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## Silver Lake Auditorium getting makeover: new look, new 'feel'

By Alyssa Schauer  
Staff Writer

The next time you visit the Silver Lake Auditorium for a bean bag tournament, a wedding dance, or even an organizational meeting, you may notice something different: the infamous wooden booths are missing.

Thanks to the Silver Lake Civic Association and other organizations in Silver Lake, the auditorium is getting a "makeover," that will update the look and feel of the building.

The "makeover" began last year, when local organizations in Silver Lake volunteered to help paint the auditorium after the city of Silver Lake earned a "community improvement" grant from Valspar.

"We painted the whole upstairs, and as we were painting, we noticed the ceiling tiles were old and discolored, so we waited for a sale at Menards and bought new tiles to replace the old ones," said George Jones, president of the Civic Association.

And after replacing the tiles, the Civic Association decided to keep improving the look and "feel" of the community building.

"We are trying to make it more presentable, and we got to talking about replacing the wooden booths," Jones said.

"They are outdated and uncomfortable, and, frankly, can be hard to sit in. Last month, we went to the Lake Marion Ballroom auction and pur-



The old wooden booths in the Silver Lake Auditorium are being removed and replaced with tables and chairs. The auditorium also has had a new coat of paint and new ceiling tiles, and next up, hopefully, is a refinished floor.

Silver Lake Leader photo by Alyssa Schauer

chased 260 chairs and 18 tables to replace the booths," Jones said.

He said the association used its own money to purchase the furniture, which cost around \$4,000, and also used its own money to replace the ceiling tiles.

The Civic Association raises money by sponsoring bean bag tournaments throughout the year.

"A big night for us is Friday night of Pola-Czesky Days. We make a good amount of money that night and every dime we make goes into the projects we do around the city," Jones said.

He added that the Civic Association not only bought the ceiling tiles and furniture to replace the booths in the auditorium, but the group also

buys flowers each year and plants the flower boxes placed around Silver Lake businesses each spring and summer.

The Civic Association also hosts the annual "Easter Party" at the auditorium for kids to engage in coloring contests and to meet the Easter Bunny, and it also hosts the annual "sandbox fill."

"Unfortunately, this year, we are not filling sandboxes due to lack of participation," Jones said.

The Civic Association, along with other organizations, also helped with the installation of the pier at Cedar Crest Estates.

"Right now, our current project is updating the auditorium. After we get the re-

maining booths out of there, we want to invest in refinishing the floor. We want to get rid of those basketball lines, and put a new finish that would give the floor a brighter look. A bright, maple look," Jones said.

"It's a \$30,000 investment to do that, so we're really trying to save to do that. And we know other organizations are trying to do the same. The auditorium is a landmark in town, and we want to make it more presentable," Jones said.

Currently, the Civic Association has 36 members, "but we're always looking for members," Jones said.

If interested in becoming a member, contact Jones at 612-987-4009.

## Annual St. Patrick's Day parade Saturday

The 26th-annual Silver Lake St. Patrick's Day parade will be held Saturday, March 16, starting at 2 p.m. sharp, from the Glencoe-Silver Lake Lakeside Elementary School.

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

The parade will begin at Lakeside School and end at the intersection of Main Street and Park Avenue, by Kaz's Auto Service Station. Respect for the American flag will be observed by all as the flag passes by in the

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

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

Organizers are looking for volunteers to help and/or take over this annual event. Co-chair Kathleen already has retired from this event and Lynn "Duffy" Monger will retire after this year.

Erin Go Braugh! (Ireland forever!)

## Silver Lake City Council Regular Meeting Agenda March 18, 2013, 6:30 p.m.

Call to order:

Approve agenda:

Consent agenda:

1. Approve minutes of the Feb. 19 regular meeting.
2. Approve payroll Nos. 3, 4, and 5.
3. Claims to be paid:

Old business:

1. Update on Grove Avenue (CSAH 2) project.

New business:

1. Resolution approving Minnesota PFA loan application.
2. Resolution approving worker's compensation insurance premiums.
3. Resident request regarding on-street parking.

Department Business:

1. Liquor Store
2. Public Safety
3. Public Works
4. Community Development
5. Administration

Open discussion:

## GSL Board discusses technical staff addition

By Rich Glennie  
Editor

The Glencoe-Silver Lake School Board on Monday night approved its agreement with the Southwest/West Central (SW/WC) Service Cooperative for 2013-14 that showed a slight increase in some costs and a reduction in others.

But the main discussion centered around the technology services provided by the cooperative as the district also looks at additional help for its two technology staff members, Jeff Jensen and Mike Morris.

Board Chairman Clark Christianson expressed concerns that the district would be paying \$23,400 for cooperative technology services at the same time it looks at hiring another information technology (IT) staff member. He felt that was duplication.

"It's an expensive contract for what we are getting," Christianson said of the one-day-a-week technical service that teaches staff to use the new technology. But he admitted what the district is getting "is very valuable."

Superintendent Chris Sonju and Business Manager Michelle Sander, however, disagreed it would be duplication.

Sander said the district has over 500 computers and has now added another 140 iPads for the third-graders. More iPads are planned for the fifth-

and sixth-graders next year, but the district still has only two technicians to handle the workload.

"They may need more help," Sander said.

But until that third person is found, the district is faced with an April 1 deadline for contracting for services from the SW/WC Cooperative for 2013-14.

The cooperative services are more for teaching staff how to use the new equipment; the current technical staff is more for fixing problems.

In other matters, the School Board:

- Approved a two-year school calendar for the 2013-14 and 2014-15 school years.

School begins on Sept. 3 for the 2013-14 school year and ends on June 3, 2014. Graduation will be on Friday, May 30. Included in the calendar will be a spring break from March 3-7.

There will be several staff development days, but instead of two-hour late starts on those days, they will be two-hours early release times, Sonju said.

Also for the 2013-14 calendar, the daytime kindergarten through sixth-grade conferences set for Feb. 28, 2014, will be replaced by having a full day of instruction for all K-12 students, Sonju said. He said it was felt that was a better use of the time.

In 2014-15, the first day of school will be Sept. 2, and the last day will be May 28. Grad-

uation will be Friday, May 29.

There will be no spring break, Sonju said, in keeping with the tradition of having spring breaks every other year.

The winter break will be Dec. 24, 2014, through Jan. 4, 2015, with a mini-break at Easter time, April 2 through April 6, 2015.

High School Principal Paul Sparby acknowledged accomplishments by students that included 38 GSL students going to the state Business Professionals of America (BPA) competition, and 16 of those will advance to the national BPA competition in May in Orlando, Fla.;

Seven GSL students attended the region science/engineering fair in Mankato in February and five qualified for state competition April 7-9. Two, Alexandra Stensvad and Mark Broderius, also will compete at the Junior Science and Humanities Symposium April 6-7;

GSL wrestlers Jacob Jewett, sixth place at 106 pounds at the recent state wrestling tournament, and Mitch Hartwig, state champion, at 145 pounds;

Ethan Maass, a senior, for his 1,279 career points in boys' basketball to become the all-time school leader;

And Clarissa Ober, who became the only GSL girls' basketball player to score over 1,000 points and haul down over 1,000 rebounds in her career.



Silver Lake Leader photos by Alyssa Schauer

## Lincoln Jr. High concert

On Monday, seventh- and eighth-grade students of Lincoln Junior High hosted their March concert. Above, choir members Maddie Muller, Tyler Siewert, and Jenaya Postusta sang solos for the choir's "Wade in the Water" piece. To the right, eighth-grade saxophone players are all concentration. Both the seventh- and eighth-grade bands, directed by Peter Gepson and the combined seventh- and eighth-grade choir, directed by Randi Erlandson, performed.



## Upcoming Events

### GSL High School concerts

The Glencoe-Silver Lake High School bands will present a concert on Monday, March 18, at 7:30 p.m., in the GSL High School Auditorium. The ninth- and 10th-grade band and the GSL concert band will present its large group band contest selections, as well as other selections. The public is invited to attend, and tickets can be purchased at the door.

### ECFE mid-winter event set

Remember summer? Dig out your flip flops, sunglasses, and shorts for this mid-winter flash back at Glencoe-Silver Lake's Early Childhood Family Education from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Friday, March 15, at the ECFE addition at Helen Baker Elementary School. Enjoy sand sculpting, water play and other beach fun as we crank up the heat at ECFE. Bring your beach towel! There is a small fee to attend. Please call ECFE at 864-2681 to register! Also, ECFE needs your input. Take a short online survey at <http://tinyurl.com/ECFE-Survey>. Your feedback will help determine ECFE's future programs, events and classes.

### 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 Road NW in Hutchinson.

### Bean bag tourney March 16

The Silver Lake Civic Association is hosting a bean bag tournament Saturday, March 16, at 11 a.m., at the Silver Lake Auditorium. Sign up at the Silver Lake Liquor Store or Kaz's Auto Service Station.

### Auxiliary meeting March 18

The Silver Lake American Legion Auxiliary will meet Monday, March 18, with a "Happy Birthday Legion" potluck supper at 7 p.m. The meeting will follow. March is food shelf month, so remember to bring food shelf items.

### Legion to meet March 18

The Silver Lake American Legion will have its regular monthly meeting Monday, March 18, at 7 p.m., at the Silver Lake Legion Post 141.

### Parade/pork chop feed set

The Silver Lake Lions Club is hosting a pork chop feed at 12:22 p.m. on Saturday, March 16, at the Silver Lake Legion Club. The pork chop feed includes a grilled pork chop, chips, beans, green sherbet and coffee or milk. Take outs will be available. The meal will be held before the 26th-annual Silver Lake St. Patrick's Day Parade, which starts at 2 p.m. Proceeds go to the Silver Lake swimming pool fund.

### Summer Rec sign-up night

The Silver Lake Summer Recreation Program will have its sign-up night Wednesday, March 20, from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., at the Silver Lake Auditorium. Programs for which to sign up include kindergarten through second-grade baseball, third- and fourth-grade baseball, 14-and-under softball, and third- through sixth-grade softball, and sign up also includes swimming lessons, swim club and pool passes. All grades are for the 2012-13 school year. For summer recreation, kindergarten through sixth-grade students must have completed kindergarten this past school year.

### Sportsmen's annual meeting

The Silver Lake Sportsmen's Club will have its annual meeting Saturday, March 23, at the Silver Lake Legion, with social hour beginning at 6:30 p.m. and meeting to follow at 7 p.m. There will be an election of directors, and anyone interested in running is encouraged to attend the meeting. A guest speaker and lunch will follow the meeting.

### Degree of Honor to meet

Degree of Honor No. 182 will hold its social meeting on Tuesday, March 26, at 5 p.m., in the Silver Lake Auditorium.

### Senior dining birthday party

The March birthday party at the Silver Lake senior dining site will be held Wednesday, March 27, at the Silver Lake Auditorium. The menu includes Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, creamed corn, bread with margarine, and blushing pears. There will be bingo. Call Manager Pearl Branden at 320-327-2621 or 320-327-2536 to order a meal.



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## Hunting & Fishing Expo March 16 at fairgrounds

The Big Little Hunting & Fishing Expo will be held Saturday, March 16, at the McLeod County Fairgrounds Agribition Center in Hutchinson.

This is an event for the entire family. Outdoor-related booths will fill the building. Kids will enjoy such things as a trout pond, marshmallow gun shooting gallery, fishing for prizes, minnow races, hands-on fly-tying, and more.

There will be free seminars throughout the day on turkey hunting, bamboo rod making, fly fishing, walleye fishing, outdoor photography, goose hunting, cooking wild game, tree-stand safety, black-powder hunting and starting a hunting ministry to the physically handicapped.

The Minnesota Official Measurers will score your buck's rack for free. There also will be a favorite buck mount, favorite buck rack, favorite fish mount, and favorite other mount contest voted on by the public with first, second, and third place prizes awarded.

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Around noon, the Christian Deer Hunters Association will unveil its newest devotional booklet, "Devotions for Deer Hunters" Vol. XVII. A big live and silent auction will follow.

Admission to the event for any donation. Parking and seminars are free. Food will be served during the day. Doors open at 9 a.m. For more information, seminar times, auction times, and the exhibitors list visit [www.christiandeerhunters.org](http://www.christiandeerhunters.org), or call 320-327-2266.

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The association distributes free-of-charge a 40-page devotional booklet titled "Devotions for Deer Hunters" which contains true stories of how God has worked in the lives of various hunters.

## Seniors' club welcomes new members March 14

The Silver Lake Senior Citizens Club met Monday, March 14, at the Silver Lake Auditorium.

President Genny Lhotka called the meeting to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were 35 members present and two new members, Clarence and Ann Junczewski. Total membership for the club is now 41.

March birthdays were Dodie Chalupsky, Martha Wilkins, Kathy Kaczmarek and Laura Kaczmarek.

The March anniversary was

for Roger and Genny Lhotka.

The lunch committee for the April 18 meeting includes Mercedes Nowak, Ben Lewandowski and Agnes Fiecke.

The 31 winners: Clarence Junczewski and Doris Waspir.

The 500 winners: Don Benz, LeRoy Penaz, Sam Shimenski, Alice Paul, Marcella Pokornowski, Mary Jaskowiak, Judy Penas, Genny Lhotka and Roger Lhotka.

The next regular meeting is Thursday, April 18, at 1 p.m., in the Silver Lake Auditorium.

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## Weather Corner

By Jake Yurek



It'll be a mostly average early March week with highs hovering around normal and a few passing glances from weak storms.

We lucked out last week with the storm being a rain event; had it been snow, we would have been in line for another six to 10 inches (not counting our near miss Sunday with over six inches around Rochester).

This week highs should stay somewhere in the 30s or close to it, with lows in the teens and 20s. There will be a weak storm passing to our north Thursday into Friday, and at this point most of the moisture should stay focused to our north. Of course, that doesn't mean it can't change track from now to then, so it could be something to watch (rain/snow mix).

The weekend should be mostly quiet, but there is a lot of disagreement in the models about temperature. Some have a cold front pushing through, knocking us into the 20s, but I'm thinking we will remain on the warm side, hopefully!

Another storm could start building in late Sunday into the early part of next week. This one could be strong again, so it may bear watching as we get closer. But it's just too far out for me to venture a guess.

Have a great week, all. Happy St. Patrick's Day. (Remember last year, we hit 80 degrees on the day, what a difference a year makes!)

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Wednesday night — Lows 14-20; clouds.  
Thursday — Highs 32-38; lows 21-27; partly cloudy.  
Friday — Highs 33-40; lows 23-29; clouds rain or snow shower possible.  
Saturday — Highs 32-38; lows 21-27; clouds/snow shower early.  
Sunday — Highs 32-38; clouds/snow late.

Weather Quiz: How is the long range forecast looking for the summer and our drought situation?

Answer to last week's question: By the end of April, our average high is 65. You would typically see one well before that, but this year we have a decent amount of snow to get rid of, so I will guesstimate somewhere in early to mid April.

Remember: I make the forecast, not the weather!

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# My body doesn't recover like before

I'm getting old. Usually age isn't something I think about because I feel people can be young at any age, but after I took a digger last weekend and still felt the pain a few days later, I realized I'm not as young as I once was. Or at least my body isn't.

## The Travel Section

By Alyssa Schauer



It's a funny story, really. So last weekend, in celebration of daylight saving time, and my urge to welcome the spring season, I decided to give my apartment a good spring cleaning.

Mom had always taught us kids how to clean well. She was thorough and efficient, dusting and scrubbing every crevice, crack and corner. Fortunately, I've carried those cleaning characteristics into my own home, and I am proud to say that when I have the chance to clean, my apartment sparkles.

So diving right in, I cleaned out my closets and filled garbage bags with shoes, jackets, and clothes for give-away — only to make space for my new shipment of shoes. (You really can't have too many pairs of shoes.)

I mixed a bucket of hot water and vinegar, and washed all of my windows, scrubbed the wooden trim around them, and even stood on my tippy toes to reach the very tops of the windows.

Then I took the vacuum to the window sills and to my curtains, my couch and sitting chairs. Mom would be so proud.

After that task, I took my good ol' dusting mitt and lemony Pledge (dusting spray) and got to cleaning the bookshelves and end tables, before starting my last task: the

floors.

Now, in my living room and kitchen, I have wooden floors, so to scrub them, I added a bit of lemony pine sol to the hot water/vinegar mix.

As I washed the floors, the clean lemon-scent drifted from the bucket, and I couldn't help but remember the days of cleaning with my brothers, when we discovered that Pledge on the floors made for a good "slip and slide."

We would purposely douse the dust cloth with that lemon-scented spray directly over the kitchen floors, so that all the residue would hit the tile and create a "black ice" effect.

In our socks, we'd run down the hallway and brace ourselves to slide through the slippery patch, holding our arms out for balance and to protect our bodies from slamming against the kitchen stove.

Of course, we got competitive and would race to the stove, pushing each other along the way. Needless to say, I fell down once or twice, but was always ready for the next race to make a comeback.

Well, on Saturday, I must have used too much dusting spray or I must have missed washing a spot on my living room floor, because on Sunday evening, I took one step into the room before my foot slipped and my tailbone and

hip caught the blunt of my fall.

I laughed and thought immediately, "My brothers would have loved that."

I didn't think much of falling until Monday night at the Lincoln Junior High Concert.

I went to take pictures and because those pesky black music stands get in the way of the students' faces, I like to kneel in the aisles to get good photos of the students with their instruments.

Usually, kneeling is no problem, but Monday, I had a hard time getting back up, lost my balance, and nearly fell over before crawling into my auditorium seat.

My tailbone was throbbing, and I squirmed in my chair to try to relieve the pain.

Then I remembered falling and thought, "Geez, you are getting old."

I had fallen enough times in my life to know I recover quickly, but this pain (now three days strong) is annoying. I better hit up the medicine cabinet for some Bayer.

And I am definitely going to have to retire the from the "Schauer Olympic Floor Slide" routine and start looking into other competitive cleaning activities, like "Whose windows have the least streaks?"

Exciting, right?

## Bandas will advance to state contest

Sarah Bandas, 14, Silver Lake, won her age group during the Knights of Columbus Region 10 free throw contest held in Norwood Young America last Sunday.

First-place winners will move on to the state competitions in St. Cloud, set for Saturday, April 6, beginning at 9 a.m. Registration is at 8:15 a.m. If first-place winners cannot make the competition, the runner-up winners are allowed to shoot.

First-place region 10 free-throw winners: Payton Marker, 10, Shakopee; Grace Ganon, 11, Waverly; Jenny Lamkin, 12, Waconia; Claire Johnson, 13, Waconia; and Sarah Bandas, 14, Silver Lake.

For boys, winners are: Jack Barnett, 10, Montgomery; Russell Corrigan, 11, Hutchinson; Jasper Bartels, 12, Belle Plaine; Todd Johnson, 13, Winsted; and Cole Gagnon, 14, Waverly.

Runner-up winners for girls: Jenna Gagnon, 10, Chaska; Erica Jackson, 11, Belle Plaine; Abigail Schleis, 12, Montgomery; Alyssa Baker, 13, Belle Plaine; and Donnelle Maloney, 14, Mound.

For boys, runner-up winners include: Riley Ruzicka, 10, Silver Lake; Jake Deutsch, 11, New Prague; Lucas Williams, 12, Waconia; age 13, no show; and Daniel Whitaker, 14, Norwood Young America.



In Loving Memory of *Michael Knudson* who passed away March 13, 2011

Two strong hands are resting,

A loving heart is still;

A handsome son we loved so dearly,

Is waiting for us just over the hill.

Loved & missed by his family: Bill, Cheri, Tara & Travis

**Thank You**  
We would like to say a big Thank You to the Silver Lake Ambulance and First Responders for their quick response to Jordan's snowmobile accident on 2-17-13. The wonderful care and excellent training and knowledge that you all have, played an important role in Jordan's care. We can't thank you enough and are very lucky we have this great service in our town. We would like to thank Jason Zajick for calling 911 and his help. Also, thank you to Zach Dressel, Brandon Mathews & McCoy Zajick for taking care of Jordan until the ambulance came and taking care of the snowmobile at the scene of the accident. Thank you for our family members who were able to come to HCMC and give us their support, it is truly appreciated. Also, thanks to our families and friends for the support, calls, cards, and being here for Jordan and us during his long road to recovery. Thank you to Angie Dostal for taking the time to get us the special home care equipment that we needed. Thank you to the GRHS staff and ambulance crew for the excellent care and getting him ready for the ride to HCMC. If we missed anyone, we say thank you!  
Jeffery & Julie Mallak  
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We are offering a two-day program for 3 and 4 year olds to prepare them for the pre-kindergarten class next year.

## Letter to the Editor

### Dad omitted from 'Down Memory Lane'

To the Editor:

I was very disappointed to notice in the paper under "Down Memory Lane" compiled by Margaret Benz for the period of 25 years ago, March 1988.

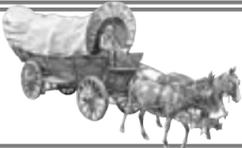
My dad, Frank J. Pavlish, a lifelong resident of the Silver Lake area, passed away at the Glencoe hospital on March 14, 1998. This fact should have been mentioned under "Down Memory Lane" for 25 years

ago. It was not. Could this please be noted in the next issue that is published?

Larry Pavlish  
Alexandria, Va.

## Down Memory Lane

Compiled by Margaret Benz



### 75 YEARS AGO - MARCH 19, 1938 —

Initiating the new fire siren, three chimney fires in the past few weeks have tested Silver Lake's new and modern fire alarm system. All three calls were turned in at "central office" bringing prompt results. Two of the fires were country runs. The first was at the John Picha home, and the second at the James Korista home. The third call, a four-blast alarm, was the first village run since the siren was installed and took the department to the Gust Wosmek home.

The McLeod County Commissioners approved the Swan Lake Reclamation Project, which was set up by the state's Conservation Department to raise the water in Swan Lake.

A.L. Danek's Our Own Hardware Store has a single bit axe for \$1.19, six-quart enamel kettle for 59¢, a white enameled heavy cast iron 18x30 sink for \$4.05, ivory enameled percolator or tea kettle for 59¢, West Bend heavy grade 7-inch aluminum fry pan for only 39¢.

Some of the specials at The Quality Food Store include: old time mix candy, while it lasts, 2 lbs. 15¢; Corn Kix, the new breakfast food, 2 for 25¢; Blue G coffee, with cereal dish, 23¢ lb.; solid head of lettuce 5¢; Sunkist medium size oranges, 23¢ dozen.

Mrs. Joseph Sustacek, 58, passed away on Tuesday, March 15, at the Hutchinson Hospital. Funeral services were held on Friday, March 18, at the farm home near Lake Hook.

**50 YEARS AGO - MARCH 14, 1963 —** The special meeting of the Silver Lake Creamery Association will be held on Tuesday afternoon, March 12, at the auditorium. The meeting is to act upon the amendment to the bylaws relating to dividends as required by law.

The annual meeting of the Farmers Produce Company of Silver Lake will be held at the Produce Building on Tuesday, March 19.

S/Sgt. Gordon Mikolichek and family are residing in Stevensville, Newfoundland, where Gordon is serving in the U.S. Air Force.

Gerald Zaruba, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Zaruba, enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and left last week Monday for Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

Thirty-four Hale Township voters cast their ballots at the annual township elections, re-electing Albin Mickolichek as the three-year supervisor, Simon Shimanski as treasurer, and

assessor Joseph Jaskowiak.

In Rich Valley Township, 38 voters re-elected Ervin Skorpik as supervisor, Steve Reml as treasurer, Joe Mraz as constable, and George Nemeck, by write-in, was elected as justice of the peace.

Funeral services for Mrs. Antoinette Hampl, mother of Mrs. Steven Sopkowiak, will be held on Friday, March 15, at the St. James Church.

Mrs. Anton Wosmek, 79, passed away Tuesday, March 12. Funeral services will be held on Friday, March 15, from the Church of St. Joseph.

A son was born on March 7 to Mr. and Mrs. Norbert Schermann.

### 25 YEARS AGO - MARCH 17, 1988 —

The music department of Silver Lake High School will present its "Almost Spring" Concert on Monday, March 21, in the high school gym.

The winner of the Centennial Rifle given away on Saturday evening, March 12, was Harvey Pokorny. LaRue Svihel, JoAnn Ardolf, Bob Shamlala and Alice Nowak were each awarded \$5.

Pastor Don Martin has been appointed to the Senior Services Advisory Committee of St. Mary's Hospital and Home in Winsted.

The Silver Lake High School boys' basketball team was defeated 66-58 by Bird Island in third place district play.

Kevin Benz, son of Donald and Margaret Benz, will graduate from Mankato State University on Friday, March 18, with a BS degree in law enforcement.

Barbara Lhotka, consultant/teacher with the Meeker and Wright Special Education Cooperative, will receive the 1988 Minnesota Special Education Teacher of the Year award on Friday.

Alma Skerik Sowers, 77, passed away in Rolla, Mo. Memorial services were held on Sunday afternoon, Feb. 28, at the Rolla Presbyterian Church.

David and Gloria Ruzicka will be honored at a 25th wedding anniversary open house on Sunday, March 20, at G. Dubb's in Glencoe.

Ann Nowak and Bruce Schermann were united in marriage on Saturday, Feb. 13, at the St. Adalbert's Church.

A daughter was born to 1st Lt. David and Mary Jean (Nowak) Crawford on Feb. 9.

## Menus

### March 18-March 22

#### Silver Lake Senior Nutrition Site

Monday — Hamburger, oven-browned potatoes, corn, bun, margarine, escalloped apples, low-fat milk.

Tuesday — Irish stew with potatoes, cabbage, carrots, lime gelatin with pineapple, biscuit, margarine, poke cake, low-fat milk.

Wednesday — Italian meat sauce, spaghetti noodles, lettuce with dressing, mixed vegetables, garlic bread, margarine, ice cream, low-fat milk.

Thursday — Pork loin, whole parsleyed potatoes, carrots, dinner roll, margarine, dessert, low-fat milk.

Friday — Vegetable soup, egg-salad sandwich, peaches, crackers, margarine, bar, low-fat milk.

#### Helen Baker/Lakeside Lunch

Monday — Cheesy chicken and rice with bread stick, deli combo sub, seasoned green beans, celery sticks with dressing, apple wedges, pineapple tidbits.

Tuesday — Beef soft-shell tacos, ham and cheese on whole-grain bread, refried beans, lettuce and tomato cup, petite banana, chilled applesauce.

Wednesday — Pancakes with syrup, scrambled eggs, fun lunch, oven-baked tator tots, baby carrots, kiwi wedges, chilled peaches.

Thursday — Roast turkey with gravy, whole-grain dinner roll, tuna salad sandwich on whole-grain bread, mashed potatoes, 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 cucumber fruit salad, apple wedges, chilled mixed fruit.

#### High School Lunch

Monday — Spicy chicken patty on a whole-grain bun, oven-baked beans, oven-baked tator tots, sweet-corn salad, baby carrots with dressing, apple wedges, mandarin oranges.

Tuesday — Mexican bar with chicken enchiladas or beef tacos, brown rice, refried beans, southwest corn and black beans, broccoli salad with raisins, red-pepper strips with dressing, petite banana, chilled applesauce.

Wednesday — Grilled cheese sandwich, tomato soup, seasoned corn, celery sticks with dressing, marinated cucumbers and tomatoes, orange wedges, chilled peaches.

Thursday — Swedish meatballs in gravy over mashed potatoes and bread slices, seasoned carrots, chick pea salad, baby carrots with dressing, kiwi wedges, chilled pears.

Friday — Pasta bar with alfredo or Italian spaghetti with meat sauce, bread stick, steamed green beans, caesar romaine salad, cucumbers with dressing, apple wedges, chilled mixed fruit.



**Silver Lake's 26th Annual**  
**ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE**  
**SATURDAY, MARCH 16**  
**2 P.M.**  
With a Special **Silver Lake Lions Club Famous Pork Chop Feed** at **Silver Lake Legion Club @ 12:22 p.m.**  
Grilled Pork Chop, Potato Chips, Baked Beans, Green Sherbet w/ trimming treat, Coffee or Milk.  
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Take-out orders/casual-to-go available  
Proceeds will go to the Silver Lake Swimming Pool Fund

## Obituaries

### Janet Alta Posusta, 81, of Glencoe

Funeral services for Janet Alta Posusta, 81, of Glencoe, were held Wednesday, March 13, at the Johnson-McBride Funeral Chapel in Glencoe. The Rev. Penny Entinger officiated.

Mrs. Posusta died Thursday, March 7, 2013, at Glencoe Regional Health Services long-term care facility.

The organist was Marjorie Hemmann, and soloist Shari Templin sang "In the Garden." Congregational hymns were "Amazing Grace" and "Precious Lord, Take My Hand."

Pallbearers were her grandchildren. Interment was in the First Evangelical Lutheran Cemetery in Glencoe.

Janet Alta Schuette was born on April 6, 1931, in Glencoe, to Edwin and Elsie (Dvorak) Schuette. She was baptized as an infant on April 26, 1931, by the Rev. E. Kolbe and confirmed in her faith as a youth on May 7, 1944, by the Rev. Alfred Streufert, both at First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Glencoe. She received her education in Glencoe and graduated with the

Glencoe High School class of 1949.

After meeting at a dance, Janet Schuette was united in marriage to Leonard Posusta on July 22, 1953, by the Rev. E.A. Schuett at First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Glencoe. The Posustas made their home in Glencoe, and their marriage was blessed with two children, Janice and Jean. The Posustas shared over 51 years of marriage before Mr. Posusta died on Dec. 18, 2004.

In addition to being a loving homemaker, mother and wife, Mrs. Posusta worked at Kosek's Café in Glencoe as a waitress, Green Giant in Glencoe during the corn pack, Mid Am in Winsted, driving milk truck, Town & Country Deli and Mark's Deli, both in Glencoe, until 2002, when she retired. She also worked at J&L Meat Market in Stewart, wrapping meat. In 2008, Mrs. Posusta started breeding chicken at Lindy's in Glencoe.

Mrs. Posusta enjoyed fishing, playing bingo and the lottery, puzzles and her flower garden, especially the irises, peonies and gladiolas. She also was an avid collector of many different items, but was known for her beautiful water ball collection. She cherished the time spent with her family and friends.

Survivors include her children, Janice (Gerald) Kulinski of Winsted and Jean Ulrich and Jim Forcier of Delhi; five grandchildren, Jacqueline Posusta and James Voigt, Jacob Ulrich, Angela Ulrich, Joseph Ulrich and Anthony (Alyssa) Ulrich; 12 great-grandchildren, Jiana Posusta, Rachel Voigt, Melysa Voigt, Nikolas Voigt, Samantha Voigt, Syarrah Ulrich, Jacob Ulrich Jr., Samantha Ulrich, Corey Garvin, Rahiya Garvin, Baer Ulrich and Nora Ulrich; brother, Dennis (Lucille) Schuette of St. Cloud; sisters, Gwen Forss of Big Lake and Mavis Nass of Becker; brother-in-law, Anthony (Avis) Posusta Jr. of Silver Lake; sister-in-law, Lou Schuette of Clear Lake; nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends.

Preceding her in death were her parents, Edwin and Elsie Schuette; husband, Leonard Posusta; brothers, Richard Schuette and David Schuette; and sisters, Donna Barney and Earleen Mills.

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



Janet Posusta



Submitted photo

### Blankets for EMTs

Glencoe-Silver Lake National Honor Society members have donated tie blankets to emergency medical technicians (EMTs) and the needy in the McLeod County area. GSL students participating include, front row, from left, Shannon Twiss, Laura Becker, Samantha Iverson, Lindsey

Becker and Gustavo Villalobos. In the back are Amanda Schmidt, Katie Urban, Tori Burr, Samantha Dahlke, Emily Popelka and Yodee Rivera. Iverson and Becker chaired this committee. The group made over 20 tie blankets.

### Living Waters Puppets set Easter program

On Sunday, March 24, at 4 p.m., The Living Water Puppets of the Grace Bible Church in Silver Lake will put on a special Easter season puppet program.

"Peter Cotton's Tale" is the fictional story of a young boy named Peter Cotton, who has been looking forward to the annual Easter picnic.

However, Peter must make a decision as to whether he is going to "deny" his real friend, or participate in the relay games with the popular crowd.

"Peter Cotton's Tale" is an exciting short musical that teaches how a young boy learns about the great sacrifice and commitment that Christ made.

Young children will especially enjoy this presentation by the Living Water Puppets. There is no charge, and the public is invited to attend.

Grace Bible Church is located at 300 Cleveland St. in Silver Lake, next to the city water tower. The church website is [www.silverlakechurch.org](http://www.silverlakechurch.org).

### David W. Eberle, 42, St. Cloud

A gathering of family and friends of David W. Eberle, 42, of St. Cloud and formerly of Monticello, was held Wednesday, March 13, at the Williams Dingmann Family Funeral Home in St. Cloud.

Mr. Eberle died Friday, March 8, 2013, as the result of an automobile accident.

Mr. Eberle was born Jan. 31, 1971, to Duane and Gloria (Tomford) Eberle in Minneapolis. He grew up in the

Monticello area.

Mr. Eberle married Trisha Zanoth on June 6, 1998, in the Silver Lake Catholic Church.

He worked for Hardrives as a heavy equipment operator for eight years, and most recently had worked for Bituminous Road Ways.

Mr. Eberle took great pride in his work as a heavy equipment operator and never missed a day of work. He was frequently requested to work on specific jobs because of his pride and precision on the job. He was a member of the 49ers Union.

Mr. Eberle made friends everywhere he went with his great sense of humor. He was

a selfless person, doing anything for anyone. He enjoyed his custom motorcycle, guns, four-wheeling, and tinkering with tools. Most importantly, his four children meant the world to him. He will be dearly missed.

Survivors include his friend and wife, Trisha of St. Cloud; children, Erika, Brandon, Meadow and Summer, all at home; father, Duane Eberle of Long Prairie; mother, Gloria Eberle of Long Prairie; siblings, Jim (Julie) Eberle of Pequot Lakes, Jerry Eberle of Long Prairie, and Kathy Eberle of St. Cloud.

He was preceded in death by his sister, Karla.



David Eberle

### Janet M. Olderness, 68, of Silver Lake

A memorial service for Janet "Jan" Marie Olderness, 68, of Silver Lake, was held on Tuesday, March 12, at Grace Bible Church in Silver Lake. The Rev. Dr. Tom Rakow officiated.

Mrs. Olderness died Thursday, Feb. 28, 2013, at her home.

The organist was Grace Rakow, and the duet of Mike Loch and Daryl Willet sang "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" and "In the Garden." Congregational hymns were "How Great Thou Art" and "God of Wonders."

Honorary pallbearers were Mary Gorvik, Beth Rakow, Marion Klatt, Helen Piehl, Gale Litchfield, Curtis Litchfield, Michael Litchfield, Grace Bible Church friends and her grandchildren, Robert Brady, Melissa Campbell, Carlos Cortes, Herman Cortes, MaKenzie Gunkel, Myana Steele and Liam Brady.

Janet Marie Litchfield was born Aug. 30, 1944, in Gainesville, Texas, to Clifford and Irene (Koehler) Litchfield. She was baptized as an infant and confirmed in her faith as a

youth, both in Gwinner, N.D. She received her education in Gwinner and was a graduate of the North Sargent High School class of 1961.

She furthered her education at Lakewood Community College in the metro area for two years, Concordia College in St. Paul for four years and at Hamline University for two years, where she received her English as a second language (ESL) teaching degree.

On Dec. 5, 1969, Jan Litchfield was united in marriage to Kenneth Olderness at Grace Lutheran Church in Oakes, N.D. This marriage was blessed with four children, William, Tracy, Corey and John.

The Oldernesses resided in Oakes, N.D. They moved to Silver Lake in 2008. They shared 43 years of marriage.

Mrs. Olderness was a loving wife, mother and homemaker. She also was a teacher in the metro area and in Long Prairie in District 2753. She also was a caretaker for a 60-unit apartment building in St. Paul.

Mrs. Olderness retired in 2005. She was a member of Grace Bible Church in Silver Lake, where she was involved in the Bible study group. She also was a member of the Humane Society, Paralyzed Veterans and the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Ani-

mals (SPCA).

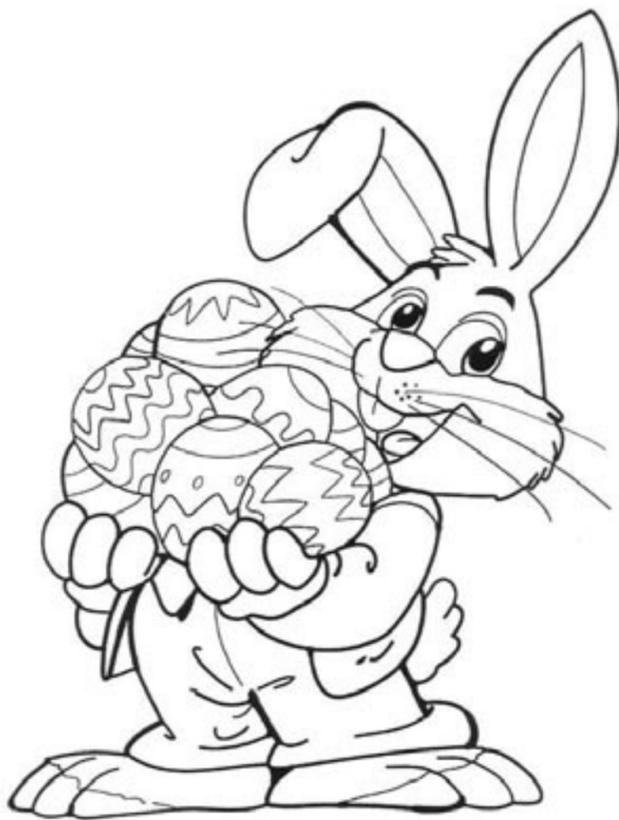
Mrs. Olderness enjoyed crocheting, playing cards and playing games on the computer. She especially enjoyed spending time with her family, grandchildren, friends and her pets.

Survivors include her husband, Kenneth Olderness of Silver Lake; children, William "Bill" Snider of Canyon Country, Calif., Tracy Snider of Hutchinson, and Corey (Jessica) Olderness of Brooklyn Park; grandchildren, Robert Brady, Melissa Campbell, Carlos Cortes, Herman Cortes; great-grandchildren, Makenzie Gunkel, Myana Steele and Liam Brady; brothers, Gale Litchfield of Oregon, Curtis (Linda) Litchfield of Arizona, Mitchell (Virginia) Litchfield of North Dakota, Michael (Victoria) Litchfield of Washington; stepfather, John McGregor of Washington; many other relatives and friends.

Preceding her in death were her parents, Clifford and Irene Litchfield; and son, John Olderness, in infancy.

Arrangements were by the Dobratz-Hantge Chapel in Hutchinson. Online obituaries and guest book are available at [www.hantge.com](http://www.hantge.com). Click on obituaries/guest book.

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### Children's Coloring Contest

for all ages with age group winners receiving a \$25 savings account. Please stop in and grab as many pictures as you'd like to color.

List name and grade on the picture when turning into the bank, and receive a **childrens grab bag**. Age groups = K and less, 1st and 2nd graders, 3rd and 4th graders, and 5th and 6th graders. **Deadline March 29.**

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We are now planning the 2013-14 Silver Lake Guide Book. It will be filled with information about the Silver Lake Area and be distributed FREE to area residents and used as a tool for potential residents and businesses interested in making the Silver Lake area their home.

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## Panthers ousted in OT



Silver Lake Leader photo by Rich Glennie

GSL senior Travis Rothstein (5) battles Garrett Zander (12) of Howard Lake-Waverly-Winsted for a rebound during last Saturday's South Subsection 5 (Class AA) semifinal at Dassel-Cokato. Viewing the ac-

tion are Keaton Anderson (4) of the Panthers and HLWW's Cody Painschab (44).

## Painschab's 33 points rally HLWW to victory; GSL final mark 14-14

By Lee Ostrom  
Sports Editor

Glencoe-Silver Lake appeared to be on its way to the championship game of the South Subsection 5 (Class AA) boys' basketball tournament. Leading second seed Howard Lake-Waverly-Winsted 32-24 at intermission of last Saturday's semifinal at Dassel-Cokato, the Panthers doubled the margin with a 12-4 surge over the first 4½ minutes of the second half.

Luckily for HLWW, it has someone like Cody Painschab to call on for such emergencies.

A 6-foot-2 senior, Painschab erupted for 27 second-half tallies, including two free throws that evened things, 62-62, with 42.7 seconds remaining in regulation time. Painschab poured in four more free throws in overtime, as HLWW completed its comeback by notching a 72-64 triumph.

"We couldn't stop him," GSL head coach Robb DeCorsey said.

"It was a heck of a performance" Painschab delivered.

The Lakers were slated to meet Mayer Lutheran in last night's (March 12) subsection final. The Crusaders tallied the last 12 points of the first semifinal to knock off No. 1 seed Jordan, 60-48.

The South's winner advances to Friday's state qualifier at St. Cloud State's Halenbeck Hall against the North subsection's survivor, either St. Cloud Cathedral or Annandale. Opening tip is scheduled for 6:30 p.m.

As for GSL, its season ends following 14 wins and 14 losses.

DeCorsey described his 2012-13 team as being a "tight-knit" club of friends, most of whom have grown up together playing three sports.

Indeed, last Saturday's game closed the high school varsity careers of these seniors: Ethan Maass, Travis Rothstein, Greg Ober, Reed Dunbar, Brody Bratsch, Eric Thalmann, Trenton Draeger, and Brandon Ebert.

"I thought we made some great strides this year," DeCorsey said.

A closer look at GSL's two

games in the South Subsection 5 (AA) tournament:

### GSL 71, WM 62

Maass tags fellow guard Ober as the top defender on this year's GSL basketball team.

"He's all over the floor," Maass said. "We call him Spiderman."

In last Thursday's subsection quarterfinal in Glencoe, Spidey also showed he had the right stuff for knocking down clutch free throws.

Trying to apply a solid finish to a first-round win, the Panthers, instead, wobbled by leaving seven of a possible 10 points at the line. That helped Watertown-Mayer slash a 61-48 deficit to 64-59.

With 53 seconds remaining, Ober toed the line. He swished the first free throw; then swished another. Following two empty Watertown-Mayer possessions, the Royals fouled Ober again.

Swish! Swish!

GSL led 69-59. The final tally: 71-62.

"I'm pretty proud of those," Ober said about the free throws.

Earlier, GSL opened with two big blasts. First, center Draeger slam-jammed a Maass lob into a loud deuce. Next possession, Maass tallied a long-distance trey.

It was 5-0, and it grew to 16-6 before the guests mixed four triples with four possessions of second-chance offense. The result was a 22-6 run — and a 28-22 Watertown-Mayer lead.

"We got slow," Ober said. "We didn't move."

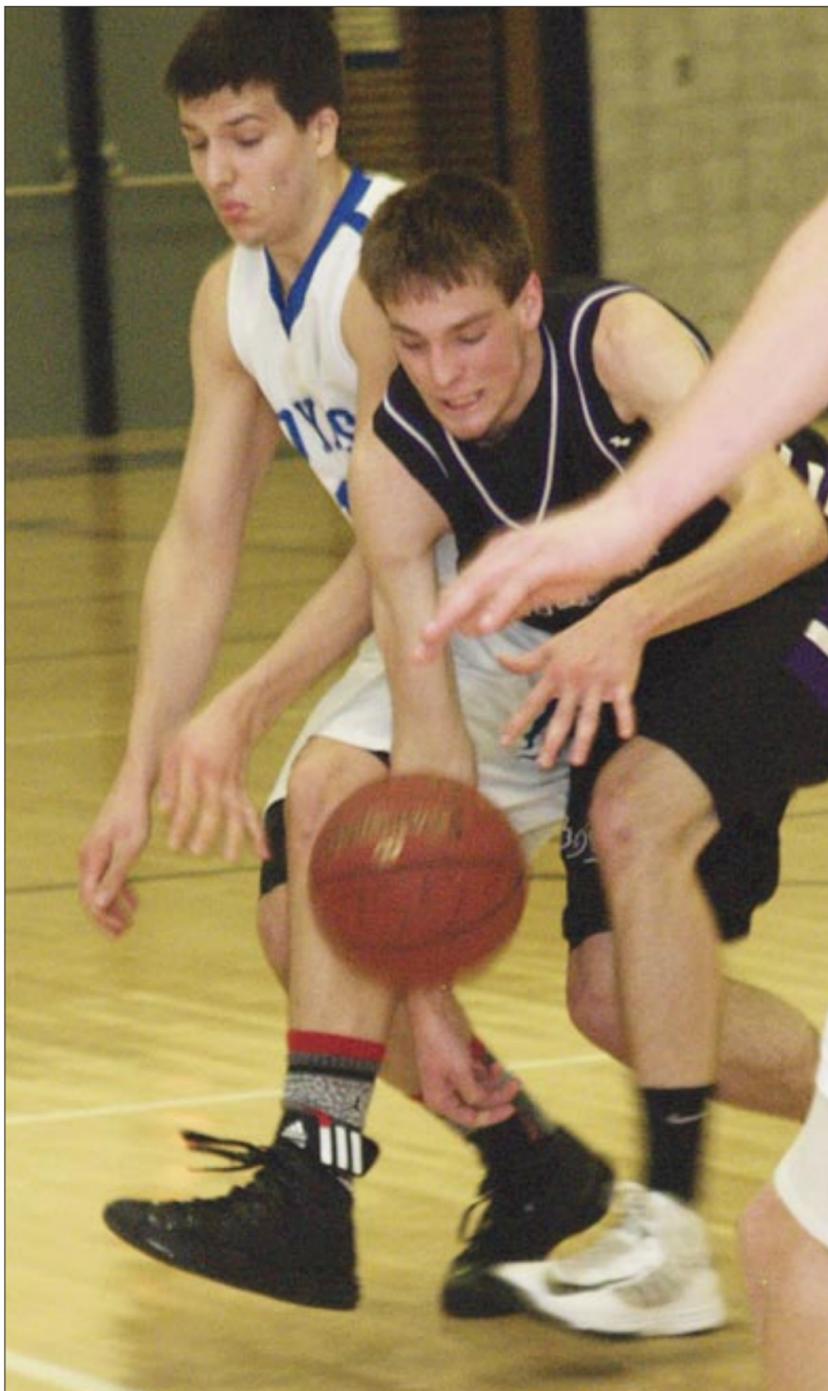
However, the Panthers did tally the final five points of the first half.

Later, with his team ahead 39-38, Maass (29 points, on 11-for-18 firing) ignited a 22-10 Panther run with a pair of long-distance triples.

When Maass zipped a pass to Anderson for a deuce and connected for another trey, GSL led 50-41. A little later, Maass assisted on sophomore Garrett Ober's high-arch swisher from 11 feet down a baseline; floated the lane for a deuce of his own; and assisted on a basket by Greg Ober.

### HLWW 72, GSL 64

The Panthers got out fast,



Silver Lake Leader photo by Rich Glennie

In pursuit of a loose basketball, Panthers senior Greg Ober (dark uniform) jostles with Watertown-Mayer's Barna Berenyi.

Action was in last Thursday's South Subsection 5 quarterfinal in Glencoe.

scoring points on six of their first seven possessions — on four deuces by Anderson and two treys by Dunbar. After Anderson tacked on six more and Maass tossed in a free throw, it was 21-9.

By halftime, GSL's lead might have been far greater had the team's woes while shooting free throws not persisted. The Panthers made only five of 13 attempts from the line — with two of the misses being front-end bonus opportunities.

In the second half, the Panthers added seven missed free throws to their total. For the game, GSL was 17-for-32 from the line.

"You have to knock down your free throws," DeCorsey said.

At the same time, Maass's shot barely heeded the hot rarely he had fired so accurately against Watertown-Mayer.

The all-conference lefty was 3-for-11 in the first half, 1-for-

15 in the second half, and 4-for-26 overall.

On the other side, Painschab was in one of those zones shooters live for. Finding points in a number of ways, he finished 10-for-13 from the floor, 12-for-13 from the line for 33 points in all.

In the 4-minute overtime, Dunbar opened the scoring by sticking a jumper from up the lane, maybe 9 feet.

However, HLWW did all the scoring after that.

## 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-Cokato.....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.....L,85-66  
14....at NL-Spicerx.....W,74-60  
19....Litchfield.....L,77-53  
22....Delano.....L,69-53  
26....Annandale.....L,65-45

#### March

Section 5(AA) Tourney  
07....Round 1: WM.....W,71-62  
09....Round 2: HLWW..L,72-64  
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Final Record: 14-14

### 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-Wtka....W,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  
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Final Record: 9-17

### 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  
14....Hutchinson.....L,42-22  
22-23..Indys, at Waconia.....  
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Final Record: 14-7

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Sun., March 17 — "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.

Wed., Mar. 20 — Soup and chili supper, 5 p.m.; confirmation class, 6 p.m.; Lenten service, 7 p.m.

Sat., March 23 — Men's Bible study, 7 a.m.; women's Bible study, 9 a.m.

Sun., March 24 — "First Light" radio broadcast on KARP 106.9 FM, 7:30 a.m.; pre-service prayer time, 9:15 a.m.; worship service with guest speaker Dr. Doug Vavrosky, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday school, 10:35 a.m.; open shooting for Centershot graduates, 11:45 a.m.; Living Water Puppets presentation, "Peter Cotton's Tale," 4 p.m.  
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Sun., March 17 — Handbell practice, 8:45 a.m.; worship service, 10 a.m.; all church St. Patty's Day party after service.  
Wed., March 20 — Light supper, 5:30 p.m.; WOW classes, 6 p.m.; Lenten devotional service, 6:30 p.m.; choir practice, 7 p.m.

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Anthony Stubeda, Pastor  
Fri., March 15 — Mass, 8 a.m.; stations of the cross, 6 p.m.; RCIA at St. Pius X, 7:30 p.m.

Sat., March 16 — Mass, 4 p.m.; confirmation Mass, 6:30 p.m.

Sun., March 17 — Mass, 8 a.m. and 8 p.m.

Tues., March 19 — Mass, 8 a.m.; adoration, 8:30 a.m.-10 p.m.; KC meeting, 7 p.m.

Wed., March 20 — Mass, 5 p.m.; first-through sixth-grade religious education classes, 5:30 p.m.; seventh-through 11th-grade religious education classes, 7:15 p.m.

Thurs., March 21 — Mass at Cedar Crest, 10:30 a.m.

Fri., March 22 — Mass, 8 a.m.; stations of the cross, 6 p.m.

**ST. PIUS X CHURCH**  
1014 Knight Ave.,  
Glencoe

Anthony Stubeda, Pastor  
Thurs., March 14 — Mass at GRHS long-term care, 10:30 a.m.; kindergarten roundup, 6:30 p.m.; worship and spiritual life committee, 7 p.m.

Fri., March 15 — Morning prayer, 8 a.m.; school Mass, 8:20 a.m.; staff meeting, 10 a.m.; stations of the cross with school chil-

dren, 2 p.m.; Spanish Mass, 5:30 p.m.; adoration of the blessed sacrament, 6 p.m.; benediction, 6:50 p.m.; stations of the cross, 7 p.m.; RCIA in parish library, 7:30 p.m.

Sat., March 16 — No reconciliation; Mass, 4 p.m.; confirmation Mass at Holy Family, Silver Lake, 6:30 p.m.

Sun., March 17 — Mass, 9:30 a.m.; Spanish Mass, 10:30 a.m.; Spanish religious education classes, 12:45 p.m.; Guadalupe committee, 1:45 p.m.; Mass at Holy Family, Silver Lake, 8 p.m.

Mon., March 18 — No Mass; adult choir practice, 7 p.m.

Tues., March 19 — Morning prayer, 8 a.m.; school Mass, 8:20 a.m.; junior choir practice, 2:50 p.m.; Spanish adult catechesis, 7 p.m.; KC meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Wed., March 20 — Morning prayer, 7 a.m.; Mass, 7:20 a.m.; St. Pius X school reconciliation, 9:30 a.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.; stations of the cross, 7 p.m.

**BETHEL LUTHERAN**  
77 Lincoln Ave.,  
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Bethany Nelson, pastor  
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Sun., March 17 — Worship, 9 a.m.; coffee and fellowship, 10 a.m.; visitation ministry meeting, 11:30 a.m.; Financial Peace University, 2 p.m.

Mon., March 18 — Ladies' Bibles study, 7 p.m.

Wed., March 20 — Office hours, 3 p.m.; Holden evening prayer, 6:30 p.m.; choir, 7:15 p.m.; worship team meeting, 8 p.m.

## Kitchen Delights & Other Things



### Cheesy Meatball Soup

#### Ingredients:

**Meatballs:**  
1 pound ground beef  
1 egg  
1/4 cup breading mix  
1 teaspoon salt  
1 teaspoon oregano  
1 tablespoon parsley  
1/2 teaspoon garlic powder  
1/2 teaspoon pepper  
**Stock:**  
2 cups beef broth  
1/2 green bell pepper, finely chopped  
1/2 red bell pepper, finely chopped  
1 celery stalk, chopped  
1/2 cup purple onion, chopped  
5 large mushrooms, chopped  
5 strips bacon (optional)  
**Cheese sauce:**  
4 tablespoons water  
4 tablespoons heavy white cream  
4 tablespoons butter  
8 slices American cheese

#### Directions:

Mix all meatball ingredients together thoroughly. Shape into medium-sized meatballs. Place uncooked meatballs and all stock ingredients in a four-quart crock pot. Stir gently. Cover and cook on low for 6 to 8 hours. To prepare cheese sauce, put all cheese sauce ingredients into a microwave-safe dish and microwave 2 to 3 minutes, stirring every 30 seconds. Add cheese sauce to the soup, stirring gently until blended.

### Philly Cheese Steak Casserole

#### Ingredients:

3 cups uncooked wide egg noodles  
1 pound beef boneless sirloin steak  
1/4 teaspoon pepper  
2 medium onions, chopped  
1 small green bell pepper, chopped

1-3/4 cup beef broth  
1/4 cup all-purpose flour  
1/2 cup fat-free half and half  
1 tablespoon Dijon mustard  
3/4 cup shredded Cheddar cheese

#### Directions:

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Spray a casserole dish with cooking spray. Cook and drain noodles as directed on package. Meanwhile, remove fat from beef. Cut beef into 3/4-inch pieces. Heat a nonstick skillet over medium heat and cook beef and pepper in skillet 2 to 3 minutes, stirring occasionally, until beef is brown. Stir in onions and bell pepper. Cook 2 minutes, stirring occasionally. Spoon into baking dish. In a medium bowl, beat broth and flour with wire whisk until smooth. Add to skillet; heat to boiling. Cook, stirring occasionally, until mixture thickens; remove from heat. Stir in half and half and mustard. Spoon over beef mixture. Stir in cooked noodles. Cover and bake 40 minutes. Sprinkle with cheese and bake uncovered about 10 minutes longer or until cheese is melted and casserole is bubbly.

### Ranch Cheddar Chicken

#### Ingredients:

4 boneless skinless chicken breasts  
1/2 cup mayonnaise  
2 tablespoons dry ranch dressing seasoning  
1/2 cup grated cheddar cheese  
1/4 cup panko bread crumbs  
Cooking spray

#### Directions:

Preheat the oven to 425 degrees. Place the chicken in a large baking dish. In a small bowl, combine the mayonnaise, ranch, and cheddar cheese. Spread on top of the chicken breasts. Sprinkle the panko on top and spray lightly with cooking spray. Bake for 25 minutes or until chicken is cooked through.

## Legal Notices

### Glencoe-Silver Lake School Board

School Board Proceedings  
ISD #2859  
Glencoe-Silver Lake, Minnesota  
**DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROJECT**

Glencoe-Silver Lake Independent School District 2859 is proposing an approximately 7,000 square foot addition to the Lincoln Junior High School building and associated remodeling of adjacent space to create a new early childhood learning center. This facility will provide space for the early childhood family education and school readiness programs currently housed at Helen Baker Elementary and for the early childhood special education program currently housed at Lakeside Elementary. Classrooms vacated at those sites will become available for K-6 populations. Construction of the early childhood learning center allows synergy between the district's programs for early learners, will provide access to gymnasium space not available to early learners at other sites, and will provide safe access for children and parents.

The district will fund the costs of construction through the lease-purchase provisions of Minn. Stat. §126C.40 and school district general funds. Remodeling of adjacent space will be funded by school district general funds. The cost of the project is estimated at \$1,500,000. The district will execute a 10-year lease purchase agreement of \$1 million with annual lease payments funded by proceeds of an annual lease levy. The remainder of the funds will be provided from the district's general fund balance which is greater than school board policy targets. The school board believes that this project is in the best long-term interest of the district.

#### REVIEW AND COMMENT STATEMENT

Based upon the department's analysis of the school district's required documentation and other pertinent information from sources of the Department of Education, the Commissioner of Education judges the proposed construction to be educationally and economically advisable.

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE

Persons desiring additional information regarding this proposal should contact the school district superintendent's office.

/s/ Dr. Brenda Cassellius  
Commissioner

January 22, 2013  
(Published in The Silver Lake Leader March 14 & 21, 2013)

### Glencoe-Silver Lake School Board

School Board Proceedings  
ISD #2859  
Glencoe-Silver Lake, Minnesota  
February 11, 2013

The School Board of Independent School District #2859 met in regular session on February 11, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Lincoln Meeting Room (Room 124). Board Chair Christianson called the meeting to order. Members present: Kuester, Lindeman, VonBerge, Alsleben, Christianson, and Twiss. In

addition, Superintendent Sonju; Business Manager Sander; Principals Butler, Wang, and Svoboda; Teachers Patty Fleischacker and Brea Wiblemo; Student Government Representative Lou Iacona; Silver Lake City Clerk Kerry Venier; many students from the 9th grade Civics class; Technology Staff Morris; and Superintendent's Secretary Peterson were in attendance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Announcements, Acknowledgements, and Reports: Announced the next regular School Board meeting will be on March 11th at 7:00 p.m. in the Lincoln Meeting Room (Room 124); Business Manager Sander reported to the School Board; Principals Butler, Wang, and Sparby reported to the Board; Student Government representative Iacona reported to the Board; Superintendent Sonju reported to the Board; and Committee reports were given by Directors Twiss, Lindeman, Alsleben, and Board Chair Christianson. No action taken.

1. Public Input: None  
2. Alsleben/Kuester to approve the agenda (6-0).  
3. Twiss/Lindeman to approve the consent agenda: January bills; regular Board meeting minutes of January 14, 2013; the leave requests of Suzanne Magnuson, Guidance Counselor at GSL High School, for FMLA Leave from on or around May 3 through June 3, 2013; Tina Schauer, Community Education/Panther Field House Director, for FMLA Leave from June to September 2013; Jessica Neid, Health Assistant at GSL High School, for FMLA Leave from the beginning of May through the end of the school year; the resignation of Greg Fleck, 6.5-hour-a-day Paraprofessional in the Special Education Program at GSL Lakeside Elementary School, effective February 19, 2013; the extracurricular assignments of Mike Sundblad as Head First Robotics Coach (new position), and Doug Fegley as Head Trap Shooting coach (new position) (6-0).

4. Twiss/VonBerge to approve GSL High School Social Studies Teacher Brea Wiblemo's ten-day trip abroad to England at the end of the 2014-15 school year. Students participating in the trip will be required to pay approximately \$3,485 and there will be at least two chaperones present. Students are required to do curriculum work before, during, and after the trip (6-0).

5. Kuester/Alsleben to approve the temporary and permanent easement requests of the City of Silver Lake for public roadway and utility purposes on the GSL Lakeside football field property. The legal description is as follows: The South Half of Block 7 and the North 225 feet of Block 6 of JOHN TOTUSHEK'S 2nd ADDITION TO SILVER LAKE (6-0).

6. Alsleben/Kuester to approve the pay equity compliance report as prepared by Business Manager Sander for submission to the Office of Minnesota Management and Budget (6-0).

7. Lindeman/Twiss to accept the donations from the following groups and/or individuals with appreciation: Silver Lake Lions Club; Glencoe American Legion Post #95; Silver Lake Lions Club; Stevens Seminary; Plato American Legion Post #641; Panther Boosters; Bump's Family Restaurant; Eileen Popelka; Brownston Lions Club; Glencoe VFW Post #5102; Silver Lake Civic Association; Glencoe Regional

Health Services; and Seneca (6-0).  
8. VonBerge/Lindeman to adjourn at 7:57 p.m. (6-0).

9. Complete minutes and all documents relating to this meeting are on file and available for review at the Superintendent's Office, 1621 East 16th Street, Glencoe.

Glencoe-Silver Lake School District #2859  
By: Anne Twiss, Board Clerk  
**These minutes are unofficial until approved by School Board action. (Published in The Silver Lake Leader March 14, 2013)**

### McLeod County

McLeod County Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes 2/19/13

Commissioners Wright, Nies, Terlinden, Shimanski and Christensen were present.

Nies/Terlinden motion approved the agenda with the following item added; under Administration item D: Consider approving Resolution in support of Buffalo Highlands Trail.

Nies/Shimanski motion approved the consent agenda including February 5, 2013 Meeting Minutes and Synopsis; February 1, 2013 Auditor's Warrants; February 8, 2013 Auditor's Warrants; Approve Confession of Judgment for Jon H. Quade on Property ID 23.056.0280 and 23.056.0290 in the City of Hutchinson; Sign consulting agreement with Burns & McDonnell for Solid Waste consulting services to research processing upgrade options for County Recycling Facility which was approved at the January 22<sup>nd</sup> County Board Meeting; Consider Renewal of Maintenance Agreement for Zix Email Encryption with ZixCorp. This is a three year agreement paid for from the IT Budget annually. This agreement allows us to continue running and getting support of our Email encryption appliance and clarification on February 5, 2013 Meeting Minutes for Conditional Use Permit 13-03 for

Craig Reiner, crushing during winter months only was a discussion point during the meeting but was not a condition added to the Conditional Use Permit.

Nies/Christensen motion approved payment of bills totaling \$149,684.80 from the following funds: General Revenue \$71,989.01; Road & Bridge \$29,567.77; Solid Waste \$48,399.02; and Special Revenue Fund \$40.00.

Terlinden/Christensen motion carried unanimously to approve out of state travel authorization for John Brunkhorst and Ron Metag to attend American Traffic Safety Services Association's (ATSSA) "How-To" Training and Education Workshop in Fargo, ND March 19-20, 2013 at a cost of \$240 registration fee and \$218/night plus tax/fees for hotel.

Nies/Shimanski motion carried unanimously to approve the purchase a T550 Compact Track Loader from Farm-Rite Equipment (Dassel, MN) for \$45,267.27 including tax (State Contract Pricing) with funding coming from the 2013 capital budget.

Terlinden/Shimanski motion carried unanimously to approve the sale of the 1990 New Holland skid steer loader by sealed bid or auction with minimum bid/starting price of \$9,187.

Nies/Terlinden motion carried unanimously to adopt Resolution 13-CB-04 and commitment of funds of a minimum of \$10,000 authorizing participation in planning process and execution of sub-grant agreement for the McLeod County All Hazard Mitigation Plan project. The \$10,000 consists of employee time to attend meetings etc. rather than actual dollars.

Shimanski/Terlinden motion carried unanimously to approve entering a contract with the City of Lester Prairie to lease one mobile computer. Computer will be purchased from Compar (Minnetonka, MN) for a total of \$4,899.15.

Shimanski/Christensen motion carried unanimously to entering a contract with the City of Winsted to lease two mobile computers. Computers will be purchased from Compar (Minnetonka, MN) for \$4,899.15 each for a total of \$9,798.30.

Shimanski/Christensen motion carried unanimously to approve the agreement between Supporting Hands Nurse Family Partnership and McLeod County to provide fiscal host services. The Auditor/Treasurers Office will be reimbursed at \$5000/year and McLeod County Public Health will be reimbursed for \$2000/year.

Nies/Terlinden motion carried unanimously to approve the purchase a 2013 Dodge Grand Caravan from Burnsville Dodge (Burnsville, MN) for a cost of \$21,553.00 State Bid Contract #35446 plus a front safety barrier purchased and installed for an approximate price of \$800.00 for a total of \$22,353.

Terlinden/Shimanski to approve out of state travel authorization to attend the American Jail Association conference in Grand Rapids, MI May 4-9, 2013 at a cost of \$225 registration fee and \$165/night plus tax/fees for hotel and other fees including meal allowance and fuel cost for a total cost of \$1,350.

Shimanski/Terlinden motion carried unanimously to extend and change the current contract with Xerox to include new Tax and Computer Aided Mass Appraisal (CAMA) system for a total cost of \$269,513 with funding coming from the Recorders Compliance Fund.

Nies/Shimanski motion carried unanimously to the purchase an IS-480 Digital Mailing System from Deaton's Mailing Systems, Inc. (St. Cloud, MN) for the Courthouse and Health and Human Services each at a cost of \$8,114 plus tax which includes a trade-in value of \$700 on current machines and IS-460 Digital Mailing System for the North Complex at a cost of \$6,597 plus tax which includes a trade-in value of \$600 on their current machine. Funding for the Courthouse and North Complex mailing system is coming from the Central Services 2013 budget. Funding for the mailing system at Health & Human Services is coming 75% from the Social Services 2013 budget and 25% from the Public Health 2013 budget.

Nies/Christensen motion carried unanimously to approve the proposed 2013 Fairgrounds facility rates as presented to be implemented on 4/1/2013.

Wright/Shimanski motion carried unanimously to approve the February 12, 2013 Staffing Request Committee Recommendations as outlined above.

Nies/Christensen motion carried unanimously to approve the Committee appointment changes listed above.

Nies/Terlinden motion carried unanimously to adopt a resolution and approve McLeod County to act as the fiscal agent for the Buffalo Highlands Trail. McLeod County will not be committing funds rather will support the City of Glencoe obtaining funding. (Published in The Silver Lake Leader March 14, 2013)

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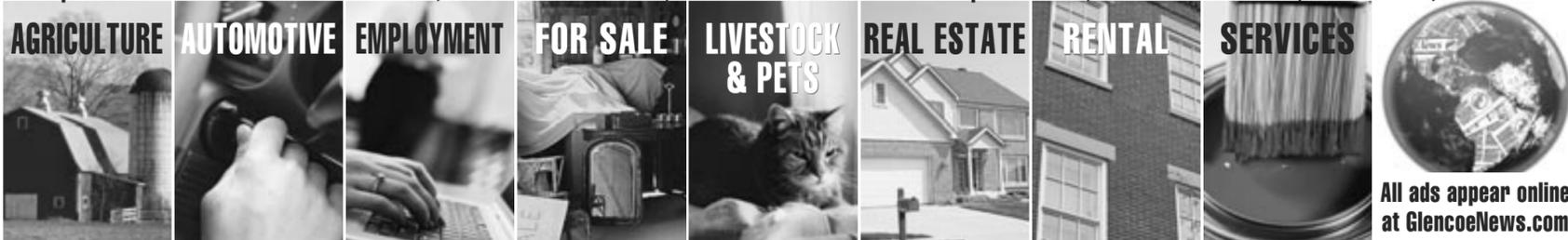
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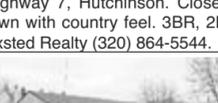
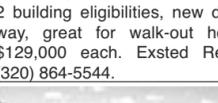
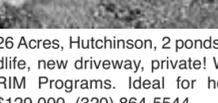
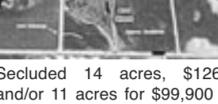
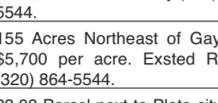
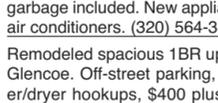
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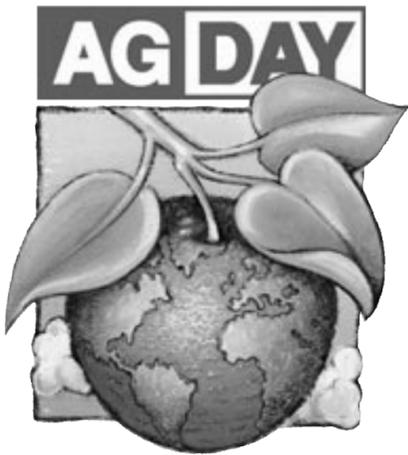
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**Fun Facts: About the Food We Eat**

This array of facts are concerned with trivial and not-so-trivial information about food. We also compiled a list of facts on plants, animals and agriculture in the U.S.: Ag Day Fun Facts: Flora, Fauna and Food for Thought.

**Purpose**

The Agriculture Council of America (ACA) is an organization uniquely composed of leaders in the agriculture, food and fiber communities dedicated to increasing the public awareness of agriculture's vital role in our society. The Agriculture Council of America and the National Ag Day program was started in 1973.



**Corn Poppin' Facts**

- Popcorn pops because water is stored in a small circle of soft starch in each kernel. As the kernel is heated, the water heats, the droplet of moisture turns to steam and the steam builds up pressure until the kernel finally explodes to many times its original volume.
- Americans today consume 17.3 billion quarts of popped popcorn each year! The average American eats about 68 quarts!
- While the first breakfast cereal was made by adding sugar and milk to popped popcorn, a shortage of baking flours after World War II forced breadmakers to substitute up to 25% of wheat flour with ground popped popcorn. Over the years, popcorn also has been used as an ingredient in pudding, candy, soup, salad and entrees.
- Popcorn's nutritional value comes from the fact that, like other cereal grains, its primary function is to provide the body with heat and energy.
- Microwave popcorn is the same as other popcorn except the kernels are usually larger and the packaging is designed for maximum popability.



**Macaroni Mania**

- Pasta is one of America's favorite foods. Last year, 1.3 million pounds of pasta were sold in American grocery stores. If you lined up 1.3 million pounds of 16 oz. spaghetti packages, it could circle the Earth's equator almost nine times!
- Noodles got their start in China, not Italy as many people might think.
- Pasta made its way to the New World through the English who found it while traveling through Italy. The English made pasta by cooking it for about a half an hour and then smothering it with cream sauce and cheese. This was the beginning of Macaroni and Cheese!
- America's first large pasta factory was built in Brooklyn, New York in 1848 by a Frenchman who would spread out his spaghetti strands on the roof to dry in the sunshine.

**An Apple a Day**

- Apples are a member of the rose family.
- Washington state grows the most apples in the U.S.
- The apples from one tree can fill 20 boxes every year.
- Fresh apples float because 25 percent of their volume is air.
- In the winter, apple trees need to "rest" for about 900-1,000 hours below 45 degrees Fahrenheit in order to flower and fruit properly.
- If you grew 100 apple trees from the seeds of one tree, they would all be different.
- Apples are high in fiber.
- There are more than 7,000 varieties of apples grown in the world.



**Cherrific!**

- The same chemicals that give tart cherries their color may relieve pain better than aspirin and ibuprofen in humans.
- Eating about 20 tart cherries a day could reduce inflammatory pain and headache pain.
- There are about 7,000 cherries on an average tart cherry tree (the number varies depending on the age of the tree, weather and growing conditions). It takes about 250 cherries to make a cherry pie, so each tree could produce enough cherries for 28 pies!
- Today, in Michigan, there are almost 4 million cherry trees which annually produce 150 to 200 pounds of tart cherries.



**Head Strong**

- Lettuce is a member of the sunflower family.
- Darker Green lettuce leaves are more nutritious than lighter green leaves.
- Americans eat about 30 pounds of lettuce every year. That's about five times more than what we ate in the early 1900s.
- In the United States, lettuce is the second most popular fresh vegetable.
- Almost all lettuce is packed right in the field.
- About 25% of all iceberg lettuce is made into fresh cut salads.



**What's up Doc?**

- The plant pigment that gives carrots and other vegetables their vivid orange color is Beta-Carotene. Fruits and Vegetables that are yellow/orange in color contain Beta-Carotene and carrots are one of the richest in this nutrient. Our bodies convert Beta-Carotene into Vitamin A.
- The bright orange color of carrots tell you they're an excellent source of Vitamin A which is important for good eyesight, especially at night. Vitamin A helps your body fight infection, and keeps your skin and hair healthy!

**Berry, Berry Good for You!**

- Blueberries are the second most popular berry in the United States.
- Michigan and New Jersey produce 66% of all the blueberries in the United States, followed by North Carolina, Oregon and Washington.
- Over 200 million pounds of blueberries are grown every year in North America.
- Blueberries are first picked by hand to gather the best of the early fruit. Later, if the fruit is to be mechanically harvested, a harvesting machine goes through the field and gently shakes each bush so only the ripe blueberries drop off.
- Blueberries are a good source of Vitamin C and fiber.



**Cracking Up**

- In the U.S. in 1998, hens produced 6,657,000,000 dozen eggs - that's 6.657 billion dozen! After these eggs were laid, about two-thirds were sold in the shell and one third of them were broken - not by accident, but on purpose. Because after the eggs are broken out of their shells, they can be made into liquid, frozen, dried and specialty egg products.
- The egg shell may have as many as 17,000 tiny pores over its surface. Through them, the egg can absorb flavors and odors. Storing them in their cartons helps keep them fresh!
- Eggs age more in one day at room temperature than in one week in the refrigerator.
- Occasionally, a hen will produce double-yolked eggs throughout her egg-laying career. It is rare, but not unusual, for a young hen to produce an egg with no yolk at all.
- It takes 24 to 26 hours for a hen to produce an egg; there is 30 minutes between each egg-producing cycle.
- About 240 million laying hens produce about 5.5 billion dozen eggs per year in the United States.
- Egg yolks are one of the few foods that naturally contain Vitamin D.



**Going Bananas!**

- There are over 500 different types of bananas. That means if you ate a different kind of banana every day, it would take almost a year and a half to eat every one!
- Although generally regarded as a tree, this large tropical plant is really an herb. That means it does not have a woody trunk like a tree. The stalk is composed of leaf sheaths that overlap each other and grow from an underground stem called a rhizome.
- The banana plant can grow as high as 20 feet tall. That's as big as a two-story house!
- Bananas are about 99.5% fat free.
- Bananas are a great source of potassium. Potassium helps build muscle power and keeps your body fluids in balance.
- Bananas are most likely the first fruit ever to be grown on a farm.



**Pick a Pepper**

- The most popular sweet pepper in the United States is the bell pepper.
- Most peppers belong to the Capsicum annum species.
- As bell peppers mature, their color changes from green to red and they become sweeter.
- Chile peppers are hot.
- Dried chile pepper wreaths are called "Ristras" - a symbol of plenty and hope.



**Green Greek Goddess**

- The name asparagus comes from the Greek language and means "sprout" or "shoot."
- Asparagus is a member of the Lily family.
- Asparagus is related to onions, leeks, and garlic.
- One of the most popular varieties of green asparagus is named after Martha Washington, the wife of George Washington.
- California grows about 70% of all the asparagus grown in the United States.
- More than 50,000 tons of asparagus are grown in California every year.



**Pumpkin Eater**

- Pumpkins were once recommended for removing freckles and curing snake bites!
- Pumpkin flowers are edible.
- Pumpkins are 90% water.
- Pumpkins are used for feed for animals.
- Pumpkin seeds can be roasted as a snack.
- Native Americans used pumpkin seeds for food and medicine.
- In early colonial times, pumpkins were used as an ingredient for the crust of pies, not the filling.
- The name "pumpkin" originated from "pepon", the Greek word for "large melon."
- Pumpkins contain potassium and Vitamin A.



**Stacking Up!**

- The batter used to make pancakes is almost exactly the same as the batter used to make regular cakes. The pancake batter is just a little thinner.
- Pancakes have become so popular, that people don't just eat them for breakfast anymore. Many people like to eat pancakes for dinner!
- On Pancake Day in Newfoundland (the day before Ash Wednesday, the beginning of lent), items are placed in the pancake batter before it is cooked to foretell the future for family members. If a boy received an item for a trade, it meant he would enter that trade. If a girl received an item for a trade, it meant she would marry a person from that trade.

**Pretty Peachy**

- Peaches are a good source of Vitamin C.
- The United States provides about one-fourth (25%) of the world's total supply of fresh peaches.
- The peach is a member of the rose family and will have a sweet fragrance when ripe.
- Most peaches that are imported to the United States during winter months come from Chile.
- Peaches are the third most popular fruit grown in America.



**Pizza Perfect**

- Americans eat approximately 100 acres of pizza each day, or 350 slices per second.
- Each man, woman and child in America eats an average of 46 slices (23 pounds) of pizza a year.
- Pepperoni is America's favorite topping (36 percent of all pizza orders we eat approximately 251,770,000 pounds a year!
- In America, anchovies always rank last on the list of favorite toppings.
- In 1830 pizza truly began with the opening of the world's first pizzeria. Port' Alba, the pizzas were cooked in an oven lined with lava from Mount Vesuvius, a volcano located on the Bay of Naples.
- Pizza makers have tried virtually every type of food on pizzas, including peanut butter and jelly, bacon and eggs and mashed potatoes!
- According to Domino's, some of the more popular international toppings are pickled ginger, minced mutton and tofu in India, squid (octopus) and Mayou Jaga (mayonnaise, potato and bacon) in Japan, and green peas in Brazil. In Russia, they serve pizza covered with mockba, which is a combination of sardines, tuna, mackerel, salmon and onions. In France, a popular combo is called the Flambee, with bacon, onion and fresh cream.
- There are approximately 61,269 pizzerias in the United States.
- Approximately 3 billion pizzas are sold in the U.S. each year.

**Broccoli Basics**

- We are eating 900% more broccoli than we did 20 years ago.
- In 1970, consumption of broccoli was only a half a pound per person. Today, the average person in the United States eats four and one half pounds a year.
- In the United States, broccoli was probably first grown by immigrants from Italy in home gardens in Brooklyn, New York. In 1923, a group of Italian vegetable farmers in Northern California started to grow broccoli commercially and in a few years they were shipping fresh broccoli to Boston and New York.



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