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Kaz's Main Street shop to close March 29

By Alyssa Schauer
Staff Writer

After exactly 10 years of business, Joe Kaczmarek, owner of the two Kaz's auto repair locations in Silver Lake, is closing his Main Street business and moving all services to his location on Highway 7. The move will be on March 29.

"At the Main Street location, we worked on tires and did oil changes. Those services will now be moved to the Highway 7 location," Kaczmarek said.

As for gasoline, "Nope. We won't have any more gas pumps. It's just too expensive. I didn't make any money on gas, and, in fact, I lost money.

"I wanted to stay open until the Marathon gas station reopened. I tried like heck to keep a gas station in town, but I just can't afford it anymore," Kaczmarek said.

The Marathon Station, located on Highway 7, closed in August 2011 after owners Steve and Lisa Hauer shut the doors due to the "poor econ-

omy."

After the station closed, Kaczmarek purchased equipment to offer essential dairy products like milk, cheese, and sour cream, for citizens in Silver Lake.

"We won't be offering those anymore either, once the shop on Main Street closes," Kaczmarek said.

Kaczmarek purchased the Main Street location from Schmeling Oil Company in 2003.

"I bought it on my birthday, March 27, so yes, it will have been exactly 10 years when we close on March 29," he said.

Kaczmarek has worked as an automotive mechanic for the last 30 years, starting employment with George Lhotka at Lhotka's shop on Highway 7 — the same shop Kaz operates today.

"I bought this shop (the highway shop) from George about six years ago," he said.

"I'm so thankful for all of my loyal customers," Kaczmarek added.



Silver Lake Leader photo by Alyssa Schauer

Joe Kaczmarek, owner of the two Kaz's auto repair locations in Silver Lake, is closing his Main Street business and moving all services to his Highway 7 location. "March 29 will be our last day at the Main

Street place. We will do all tire repairs and oil changes here at the highway shop," Kaczmarek said. Kaczmarek opened the Main Street location 10 years ago.

Bustos guilty on 4 counts of murder

David Muniz Bustos, 44, of Silver Lake, will be sentenced Thursday afternoon in McLeod County District Court after being found guilty on four felony murder charges during a jury trial.

Bustos was convicted of first-degree murder while committing domestic abuse with a past pattern of domestic abuse; second-degree murder-with intent, not pre-meditated; second-degree murder without intent, while committing a felony; and third-degree murder, perpetrating an eminently dangerous act and evincing a depraved mind.

A first-degree murder charge carries a sentence

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FFA Barnyard sights

On Tuesday, Feb. 19, the Glencoe-Silver Lake Future Farmers of America (FFA) chapter held its annual "Barnyard Day" in Ag Room 341 at the high school. All kinds of animals, from chickens to cows to horses to goats to sheep were present. Above, Samantha Lange shows off her black angus Roxy, and to the left, Samantha Dahlke flashes a smile with her pet rabbit, Leo. Below, son of Megan Nelson seems unsure about the baby chick.



5-sort recycling vs. 1-sort: Which is best for Silver Lake?

By Alyssa Schauer
Staff Writer

"Can we go to single-sort recycling? And is it worth it?" are the top questions McLeod County Commissioner Paul Wright addressed at the Silver Lake City Council meeting Feb. 19.

Wright and County Commissioner Sheldon Nies updated the City Council on the solid waste program and current recycling efforts in the county and discussed potential changes for the future.

Wright said the five-sort recycling program in McLeod County began in 2005 and has shown "tremendous success."

He said the county signed with West Central Sanitation last year, which offers every week pickup versus every other week.

"We have shown an increase at four more tons per week with the change to this new hauler, and it seems our tonnage goes up every week. We have been seeing a steady incline," Wright said.

"And this hauler doesn't even have their own facility, so we know all the materials and profits are coming to us," he added.

Wright listed the current subsidized and partially subsidized programs funded by profits of the solid waste program, including, the household hazardous waste disposal, different facilities for recycling, the Hunger Free

McLeod backpack program and the recycling rebate given to the schools.

"Most profits from the solid waste program is put back into the general fund and some of the revenues from our recycling efforts have been turned into the services we have. In other areas across the state, those costs of services are incorporated into property taxes," Wright said.

"There is no added cost for our recycling program," Wright emphasized.

He added that West Central Sanitation is part of West Central Industries (WCI), a company that provides jobs to adults with disabilities.

"WCI offers jobs to adults who otherwise wouldn't be able to find work, and by offering employment opportunities, those adults feel a sense of pride and accomplishment, especially when they receive that first paycheck," Wright said.

This year "is the year we want to swing an increase in recycling, and we are researching ways to do that. By going to each community and educating the towns and townships about our program, we are getting feedback that will help us improve the recycling program in the county," Wright said.

Nies told the City Council that Silver Lake has "one of the highest recycling rates in the county."

"You have what, 350 households in Silver Lake? And our records show that Silver Lake averages about 115 tons in recycling per year," Nies said.

Wright and Nies also discussed the differences in contamination rates between five-sort and one-sort recycling.

"Five-sort recycling in the county has a contamination rate of just 1.1 percent, and one-sort recycling, though it's easier, has contamination rates that average between 10 percent to 20 percent," Wright said.

"And anything that is contaminated ends up in the landfill, so less material is actually recycled," Wright said.

"I'm going to be real blunt with you. Why are you here this year, and not other years, to update us about recycling? Are there other communities looking into changing it?" Mayor Bruce Bebo asked.

"Yes, there is one city thinking of opting out of the county program, and we already signed a contract with West Central Sanitation for the next three years. If we lose that community, the county is still paying for their end per contract, which is about \$2.68 per household," Wright said.

"We would lose revenue in our general fund and for our services," Wright said.

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County releases statement on closed meeting

McLeod County officials on Friday released a statement regarding a January closed County Board meeting in which it considered allegations made against Solid Waste Director Ed Homan.

The complete statement, e-mailed to The Chronicle by County Administrator Pat Melvin, is as follows:

"The County Board met in a closed meeting on Jan. 22, 2013, to hear the conclusions of an investigation into the following allegations against Solid Waste Director, Ed Homan. The allegations included:

- Making false statements to legal counsel and the county's HR (human resources) director during the course of an EEOC (Equal Employment Opportunity Commission) investigation when reporting his involvement in approving training for Mr. Jeff Strazzinski.
- Requiring Mr. Jeff Strazzinski to provide written justification for attending training that a similarly situated, younger employee had previously attended who had not been required to provide written reasons for attending.
- Visiting the workplace of

Mr. Jeff Strazzinski's wife for the purpose of investigating Mr. Strazzinski's FMLA (Family and Medical Leave Act).

As a result of the investigation Mr. Homan was placed on an unpaid suspension effective Tuesday, Jan. 15, 2013, and lasting for a period of eight work days. Mr. Homan was compensated for the Martin Luther King holiday on Jan. 21, 2013 and was directed to return to work on Monday, Jan. 28, 2013."

Snowmobile, train collision claims life of Silver Lake man

A snowmobile-train accident in Dassel on Saturday night claimed the life of Paul Fenske, 31, of Silver Lake.

According to the Meeker County Sheriff's Office, Fenske died of his injuries after he lost control of his east-bound snowmobile, slid into the moving eastbound Burlington Northern Santa Fe train and was pulled underneath.

Authorities said the accident

occurred several cars behind the locomotive, and the train crew wasn't aware of it and kept going. The train was later stopped.



Paul Fenske

According to the Meeker County Sheriff's Office, another snowmo-

biler was with Fenske and saw the accident. That snowmobiler wasn't injured.

The sheriff's office and train authorities are investigating the accident.

Fenske and his wife, Kristi, live in Silver Lake. He worked as a manufacturing engineer for Millerbernd Manufacturing in Winsted.

Fenske's full obituary is in today's Leader.

Upcoming Events

Sportsmen’s Club to meet

The Silver Lake Sportsmen’s Club will meet tonight (Thursday, Feb. 28), at 7 p.m., at the sanctuary.

Silver Lake KC Fish Fry set

The Silver Lake Knights of Columbus are hosting its 51st-annual fish fry on Friday, March 1, from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., at the Silver Lake Auditorium. The menu includes fish fillets, potato salad, cole slaw, beans, bread, coffee, and milk. Advance tickets are available until midnight, Thursday, Feb. 28 (tonight) and take-outs are available.

Senior citizens club to meet

The Silver Lake Senior Citizen Club will have its monthly meeting Monday, March 11, at 1 p.m., in the Silver Lake Auditorium.

Degree of Honor meeting

The Degree of Honor No. 182 will meet Tuesday, March 12, at 5 p.m., in the Silver Lake Auditorium.

SLBA to meet March 12

The Silver Lake Business Association will meet Tuesday, March 12, at 7 p.m., in the Silver Lake Auditorium.

Antique appraisal March 17

The McLeod County Historical Society is hosting an antique appraisal and flea market Sunday, March 17, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., at the museum meeting room at the McLeod County Historical Museum located at 380 School Rd. NW in Hutchinson.

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“What will happen to the rest of the communities if this were to happen? Would they have to start paying for recycling?” Councilor Eric Nelson asked.

“No, the county would still pay for it,” Wright said.

“The question is: how many people not recycling now would start if we moved to one-sort? We can’t know, and although our program has been working very well, we are doing research to see if a one-sort recycling program is beneficial to us,” Wright said.

“And if we do that, move to one-sort, we would have a higher contamination rate,” Wright added.

Wright and Nies said they are looking at “everything,” including recycling containers. “The biggest part is getting past that plateau and increasing our recycling tonnages. We have got to do some educating, and that’s why we’re here,” Wright said.

In other matters, the Council:

- Approved a one-day on-sale liquor application for the Silver Lake American Legion for Sunday, March 10.

- Reviewed the year-to-date financial report for the Municipal Liquor Store (MLS), finding a net profit of 3.05 percent. Operating revenues totaled \$255,466.98 and operating expenses totaled \$238,723.93 for the year.

- Reviewed the December report of the MLS to find a net profit of -27.55 percent, which is up from the -30.30 percent reported in 2011.

City Clerk Kerry Venier explained that December is typi-

cally a “bad month” because bills come in two to three months late and pile up at the end of the year.

“We get hit with a couple of months’ worth of bills, like gas, electric, and phone, and also, we are paying out vacation or there’s extra days in the payroll,” Venier said.

- Approved the annual review with step increase for part-time bartender Matt Maiers.

- Hired Mitchell Stockman and Matthew Kaczmarek as part-time bartenders.

- Hired Corrine Johnson as part-time cleaner for the MLS and auditorium.

- Approved a computer contract with McLeod County for the police squad computer at a total cost of \$5,699.08 that will be paid by four annual installments of \$1,424.77.

- Heard from Police Chief Forrest Henriksen that legislation was introduced in the Minnesota House of Representatives, which, if passed, would mandate the police department to accept firearms and ammunition from individuals who had placed themselves on a voluntary register.

- Reviewed the public works report to find that the department has been working with the Silver Lake Civic Association on upgrading electrical service in pump house No. 1 to service bands for Pola-Czesky Days.

- Discussed the future of business in Silver Lake, and Bebo urged councilors to “brainstorm” ideas of bringing more business into Silver Lake, particularly on Main Street and Highway 7.

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of life imprisonment; second-degree murder charges carry a sentence of not more than 40 years in prison, and third-degree murder charges carry a sentence of not more than 25 years in prison.

The trial began Tuesday, Feb. 19, and the jury returned

its verdicts Monday, Feb. 25. Judge Michael R. Savre presided.

Bustos was charged in the February 2012 stabbing death of his girlfriend, Domingo Limon, at her home in Glencoe.

County Republicans regroup after 2012

By Rich Glennie
Editor

The theme of the Saturday morning’s annual convention of the McLeod County Republican Party was to change the message.

But not all the delegates were in favor of changing the message, some favored changing the party’s leadership.

Area legislators were the main speakers, but it was State Sen. Scott Newman, R-Hutchinson, who seemed to have come armed with his own message — support the endorsed candidates, or the results will be predictable — a loss by endorsed GOP candidate Tom Emmer to Gov. Mark Dayton in 2010 and the decisive losses in the 2012 elections that put DFLers in charge of the entire legislative agenda.

Because of that dominance in St. Paul, Newman predicted nothing will happen in four years with any legislation offered by the Senate minority Republicans.

“We took a real beating,” Newman said of the 2012 results. “But don’t despair,” he added about the DFL’s predictions of the GOP’s “demise.” He called that prediction “premature.”

He said 2014 will involve the election of all the Minnesota House seats, the governor’s office and a U.S. Senate seat.

“We need to fight like the dysfunctional political party we are,” Newman said of delegates favored candidates, but once the endorsements are made, “you need to support that candidate.”

He said not supporting Norm Coleman in 2010 U.S. Senate race resulted in Al Franken winning and Obamacare being enacted. When Emmer was not supported by Republicans, “we now have Dayton as governor.”

The same was true with the Mitt Romney-Barack Obama presidential election. “He (Romney) was not my personal choice,” Newman said. “It was our election to lose, not theirs to win.” He said Obama is the first president to go through an economic crisis and get re-elected.

“The DFL is good at messages,” Newman said of the defeats of the two constitutional amendments in 2012 as well. He said Republicans need to get better at getting their message understood.

How the GOP can be so antagonistic to Latino and Hispanic voters, who overwhelmingly voted for



Sen. Scott Newman



Rep. Glenn Gruenhagen



Rep. Dean Urdahl

Obama in 2012?” Newman asked. “Yet their culture is steeped in family values and pro-life. Why do we not recruit them?”

Continuing, Newman said the Democrats “are putting the next generation in debt, yet the next generation supports the Democrats.”

His message to the county Republicans: “Support endorsed candidates and bring back people into the fold we have lost.”

But Doug Krueger of Glencoe challenged the state leadership that was selected by legislators like Newman.

Krueger said the party leadership “did not stick up for the amendments, or for you, or for Emmer,” he told Newman, the Senate sponsor of the failed marriage amendment.

“We have to do something with leadership,” Krueger stressed. He expressed his anger over how former House Leader Amy Koch was tossed out of her leadership role. If she had remained the House leader, Krueger said the Vikings’ lucrative stadium deal would not have happened.

“How do we get good, conservative leadership?” Krueger asked.

Newman said the change comes from the local level. “You have to get engaged; it’s a grassroots effort.”

Even if something happens that Republicans disagree with within the party, “stay engaged,” Newman stressed.

“But you elect the leadership, we don’t,” shot back Diane Robinson of Hutchin-

son. “You’re correct. You elect the people who go down there to represent you,” Newman replied.

While next year’s elections in House Districts 18A and 18B will be safe, Newman said, “you need to expand your vision” and get Republicans elected elsewhere in the state in order to take back the House and governor’s mansion.

District 18B State Rep. Glenn Gruenhagen, R-Glencoe, said the gun-control bills being offered will be killed on the House floor because of support from rural DFLers as well as Republicans.

Instead of more gun-control laws, Gruenhagen said the psychotherapeutic drugs, which cause violent outbursts and uncontrollable rage, should be looked at as a major source of the recent gun violence in America.

“We need to have that vetted,” Gruenhagen said, and said the same needs to be done with violent video games. Those issues are not being talked about in the media.

Gruenhagen added that there is a marriage penalty included in Obamacare legislation that penalized married couples over couples who are living together. He said it is a \$9,000 subsidy for unmarried couples. He called it the same philosophy that has permeated the welfare system and “destroyed families.”

Gruenhagen added that “it is vitally important Republicans hear from you, that the gover-

nor hears from you.” He said Gov. Dayton’s tax plans “will harm businesses.”

**** District 18A state Rep. Dean Urdahl, R-Grove City, agreed with Newman that the Republican message “certainly got lost in the last election.” He also agreed with Krueger that there are some state leadership problems.

While he said the change in the homestead credits will work in the long-run, many voters did not understand the Republicans’ argument.

In the meantime, they understood the DFLer’s message that Republicans raised their taxes.

The same was true with the shift of state aid. While the economy was improving and the shifted funds were being paid back quicker as a result, DFLers’ message was the Republicans short-changed education. Again, the Republicans message was not understood, while the DFL message was clear.

“DFLers hit us hard,” Urdahl admitted.

Urdahl said Gov. Dayton’s budget proposal offers to cut \$1 for every \$16 in spending, and that has to be stopped.

“He is the most liberal governor in Minnesota history,” said Urdahl, a high school history teacher. But he said with DFLers controlling both houses at the Capitol, “they can pass whatever they want to pass.”

“We have a state to save,” he told his fellow Republicans. “We need your help.”

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Obituaries

Paul Floyd Fenske, 31, of Silver Lake

A Mass of Christian Burial for Paul Floyd Fenske, 31, of Silver Lake, will be held today (Thursday) at 11 a.m., at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Winsted.



Paul Fenske

Mr. Fenske died Saturday, Feb. 23, 2013, from injuries he suffered in a snowmobile accident.

Pallbearers will be Adam Birkholz, Josh Eckstein, Roy LaFebvre, Jamie Dulebohn, Dave Vacek, Garrett Ehrke and Rick Ehrke. Interment will be in Holy Trinity Cemetery.

Mr. Fenske was born Oct. 8, 1981, in Winsted, the son of

Floyd and Ann (Bayerl) Fenske.

He graduated from Lester Prairie High School in 2000 and from Mankato State University with a bachelor of science degree in 2004.

On Dec. 9, 2006, Mr. Fenske and Kristi Schultz were joined in holy marriage at Bethel Lutheran Church in Lester Prairie.

Mr. Fenske was employed at Millerbernd Manufacturing as a manufacturing engineer.

He was a lifetime member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Winsted.

Mr. Fenske enjoyed boating, four-wheeling, snowmobiling, spending time with family and friends, ice fishing, yard work, taking trips, helping friends and family, playing basketball and building or fixing things.

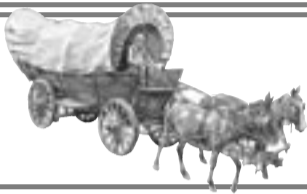
Survivors include his loving wife, Kristi Fenske of Silver Lake; parents, Floyd and Ann Fenske of Lester Prairie; sister, Angie (Ryan) Dobey of Waverly; nephew and niece, Christopher and Ava; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Karlo and Betty Schultz; grandmother-in-law, Della Schultz; aunts, uncles, cousins, many other relatives and friends.

Preceding him in death were his maternal grandparents, Frank and Mary Bayerl and paternal grandparents, Roland and Evelyn Fenske.

Arrangements are by the Chilson Funeral Home in Winsted. Online condolences may be made at www.chilsonfuneralhome.com.

Down Memory Lane

Compiled by Margaret Benz



75 YEARS AGO - MARCH 5, 1938 — A large and enthusiastic crowd of members and patrons attended the Silver Lake Farmers Shipping Association annual meeting last Thursday afternoon at Totushek's Hall. Henry Nuwash was re-elected to the board of directors, and Albin Svihel was re-elected to the office of secretary-treasurer. Other officers and board members are Ben Vorlicek, Tom Posusta, Joseph Chap, Art Hudec and Anton Kaczmarek. Dividend checks amounting to over \$100 were issued to patrons.

Silver Lake High School's basketball team meets Brownnton in the first round of the district tournament play at Olivia on Friday night. Team members include Richard Dobis, Teddy Picha, Tom Chalupsky, Roy Lord, Myron Mikesh, George Travnick, Leonard Penaz and Wayne Young. Coach Jens Midtaune is leading his seventh team into competition this year.

M.J. Matousek has moved his blacksmith shop to the former Trnka Garage, near the water tower.

The annual township elections and meetings will be held on Tuesday, March 8, in the respective townships. Four candidates have filed for office in Hale Township. Three are for the office of supervisor. Supervisor John Shimanski has filed for re-election to the office along with opponents Isadore Cacka and Albin E. Svihel. Adolph Hakel, incumbent clerk, is unopposed for his position.

Rich Valley Township voters will meet at the Joe Skorpik place on Saturday, March 5, to name their candidates for supervisor, clerk, justice of peace and constable.

Lucille Jerabek received her nursing diploma at graduation exercises of St. Barnabas Hospital, Minneapolis, held on March 3.

Jack Hepner of Biscay will rent the Ed Streachek farm following the Streachek auction on March 12.

Mrs. J.E. Ziska caught the 100-pound pig given away at the dance in Glencoe last week Friday night.

Francis Murphy, 65, died on Thursday evening, Feb. 24, at the Hutchinson Hospital. Funeral services were conducted on Feb. 27 at his home in Hutchinson Township.

Mrs. John Eggert, 64, died on Feb. 11. Funeral services were held on Monday, Feb. 14, at St. Adalbert's Church.

Michael Ruca died Thursday morning at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walenty Nowakowski where he had made his home for the past seven months. Funeral services will be held at St. Adalbert's Church on Saturday morning, March 5.

A daughter was born on Feb. 12 to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Vorlicek. On Feb. 26, a son was born to Mr. and Mrs. James Kautz.

50 YEARS AGO - FEB. 28, 1963 — Winners of the best costumes at the Silver Lake Fire Department Masquerade Dance were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gehlen, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Pilarski, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Navratil, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Maresh, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Shamla, Mr. Ed Pavlish, Mr. and Mrs. Milan Podrasky and LeRoy Pokornowski.

The Silver Lake Auditorium will be the site for the McLeod County Egg Producers Association Egg Show and meeting on Tuesday, March 5. Each family may exhibit one dozen eggs, which should weigh between 24-28 ounces per dozen. Eggs must be entered by 1 p.m. Seventy-five cents a dozen will be paid for

the eggs. Prizes for the egg show winners are \$8 for first prize, \$5 for second, and \$2 for third. The annual meeting will begin at 1:30 p.m.

World Day of Prayer will be held at the Presbyterian Church on Friday, March 1.

Game Warden Don Kasper has completed his six-month training period with other wardens and is now stationed at Blue Earth.

The March special at Marlene's Beauty Lounge will be a \$15 permanent wave for \$10, which includes the haircut.

Some of the Lenten Specials at Ruzicka's Super Market include: 1 lb. can Shamrock red salmon 79¢; Buttercup cheese spread, 2 lb. box 59¢; Robb Ross peanut butter, 4 lb. jar \$1.59; bananas 2 lbs. 29¢; old-fashioned brick cheese, 59¢ lb.; 4 lb. bag Delicious apples 69¢; grapefruit, 8 for 49¢; pork steak, 39¢ lb.; Armour Star braunschweiger chubs, 29¢ each; Motley smoked Goldies, 59¢ lb.; Folger's instant coffee, 10 oz. jar 89¢.

Joseph Totushek, 85, died Monday, Feb. 18, at the Swedish Hospital. Funeral services were held on Thursday, Feb. 21, at Enga Memorial Chapel, St. Louis Park, with interment in the Presbyterian Church Cemetery in Silver Lake.

Paul Kelly, 56, died on Thursday, Feb. 21, at a clinic in Minneapolis. Funeral services were held on Saturday morning at St. Ignatius Church in Annandale.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wendolek on Feb. 18. Daughters were born to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Picha on Feb. 14 and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Benz on Feb. 27.

25 YEARS AGO - MARCH 3, 1988 — The annual fish fry, sponsored by the Silver Lake Knights of Columbus, will be held on Friday, March 4, with the serving of all the fish you can eat.

The Silver Lake Lions Club is sponsoring a Sunday brunch on Sunday, March 6, at the Silver Lake Public School multi-purpose room.

The annual meeting of the Silver Lake Farmers Co-operative Shipping Association will be held on Monday, March 7, at the Silver Lake Legion Club Rooms.

The annual township election and meetings will take place on Tuesday, March 8, at the respective town halls. Rich Valley Township polls open at 10 a.m. and continue until 5 p.m. Filing for the three-year supervisor position were incumbent Alan Chastek and Myron Ruschmeyer. There were no filings for the clerk's position currently held by John Popelka.

In Hale Township, the polls open at noon and close at 7 p.m. The three-year supervisor position had only incumbent Lester Lhotka filing. The one-year supervisor position had no one filing. Clerk Gerald Harris did not file for re-election, nor were there any other filings. Annette Kaminsky is a write-in candidate for the clerk position.

Mike Cacka of the Silver Lake High School wrestling team has advanced to the state tournament in the 132-pound class. The state tournament will be held Thursday through Saturday, March 3-5.

The Silver Lake High School girls' basketball team will play in the district championship game on Friday after defeating Brownnton on Tuesday night.

The Silver Lake Fire Department responded to a house fire on Friday morning shortly before 4 a.m. at the Gary Lies residence. Extensive damage was done to the house.

Grace Bible to start Outdoor Club

Grace Bible Church of Silver Lake will host a special Outdoor Club meeting Sunday, March 2, at 2:30 p.m., at the church.

This informal get-together is titled Turkey Hunting 101 and will include sharing by Rodney Schmidt and Dr. Tom Rakow.

Turkey Hunting 101 is especially designed for the person who wants to know how to get

started turkey hunting, or who wants to pick up some helpful tips from others. Such things as scouting, calling, decoy placement, and using a blind will be discussed.

Each Outdoor Club get-together will last about an hour and includes a brief devotional time that relates to the topic being discussed, a presentation on the topic, and a time for input and questions from those

who attend.

Other upcoming Outdoor Club meetings in future months include such outdoor topics as fly tying and casting, planning a Boundary Waters canoe trip, and bow hunting. Anyone any age is invited to attend, and there is no charge.

The church is located in Silver Lake at 300 Cleveland St., next to the city water tower.

A new one, first ride in a tow truck

It seems that almost every week, I struggle to write this column, or I should say, write this column "well."

I ask myself, "what will I write about this week? What will keep readers interested?"

And so I rack my brain for memories and embarrassing moments to share, or I reflect on the events of the past week and usually generate timely material.

Not only do I have a large mental file cabinet of stories from my childhood or recent past, but I'm lucky enough that something usually happens to me each week, and it always makes for a good story.

And sure enough, something happened to me last week — I got to ride in a tow truck for the very first time after my Jeep broke down on I-94.

Sigh. Big sigh.

I was headed home for the weekend for a doctor's appointment and to see my baby brother's playoff basketball game.

I left as soon as I could after work on Thursday so I could beat the winter storm headed our way that evening.

Now, my Jeep has been acting odd in the last year. It would start shaking if I drove over 65 miles per hour, so I always kept it right at 65 and stayed in the slow lane.

Because my vehicle is older (1989), I didn't think twice about this "symptom" since I had been used to driving older vehicles. I knew they always made weird noises.

That's just how vehicles not made in this century were. Or so I thought.

Turns out, according to the mechanic at the repair shop in Baldwin, Wis., I had a bad "u-joint" and could have easily had that fixed before it com-

The Travel Section

By Alyssa Schauer



pletely busted.

Oops!

If I were smarter and more pro-active, I could have avoided those loud "popping" and then "clunking" noises, the thick white smoke barrelling from underneath the frame, and the hour spent stranded on the shoulder of I-94 between exits, 50 miles from home.

Of course, the first call I make is to Dad, who is at work and doesn't answer, and then I remember it's 5 p.m., so Mom is at work, too, until 5:30 p.m.

So then, on the verge of tears, I'm frantically calling my brother Nick at home, just to let someone know what is going on, and he doesn't answer because he's probably playing video games or shoveling snow or something.

Though it's during working hours, I call over to Mom just to see if she's available, and am greeted by a "Hey there, sweetie." Immediately I'm sobbing and gurgling my words, "I - don't - know - (sniff) - what - happened - (sniff) - but - (sniff) - I - am - stranded on I-94!"

Sob.

I explained to her about the loud noises and the smoke, and the fact that even though I put my vehicle in "drive," it doesn't go anywhere.

Of course, she gets hold of Dad, and he calls me right away with a possible diagnosis. He asks where I am at so he can call all of his mechanic

friends to see if they could tow me and work on my vehicle.

Because I was so far from home, Dad's buddies said it wouldn't be "cost efficient" for them, but recommended a mechanic and tow service in Baldwin, which was about 5 minutes from my poor stranded Jeep.

So while I waited for the tow, and Mom and Dad to pick me up, I was entertained by remembering all the vehicles I had been through, including a:

- 1991 Dodge Spirit
- 1995 Dodge Neon
- 1997 Eagle Summit
- 1989 Ford Ranger
- 1987 Oldsmobile

and I wondered if I'd have to add the Jeep to that list.

The tow finally arrived and as I climbed into the front seat of the truck while Brian, my tow guy, hooked up the Jeep to the trailer, I couldn't help but laugh and think, "well, this is kind of fun!"

I snapped a few pictures of the Jeep getting hoisted onto the trailer, reflecting the flashing orange and yellow in its grill, got settled into the front seat, turned up the radio, and enjoyed the ride. I felt important sitting up so high and waved to Mom and Dad as we passed them in the truck.

Thankfully, I don't have to put the Jeep on the "Rest in Peace" list. It is getting repaired, and I can still have time with my old friend. Maybe we can get lost at the Mall of America again.



Thank You

We, the family of Stanley Klenicky, would like to extend our thanks to all families, friends, and relatives for their sympathy and support.

We would especially like to thank the Silver Lake Fire Department, the coroner, Father Patrick and Father Tony, Celia Knoll and Holy Family staff, the CCW for lunch, Alice Nowak and the choir for the music, the pall bearers, Chilson Funeral Home and staff, Trailblazer Transit, and all who sent cards, flowers, prayers, and memorials.

The Family of Stanley Klenicky



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Fashion show at Cedar Crest

On Monday, representatives from CJ Banks stores in Hutchinson and Willmar put on a “fashion show” for residents at Cedar Crest in Silver Lake, and gave residents the opportunity to “shop from home.” Above, Mildred Gregor completes her purchase with CJ Banks representa-

tive Ashley Nowak. Nowak works at the CJ Banks location in the Hutchinson Mall and said the stores are “going out into the communities more frequently to give more people the opportunity to shop.” JoLen Bentz, activites director at Cedar Crest, org- anized the event for the residents.

Church News

GRACE BIBLE CHURCH
300 Cleveland Ave.,
Silver Lake
Dr. Tom Rakow, Pastor
320-327-2265
http://silverlakechurch.org
Sat., March 2 — Men’s Bible study, 7 a.m.

Sun., March 3 — “First Light” radio broadcast on KARP 106.9 FM, 7:30 a.m.; fellowship, 9 a.m.; pre-service prayer time, 9:15 a.m.; worship service, 9:30 a.m.; Sun- day school, 10:35 a.m.; open shooting for Centershot graduates, 11:45 a.m.; Centershot Archery Ministry, 1 p.m.; Grace Bible Church Outdoor Club, Turkey Hunting 101, 2:30 p.m.

Wed., March 6 — Soup and chili supper, 5 p.m.; confirmation class, 6 p.m.; Lenten service, 7 p.m.

Sat., March 9 — Men’s Bible study, 7 a.m.; women’s Bible study, 9 a.m.

Sun., March 10 — “First Light” radio broadcast on KARP 106.9 FM, 7:30 a.m.; pre-service prayer time, 9:15 a.m.; worship service, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday school, 10:35 a.m.; open shooting for Centershot graduates, 11:45 a.m.; Centershot Archery Ministry, 1 p.m.

Dial-A-Bible Story, 320-327-2843.

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Mark Ford, Pastor
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Office hours: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Sun., March 3 — Handbell practice, 8:45 a.m.; worship serv- ice, 10 a.m.; fellowship to follow service; CE meeting after church.

Wed., March 6 — Light supper, 5:30 p.m.; WOW classes, 6 p.m.; Lenten devotional service, 6:30 p.m.; choir practice, 7 p.m.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY
700 W. Main St.,
Silver Lake
Anthony Stubeda, Pastor
Fri., March 1 — Mass, 8 a.m.; first Friday calls; stations of the cross, 6 p.m.; KC Fish Fry and CCW bake sale, 4:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Sat., March 2 — Reconcilia- tion, 5 p.m.; Mass, 6:30 p.m.

Sun., March 3 — Mass, 8 a.m. and 8 p.m.; Catholicism series at Holy Family, 4 p.m.; AFC Mis- sion Group meeting, 6 p.m.

Tues., March 5 — Mass, 8 a.m.; adoration, 8:30 a.m.-10 p.m.; reconciliation followed by a luncheon, 10:30 a.m.

Wed., March 6 — Mass, 5 p.m.; first- through sixth-grade religious education classes, 5:30 p.m.; con- firmation exams, 7 p.m.; seventh- through 11th-grade religious edu- cation classes, 7:15 p.m.

Thurs., March 7 — Mass at Cedar Crest, 10:30 a.m.; Min- nesota for Marriage rally at State Capitol, 2 pm.; CCW meeting, 7 p.m.

Fri., March 8 — Mass, 8 a.m.; stations of the cross, 6 p.m.

WORD OF LIFE CHURCH
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Jim Hall, Pastor
Sun., March 3 — 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 3 — Sunday school, 10:50 a.m.-11:30 a.m.; priesthood, relief society and pri- mary, 11:40 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

RIVERSIDE ASSEMBLY OF GOD
20924 State Hwy. 7 W.
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Sun., March 3 — Worship, 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

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

FIRST CONGREGATION UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
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Sun., March 3 — Sunday school, 9 a.m.; worship, 10:15 a.m.

ST. PIUS X CHURCH
1014 Knight Ave.,
Glencoe
Anthony Stubeda, Pastor
Thurs., Feb. 28 — Mass at GRHS-LTC, 10:30 a.m.; pastoral leader meeting, noon; APC meet- ing, Holy Family, 7 p.m.

Fri., March 1 — Morning prayer, 8 a.m.; school Mass, 8:20 a.m.; adoration of the blessed sacrament after Mass; first Friday communion calls begin, 10 a.m.; stations of the cross with school children, 2 p.m.; Spanish Mass, 5:30 p.m.; adoration of the blessed sacrament after Mass; benediction, 6:50 p.m.; stations of the cross, 7 p.m.

Sat., March 2 — Hispanic min- istry assembly, 9 a.m.; widow, widower and senior singles break- fast, Dubbs Grill, 9:30 a.m.; RCIA session, parish library, 1 p.m.; rec- onciliation, 3:30 p.m.; Mass, 5 p.m.

Sun., March 3 — Mass, 9:30 a.m.; Spanish Mass, 11:30 a.m.; Spanish religious education classes, 12:45 p.m.; Catholicism series at St. Pius X, 4 p.m.; Mass at Holy Family, Silver Lake, 8 p.m.

Mon., March 4 — No Mass; no school, teacher workshop; adult choir, 7 p.m.

Tues., March 5 — Morning prayer, 8 a.m.; school Mass, 8:20 a.m.; junior choir practice, 2:50 p.m.; Spanish adult catechesis, 7 p.m.

Wed., March 6 — 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 10th-grade religious education classes, 7 p.m.-8:15 p.m.

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Rick Stapleton,
Senior pastor
Adam Krumrie,
worship pastor
Tait Hoglund,
Student ministries
Thurs., Feb. 28 — Senior high free lunch, 11 a.m.; worship team, 6 p.m.

Sun., March 3 — Worship, 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.; Sunday school for all ages, 9 a.m.; Cou- ples Connect, 4 p.m.

Mon., March 4 — Women’s discipleship, 6:30 p.m.; men’s growth group, 7 p.m.

Tues., March 5 — Women’s discipleship, 9 a.m.; MOPS, 6 p.m.

Wed., March 6 — Release time, 9 a.m.; AWANA, 6:30 p.m.; middle school youth group, 6:30 p.m.; senior high youth group, 7:30 p.m.

Thurs., March 7 — Senior high free lunch, 11 a.m.; worship team, 6 p.m.

BETHEL LUTHERAN
77 Lincoln Ave.,
Lester Prairie
Bethany Nelson, pastor
320-395-2125
Sun., March 3 — Worship with Holy Communion, 9 a.m.; coffee and fellowship, 10 a.m.; Sunday school and adult faith forum, 10:15 a.m.; Financial Peace Uni- versity class, 2 p.m.

Wed., March 6 — Office hours, 3 p.m.; family Lenten service, 6 p.m.; Holden evening prayer, 6:30 p.m.; choir, 7:15 p.m.

Kitchen Delights & Other Things



Peanut Butter Sheet Cake

Ingredients:

2 cups sugar
1 teaspoon baking soda
2 cups flour
1 teaspoon salt
2 sticks butter
1 cup water
1 cup peanut butter
1/2 cup milk
1 teaspoon vanilla
2 whole eggs
Frosting:
1 stick butter
1/2 cup peanut butter
6 teaspoons milk
1 pound powdered sugar

Directions:

In a large bowl, mix together sugar, baking soda, flour, and salt. Set aside. Combine butter, water, and peanut butter in saucepan and bring to a boil. Pour over flour mixture. Add milk, vanilla, and eggs. Mix. Pour in large cookie sheet or jelly roll pan. Bake at 400 degrees for 20 minutes. For the frosting, bring butter, peanut butter, and milk to a boil in saucepan. Add one pound of powdered sugar. Pour warmed frosting over cooled cake.

Slow Cooker Salsa Chicken

Ingredients:

4 boneless, skinless chicken breasts
1 cup salsa
1 can condensed cream of chicken soup
1 packet taco seasoning
1/2 cup sour cream
6 tortillas

Directions:

Place chicken in the bottom of your slow cooker. Sprinkle taco seasoning on chicken. In a bowl, combine soup and salsa. Pour over chicken. Cook on high four hours. Shred chicken with two forks and stir in sour cream. Serve on tortillas or as desired.

Slow Cooker Parmesan Honey Pork Roast

Ingredients:

1 boneless pork roast (2-3 pounds)
2/3 cup grated Parmesan cheese

1/2 cup honey
3 tablespoons soy sauce
1 tablespoon dried basil
2 tablespoons minced garlic
2 tablespoons olive oil
1/2 teaspoon salt
2 tablespoons cornstarch
1/2 cup cold water

Directions:

Spray slow cooker with non-stick cooking spray. Place roast in slow cooker. In a small bowl, combine cheese, honey, soy sauce, basil, garlic, oil, and salt and pour over roast. Note: If too thick to desired taste, add a bit of water. Cover and cook on low for 6 to 7 hours or until a meat thermometer reads 160 degrees. Remove meat to a serving platter and keep warm. Skim fat from cooking juices, if needed or desired. Transfer to a small saucepan and bring liquid to a boil. Combine cornstarch and water until smooth. Gradually stir into pan. Bring to a boil. Cook and stir for 2 minutes or until thickened. Slice roast and serve with gravy.

Creamy Dijon Mustard Chicken Linguine

Ingredients:

1 package linguine noodles, cooked
4 boneless, skinless chicken breasts
1 cup chanterelle mushrooms
3 tablespoons olive oil
4 cloves minced garlic
Salt and pepper to taste
1/2 cup toasted slivered almonds
4 ounces white wine
2 cups whipping cream
3 tablespoons Dijon mustard

Directions:

Heat olive oil in a large heavy-bottomed frying pan over medium to low heat. Add chicken breasts and garlic and season with salt and pep- per. Continue to fry chicken until completely cooked. Remove chicken from pan and hold in a warm oven. To the pan, add white wine and simmer until volume is reduced by half. Then add whipping cream, mustard, and salt and pep- per to season. Simmer until sauce thickens enough to coat a metal spoon. Return chicken to sauce, add the mushrooms, and simmer for an additional 2 minutes. Serve over cooked lin- guine. Sprinkle with toasted slivered almonds.

County Board agrees to contract extension for tax, appraisal software

By Lori Copley
Staff Writer

The McLeod County Board of Commissioners agreed to extend and change a contract with Xerox for new tax and appraisal software at a cost of \$269,513 at its Feb. 19 meet- ing.

Assessor Sue Schultz told the County Board that the con- tract will be in effect until 2020, and will allow the county to have its taxing and appraisal software all be PC- based.

The funding will come from the Recorders’ Compliance Fund, Schultz added.

In other business, the County Board:

• Passed a resolution sup- porting the city of Glencoe’s efforts to get a grant from the Department of Natural Re- sources (DNR) for the Buffalo Highlands Trail. If the grant is awarded, the county also will act as the fiscal agent for ad-

ministering the funds.

• Bought a new compact track loader for the highway department at a cost of \$45,267, which department mechanic Brian Schrupp said will replace a 1990 skid steer with 3,000 hours on the motor. The old skid steer will be sold by sealed bid or auction with a minimum starting price of \$9,187.

• Agreed to send one or two highway department employ- ees to a two-day seminar that will focus on traffic safety and signage.

• Entered into lease con- tracts with the cities of Lester

Prairie and Winsted to provide mobile computers for their re- spective police departments’ squad cars.

• Bought a 2013 Dodge Grand Caravan from Burnsville Dodge for \$21,553 to be used as a transport vehi- cle for the McLeod County Jail. The cost was the state bid contract price. The van will re- place a 2006 Pontiac.

• Agreed to send Jail Ad- ministrator Kate Jones to the American Jail Association conference in Grand Rapids. Jones said she will be able to get mandatory training at the conference.

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Weight Loss Percentage for February 26, 2013:

1) Slimsons	48.84%	21) The Committee	8.74%
2) Got Fat?	34.47%	22) Bicks Babes	7.9%
3) Less than Yesterday	30.61%	23) Pretty Girls	7.67%
4) Goodbye Love Handles	28.63%	24) Bod Squad	7.02%
5) Heartrate Beaters	22.32%	25) Bust A Gut Buds	3.43%
6) Melt Aways	21.95%	26) Wannabe's	3.39%
7) Polo's Muffin Tops	21.61%	27) Stride Rights	2.96 %
8) Junk in the Trunk	21.37%	28) Scrubs	2.72%
9) Slimpossibles	20.21%	29) Muffin Tops	2.69%
10) Waddle In Waddle Out	16.26%	30) Gym class Hero's	2.57%
11) Excess Baggage	15.34%	31) Losin on a Prayer	2.55%
12) That's Not Sweat,		32) Flab-U-Less 4	2.53%
That's My Fat Crying	14.25%	33) Rehab 4 Fatties	2.27%
13) Sweet 60's	13.73%	34) Weapons of Mass	
14) Perfection in Progress	13.15%	Reduction	6.91%
15) Slim Gyms	12.39%	35) Hot Tamales	.79%
16) Slimmetts	12.30%	36) Misfitters	0%
17) WII Not Fit	11.36%	37) No Flab Just Fab	0%
18) Slim Credibles	10.53%	38) The Munchies	0%
19) We Be Back	9.88%	39) Thy Fat Be Gone	0%
20) Chunky Monkey	9.37%	40) Whoosh	0%

Total Weight Loss: 1013.70 lbs.

Jan. 22: 438.22 lbs. • Jan. 29: 567.60 lbs. • Feb. 5: 746.20 lbs.
Feb. 12: 817.40 lbs. • Feb. 19: 901.20 lbs.

Top Individual Weight Losses: *Congrats to Bob Greeley!*
1) **44.2 lbs.** 2) **27.4 lbs.** 3) **25.2 lbs.**

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

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THANK YOU!!

On Friday, February 15th a very successful Winterfest day of indoor and outdoor activities was held at Lakeside Elementary School in Silver Lake. The day was successful thanks to the help from organizations, volunteers and staff.

A special ‘Thank You’ to Rick Steile and Harvey Mickolichek for clearing the ice; Tom Chap, John and Angela Roehrich and Troy Heimerl for helping with fishing; Mike Drew for borrowing us ice skates; NAPA for donating bait for fishing; Coborn’s for food and Gert and Erma’s for coffee. Also, ‘Thanks’ to the Silver Lake Fire Department, McLeod County Sheriff’s Department and the many wonderful parents who volunteered. ‘Thank You’ to the Lakeside certified staff for teaching mini sessions and the paraprofessionals and cooks for helping with supervision and snacks.

Many helpful people made the day educational and fun for our 480 students. We appreciate your help!

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Physical Education Instructors

Glencoe-Silver Lake Lakeside Elementary School

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Jewett, Hartwig advance



GSL junior Jacob Jewett had his arm raised in victory three times — in three matches — at the Section 2 meet in Waconia. Pictured here, he departs after posting an 8-2 win in the semifinals at 106.

By Lee Ostrom
Sports Editor

Jacob Jewett stuck to his game plan of pushing pace and not allowing opponents to get any rest at all.

Mitchell Hartwig drew motivation from being seeded second instead of first, despite a superior record.

As a result, Jewett, a Glencoe-Silver Lake/Lester Prairie 11th-grader at 106 pounds, and Hartwig, the Panthers' senior 145-pounder, are headed to St. Paul for this weekend's state Class AA wrestling tournament.

Jewett, now 35-4, tangles with St. Thomas Academy sophomore Josh Tatum, 33-5, in Friday's first round at Xcel Energy Center, scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. Later that same morning, Hartwig takes his 38-2 mark into battle against Kasson-Mantorville senior Branden Schorr, 32-11.

Wrestling continues Friday afternoon and throughout Saturday.

Hartwig and Jewett each goes to St. Paul as a Section 2 champion, following strong performances at the section's individual tournament last Friday and Saturday in Waconia. Six Panthers in all placed in

Section 2, also including sophomore 138-pounder Nate Tesch, who finished third after scoring four wins — all pins — in five matches; junior 195-pounder Dalton Clouse, who took home a third after three wins — all pins — in four matches; sophomore Brandon Richter, who placed fifth at 126 pounds; and ninth-grader Nick Brejle, sixth at 160.

Tesch concluded his season with a 33-10 record. Clouse went 32-10 with 30 of his wins by fall. Richter went 31-12.

Over the weekend, Tesch picked up his 75th career win and 50th career pin. Meanwhile, Clouse closed his junior season with 97 career wins.

Michael Donnay, a junior, finished 33-6 after losing by injury default in the semifinals at 120 pounds last Saturday.

Sunday, head coach Lance Wurm said Donnay's neck remains "sore," but that he is otherwise OK.

"He'll be fine," Wurm said.

Younger Aaron Donnay finished his freshman year with 26 wins.

After back-to-back 30-win seasons, Jewett's tally of career wins has reached 76.

At the Region 2 tourney, Jewett won his first match by a



GSL/LP senior Mitchell Hartwig looks for an opening in New Prague 145-pounder Richard Reinartz's defenses during their Section 2 (Class AA) semifinal last Saturday in Waconia.

Silver Lake Leader photos by Lee Ostrom

fall; then decisioned Scott West's Ben Kelvington, 8-2, in the semifinals — where he had experienced disappointment last year.

"This year, I'm more physically tough and more mentally tough," he said.

What jumps out for Wurm is Jewett's riding, which he said has made strong gains since last winter.

In the championship match with Delano's Tucker Sjomeling, Jewett scored a second-period reversal for a 3-2 lead. Sjomeling chose to start the third period under Jewett, but never was able to shake the Panther.

Jewett not only rode out the period, he cradled Sjomeling for a while, gathering three near-fall tallies.

Final score: Jewett wins, 6-2.

Jewett's improved riding makes him a more well-

rounded wrestler, according to Wurm.

"He had a good ride-out," Wurm said.

Meanwhile, Hartwig has developed to where opponents usually struggle mightily simply to score a point on him.

At Waconia, he pinned his first opponent in 45 seconds, gave up a single penalty point in a 6-1 semifinal win over New Prague's Richard Reinartz, and shut out top-seeded Eric Madson of Hutchinson, 3-0, in the championship match.

"He doesn't give up a lot (of points)," Wurm said.

Hartwig, who currently has 146 career wins, and Madson wrestled through a scoreless first period. But in the second period, Hartwig broke through with an escape, to which he added a takedown — his 74th of the year, to seven takedowns

against.

Madson chose to start the third period under Hartwig, who proceeded to ride him out.

Madson came to Waconia with a 34-4 mark — four wins fewer and two losses more than Hartwig, who said the seeding did not sit right with him.

"I'm ready for him," Hartwig said prior to his semifinal. "I'm looking forward to having a good day."

Hartwig, who qualified for state as a sophomore, missed out last year.

Now, he's going back.

— State Class AA quarterfinals are at 5 p.m. Friday, with championship semifinals at 11:15 a.m. Saturday and consolation semifinals at 1:15 p.m.

Matches for third and fifth place begin at 5 p.m. Saturday. The individual championships begin at 7:30 p.m.

South 5(AA) tourney looks up for grabs

By Lee Ostrom
Sports Editor

Based on overall records, Jordan (19-4) looks like the top seed, but any one of the eight teams may be capable of winning this year's South Subsection 5 (Class AA) boys' basketball tournament.

Play begins with four quarterfinals at four venues (high seeds) Thursday evening, March 7.

Semifinals are at Dassel-Cokato High School, with starting tips at 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. March 9. The championship game is set for 8 p.m. Tuesday evening, March 12, also at DC.

From there, the champions of the North and South collide at St. Cloud State on March 16. At stake will be a section title and a berth in the Class AA state tournament.

For now, each of the South subsection's teams shows a winning record. After Jordan,

the other six teams are: Howard Lake-Waverly-Winsted (17-6), Norwood Young America (17-8), Mayer Lutheran (15-9), Providence Academy (11-10), Watertown-Mayer (14-11), Sibley East (12-11) and the GSL Panthers (13-12).

It is interesting to note that while Glencoe-Silver Lake has the most losses, it has the subsection's second highest QRF ranking. In addition, the Panthers have defeated NYA Central, Watertown-Mayer and Sibley East.

— GSL was to close its regular-season schedule at home Feb. 26 against Annandale.

Going in, the Panthers' Wright County Conference mark was 5-8.

The league's top records belong to Waconia (12-2, 20-5), Litchfield (10-2, 18-5) and Delano (10-3, 21-3).



GSL senior guard Ethan Maass is watched closely by Delano's Adam Schleper as he drives toward the basket.

Silver Lake Leader photo by Lee Ostrom

No. 7 GSL girls ousted, 50-40

By Lee Ostrom
Sports Editor

Glencoe-Silver Lake is the seventh seed, and the Panthers played at No. 2 Mankato East on Feb. 26 in a first-round game of the Section 2 (Class AAA) girls' basketball tournament.

The final score read: East 50, GSL 40.

With that, the Cougars ad-

vance to Saturday's first semifinal to face No. 3 Marshall.

GSL displayed a 9-16 overall record after winning its regular-season finale, 41-38, at Delano on Feb. 22. The Cougars headed to the section tourney with a 21-4 mark.

The section's three additional quarterfinals saw top seed New Prague defeat New Ulm, 74-24; Marshall top Hutchinson,

57-26, and No. 4 Willmar defeat Mankato West, 52-33.

Semifinals are 6 p.m. and 7:45 p.m. Saturday, March 2, at Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. The championship game tips at 7 p.m. March 7 at GAC.

Glencoe-Silver Lake carried some positive momentum into section play. In addition to 15-11 Delano, the Panthers

downed 21-4 New London-Spicer and WCC champion Waconia during the last two weeks of regular-season games.

At Delano, 6-foot-1 senior Clarissa Ober contributed 8 points, 15 rebounds and 6 blocked shots to GSL's totals. Junior forward Stephanie Klockmann was GSL's top scorer with 14 points, while eighth-grader Maddie Mona-

han, a guard, added nine.

— Clarissa Ober needed 18 points at Mankato East to pass Brittany Theisfeld and become GSL's all-time leader for points scored in a career. Ober got 13 for 1,442. Thiesfeld graduated with 1,446.

Ober is GSL's career leader for rebounds (1,011) and blocked shots.

GSL Panther Winter Sports

BOYS' BASKETBALL

December

07....at Watertown-May...W,80-63
11....at Bl. Jefferson.....L,64-57
13....Hutchinson.....W,65-64
15....New Ulm.....W,77-67
18....at Waconia.....L,91-69
21....Rocori.....W,67-60
.....GSL tourney:
28....vs. Spectrum.....W,86-36
29....vs. HF Catholic...W,72-59

January

05....Jordan.....L,66-55
08....at Dassel-Cok.....W,74-60
11....at Mound-Wtka...L,86-78
12....NYA Central.....W,66-46
15....N.London-Sp.....L,65-63
18....Orono.....L,79-64
19....at Faribault.....L,67-64
22....at Litchfield.....L,58-40
25....at Hutchinson.....L,69-68
29....at Annandale.....L,72-49

February

01....HF Catholic.....W,73-70
08....Dassel-Cokato...W,63-56
09....Mound-Wtka.....W,56-47
11....at Sibley East.....W,85-66
14....at N.London-Sp...W,74-60
19....Litchfield.....L,77-53
22....Delano.....L,69-53
26....Annandale.....L,65-45

March

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

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

November

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

December

04....at Belle Plaine....L,58-54
06....Marshall.....L,68-38
11....New Prague.....L,59-45
14....at Annandale.....L,55-42
20....Mayer Lutheran..W,46-37
28....vs. Luverne.....W,39-26

January

05....at New Ulm.....W,51-29
08....Dassel-Cokato...L,60-47
11....at Mound-Cokato..L,75-62
12....NYA Central.....W,73-64
15....at N.Londn-Sp.....L,73-59
18....at Orono.....L,53-36
22....Litchfield.....L,41-29
25....Hutchinson.....L,41-37
29....Annandale.....L,62-55

February

01....at HF Catholic....L,70-35
05....Spectrum.....W,69-18
07....at Dassel-Cokato..L,45-29
09....Mound-Wtka.....L,75-74
12....N.London-Sp....W,46-45
15....Waconia.....W,55-53
19....at Litchfield.....L,49-42
22....at Delano.....W,41-38

Section 2(AAA) Tourney

26....at Mankato W....L,50-40

GYMNASTICS

November

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

December

01....at Becker Inv.....
08....at Northfield Inv.....
13....at WM triangular.....
15....at St. Peter.....
21....Orono.....

January

08....at Litchfield.....
11....Dassel-Cokato.....
18....Waconia.....L,113.0
19....GSL Invite.....6th,118.9
24....Delano.....
26....at Northfield Inv.....

February

01....at HF Catholic.....
06....at NL-Spicer.....
Section 2(A) Meet
15....at Watertown.....117.175

WRESTLING

December

01....GSL-Don Hall Inv.....4th
08....at Andover Inv.....2nd
13....at Litch: vs.DC...W,42-30
.....vs. Litchfield.....W,53-14
15....at Richfield Inv....2nd,2-1
20....at Hutch: vs.NLS...L,66-9
.....vs.Ann/ML.....L,60-8

January

03....GSL: Waconia....W,42-30
.....vs.Hutchinson...L,52-23
05....at Ogilvie Inv.....1st
08....at WM.....L,36-28
.....vs.LeS-Hend.....W,60-12
10....GSL: Delano.....W,63-11
12....at Zim Invite.....1st
19....at LCWM Invite.....6th
22....St.Peter.....W,44-31
24....Mound-Wtka.....W,35-33
25....at N.Prague.....L,39-32
.....vs.M'nkatoWest..W,42-18
29....at Tri-City United..W,39-31
31....at HLWW.....W,54-20

February

01....WCC: at Delano.....3rd
08....at MW Invite.....3rd
Section 2(AA) Tourney
14....M'kato East.....W,58-18
.....Hutchinson.....L,42-22
22-23....Indys, at Waconia.....

7 GSL students win region science fair awards

Seven Glencoe-Silver Lake High School and junior high school students traveled to Minnesota State University-Mankato on Feb. 16 to compete in the 62nd-annual regional science fair.

“The students have been working from last May through January preparing for this competition,” said GSL adviser and high school science teacher Roxanne Stensvad. “Their hard work paid off.”

The GSL group included: Faith Rakow, eighth grade: blue project award.

Shawn Seevers, ninth grade: purple project award, state fair trip, \$50-Thin Film award, \$50 Mankato State award and \$500 Thailand Memorial Award for clarity in project.

Mark Broderius, 10th grade: purple project award, purple paper award, state symposium trip, \$50 Iris award, \$50 clarity in project award, and ISWEEEP alternate.

Danielle Mathews, 11th grade: purple state award, state fair trip, American Fisheries award of a fishing pole, Minnesota River Board award of \$50, junior water competition nomination, and ISWEEEP trip to Houston, Texas, in May.

Teddi Grego, 12th grade: blue project award.



Silver Lake Leader photo by Brenda Fogarty

Seven Glencoe-Silver Lake students competed at the annual regional science fair Feb. 16 at Minnesota State University-Mankato, and came away with awards. They include, front row, from left, Mercy

Mercy Rakow, 12th grade: purple project award, state fair trip, \$50 Thin Film award, \$50 Iris award, alternate to International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF).

Alexandra Stensvad, 12th grade: purple project award, state fair trip, purple paper award, state symposium trip, \$50 Thin Film award, \$50 pharmaceutical award, Air

Force certificate award, Chemical Society honorable mention, clarity of project award honorable mention, ISWEEEP trip to Houston, Texas, in May.

People News

Foss family announces birth

Matt and Emily Foss of Silver Lake announce the birth of their daughter, Taylor Val, on Feb. 19, 2013, at Glencoe Regional Health Services. Taylor weighed 8 pounds, 11 ounces, and was 21 inches long. Her older sibling is Bree Ryherd. Grandparents are David and Donna Foss of Plato and David and Janet Joachim of Waverly, Iowa.

Daughter born to Posusta

Ashley Posusta of Lester Prairie announces the birth of her daughter, Jade Marie Posusta, on Feb. 21, 2013, at Glencoe Regional Health Services. Jade weighed 6 pounds and was 20 inches long. Grandparents are Paulette Zanoth and LeRoy Posusta, both of Silver Lake.

Kerkvliets announce birth

Neil and Becky Kerkvliet of Lester Prairie announce the birth of their daughter, Crimson Louise, on Feb. 10, 2013, at Glencoe Regional Health Services. Crimson weighed 7 pounds, 2 ounces, and was 20-1/2 inches long. Her older siblings are Gibson, 7, and Mason, 5. Grandparents are Dennis and Deanne Zuk of Willow River and Frank and Robin Kerkvliet of Lester Prairie.

Legal Notices

McLeod County

McLeod County Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes 2/5/13
Commissioners Wright, Nies, Terlinden, Shimanski and Christensen were present.

Nies/Shimanski motion approved the agenda.

Terlinden/Shimanski motion approved the consent agenda including January 22, 2013 Meeting Minutes and Synopsis; January 18, 2013 Auditor's Warrants; January 25, 2013 Auditor's Warrants; Approve the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) Medical Reserve Corp. (MRC) grant of \$4,000 to be used from January 5, 2013 thru July 31, 2013; Approve of Conditional Use Permit 13-01 for Brian Roushar for a kennel permit to be named West Country Kennels for boarding and training up to fifty (50) hunting dogs and to breed up to a limit of fifteen (15) dogs and Approve a Conditional Use Permit 13-02 for Duinick Bros. Inc. on property owned by Sharen Farenbaugh for the excavation of a 25.28 acre gravel mining operation with crushing and stock piling.

Nies/Christensen motion approved payment of bills totaling \$90,692.73 from the following funds: General Revenue \$63,544.16; Road & Bridge \$10,538.79; Solid Waste \$4,490.15; and County Ditch Fund \$12,119.63.

Nies/Terlinden motion carried unanimously to adopt Resolution 13-RB01-02 designating the McLeod County Website as the official publication for transportation projects.

Terlinden/Christensen motion carried unanimously to adopt Resolution 13-RB02-03.

Nies/Terlinden motion carried unanimously to approve the 2013-2017 Highway and Bridge Construction Plan with removal of the trail project from CSAH 1 to Boone Avenue in 2017 since it was also listed in 2016.

Shimanski/Christensen motion carried unanimously to approve letting dates as listed above which are programmed for 2013 from the 5-year plan.

Shimanski/Terlinden motion carried unanimously to approve the road maintenance agreement with the City of Lester Prairie.

Terlinden/Nies motion carried

unanimously to approve the State of Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources FY2013 Competitive Grants Program Agreement.

Nies/Shimanski motion carried unanimously to approve the requested agreement between McLeod County and Tri-County Solid Waste Commission.

Shimanski/Terlinden motion carried unanimously to approve hiring Schauer and Sons Construction Inc., Glencoe, MN, to construct a Pesticide/Dangerous Materials Room in the Household Hazardous Waste Facility.

Nies/Shimanski motion carried unanimously to approve the hiring of K&S Electric, Olivia, MN, to install electrical for the Pesticide/Dangerous Materials Room in the Household Hazardous Waste Facility.

Nies/Christensen motion carried unanimously to approve Mining Conditional Use Permit 13-03 for Craig Reiner Contracting for the purpose of mining, extracting, recycling and stockpiling with the conditions as listed.

Shimanski/Terlinden motion carried unanimously to approve the Administrative Services Agreement.

Shimanski/Terlinden motion carried unanimously to approve the Stop Loss Contract for Sibley / McLeod Counties and Medica effective January 1, 2013.

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Rich Valley Township

Notice of Annual Meeting Rich Valley Township

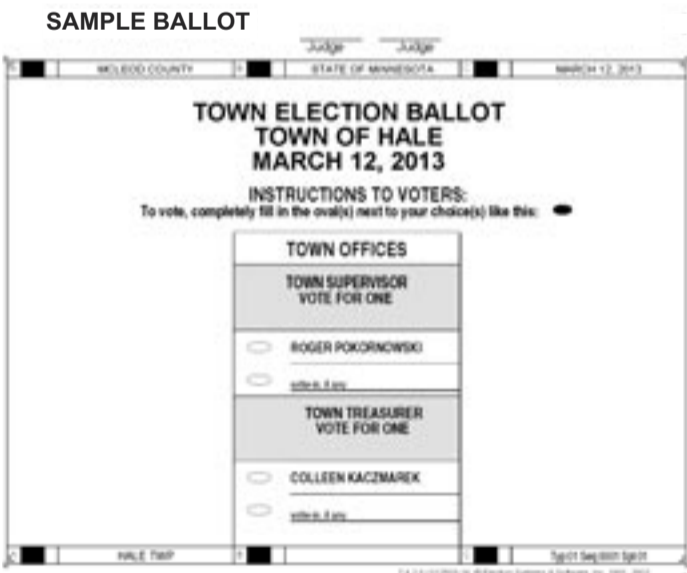
Notice is hereby given to the residents of Rich Valley Township, County of McLeod, State of Minnesota, that the Annual Town Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 12, 2013. In case of inclement weather, the meeting may be postponed until the third Tuesday in March.

The Annual Meeting will commence at 7 PM 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, Clerk
Town of Rich Valley

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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 12, 2013.

In case of inclement weather, the Meeting and Election will be postponed until the third Tuesday in March (March 19, 2013).

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) Treasurer – 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

Weather Corner

By Jake Yurek



Quiet weather is on tap this week as all of the activity stays to our south. The main storm track continues to bring big storms into the central part of the U.S., the only problem for snow lovers being that the track continues to point south of us.

That continues with an early-week storm and then quiet weather to end the week. Highs this week will be right around (slightly below) average, which for this time of year is about 33 degrees.

Storms and precipitation chances stay to our south with the only chance of a passing snow shower being late Saturday, but it would most likely only be very light.

Our next chance of accumulating snow holds off until early next week when a system finally moves our way. In a quiet pattern like this, it's hard to find anything to talk about, so I'll just end with have a good week. March will be coming in like a lamb this year.

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Wednesday night — Lows 17-23, clouds.

Thursday — Highs 27-33; lows 12-18; partly cloudy.

Friday — Highs 26-32; lows 10-16; partly cloudy.

Saturday — Highs 26-32; lows 9-15; partly cloudy.

Sunday — Highs 24-31; ostly clear.

Weather Quiz: How much snow do we see in a typical March?

Answer to last week's question: Highest temperature 83 degrees (three separate times); lowest temperature -32 degrees (March 1, 1962); most precipitation 1.62 inches (March 1, 1965); most snow 14.7 inches (March 31, 1985).

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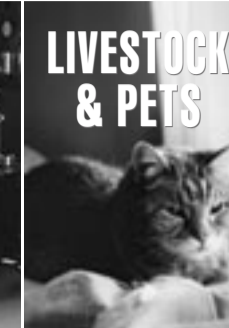
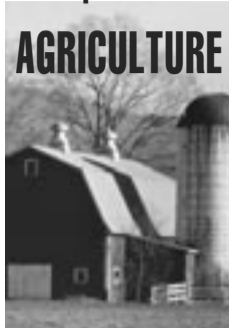
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Talented students

GSL students put their talents on display Thursday as part of the Winterfest activities. The annual talent show offered a wide variety of talent, like “Dirty Mike and the Boys’ Long Road to Love,” the high-flying quintet of Ray Eberhard, Nick Jenkins, Tyler Zajicek, Luke Weiers and Joe Fehrenbach, above, to Alfredo “Freddie” Pena, lower left, and his robotic dance to Liz Boyum and and her emotion-filled solo “Jar of Hearts.”



Submitted photos

Read-a-thon

The Helen Baker read-a-thon was held Feb. 12 when several Lincoln Jr. High students came to the elementary school to read to the students. Above, from left, are elementary students Christian Reyes, Courtney Mathwig, Adan Cortez, Sabas Rangel, Angelica Duvall, Holden Meyer, an unidentified, partially hidden girl, Roxanna Palacios and Makenna Eiden with junior high student Marissa Kirchoff. At the right is Jordan Briedenbach with elementary students Justin Wanous, Tanner Wilson and Kayla Stowell.





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Gun control: Sheriff aims to uphold 2nd Amendment

By Rich Glennie
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McLeod County Sheriff Scott Rehmann was pretty clear when he spoke to the delegates at Saturday’s McLeod County Republican Convention at the courthouse in Glencoe.

“As sheriff I will not enforce anything that infringes on your right to bear arms.” That same message would be for his DFL friends if invited to speak at their gatherings, he added.

Rehmann said when he took his oath office, he swore to uphold the constitutions of the United States and the State of Minnesota. “I took that oath seriously.”

Rehmann was invited to the Republican county convention to address gun-control issues and the Second Amendment’s right to bear arms.

Rehmann stressed that the sheriff is not here to enforce federal laws, that is the duty of the federal agents, although they often work together.

As to state legislation being authored to control guns, Rehmann was firm in stating he “will not enforce statutes that infringe upon your rights.”

Rehmann pointed to comments by state Rep. Glenn Gruenhagen, R-Glencoe, about trying to expand the definition of mental illness at the federal level as a concern about local gun rights.

Gruenhagen said this is the attempt by federal authorities to “come in the back door with the expansion of (definitions) of mental illness.” He pointed to President Obama’s approach of using executive orders to bypass Congress.

Rehmann said the state enforcement agencies support stronger mental health laws when it comes to gaining access to guns, especially for those who have been legally committed. But he said a lot of that data has not been put into the statewide system that law enforcement uses for background checks.

He pointed to a recent case of a Watertown man, convicted of murdering his mother years earlier, who was found to be in possession of a small arsenal of weapons, all purchased legally.

The aim, Rehmann said, is to not infringe on law-abiding citizens.

Asked what would happen if federal agents arrived on the local scene. Who has jurisdiction?

Rehmann said that is a question he needs to research more thoroughly, but there are differing views on jurisdiction. The question is who supersedes whom — federal agents versus local law enforcement.

“I’m your constitutional officer (as an elected sheriff), they aren’t,” Rehmann said.

The agencies often work together, however, in investigations. “But I’m not opposed to standing up for your rights and protections,” Rehmann said.

“We elected you. We look at you to protect us,” one delegate added.

“There are strength in numbers,” Rehmann added. “I need you as much as you need



Sheriff Rehmann

me. Right now, there are two views on jurisdiction.”

Asked about the definition of an assault rifle, Rehmann said his definition is a fully-automatic, military-issued weapon. He said one can get a license to own such weapons, but they are heavily regulated.

But Rehmann called the argument about assault rifles at the state and federal levels, “a strawman argument.”

With simple cosmetic changes to the stock, for example, a rifle can be made to

look like an assault rifle. Everything is the same on many of these rifles, “they just look different. It’s more cosmetic. It’s hard to define an assault rifle.”

Asked if the sheriff’s office turns down many gun permit applications, Rehmann said none are turned down “unless they are legally prohibited.”

He said the number of permits requested since the Stony Brook shootings last December has grown greatly. “I would not be surprised if everyone has one by now,” he smiled.

At the next County Board meeting, Rehmann said he plans to ask for a reduction in the \$100 permit fee. He said a \$70 fee to do the initial administrative work and background checks seems more appropriate, with a \$50 fee for a permit renewal.

Gun-control is an emotional issue, Rehmann admitted. But standing up for constitutional rights also is important. “Make your voices known,” he urged the delegates.

Asked how to make guns safer, Rehmann offered two quick methods: keep ammo and guns separate; and keep them under lock and key: “that’s the law.”



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Recycling surveillance installed

Ray Bandas, road foreman for the McLeod County Highway Department, installed “notice” signs around the McLeod County Highway Department shed and recycling shed in Silver Lake. Cameras were installed on site to monitor illegal dumping. The cameras are on 24 hours, seven days a week, and are connected to an office computer system that records activity at the site. The county installed the system at a total cost of \$5,633. For more information on what can and can’t be recycled, visit www.co.mcleod.mn/us/solidwaste or call 320-484-4300.

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