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County prepared for propane shortage issues

By Lori Copley
Staff Writer

The current propane shortage has yet to seriously impact McLeod County, but preparations are being made in the event the situation worsens.

Which could well happen, McLeod County Emergency Services Director Kevin Mathews told the County Board Tuesday morning.

Mathews said the propane shortage situation is “more of a marathon than a sprint” and may have a long-lasting effect on Minnesota residents.

Currently, Mathews said, the shortage is being most harshly felt in the northern part of the state.

The impact in the southwest region, which includes McLeod County, has been minimal, with suppliers being able to meet customer needs so far, although prices have soared upward toward \$5 per gallon.

“There haven’t been too many calls about it, yet,” said Mathews.

Mathews said most area suppliers are willing to “bend

the rules a little” regarding payments to help out propane users who may not be able to keep up with the prices.

However, if the situation continues to linger, particularly with the below-normal temperatures, some families may be significantly impacted, even to the point of having to close up their homes and take shelter elsewhere.

To that extent, Mathews said, he has been reviewing the county’s list of shelters, with a particular eye as to how they maintain heat ... those that use propane may not be available for emergency use.

“We could lose some shelters if they heat with propane,” said Mathews.

Commissioner Jon Christensen noted that people having to leave their homes unheated may end up with more serious problems, such as burst pipes and water damage.

Mathews said his office has prepared information on how to properly winterize homes to avoid such problems.

He added that he also is

preparing safety information for those who supplement their heating with alternative sources, such as space heaters, both electric and otherwise.

Mathews said the governor has declared a state of emergency in Minnesota because of the propane shortage. The initial state of emergency was for five days; the governor has since extended it another 30 days.

Mathews said his office and the public health department have kept in touch with state agencies and other services, such as the Red Cross, regarding the shortage. Some of the state agencies are looking at loosening guidelines for qualifying for public assistance for heating costs, as well as setting up a hotline that will act as a “conduit” for people seeking help.

Mathews said his department will continue to participate in conference calls with state agencies and gather lists of resources to help residents cope with the shortage.



Silver Lake Leader photos by Alyssa Schauer

Olympic ceremony

At the all-school meeting last Friday at Lakeside Elementary, fourth-grade students opened the meeting with an Olympic ceremony to recognize the upcoming 2014 Winter Olympics. Fourth graders designed flags from participating countries and posted them onto yard sticks, holding them up during their parade into the gym. The students also paraded through the crowd after the meeting and back to their classes. Above, from left to right, are Rylen Rosenlund, Elias Kuehn and Cade Herrmann. To the left, from left to right, are Emiy Larsen, Connor Sullivan and Brianna Sanchez.



Blizzard Blast exceeds its fundraising goal

By Rich Glennie
Editor

Dr. John Bergseng, emcee of the eighth annual Blizzard Blast fundraising event for the local hospice program, rattled off one joke after another — some hilarious, others were groaners — Friday night in the grand ballroom of the Glencoe City Center.

The fundraiser supports the Allina Health Hospice Foundation, whose mission is “to serve patients and families by raising funds for end-of-life care that provides peace, dignity and comfort.”

Bergseng, a surgeon at Glencoe Regional Health

Services, was one of many volunteers who took part in and helped organize the annual charity event.

Krista Green, who also works at Glencoe Regional Health Services, offered a stirring testimonial about the benefits of hospice for her late mother, who needed hospice assistance at the end of her life.

The live auction was conducted by Gail Rolf, Travis Oltmann and his son, Will, who admitted at the start they were not professional auctioneers. But they had fun nevertheless, and the live auction did well.

Sold on the live auction were the following donations: 12 months of floral arrangements from Wendy at Wonder Works; a half share in Tangeltown’s fresh garden produce for 18 weeks; a pair of autographed Lindsay Whalen basketball shoes from the U.S. Olympic champion and member of the two-time NBA champion Minnesota Lynx; and an expensive reclining lift chair.

Also, the event involved a wide variety of donated items for the charity’s silent auction.

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Side job became lifelong passion for local artist



Silver Lake Leader photo by Alyssa Schauer

Sam Shimanski started painting at a young age, and at 92 years, continues to paint. Above, he holds his very first painting, “The Lost Sheep,” created in

1936. Shimanski has donated many of his paintings to church benefits and silent auctions.

By Alyssa Schauer
Staff Writer

What started as an interest in painting at the age of 14 for Sam Shimanski became a side job alongside farming, and remains a hobby for him at the age of 92.

Shimanski said his interest in the arts began in the fifth grade. “I liked to draw in grade school, and I drew different things and entered them into the county and state fairs,” he said.

“I was encouraged to draw and paint by the teachers at the country school. One year, my teacher, Richard Konerza, bought me a set of Onward watercolor paints for 39 cents. They were really perfect,” Shimanski said.

But what really sparked his painting hobby was watching Art Luenow carefully paint his brother’s name on a milk truck.

“When my brothers had their milk routes, they had a milk truck, of course, with

their names painted on (the truck). I watched Art paint Al’s name on his truck, and that is where I got a lot of ideas,” Shimanski said.

“He did a beautiful job and he really impressed me. So I started painting numbers and letters on the milk cans for my brothers’ routes. It wasn’t really all that perfect,” he laughed.

In 1936, at 14, Shimanski completed his first oil painting, “The Lost Sheep,” which he painted by kerosene lamp in the upstairs of his home.

“We didn’t have electric lights yet, and didn’t get lights until 1947, so I painted by a little kerosene lamp upstairs. I always painted in the evenings. I never painted during the day because I was working on the farm,” Shimanski said.

“I used to buy paint at Slanga’s hardware store for 10 cents a tube. That was a reasonable price those days. Tube paint was the best. It comes out like toothpaste, and you mix it with oil.”

Today, oil paints cost about \$3.50, “which really isn’t bad either,” Shimanski said.

“But, I invest in really nice brushes. I used to purchase brushes from an art shop in Minneapolis, and I even sent for some in Chicago. Another local artist, Andrew Jagodzinski, gave me information and the address in Chicago for art products,” he said.

Shimanski graduated from Silver Lake High School in 1941, and had high hopes of attending Dunwoody Institute for painting.

“But the war started, and my two brothers were off to fight in World War II, so I stayed home and helped on the farm because Dad was getting older.

“I got married to Dolores (Pokornowski) in 1945. At that time, the war was over in August, and I was glad because we already had the wedding planned for Sep-

Shimanski
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Upcoming Events

Hutch Legion Auxiliary meets

The regular meeting of Hutchinson American Legion Auxiliary Unit 96 will be Monday, Feb. 10, at 7 p.m., at the Hutchinson Legion Post 96. The executive board meeting will be at 6:15 p.m. Please renew your membership dues. Dues help pay donations to veterans' organizations, such as Legionville.

Seniors to meet on Feb. 10

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

County DFLers meet Feb. 8

The McLeod County DFL will meet on Saturday, Feb. 8, at 10 a.m., in the downstairs meeting room of the Hutchinson Public Library.

Legion meeting set Feb. 17

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

Auxiliary meeting set Feb. 17

The Silver Lake American Legion Auxiliary Unit will meet Monday, Feb. 17, at 7 p.m., in the Legion Club rooms at the Silver Lake American Legion Post 141.

FFA winter barnyard Feb. 20

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

Senior dining birthday party

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

Donkey basketball at GSL gym on Feb. 9

The "Dairyland Donkey Basketball Show" is coming to the Glencoe-Silver Lake High School gymnasium Sunday, Feb. 9, at 5 p.m.

The event was originally scheduled for Sunday, Jan. 26, but was postponed due to inclement weather.

It is basketball played on real, live donkeys, and it will be wilder than a rodeo and funnier than a circus!

Teams include FFA members, GSL staff, members of local fire departments and the GSL basketball teams.

All local players will be riding, so come out and see someone you know try to ride a donkey and play basketball at the same time.

This fun-filled show is sponsored by and benefits the GSL FFA chapter. Kiddie rides (12 and under) are available at intermission for the first 125 children signed up with a paid parent ticket. Tickets can be purchased in advance and at the door and are available from FFA members and in the high school ag room.

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tember," he laughed. Shimanski continued to farm and took over the family farm in 1947, but continued his painting as a side job, creating signs for local businesses and organizations throughout the area.

Not only did he paint the Legion Park sign in Silver Lake, the 1983/1987 "Nine-Man Football Champions" sign, the Legion memorial crosses, several farm signs throughout the McLeod County region, but he also painted the sign for the world's largest twine ball attraction in Darwin.

Shimanski was also hired to paint lettering on different types of machinery, including a threshing machine, a corn sheller, semi trucks, an old plow, and the 40&8 Steam Engine owned by the American Legion.

"That steam engine came from Pennsylvania, and I had to go to Brownston to paint it because I didn't have a shed big enough to store it on the farm. The 40&8 was a World

War I boxcar that could hold 40 men and eight horses," Shimanski said.

Shimanski also painted several Pola-Czesky Days signs for food vendors and parade participants, and he painted signs for businesses like Glencoe Butter and Produce, Jack Ondrachek trappers, Henry's Corner Bar, and the Wee Willie Band.

"I don't even know how these people found me, but they did," he laughed. He said his painting was not that "perfect, but I really love to paint."

Shimanski has also painted several landscape scenes and Silver Lake skyline paintings and donated them to church benefits and silent auctions.

Just last year, he painted two oil painting scenes and donated them to his daughter and son-in-law's, Therese and Frank Hlavka's, cancer benefit.

"I have five blank canvases yet, and will paint something if I find something to paint," he laughed.

Knowledge Bowl teams top 'Lucky Lindy'

The Glencoe-Silver Lake Knowledge Bowl team traveled to Little Falls' "Lucky Lindy" Invitational on Saturday, Feb. 1, and won, remaining unbeaten this year.

"Little Falls offers us a relatively rare chance to meet some teams from other parts of the state, including Albany, Chanhassen, Chaska, Cloquet, Pierz, Pine River/Backus and, of course, Little Falls," said GSL Coach Vicky Harris. "Of these schools, the first three especially offer excellent competition, and we think it's worth the drive to Little Falls to meet them.

"The results showed us that even against these other teams, GSL is strong at all levels," Harris said.

Teams at Little Falls get to choose names — this is partly because in some regions teams choose names for the whole year. For instance, all Chaska teams are some sort of cat this year, while Albany uses names that involve Gnomes.

"In our region, we don't normally do this, so it's always fun to be able to do it at the Lucky Lindy," Harris said. GSL's two varsity teams were Chaos and Pandemonium, while the junior varsity (JV) were Unstable and the Slytherpuffs. The junior high chose Deoxyribonucleic acid, Storm Cloaks and Canadian Beavers.

There were 22 teams in the varsity part of the meet, but GSL teams only competed against a few of them.

Chaos began with a written score of 50, in a three-way tie for second place, but in the end, Chaos dominated the meet with 111.5 points. The team members were Ethan Bass, Mark Broderius, Patrick Fehrenbach, Chandler Swift and Jacob Wawrzyniak.

GSL's second team, Pandemonium, began with a written score of 41, putting it in Room



Submitted photo

The Glencoe-Silver Lake Knowledge Bowl teams swept to victory at the Little Falls "Lucky Lindy" meet last weekend. Team members include, front row, from left, Marisa Luchsinger, Nathan Litzau, JJ Ingeman, Jacob Reichow, Isaac Swift, Jack Gepson, Jared Lokensgard, Haley Lukes and Brett Baumgarten. Middle row, Mitch Beneke, Jacob Fehrenbach, Trevor Po-

susta, Maddie Kuehn, Ethan Bass, Jenna Lokensgard, Lindsay Wedin, Becky Lieser, Megan Fehrenbach, Katie Twiss, Robin Swift and Rachel Reichow. Back row, Mark Lueders, Jacob Wawrzyniak, Chandler Swift, Patrick Fehrenbach, Mark Broderius, Kyle Beck, Brent Duenow, Austin Pinske, Thomas Villarreal and Kyle Wanous.

4 to begin. There it earned 19 points, and for the rest of the meet was in Room 2.

Pandemonium ended the meet in sixth place — third place of the small schools — with 90 points.

This persistent team included Kyle Beck, Brent Duenow, Maddie Kuehn and Mark Lueders.

The junior varsity meet had 11 teams, and GSL's Slytherpuffs started out in second place but won with 114 points.

"It stayed in oral Room 1 for every round of the meet, really gaining confidence as the meet went on," Harris said. This team included Jacob Fehrenbach, Marisa Luchsinger, Rachel Reichow, Robin Swift and Katie Twiss.

GSL's Unstable finished in third place with 90.5 points, just one-half point behind the second-place team. The students were Mitch Beneke, Jenna Lokensgard, Trevor Po-

susta and Lindsay Wedin.

The junior high meet had nine teams, and three were from GSL. "Their stories are much more tangled, because each spent some time in the same room as other teams," Harris said.

The Storm Cloaks dominated the meet, starting with the highest written score of 49, then earning 15, 17, 16, and 11 points, for a total of 114 and first place. These students were Becky Lieser, Austin Pinske, Megan Fehrenbach and Haley Lukes.

The Deoxyribonucleic acids began in second place with a written of 45, but could only earn 8 points in round one and two against the Storm Cloaks, and by round three, they dropped to Room 2, where they won with a score of 14. This moved them up to room one again, where there were now all three GSL teams. They earned 8 points, and finished in fourth place with a score of 88.5, just two points behind third place. This team included Kyle Wanous, Brett Baum-

garten, Jared Lokensgard, Jacob Reichow, and Isaac Swift.

The Canadian Beavers finished the meet in second place with 98.5 points. The team members were Jack Gepson, Thomas Villarreal, JJ Ingeman and Nathan Litzau.

"Many remarkable things happened at this meet, but at the beginning of round four when I looked at the score charts and realized that GSL had a team at the top of each division, I thought it was impossible for all three teams to pull off the win. In fact it was not impossible, and the teams definitely did their best!" Harris said.

"Coaches from Chaska and Albany both congratulated GSL on the team's excellent performance," she added.

This coming weekend will be GSL's home meet at the high school, starting at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 8.

GFWC group met; next meeting set Feb. 24

Due to the cold weather on Monday, Jan. 25, the GFWC Silver Lake held its meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 27, at Cedar Crest Estate in Silver Lake.

The club entertained the residents at Cedar Crest. Card bingo was played with many prizes awarded to the winners. Refreshments were served following the entertainment.

The meeting was then held. Winterfest and the business expo were discussed and declared a success.

The club will purchase \$25 in products to be given to the Guatemala mission group for its silent auction at the Belgian waffle supper fundraiser.

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Our goal was \$22,000," said Lona Oltmann, an event spokeswoman and an RN with Allina Health Home Care. Although she said the final tallies have not been finalized, "we exceeded that (the goal), which is wonderful!"

There were 230 in attendance, and the goal was 250 people, she added. It was the second year of holding the Blizzard Blast at the Glencoe City Center.

Oltmann said the event

"went very well." There were compliments about the food supplied by Chef Craig, even though the cost per plate was higher this year, she said. The complimentary wine tasting also was well received, Oltmann added.

She said the Blizzard Blast committee will meet in a week or so to discuss what went well and where improvements might occur for next year's event. And then the planning begins for Blizzard Blast 2015.

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Tracing Roots

By Ron Pulkrabek



Letter to Wisconsin Pulkrabeks

Editor's note: Three Pulkrabek families lived near Racine, Wis., for seven years. In 1866, one brother and his family moved to McLeod County, homesteading on the banks of the Crow River, five miles south of Silver Lake on which is now the John and Bonnie Mohr farm. Their sister's family, Mary Jurush, has been lost to us. Anton is urging his brother Frank, my great-great-grandfather, to come to Minnesota. He tells how wonderful it is here.

Aug. 7, 1866,
Silver Lake,
Minnesota,

Dear friends, We greet you with our warmest hearts, our beloved children. Thank God we are in good health. We received your letter July 2nd and read it anxiously, but when we learned that Joseph met with a misfortune, we were very, very sorry, was crying, and every once in a while am asking, if Joseph will not lose his hand. (Note: In 1882, Joseph married Anna Pesina, Leon Pesina's grandfather's sister and after several business ad-

ventures, mainly selling horses, settled in St. Paul, Alberta, Canada.)

So dear friends, brother and sister-in law, I want you to know that we have moved into our new place and now have put in the door. Then came a bad storm with rain and our mattress was all soaked when it stopped raining.

To build the roof of our sod hut, we cut grass and covered the rafters and on top we have placed more sod squares. And now, thank God, it is covered.

(Ron thinks the sod hut was near the river, more or less in a ravine for ease of building, but cannot locate the exact spot in Mohr's pasture).

I have to let you know that this spring I planted a little patch of land with potatoes, rye and a piece of corn. And we also made a clearing of about three acres and thinking we could clear at least 10 more acres.

Dear friends, weather here is nice, grass grows tall, and I have also planted a small patch of wheat, what with flour being so expensive.

(Old stories note that Anton would somehow, on his back

or by horse, 60 miles round trip, take a few bushels of wheat to Chaska and return with flour).

Butter cost 16 cents, eggs 16 cents; everything else sells good, only if there would be more of it. I have to tell you also that we killed a deer. I went fishing (in the Crow River) and caught one being 35 pounds, and I could have caught a tub full of them. And now we have plenty of cherries and are quite good for cakes.

And so we are talking that we should send you a basket of cherries and you send some flour to us. And we have so many wild plums on the bushes; they are good for making wine.

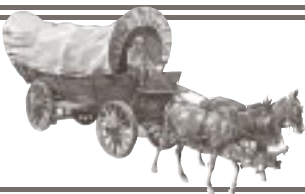
Now we have a lot of work, we should make hay, but mom cannot and I have a sore in my arm pit which hurts very much. If only it will not last too long, as it is my right hand.

It is almost harvest time, rye is already in stacks and wheat is being cut thru. Harvest is same as at home.

(Continued next week.)

Down Memory Lane

Compiled by Margaret Benz



75 YEARS AGO - FEB. 11, 1939 — The Farmers Produce Co., Inc., will hold its annual meeting on Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 14, beginning at 2 o'clock at the Produce building. Election of officers and directors will be held and any other business that will come before the members will be discussed. Dividend checks, which reflect another successful year, were mailed to the stockholders last week. Current officers include Will Zanda, president; John J. Schultz, vice president; Dana Lord, secretary; and Dewey Born, treasurer and manager. Leo Zanoth, Jos. Mikolichek, and Peter Wawrzyniak are on the board of directors.

The Silver Lake Fire Department is sponsoring a dance on Thursday night, Feb. 16, at the village hall with music by Jerry Dostal and his orchestra. Tickets are 40¢ and 10¢.

Emil and Malcolm Trutna will do building of cabinets to order or remodel them, refinish furniture, saw filing, and scissor sharpening.

The Silver Lake Hatchery, which has served this community for the past 14 years under the management of the late Frank Barton, will open for business on March 10. Herald Barton has been appointed as manager by the Misses Anna and Emily Barton, present owners.

The meeting of the stockholders of the Silver Lake Community Creamery Co. held on Tuesday, Feb. 7, brought out more than the usual large attendance. The election of officers resulted in the re-election of Edward Wraspir, president; Arthur Hudec, vice president; Fred Drahos, secretary; Stanley Drahos, treasurer; and Buttermaker and Manager Henry E. Witte. The directors include Henry Nuwash, Joe Chap, and Frank Schultz. Following the meeting, hot dog sandwiches, furnished by Buttermaker Henry Witte, were served and the creamery association furnished the beer and smokes.

Thomas Wozniak, 46, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wozniak Sr. of Silver Lake, was killed in an auto crash near Little Falls late Saturday afternoon. Funeral services will be conducted at the Bowls Church Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock.

Raymond Rozewski, 24, son of Mr. and Mrs. Anton Rozewski, died on Monday, Feb. 6, at the Dr. Holm's Hospital in Glencoe. Funeral services were held on Thursday, Feb. 9, at the St. Adalbert's Church.

Ruth Konerza became the bride of Frank Jerabek on Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 7, at 2 o'clock at the Presbyterian Manse.

50 YEARS AGO - FEB. 6, 1964 — The Silver Lake Fire Department is sponsoring a Masquerade Dance on Saturday evening, Feb. 8, at the Silver Lake Auditorium. Cash prizes will be awarded for the best costume. The biggest highlight of the evening will be at 11:45 p.m. when a pig will be let loose on the auditorium floor and ladies in costume only will be eligible to catch the live pig.

A new mail service has been added for patrons of the Silver Lake Post Office with the Sunday afternoon pickup of mail by the Star Route Truck driver. This is in addition to the Saturday afternoon pickup now in effect.

GSL scholarship applications available Feb. 3

Local scholarship applications will become available to Glencoe-Silver Lake seniors on Feb. 3.

More than \$70,000 was awarded to the class of 2013, and the scholarships will be awarded at the GSL Senior Banquet on Sunday, May 18.

Monies for these scholarships come from local organi-

zations, businesses and families and are awarded to seniors who will be attending a post-secondary school during the 2014-15 school year.

Scholarship information and applications can be found under the "Counseling Corner" section on the GSL website at www.gsl.k12.mn.us.

Parents of seniors are asked

to check with their child regarding this scholarship information and encourage your child to give these applications the time they deserve.

The applications are to be returned to the guidance office no later than 8 a.m. on Tuesday, March 11. No applications will be accepted after that time or date.

Ready to hibernate until spring

I am getting old.

On Tuesday night, Grandma Genny and I headed to the Chanhassen Dinner Theater for "Fiddler on the Roof," but we couldn't even make it through the entire production because we were both exhausted from the day.

We could have perhaps been tired from sharing a bottle of Lambrusco blush wine (which was quite delicious), but I am blaming the weather on my tired personality.

I used to work overnight shifts at a group home in Winona, and worked overnight shifts here at Cedar Crest Estate in Silver Lake for a couple of years, so I had no problem staying up late.

I considered myself a night owl, and enjoyed the serenity and quiet elegance of the twilight hours.

Even after quitting overnight shifts, I wasn't in bed until after midnight most evenings, but these days, it seems I am in bed by 9 p.m., and even then, it is still so dang hard getting out of bed at 6 a.m. for work.

I think the cold weather is wearing on my body, and it seems I have no energy to do anything. Sometimes I wish I were a black bear, so I could hibernate for months and awake when the first robin appears.

I am definitely ready for spring.

But, in the meantime, I'm trying to make the most of this winter by planning trips and seeing friends and family.

Last weekend, I traveled to Eau Claire for a weekend at home with Mom and Dad and my brothers.

Naturally, spending three days with my brothers elicited some trouble, and on Saturday night, we found ourselves on the side of the road, with red

The Travel Section

By Alyssa Schauer



and blue patrol lights flashing behind us.

Around midnight, my brother Nick and I left to pick up my brother Alex from his college dorm so he could attend church with us in the morning and join in our Super Bowl festivities.

Alex's girlfriend needed a ride to her car, so Nick headed to the snowy parking lot to drop her off, and when leaving the near-empty lot, he couldn't help but whip a donut through the icy area.

This is normal behavior for boys and it seemed harmless until we headed home from the college and Nick says, "Uh oh."

I look in the passenger side mirror to see those ominous flashing lights and wondered if it was from reckless driving.

We've definitely done our share of dumb stuff in life, and we knew Mom wouldn't like this.

Thank the Lord, Nick only received a written warning for having snow-covered license plates, but he didn't appreciate Alex and I laughing at his misfortune.

Over the weekend, I even found time to see my friends who lovingly label me a "mud duck from Minnesota."

"When are you going to have common sense and move back to this state?" Brad asked.

I jokingly said, "Never," though I contemplated the move after driving through the

beautiful, mountainous bluffs on my way home to our little house nestled in seven acres of woodlands.

Unlike McLeod County, the majority of the landscape is not flat, so there are very few snowdrifts to plow through when driving in this winter weather.

Though it is just as cold as it is here in Minnesota, the temperatures seem more mild in Wisconsin because that biting windchill is blocked by the majestic bluffs.

But because there is no wind to blow the snow into the next county, I will admit there is a lot more snow in Wisconsin, and it seems the grass doesn't appear until late April or May.

So it's probably best I just stay a "Minnesota mud duck" for awhile, where my chances of thawing out are greater than if I were living in Wisconsin.

Spring, won't you come soon?

Also, I have to write little plug for the Glencoe-Silver Lake FFA — their donkey basketball fundraiser is this Sunday, and guess who's playing?

Yes, me. I'll be riding a donkey, trying to play basketball. As if it weren't hard enough already for a 5'3" woman.

It should be interesting, and I'm sure hilarious. If you need a good laugh, come to the GSL gym at 5 p.m.

See you there!

Tim Orth Jamboree March 29

The 16th-annual Tim Orth Memorial Foundation basketball jamboree will be held at the Glencoe-Silver Lake High School gymnasium Saturday, March 29.

The doors open at 4:30 p.m., with the games beginning at 6 p.m.

Male and female area high school senior athletes will play two basketball games. A list of all entertainers will be provided at a later time. There will be a special recipient ceremony during halftime of the boy's game.

The proceeds (raffles, concessions, admission, donations, and silent auction) from this event will be given to Ty Olson and Braden Olson, sons of Chris and Cindy Olson of Litchfield, Ricardo Martinez Jr., son of Ricardo and Maria Martinez of Glencoe, Angelita Gonzalez, daughter of Berangila and Juan Gonzalez of Glencoe, Brayden Havelka, son of Pam Hoffman and Jeff Havelka of Hutchinson, Taylor Tenhoff, son of Russ and Monica Tenhoff of Cokato, Landon Weigel, son of Steve and Tonda Weigel of Hutchinson, Molly Koschinska, daughter of Tim and Shannon Koschinska of Waconia, Jada Neid, daughter of Cory and Jessica Neid of Glencoe, Luke Nelson, son of Greg and Sara Nelson of Dassel, Zella Jo Thode, daughter of Matt and Sara Thode of Hutchinson, and Cody Olson, son of Joni and Craig Olson of Hutchinson.

For more information, call Ralph Johnson at 320-587-6733 or Don Tangen at 320-864-6010.

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| 2. Flab-u-Less | 25.71% | 20. Sweet 60's | 8.96% |
| 3. Goodbye One | | 21. Moovers | 8.58% |
| 4. Got Fat | 24.82% | 22. Marss+++ | 7.93% |
| 5. Masters of the Cupcakes | 18.96% | 23. Sassy Classy Ladies | 6.94% |
| 6. In It to Thin It | 16.34% | 24. Healthy Hearts | 6.77% |
| 7. The Frozen Four | 17.58% | 25. Gut Busters | 6.58% |
| 8. Pinch an Inch | 14.15% | 26. Lovely Losers | 6.17% |
| 9. That's Not Sweat, | | 27. Thin It To Win It | 5.41% |
| That's my Fat Crying | 12.69% | 28. Baby Steps | 5.68% |
| 10. Dream Team | 11.53% | 29. Fat Kicking Nijas | 4.93% |
| 11. Hungry Hippos | 10.38% | 30. Fat Free Bakers | 4.85% |
| 12. Cheese and Crackers | 10.35% | 31. Loss Cause | 4.84% |
| 13. Mission Slimpossible | 10.33% | 32. Champs | 4.25% |
| 14. Hideous Existor | 10.31% | 33. Three Little Pigs | |
| 15. PHAT | 10.29% | & A Kick Stand | 3.90% |
| 16. Perfection In Progress | 9.77% | 34. Wanna Bees | 3.77% |
| 17. Hot Tubs | 9.70% | 35. Baby Bump Busters | 2.31% |
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3rd-grade Panther Paws

The third-grade Panther Paw students for January were announced at the all-school meeting at Lakeside last Friday. Above, in the front, from left to right are Tage Rosen-

lund, Kimberly Ruiz and Trevor Kirchoff. In the back are Emily Joy Busch, Kayden Nagan, Alexa Forar and Caleb Schuth.



Silver Lake Leader photo by Alyssa Schauer

4th-grade Panther Paws

Fourth-grade students were awarded Panther Paws certificates for the month of January at the all-school meeting at Lakeside last Friday. In the front, from left to right are Malayna Graf, Eleanore Little-

john, Carly Eischens, Spencer Lemke and Beau Lepel. In the back are Dale McCrea, Anna Pederson, Azeneth Becerra, Angel DeLosSantos and Meadow Askerud.



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5th-grade Panther Paws

The Panther Paws students for the fifth-grade students at Glencoe-Silver Lake (GSL) Lakeside Elementary were announced during the all-school meeting last Friday. In the front, from left to right,

are Ashley Ribar, Kiera Baumgarten, Kelsey Rae, Miah Monahan and Corey Schmidt. In the back are Alex Smith, Olivia Dammann, Isabella Hussong, Jordan Grack and Hope Kosek.



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6th-grade Panther Paws

At the GSL Lakeside Elementary all-school meeting last Friday morning, sixth graders were chosen for Panther Paws awards. The recipients include, in the front, from left to right, Anthony LaPlante,

Isaiah Streich, Alec Schrupp and Michael Waibel. In the back are Jennifer Ramos, Marina Balboa, Ashley Jasken, Lexis Werner, Kalie Butcher and Megan Siewert.

Obituaries

Lillian M. Knutson, 94, of Hutchinson

Funeral services for Lillian Mary (Ruzicka) Knutson, 94, of Hutchinson, were held Thursday, Jan. 30, at Christ Lutheran Church in Glencoe.

The Rev. Katherine Rood officiated.

Mrs. Knutson died Monday, Jan. 27, 2014, at Eucumen Oaks & Pines in Hutchinson.

Twyla Kirkeby was the pianist, and soloist Randy Wilson sang "In the Garden." Congregational hymns were "Amazing Grace," "How Great Thou Art" and "What a Friend We Have in Jesus."

Pallbearers were Larry Ruzicka, Kevin Ruzicka, Gary Rannow, Dale Rannow, Dean Rannow and Brian Stubson. Interment was in the Glencoe City Cemetery.

Lillian Mary Ruzicka was born on the family farm in Silver Lake on June 11, 1919, to Frank and Mary (Miska) Ruz-

icka. She was baptized and confirmed in her faith at the Church of St. Joseph in Silver Lake. She was educated in Silver Lake.

One of her first jobs was a domestic job at the Dr. Waugensteen home. The doctor was a world-renown surgeon at the University of Minnesota.

On June 23, 1945, Lillian Ruzicka was married to Alfred Knutson of Wisconsin. Together they farmed in the Withee and Webster, Wis., areas for many years. Later they worked together as domestic and caretakers in the Lake Forrest, Ill., area. They worked for the Johnson Wax family and the Quaker Oats family.

Upon retiring, they moved to Glencoe to be near her family. After Mr. Knutson's death, she worked at the Glencoe Dairy Queen for several years.

Mrs. Knutson loved cooking, baking and gardening. Family and friends enjoyed many delicious meals and her kolaches at her home at 1518 Elliott Ave. She loved her

Glencoe home. She also made quilts and could crochet and knit. While in Glencoe, she was a faithful member of Christ Lutheran Church in Glencoe.

When she could no longer live alone in her home, Mrs. Knutson moved to the Oaks Assisted Living in Hutchinson.

Survivors include her sister, Christine (Harry) Drahos of Hastings; sister-in-law, Gloria Ruzicka of Hutchinson; nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends.

Preceding her in death were her parents, Frank and Mary Ruzicka; husband, Alfred Knutson; brothers, Richard Ruzicka and his wife, Ann, Leonard Ruzicka and David Ruzicka; sisters, Lucille Trombley and her husband, Clem, and Helen Rannow and her husband, David.

Arrangements were by the Johnson-McBride Funeral Chapel of Glencoe. Online obituaries and guest book are available at www.hantge.com. Click on obituaries/guest book.



Lillian Knutson

Church News

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

Sat., Feb. 8 — Men's Bible study, 7 a.m.

Sun., Feb. 9 — "First Light" radio broadcast on KARP 106.9 FM, 7:30 a.m.; pre-service prayer time, 9:15 a.m.; worship, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday school for all ages, 10:35 a.m.; youth activity Center-shot Archery Ministry, 1 p.m.

Mon., Feb. 10 — Church board meeting, 7 p.m.

Wed., Feb. 12 — Confirmation, discipleship class, 6 p.m.; puppet practice, prayer time, 7 p.m.

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

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Carol Chmielewski, pastor
Office hours: Tuesdays,
Wednesdays, Thursdays from
1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Sun., Feb. 9 — Handbell practice, 8:45 a.m.; worship service, 10 a.m.; fellowship and deacons' meeting to follow worship.

Wed., Feb. 12 — Light supper, 5:30 p.m.; WOW classes, 6 p.m.; choir practice, 6:45 p.m.

Thurs., Feb. 13 — Bible study, 2 p.m.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY
700 W. Main St.,
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Anthony Stubeda, Pastor
Thurs., Feb. 6 — Mass at Cedar Crest, 10:30 a.m.; CCW, 7 p.m.

Fri., Feb. 7 — Mass, 8 a.m.; first Friday calls; St. Pius X KC fish fry and CCW bake sale, Pla Mor Ballroom, 11 a.m.-7 p.m.

Sat., Feb. 8 — Rosary Society meeting, 9 a.m.; English baptism class at St. Pius X, 10 a.m.; NUD-CCW board meeting, Sleepy Eye; AFC consultation, 1 p.m.; AFC mission group pre-Valentine waffle supper, Crow River Winery, 4:30 p.m.; Holy Family and St. Pius X youth group work at waffle supper; reconciliation, 5:30 p.m.; Mass, 6:30 p.m.

Sun., Feb. 9 — Mass, 8 a.m.; confirmation retreat at St. Pius X, 2 p.m.-7 p.m.; Mass, 8 p.m.

Mon., Feb. 10 — No Mass.

Tues., Feb. 11 — Mass, 8 a.m.; eucharistic adoration 8:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.; quilting, 9 a.m.

Wed., Feb. 12 — Mass, 5 p.m.; first-through sixth-grade religious education classes, 7 p.m.-8 p.m.; seventh-through 11th-grade religious education classes, 7 p.m.-8:15 p.m.

Thurs., Feb. 13 — Mass at Cedar Crest, 10:30 a.m.; worship meeting, 5 p.m.

WORD OF LIFE CHURCH
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320-587-9443
E-mail: infor@loversoftruth.com

Jim Hall, Pastor
Sun., Feb. 9 — Worship, 9:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS
770 School Rd.,

Hutchinson
Kenneth Rand,
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320-587-5665

Sun., Feb. 9 — Sunday school, 10:50 a.m.-11:30 a.m.; priesthood, relief society and primary, 11:40 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

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Dr. Lee Allison, pastor
Sun., Feb. 9 — Worship, 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

FIRST CONGREGATION UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

31 Fourth Ave. S.W.,
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E-mail: jmm@hutchtel.net
Sun., Feb. 9 — Sunday school, 9 a.m.; worship, 10:15 a.m.

ST. PIUS X CHURCH
1014 Knight Ave., Glencoe
Anthony Stubeda, Pastor

Thurs., Feb. 6 — Morning prayer, 7 a.m.; Mass, 7:20 a.m.; junior choir, 2:50 p.m.; fundraiser night at Unhinged! Pizza; CCW meeting, 7 p.m.

Fri., Feb. 7 — Morning prayer, 8 a.m.; school Mass, 8:20 a.m.; adoration of blessed sacrament follows Mass until noon; first Friday communion calls begin, 10 a.m.; KC fish fry, CCW bake sale, Pla Mor Ballroom, 11 a.m.-7 p.m.; Spanish Mass, 5:30 p.m.

Sat., Feb. 8 — Mothers Group rosary, 9 a.m.; Mothers Group meeting, 9:30 a.m.; English baptism preparation at St. Pius X, 10 a.m.; AFC consultation at Holy Trinity, 1 p.m.; reconciliation, 4 p.m.; Mass, 5 p.m.; Mission of Love Valentine sales before and after Mass.

Sun., Feb. 9 — Mission of Love Valentine Sale before and after Mass; in-person sign-up for pictorial directory at Masses; Mass, 9:30 a.m.; Spanish Mass and baptisms, 11:30 a.m.; Spanish religious education for children and adults, 12:45 p.m.; confirmation retreat at St. Pius X, 2 p.m.-7 p.m.; Mass at Holy Family, Silver Lake.

8 p.m.
Mon., Feb. 10 — No Mass; St. Francis Mission Club, 1:30 p.m.

Tues., Feb. 11 — Morning prayer, 7 a.m.; Mass, 7:20 a.m.; parish administrative council, 8 p.m.

Wed., Feb. 12 — Morning prayer, 7 a.m.; Mass, 7:20 a.m.; two-hour early release; kindergarten through sixth-grade religious education classes, 7 p.m.-8 p.m.; seventh-through 11th-grade religious education classes, 7 p.m.-8:15 p.m.

SHALOM BAPTIST CHURCH
1215 Roberts Rd. SW.,
Hutchinson

Rick Stapleton, senior pastor
Adam Krumrie, worship pastor/director of student ministries

Sun., Feb. 9 — Adult growth groups, Sunday school and worship, 9 a.m.; adult growth groups and worship, 10:30 a.m.; discover membership, noon; Shalom running group, 4 p.m.; Financial Peace University, 7 p.m.

Mon., Feb. 10 — 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

Sat., Feb. 8 — Bethel play group.

Sun., Feb. 9 — Worship, 9 a.m.; new member information session, 10 a.m.; Sunday school, 10:15 a.m.

Tues., Feb. 11 — Trustee meeting, 5:30 p.m.

Wed., Feb. 12 — Worship team meeting, 6 p.m.; choir, 7 p.m.

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November
26...at Maple RiverL,62-61

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

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

February
03...at Belle PlaineL,67-65
06...at Dassel-Cokato7:15
10...at Rocori7:30
11...NLS7:15
14...Waconia7:15
18...at Litchfield7:15
20...at Watertown-Mayer 7:30
21...at Delano7:15

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

December
03...St. PeterW,60-42
07...at NYAW,39-33
10...Belle PlaineW,68-35
13...New UlmW,60-48
17...at New PragueL,62-30
20...Lester PrairieW,71-58
28...at MACCRAYW,58-23

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

February
03...RocoriW,61-51
07...Dassel-Cokato7:15
10...at NLS7:15
18...Litchfield7:15
20...at Waconia7:15
21...Delano7:15
25...Annandale7:15

WRESTLING

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

January
02...Watertown-MayerW,36-30
09...OronoW,65-14
09...DelanoW,58-6
11...at Zimmerman Inv.3rd
18...at LCWM Inv.2nd
20...at Mound-WtkaL,41-29
21...at WaconiaL,36-31
23...at HutchinsonL,61-8
30...LCWML,33-24
30...ACGCL,48-24
30...Sibley EastW,36-29
31...Conf. Tourney4th

February
06...New Prague6:00
07...at STMA6:00
08...at DC Inv.8:00

GYMNASTICS

January
14...LitchfieldL,123.375-103.125
17...at Dassel-CokatoL,120.775-101.6
18...GSL Inv.5th
21...St. Peter and Orono ...3rd
23...WaconiaL,128.875-98.45
30...at DelanoL,131.7-105.25

February
07...Mound-Wtka6:00
14...at Mankato (Sections).....TBD

DANCELINE

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

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

February
01...at Mound-Wtka (Sections).....10th

Panther boys fall in section seedings

By Josh Randt
Sports Editor

Losing three straight, the Glencoe-Silver Lake boys' basketball team will have its work cut out, as it will now play eight games over the next two weeks before sections begin Feb. 25.

The streak started with a 62-57 overtime loss to Hutchinson on Jan. 24, before the Panthers fell 69-43 at Holy Family, and 67-65 at Belle Plaine Monday night.

Monday's loss moves the Panthers from a possible No. 1, guaranteed No. 2, seed in the playoffs, to a fourth or fifth seed.

The loss to Holy Family was not a surprise, as the Fire are currently ranked No. 2 in Class AAA.

But the losses to Hutch and Belle Plaine come after GSL notched wins over both opponents in December.

Head coach Robb DeCorsey didn't want to get down on his guys after the stumble to Holy Family, saying, "We did some good things, and played really, really hard ... But we just showed a lack of experience and lack of ball handling skills. We turned the ball over 17 times in the first half."

Since his Panthers fell to the Tigers of Belle Plaine, section seeding is now in the air.

GSL went up 11-0 to begin the game Monday, but then promptly gave up a 10-2 run, "and it was a struggle from there," DeCorsey said.

At the half, the Panthers led 38-34, but were outscored by the Tigers 33-27 in the final 18 min-

utes. To top it off, GSL missed nine free throws, which could've won the game.

Despite the skid, Keaton Anderson returned to his scoring self Monday, dropping 35 on Belle Plaine.

But the rest of the Panther lineup only contributed 30, while Belle Plaine's scorers were closer in comparison.

Ober was second in scoring with nine, and Petersen scored eight as well.

Bigaouette led the Tigers with 27, and post man Gavin Dauwalter chipped in 14.

Sam Karl had 11 and Cameron Lark 10.

DeCorsey knows Anderson is his work horse, as he's currently averaging 20.3 points per game. The head coach could use a couple more scorers in his stable moving forward, as the team's next highest scoring average is 9.5 by junior center Garrett Ober.

But GSL just got back its No. 3 scorer, Mason Goettl, who's been out after an appendectomy.

Goettl saw his first action in weeks Monday against Belle Plaine, and while he only chipped in two points, he offers a solid jumper from beyond the arc and plays tough defense. The Panthers will need both moving forward.

GSL now travels to Dassel-Cokato Thursday before visiting Cold Spring to take on Rocori on Monday.

New London-Spicer then comes to town the following day, Tuesday, Feb. 11.



Silver Lake Leader photo by Josh Randt

Mason Goettl (with ball) returned to the lineup for the Panthers Monday night after missing a number of games because of an appendectomy. Goettl finished with 2 points, but will be counted on for his defense and shooting in the coming weeks.

Conference belongs to Hutchinson grapplers

By Josh Randt
Sports Editor

After falling to two top-ranked Class A teams at the Atwater-Cosmos-Grove City triangular on Thursday, the Glencoe-Silver Lake/Lester Prairie Panthers came up short at the Wright County Conference tournament the following day in New London.

Scoring 144 team points, the Panthers found themselves in fourth place at the WCC tourney just one day removed from losses to ACGC (48-24) and Lake Crystal-Wellcome-Memorial Area (33-24).

Hutchinson/Bufalo Lake-Hector claimed the conference with 215.5 points, as Mound-Westonka finished in second with 179. Hosting New London-Spicer took third with 157 points.

"Friday, we were kind of tired," head coach Lance Wurm said of the conference tournament. "You've got to be ready to wrestle every match. If (the kids) are not up to wrestle, it's not going to be much fun. They have to be prepared and ready to go into battle, because all of those matches were tough."

Top placers in the conference for GSL/LP included Jacob Jewett who earned second place at 113 pounds with 22 team points; Nate Tesch placed third at 145 pounds with 20 team points. Tristan Weber ended up with second place at 170 with 19 team points. Dalton Clouse also took second at 220 pounds and earned 18 team points.

Wurm said he learned a few things about his team from this past week.

"Tristan wrestled really well against a kid who's ranked in state," Wurm said. "Basically, he won the match, but got too many stalling calls against him. That's something we've been trying to work on with him."

Another silver lining was the performance of Jewett against Jakob Stageberg, ranked No. 2 at 113 in Class AA.

While Jewett lost to Stageberg in the championship, both Wurm and Jewett believe the outcome could be different the next time they meet.

"The guy that he wrestled is a state champion caliber wrestler, so it was a good

Girls go 1-2 against Class AAA opponents

By Josh Randt
Sports Editor

The Glencoe-Silver Lake girls' basketball team hopefully got back on track Monday night with a 61-51 victory over the Rocori Spartans from Class AAA.

With Monday's win, GSL bucked a three-game losing streak in which it never scored more than 54 points, and notched a win over a Class AAA team after losing two games to opponents of the same caliber.

Over half of the Panthers' 61 points came from Steph Klockmann and Maddie Monahan Monday night.

Maddie Monahan led with 20, and Klockmann trailed closely with 17 of her own. McKenna Monahan finished with eight.

It's a promising win, as the Panthers closed out the game, which they led 26-16 at halftime.

"Last night, we came out and played what I feel was a complete game," head coach Zach Otto-Fisher said. "I felt we had a good control of the game after Rocori went up on us 4-0."

Otto-Fisher said it was nice to see his girls finish a game after only playing aggressively in certain halves against teams as of late.

Friday, GSL didn't have the same luck in trying to finish off Holy Family, also from Class AAA.

The Panthers led 36-32 at the half, but were outscored 44-18 in the final half of the game, losing 76-54.

It was clear the Fire were keyed in on Maddie Monahan after the break, as she only scored three of her 19 points in the second half.

"We came out quicker the first half than in the second half," Maddie Monahan said of Friday. "We kind of came out more flat, so we need to work on coming out at the second half ready to go."

Holy Family regularly featured six-footers down low, and exploited their size against the smaller Panthers.

Despite this, Klockmann made it a battle down low and came away with 16 rebounds and 14 points for another double-double on the season.

"Steph did a good job of playing physical," Maddie Monahan said. "I just kept telling her, 'Keep playing physical.' They were talking to her, and I told her not to let that bother her."

While Maddie Monahan was quiet from the field in the second half against the Fire, she kept hustling and trying to set up plays for her teammates.

It was apparent Maddie Monahan and Klockmann were fired up in the second half.

On a Holy Family fast break,



Silver Lake Leader photo by Josh Randt

Maddie Monahan (with ball) is towered over by Holy Family's 6'1 Molly Smith during Friday's 76-54 loss to the Fire. Monahan finished with 19 points.

Maddie Monahan ran down the guard on the breakaway, jumped around her and simultaneously got both hands on the ball. She whipped the ball carrier to the ground as the refs called a jump ball, much to the delight of the home crowd.

Klockmann took her turn later in the half, returning to the floor after Otto-Fisher pulled her off to talk to his senior leader.

Once she returned to the floor, Klockmann's aggressiveness was apparent, as the Fire found her in their faces all over the court en route to four blocks.

But the effort came too late, as

the Fire walked away with a 76-54 victory.

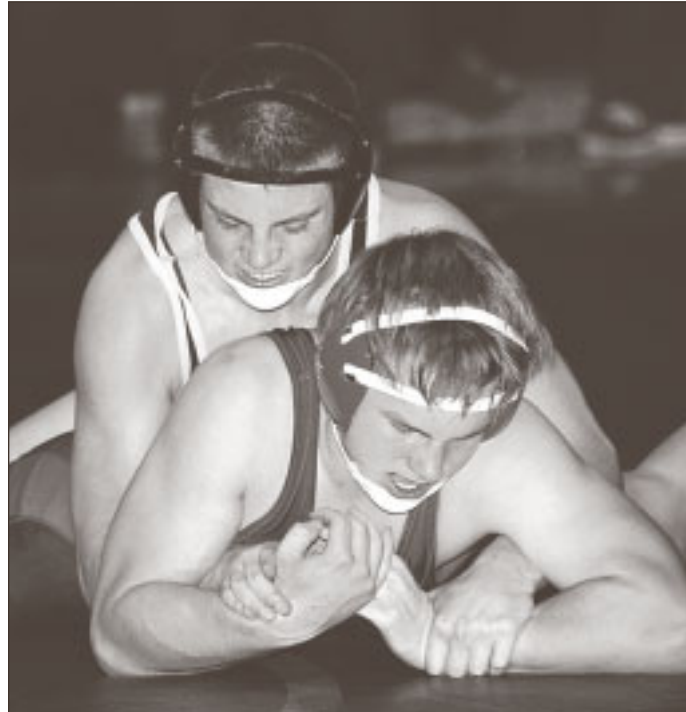
Previous to Friday, GSL lost big to Dassel-Cokato, 67-38.

Maddie Monahan scored 12 in that outing, while Klockmann pitched in nine and Sam Lange scored seven.

Otto-Fisher called it the "worst game of the year for us."

Hopefully the win over Rocori carries into this week, as GSL will look to avenge the beat down from DC Friday at home before hosting Annandale on Monday.

Tuesday, Feb. 11, the girls are away at New London-Spicer.



Silver Lake Leader photo by Josh Randt

Tristan Weber (top) was one of three Panthers to take second place at the Wright County Conference tournament on Friday. Weber came up short at 170 pounds, losing to Ryder Schmidt of Mound-Westonka in an ultimate tiebreaker, 3-2.

match to have, because you know what you're getting into next time," Wurm said. "(Jewett) said after, 'I can beat him.

I know I can.' Anything is possible, (Stageberg) was just better the other day. In three or four weeks Jacob could be

much better."

The biggest disappointments from the week were a pair of injuries.

Michael Donnay, previously vacant from the lineup with a head injury, took an elbow to the noggin Thursday, prompting Wurm to keep him from Friday's lineup.

The Panthers also lost 180-pounder Jon Williams for the season as he suffered a dislocated elbow while grappling with Hutch's Gannon Jordahl.

Williams still managed to place sixth, and contributed five team points, but losing him throws a wrench in the lineup.

With the conference, and quite possibly the section, belonging to Hutchinson, GSL/LP only has three competitions left before team sections begin on Friday, Feb. 14. The Panthers host section foe New Prague Thursday for parent's night.

GSL/LP then travels to Class AAA powerhouse St. Michael-Albertville the following day, Friday, before taking part in the Dassel-Cokato invitational on Saturday.

Kitchen Delights & Other Things



Baked Spaghetti

Ingredients:

2 pounds ground beef
2 medium onions, chopped
2 cans (one 15 ounces, one 8 ounces) tomato sauce
1 can (8 ounces) sliced mushrooms, drained
1 teaspoon garlic powder
1 teaspoon dried oregano
2 packages (7 ounces each) uncooked spaghetti
1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese, softened
2 cups cottage cheese
1/2 cup sour cream
2 tablespoons minced chives
1/4 cup dry bread crumbs
1-1/2 teaspoons butter, melted

Directions:

In a large skillet, cook beef and onions over medium heat until meat is no longer pink; drain. Add the tomato sauce, mushrooms, garlic powder and oregano. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat; simmer, uncovered, for 15 minutes, stirring occasionally. Meanwhile, cook the spaghetti according to package directions; drain. In a small bowl, combine the cream cheese, cottage cheese, sour cream and chives; beat well. Place half of spaghetti in a greased 4-quart baking dish. Spoon cream cheese mixture evenly over top. Layer with remaining spaghetti and all of the beef mixture. Toss bread crumbs and butter; sprinkle over the top. Cover and bake at 350° for 20 minutes. Uncover; bake 5-10 minutes longer until heated through.

Strawberry Cupcakes

Ingredients:

10 tablespoons butter, room temperature
3/4 cup white sugar
3 eggs

1 teaspoon strawberry extract
1-3/4 cups self-rising flour
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/4 cup finely chopped fresh strawberries, drained

Directions:

Preheat the oven to 325° and grease 12 cupcake pan cups or line with paper liners. In a large bowl, cream together the butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Beat in the eggs one at a time, then stir in the strawberry extract. Combine the self-rising flour and salt; stir into the batter just until blended. Fold in strawberries last. Spoon the batter into the prepared cups, dividing evenly. Bake in the preheated oven until the tops spring back when lightly pressed, 20 to 25 minutes. Cool in the pan set over a wire rack. When cool, arrange the cupcakes on a serving platter. Frost with desired frosting.

Easy Decadent Truffles

Ingredients:

1 (8 ounces) package cream cheese, softened
3 cups confectioners' sugar, sifted
3 cups semi-sweet chocolate chips, melted
1-1/2 teaspoons vanilla

Directions:

In a large bowl, beat cream cheese until smooth. Gradually beat in confectioners' sugar until well blended. Stir in melted chocolate and vanilla until no streaks remain. Refrigerate for about 1 hour. Shape into 1-inch balls. Roll truffles in ground walnuts (or any ground nuts), cocoa, coconut, confectioners' sugar, candy sprinkles, etc. To flavor truffles with liqueurs or other flavorings, omit vanilla. Divide truffle mixture into thirds. Add 1 tablespoon liqueur (almond, coffee, orange) to each mixture; mix well.



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Talent show

Last Friday afternoon at GSL's Lakeside Elementary, an annual winter talent show was held, with students from all grades participating. Many performances included dance routines, singing numbers and piano playing. Above, Marissa Greeley performs a gymnastics routine and to the right, Devin Evering and AJ Lindee sing "Home" by Phillip Phillips.

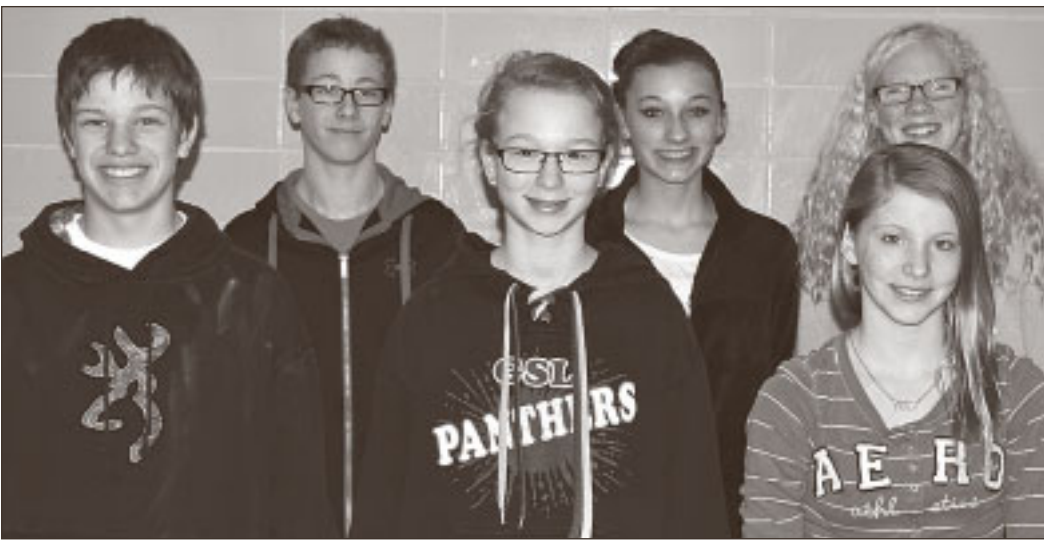


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8th graders honored

Nine eighth-grade students were selected as the January students of the month at Lincoln Junior High School. The students include, front row, from left, Ashley Teubert, history; Nicole Seevers, English; Kylie Ness, art; and Jamie Koski, music. In

the back are Paige Litzau, band; Austin Pinsky, science; Jacob Blahowski, algebra; Morgan Stoeckman, physical education; and McKenna Monahan, family and consumer science.



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7th-grade students of month

Lincoln Junior High announced its January students of month last week. They include, front, from left, Brayden Goebel, pre-algebra; Rhyann Herrmann, English;

and Alicia Nussbaum, health. In the back are Cody Rae, geography; Justine Stoehr, ag/industrial technology; and Jaelynn Pinsky, science.

Menus

Feb. 10-14

Silver Lake Senior Nutrition Site

Monday — Hamburger, baked beans, peaches, bun, margarine, ice cream, low-fat milk.
Tuesday — Hot beef sandwich, mashed potatoes with gravy, stewed tomatoes, bread, margarine, pudding, low-fat milk.
Wednesday — Chicken ala king, peas and carrots, fruit salad, rice, cookie, low-fat milk.
Thursday — Pork loin, whole parsleyed potatoes, carrots, dinner roll, margarine, frosted cake, low-fat milk.
Friday — Italian meat sauce with noodles, lettuce, dressing, mixed vegetables, garlic bread, margarine, frosted Valentine's cookie, low-fat milk.

GSL Elementary Breakfast

Monday — Tony's breakfast pizza or Cinnamon Toast Crunch, string cheese, apple juice cup, low-fat milk.
Tuesday — Pancake on a stick with syrup or apple cinnamon muffin and yogurt, mandarin oranges, low-fat milk.
Wednesday — French toast sticks with syrup or Golden Grahams and string cheese, diced peaches, low-fat milk.
Thursday — Tony's breakfast pizza or oatmeal with cinnamon and raisins, mixed fruit, low-fat milk.
Friday — Egg-and-cheese muf-

fin or blueberry muffin and yogurt, orange juice, low-fat milk.

Helen Baker, Lakeside Lunch

Monday — Sloppy joe on a whole-grain bun, ham and cheese on a whole-grain bun, oven-baked tater tots, celery sticks with dressing, apple wedges, pineapple tidbits.
Tuesday — Beef soft-shell tacos, brown rice, chef salad with cheese, egg and croutons, refried beans, lettuce and tomato cup, petite banana, chilled applesauce.
Wednesday — Chicken nuggets, yogurt, American cheese, crackers fun lunch, mashed potatoes with gravy, baby carrots with dressing, grapes, chilled peaches.
Thursday — Pizza casserole, bread stick, chef salad with cheese, egg and croutons, seasoned green beans, broccoli salad with raisins, orange wedges, chilled pears.
Friday — Toasted cheese on whole-grain bread, turkey and cheese on whole-grain bread, tomato soup, jicama and cucumber fruit salad, apple wedges, mandarin oranges.

Junior, Senior High Breakfast

Monday — Breakfast pizza or Cinnamon Toast Crunch, blueberry muffin, chilled applesauce, low-fat milk.
Tuesday — Pancake on a stick with syrup or oatmeal with cinnamon and raisins, mandarin oranges, low-fat milk.

Wednesday — French toast sticks with syrup or ultimate breakfast round and yogurt, diced peaches, low-fat milk.

Thursday — Breakfast pizza or Cinnamon Toast Crunch and apple cinnamon muffin, mixed fruit, low-fat milk.

Friday — Sausage, egg and cheese biscuit or ultimate breakfast round and yogurt, orange juice, low-fat milk.

Junior, Senior High Lunch

Monday — Beef Italiano pasta, bread stick, seasoned corn, marinated cucumbers and tomatoes, baby carrots with dressing, apple, pineapple tidbits.

Tuesday — Spicy chicken over rice, fresh steamed vegetables, carrot, raisin, pineapple salad, jicama sticks with dressing, banana, chilled applesauce.

Wednesday — Chicago-style hot dog, relish, diced onions, sauerkraut, oven-baked french fries, sweet corn salad, cauliflower with dressing, baked apple slices, chilled peaches.

Thursday — Macaroni and cheese, garlic bread stick, seasoned carrots, caesar romaine salad, cherry tomatoes with dressing, orange wedges, chilled pears.

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People News

Area students on MSU list

Numerous area students were named to the high honor and honor fall semester dean's lists at Minnesota State University-Mankato. High honor list is designated by a "*" They included, from **Glencoe**: Jennia Bartels*, Brody Bratsch*, Derek Bratsch, Amber Drong, Kyle Eberhard*, Raymond Eberhard*, Alexander Jenson, Hunter Lemke, Aaron Lueders, Kyle O'Donnell, John Seipel and Courtney Wolff; **Lester Prairie**: Suhyeon An, Paige Aldrich, Katelin Dietel, Kristi Edblom, Alexandra Heuer*, Brooke Jilek and Natalie Lange; and **Silver Lake**: Tania Krueger, Melania Nowak, Devin Pierson, Brittney Thiesfeld and Chad Thompson.

Daughter born to Vaceks

Jake and Lindsey Vacek of Hutchinson announce the birth of their daughter, Lauren Celestine, on Jan. 22, 2014, at Glencoe Regional Health Services. Lauren weighed 8 pounds, 9 ounces, and was 21 inches long. Her older brother is Luke. Grandparents are Donald and Jill Oslund of Lake Lillian and Jane Vacek and Perry Vacek, both of Hutchinson.

Named to Winona dean's list

Several area students were named to the fall semester dean's list at Winona State University. They included Alyssa Beneke, Rebecca Eddy, Tony Mizuhata and Abby Ruschmeyer, all of Glencoe, and Jacob Fernholz and Hanna Krzmarzick, both of Lester Prairie.

Named to Moorhead fall list

Several area students were named to the fall semester dean's list at Minnesota State University-Moorhead. They include Miranda Buesing and Krista Lange, both of Lester Prairie, and Benjamin Carlson and Samantha Iverson, both of Glencoe. Buesing is a mass communications major, Lange is a social work major, Olson is an operations management major, and Iverson has not declared a major.

Son born to Turner family

Christopher and Rebecca Turner of Lester Prairie announce the birth of their son, Michael Lee, on Jan. 27, 2014, at Glencoe Regional Health Services. Michael weighed 9 pounds, 2 ounces, and was 20-1/2 inches long. His older sister is Alexandra. Grandparents are Mike and LuAnn Kalbfell of Lakeville, Shirley Johnson of Carlsbad, N.M., and James Turner of Michigan.

18th-annual 'Strike Out the Violence' bowl-a-thon set Feb. 15 at Hutch Bowl

The 18th-annual McLeod Alliance for Victims of Domestic Violence (MAVDV) "Strike Out the Violence" Bowl-a-thon is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 15, at Hutch Bowl. There are two sessions, at noon and 3 p.m.

The requirements are that each participant bring a minimum of \$40 in pledges. Each participant gets three games of bowling, free shoe rental and a free lunch.

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Engagements

Kinzler — Vasek

Mariah Kinzler of Glencoe and Beau Vasek of Silver Lake announce their engagement and plans to marry May 24 at Riverside Church in Hutchinson.

Parents of the couple are Michael and Peggy Kinzler of Glencoe and Randy and Julie Vasek of Silver Lake.

Kinzler is a Glencoe-Silver Lake High School graduate. She is a health unit coordinator at Harmony River Living Center in Hutchinson.

Vasek also graduated from GSL and is a carpenter for Mathews-Vasek Construction.

A reception will be held at the Silver Lake Auditorium.



Beau Vasek
Mariah Kinzler

Weather Corner

By Jake Yurek



This has got to end at some point, right?! This week we'll be dealing with the same junk we have been for what seems like all winter. We warmed slightly towards the end of the weekend and early this week, but another cold front will slide through the area late Tuesday and knock temperatures back towards negative-ville.

A large storm passed to our south and east ahead of this cold blast, causing quite a mess for some areas. Behind the storm, the cold air will settle for a few days and keep our temperatures well below normal.

The good news, I guess, is that this cold blast won't be as severe as other recent ones, and at this point, I'll take any good news.

The main storm track will stay aimed to our south with the early week storm and another large storm sliding into the central U.S. late Friday into Saturday. This late week storm is a little tougher to forecast as it's been jumping around a bit in the models, but all indications point to it missing south and east once again. If traveling that way, make sure you check up-to-date forecasts.

Looking at the extended would be silly, seeing models are struggling with the five-day forecast, so I'll punt. If the main storm track stays to our south, we'll be stuck in our cold pattern.

Some indications point to a warming trend next week, but there is another cold pool building in Canada, so I'm guessing that will want to pay us a visit as well.

Have a great week, all. I promise this winter will eventually come to an end!

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Wednesday night — Lows -19 to -13; clear.

Thursday — Highs -2 to 4; lows -14 to -8; clear.

Friday — Highs 5-11; lows -6 to 6; mostly clear/night snow shower.

Saturday — Highs 11-18; lows -3 to 3; clouds/snow early.

Sunday — Highs 10-18; partly cloudy.

Weather Quiz: Why have long-range forecasts been so bad this year? Bonus question this week, did Punxsutawney Phil the groundhog see his shadow this year?

Answer to last week's question: **What are some of February's weather extremes?** Highest temperature, 64 degrees (Feb. 26, 1896); lowest temperature, -33 degrees (Feb. 9, 1899); most precipitation, 1.90 inches (Feb. 24, 1930); and most snowfall, 11.8 inches (Feb. 20, 2011). Average high this weekend should be around 27 degrees.

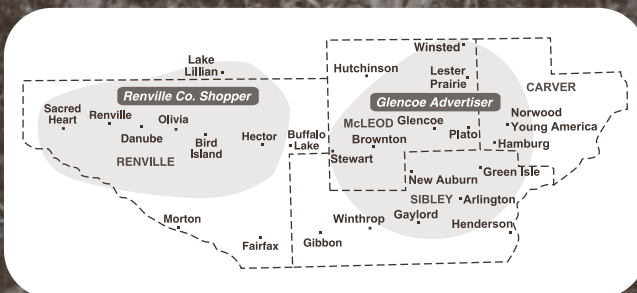
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