in her first six weeks has been finding qualified candidates to fill open driving positions.

In other business, Trailblazer Director Gary Ludwig said that several of Trailblazer’s buses will be used in the national bus rodeo in St. Paul in June.

The Joint Powers Board set a tentative meeting for March 20 to discuss any developments in the Wright County situation; and its regular business meeting for April 17. Both meetings are scheduled to start at 9 a.m., and both will be at the Trailblazer Transit facility in Glencoe.

## Weather Corner

By Jake Yurek



I officially punt on this winter! Not only did the storm that was supposed to hit a state away from us give us a direct hit, but apparently me saying we turned the corner on this winter was a bit premature.

I was punished for my poor prognosticating, though, as I got stuck in the blizzard at its peak. All I have to say is, “Wow!”

Another cold pool of Arctic air has built up and moved over the upper Midwest, knocking temperatures way below normal ... again! This is horrible news for roads as they continued to be extremely dicey well after the storm as the cold doesn’t allow for much improvement.

Highs this week through the weekend and into early next week may have a tough time getting out of the single digits with lows well below zero. Storms stay away until late weekend as a Pacific storm moves ashore.

Right now, we could see some snow showers Saturday with a weak impulse moving ahead of a bigger storm forecast to move into the central part of the country Sunday. Right now, it is aimed to our south, but we all know what happened the last time I said that, so keep posted to more up-to-date forecasts.

The good news is the cold pool of air is slowly running out of steam, and with the progression of a Pacific storm our way temperatures should slowly moderate back up at some point next week.

Have a great week, all. I almost hope the Sunday storm hits so we can say March came in like a lion, and we can be done with this winter once and for all. Happy March!

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Thursday — Highs -4 to 2; lows -17 to -11; clear  
Friday — Highs 0-6; lows -14 to -8; partly cloudy.  
Saturday — Highs 3-10; lows -12 to -6; partly cloudy/snow shower.  
Sunday — Highs 0-15; clouds/snow.

Weather Quiz: What are some of March’s weather extremes?

Answer to last week’s question: **Does our extremely cold winter have any connection to the extreme drought they’re seeing out West?** Short answer, yes. The west has been under an extremely strong high-pressure center most of the winter. This allowed cold air to build and filter in further south than it typically would. We won’t know until it is over, but this winter will definitely be in the top 10 of coldest winters on record. The somewhat weird part is we are well above average in snowfall as well, and typically you don’t see both snow and cold in the same winter.

Remember: I make the forecast, not the weather!

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## Trailblazer Transit, Wright County still working on possible transit merger

By Lori Copley  
Staff Writer

Progress toward Trailblazer Transit assuming the operation of public transit in Wright County is moving along, but may be hampered by political issues.

Trailblazer Transit Director Gary Ludwig updated the Trailblazer Joint Powers Board about the proposition, which is being pushed by the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT).

River Rider, a public transit system that serves Wright and Sherburne counties, is set to dissolve July 1. Sherburne County is looking in another direction for public transit, which leaves Wright County struggling with what to do for its own public transit needs.

Sibley County Commissioner Bill Pinske, who is the Board's chair, said the Trailblazer Joint Powers Board, with encouragement from MnDOT, had voted in December to "explore the opportunity to partner with Wright County."

Ludwig said he has visited with various officials in Wright County and, "as I see it, there are really two processes that need to take place. The first is the political process, to make sure all the partners are connected and aligned, and the second is the operational process."

Ludwig said that MnDOT is committed to making sure that someone is available to take over the public transit system in Wright County by July 1 "so service doesn't skip a beat, so to speak."

Therefore, Ludwig said, the two processes need to be "done side by side due to the time constraints."

Part of the political issue is that the local share costs of public transit in Wright County is largely funded by the participating municipalities, rather than by the county as is the case with McLeod and Sibley counties in their sharing of Trailblazer Transit.

That poses a question of who should be allowed "at the table" as talks continue, Ludwig indicated.

Bev Herfindahl of MnDOT agreed.

"The city administrators (in Wright County) feel like they should have active roles since they are supporting the local share financially," said Herfindahl. "The County Board has not participated financially in the past."

However, the County Board does have representation on the joint board that governs the River Rider system. The fact that the Wright County Board of Commissioners gained four new members in January 2013 further complicates the matter, Herfindahl said, because the new commissioners are unfamiliar with how the transit system operates in Wright County.

McLeod County Commissioner Sheldon Nies, who sits on Trailblazer's Joint Powers Board, said Wright County needs to take the initiative in the political process if it desires to bring its transit system under the Trailblazer Transit umbrella of operations.

"Right now, this proposal is doing nothing for me; it's not helping Trailblazer in any way," said Nies.

Herfindahl said that pressure on Wright County to make decisions will come from MnDOT.

"We are very, very, very committed to making sure service goes on uninterrupted as of July 1," Herfindahl said. "Right now, we're the bullies in the playpen."

Pinske said there is a meeting regarding the issue on March 10 in Wright County. The Joint Powers Board agreed to send a delegation to give a brief overview of Trailblazer's operations and how it might help Wright County.

"Right now, we don't know who the decision makers are," said Pinske.

Herfindahl said that is one of the goals of the March 10 meeting.

"We expect that after March 10, we will have a direction from Wright County," said Herfindahl.

### Operations

While Wright County bor-

ders McLeod County, it does present some operational challenges, said Ludwig.

About 80 percent of Wright County's population is in the northeast quadrant, located in the rapidly growing — and contiguous — cities of Otsego, Albertville, Hanover and St. Michael.

If Trailblazer does take over operation of public transit in Wright County, it will need some type of vehicle facility, although dispatching would be done from its headquarters in Glencoe. Although Buffalo is in the geographic center of the county and may make a good spot for a facility, the population density in the northeast quadrant may call for a facility there, said Ludwig.

Otsego, the fastest-growing city, doesn't have a school within its boundaries, as it is part of the Elk River district, which is in a different county. Otsego also doesn't have a medical facility, but there is one right across the river in Elk River, also in a different county, so transit will need to expand at least one mile around the planned service area.

And while Wright County is heavily populated, it has very limited transit service, currently about 300 hours a week, said Ludwig.

"The cities are starting to realize that their need is far greater than the 300 hours a week that is currently available," said Herfindahl.

However, Herfindahl said, MnDOT intends to stress that just the current level of service will be maintained until the end of 2014, giving Wright County time to study its future needs "and how to fund their share."

Ludwig said that based on population and what he sees as Wright County's needs, service in that county could increase to about 120,000 rides annually by 2015, and up to 220,000 rides within five years. In 10 years, that could grow to 280,000 annual rides, Ludwig said.

"There is a pent-up demand that will be difficult to address," said Ludwig.



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### FFA barnyard

Last Thursday, the Glencoe-Silver Lake FFA organization hosted a "barnyard" in the ag room in conjunction with the annual Winterfest at the high school. The barnyard saw miniature horses, goats, a calf, a sheep, a peacock, rabbits, baby chicks, a dog and a big orange cat. Above, Gemma Goff (left) and cousin Bennett Goff are cautious to pet Samantha Dahlke's (right) black rabbit. To the right, Samantha Lange poses with her big orange cat, Shrek. Students from local preschools and elementary classes visited throughout the day.



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### FFA Member of the Week

Kirsten Barott from the Glencoe-Silver Lake FFA Chapter was selected as Minnesota's FFA Member of the Week. Barott is currently a sophomore in GSL High School and a chapter FFA officer. "She loves having the opportunity to share her passion for FFA with others in high school, and one of her involvements in-

cludes the garden plot in GSL FFA chapter," said GSL FFA adviser Becky Haddad. The GSL FFA chapter members include, from left, Kole Polzin, Emily Thalmann, Adam Thalmann, Becca Green, Barott, Sam Dahlke, Laura Becker and Maddie Kuehn. In the back are Zach Pierson, Tommy Becker and Matt Dahlke.



## Blood drives set for Biscay, Hutch

Blood donors are everyday heroes who help save lives. During March, Red Cross Month, the American Red Cross recognizes these lifesavers, thanks them for their generosity and encourages others to join their ranks.

Courtney Krisher will be forever grateful for the donors who helped save her brother, Lucas.

The siblings, who are both members of the U.S. military, had given blood together just a few months before Lucas was in a motorcycle accident. He was rushed to the hospital with extensive internal bleeding and received four pints of blood.

"Some people call me and

my brother heroes (because of our military service), but I think the same could be said for people who give blood," Krisher said.

The Red Cross has been meeting the needs of patients like Lucas since World War II and today partners with nearly 2,700 hospitals and transfusion centers throughout the U.S.

Two area blood drives are coming in early March. The first is Monday, March 3, from noon to 6 p.m., at Neisen's Bar n Grill, Biscay, and Tuesday, March 11, from noon to 6 p.m. at Peace Lutheran Church, 400 Franklin St. SW in Hutchinson.

To donate blood call call 1-

800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit redcross blood.org to make an appointment or for more information. All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients.

A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age (16 with parental consent in some states), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

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