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St. Paddy's Day

When Irish eyes are shining, they don't always belong to Irishmen. Silver Lake Pola-Czesky Queen Kayla Schermann, left, and Princess and Miss Congeniality Chrissy Helmbrecht flashed their best St. Patrick's

Day smiles, Saturday, on a day when everyone claims to have a little Irish in them. More St. Patrick's Day photos are on page 8 of today's Leader.

Parking in Silver Edge Estates hot Council topic

By Alyssa Schauer
Staff Writer

On-street parking in the Silver Edge Estates development was a hot topic of discussion at the Silver Lake City Council meeting Monday evening.

Resident Daryl Luthens addressed the City Council regarding vehicles left on the street between the hours of midnight and 6 a.m., and that they have particularly been a "problem" during this snowy winter season.

Luthens and the developer of Silver Edge Estates, David Broll, asked the City Council about the options to address the issue.

Luthens and Broll provided the Council with a copy of the "covenant" or "declaration" for policies regarding the properties in Silver Edge Estates.

The covenant was written in the hopes of maintaining a high quality of living in the development, according to Broll.

"One of the reasons there was a rule about no parking on the street between midnight

and 6 a.m. was to protect the quality of living in the neighborhood. The development doesn't look as appealing when there are cars parked in the street on an ongoing basis," Broll said.

Luthens added that in the winter, the parked cars add to the difficulty of travel.

"The road is pretty narrow as it is, and when parking is allowed on both sides of the street, it gets hard to drive through. Not to mention the amount of snow we had this winter piles up and pushes the cars out into the street even more," Luthens said.

"I don't think your street is any more narrow than Merrill Street in town, where cars park on both sides every day when school is in session. Traffic doesn't seem to have trouble on that road," Councilor Eric Nelson commented.

Mayor Bruce Bebo said, "Well, let's ask Dale. He plows it."

Public Works Department Head Dale Kosek said both roads are narrow, but he

"plows around" cars, or contacts the police department in case of tows.

He added that Silver Lake has its own snow ordinance: No parking on the streets after two inches or more of snow-fall from 2:01 a.m. until the road is plowed curb to curb.

"Is this enforced citywide? It should be," Bebo said.

Police Chief Henriksen said when he started, only vehicles parked on Lake Avenue and Main Street were usually ticketed, as those are the roads with "windrows."

"But we have reviewed the ordinance, and it is unfair to plow around some vehicles and tow others. We have made our best effort to enforce the ordinance citywide," Henriksen said.

Bebo also commented on the policy of "quality of development."

"I'm just going to throw this out there, but if you are going to prohibit parking on the

Parking

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'Ghost' aids in rescue of abused animals

Truhaven benefit set Saturday at Blue Note

By Alyssa Schauer
Staff Writer

It was a cold November evening in rural Minnesota when Candy Phillips, Truhaven Ranch board president, arrived at the scene of a brown, barren pasture, with trash, broken fences, piles of discarded microwaves, TVs, blenders, animal carcasses, and barbed wire strewn everywhere.

The trees were naked, with no bark, and there was no sign of foliage anywhere — only 55 equines (horses, ponies, donkeys and mules) who were left to feed on their own manure and each other's manes and tails for survival.

Phillips is the founder and executive director of Truhaven Ranch in Winsted, a "rescue haven" for abused equines. In 2009, the ranch opened its doors to rescued equines, at-risk youth, and all others needing a "haven" from the stress of modern living.

In November, Phillips was called to Fillmore County to rescue 55 mistreated and abused equines.

"Drew Fitzpatrick, from the Minnesota Hooved Animal Rescue Foundation (MHARF) out of Zimmerman, contacted us with a possible humane case involving over 80 equines.

"She was tied up, and wasn't able to go, so she asked us to be on call to haul the most serious cases to the University of Minnesota as soon as possible. I didn't know what I would be getting into until I saw the sight," Phillips said.

She said she was on her way to pick up another rescue horse in Cold Spring when she got the call, "head south."

Phillips met others from MHARF and officers with the Animal Humane Society and headed to Fillmore County on a Wednesday afternoon with

hay and trailers to rescue the animals.

"What a sight! This place was a disaster. It was mouth-dropping appalling to look at that property, and I had to fight tears as I quickly tried to find the worst cases and load them into the trailer," Phillips said.

"The smell was awful, and it was getting dark. We were trying to find the worst cases and with the help of 'Ghost,' an angel of a donkey, we loaded up six equines and brought them to the U. Sadly, two of them were euthanized that night," Phillips said.

"One of the little mules had a halter grown into her head. It was horribly infected and really stunk. I finally got it cut off of her and it took the vet two hours to disinfect and clean the wound," Phillips said.

"Some of the horses had pneumonia and one had its eyes poked out. Some were blind, and a lot of them had injuries. Not to mention, they were starving," Phillips said.

She continued, and shared the story of "Ghost," a little white donkey that helped in a big way.

"Ghost appeared to float around the wreckage, bringing some of the worst cases to the trailer. We were scrambling around in the dark, trying to locate these horses, when she appeared with a very ill pony that weighed so little and could hardly stand.

"We loaded that pony onto the trailer and Ghost would 'disappear,' only to reappear with a mare with a badly healed broken rear leg, who was so thin and weak.

"We could see she needed to go, too, and we loaded her into the trailer, and looked for Ghost, but she was gone," Phillips said.

She added that on the way to the University, she got to

talking about that mysterious white donkey with the volunteers, but nobody had gotten any photos or footage of her.

"It was an emotional, long night, and we thought maybe Ghost was a figure of our over-stressed minds," Phillips said.

Phillips and her volunteers, Conrad, Melissa and a few others, returned to the scene and moved the rest of the horses to the county fairgrounds, where they spent the evening watering and feeding the animals, trying to identify their species, gender, age, and severity of injuries.

"We looked for Ghost right away, but she didn't want us to load her until all of the other horses were loaded first. Once we loaded everybody, she put herself in the trailer," Phillips said.

"As soon as I met her, I knew she had to come to Truhaven Ranch. We brought her to the University, as her rear leg was severely swollen. She had something poked through it and it was infected badly.

"The vet wanted to put her down, but I fought her. I knew she would recover, and there was no way I was going to let her get euthanized. I had to fight them on it, but she was able to come home with me, and guess what? She is nearly 100 percent healed," Phillips smiled.

She said she saw this same vet at a conference recently. "And you know what she said to me. She said, 'I think I am still right. We should have euthanized that donkey.' Well, I have footage of her in rehabilitation, with her jumping around and kicking back that injured leg.

"Ghost is almost herself again, and I can't wait to send that footage to that vet," Phillips said.

She said the attitude of that

vet and of others at the University of Minnesota is why she wants to open a care and recovery unit at Truhaven Ranch.

"I was disgusted by some of their attitudes. They do nothing as volunteers, of course, and all the bills for the animals are paid by the Animal Humane Society.

"We feel very strongly about that care and recovery unit here, and we could have used it three times over already with all of our rescue cases," Phillips said.

To raise funds for the care and recovery unit, Truhaven Ranch is hosting a benefit dance this Saturday, March 23, at the Blue Note Ballroom

in Winsted, from 8 p.m. to midnight.

Proceeds go to the ongoing rehabilitation expenses of these horses for the non-profit Truhaven Ranch and MHARF.

For more information, visit www.truhavenranch.org.



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Candy Phillips, president of Truhaven Ranch, chats with Ghost, whom she called an "angel of a donkey" for helping rescue some animals in distress in southern Minnesota. At the left is a photo taken during the rescue of several of the emaciated horses. In an effort to help care for and rehabilitate the animals, Truhaven is hosting a fund-raising benefit dance Saturday at the Blue Note Ballroom in Winsted.

Upcoming Events

Lions meeting set tonight

The Silver Lake Lions will meet tonight, Thursday, March 28, starting at 7 p.m. with a meal. There will be a guest speaker and a meeting to follow in the Legion Club rooms.

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 the 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.

Benefit dance at Blue Note

Truhaven Ranch of Winsted is hosting a "Spring Roundup" benefit dance featuring The Basement Band at the Blue Note Ballroom in Winsted on Saturday, March 23, from 8 p.m. to midnight. Proceeds go to ongoing expenses for rehabilitation and training of the Fillmore County "55" equines in the care of Truhaven Ranch and the Minnesota Hooved Animal Rescue.

Pola-Czesky meeting Monday

The Silver Lake Pola-Czesky Days committee will meet Monday, March 25, at 7 p.m., at the Silver Lake Auditorium.

8/40 Salon to hold meeting

The regular monthly meeting of 8/40 Salon No. 85, Dept. of Minnesota No. 24, will be held Monday, March 25, at 7:30 p.m., at the Hutchinson Legion Post 96. Refreshments will be served by Shirey Schloeder and Lorraine Nemitz at 7 p.m.

Degree of Honor to meet

Degree of Honor No. 182 will hold its social meeting 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.

MMDC annual meeting set

The Mid-Minnesota Development Commission will hold its annual public informational meeting for the Area Transportation Partnership's 2014-2017 Area Transportation Improvement Program (ATIP) on Thursday, April 4, at 10 a.m., at the Kandiyohi County HHS building, located at 2200 23rd St. NE in Willmar. The meeting will be held in the lower level multi-purpose room.

Citywide garage sales set

The Silver Lake citywide garage sales are set for Thursday, Friday and Saturday, April 25-27. Look to a future Leader for more information.

Living Water Puppets presents Easter story

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.

Correction

In last week's Silver Lake Leader, a letter to the editor was critical of Margaret Benz and her column "Down Memory Lane" for omitting reference to an obituary that occurred in 1988. In Mrs. Benz's defense, she wrote the right column, but the editor mistakenly ran the same col-

umn twice in a row in early February. It was the editor's fault, not Mrs. Benz's. Our apologies for the error.

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street, then people will park on their front lawns. What's the trade off?" Bebo asked.

He said he felt that would "look worse" than cars parked in the street.

"The driveways are pretty long and can accommodate more than one vehicle," Broll said.

Luthens asked what kind of enforcement would be needed on a covenant like this, and City Clerk Kerry Venier told him it would be a "civil process."

Broll and Luthens asked if the City Council could make an ordinance of the policy, but Bebo suggested a "friendly neighborhood meeting" should be held before that happens.

"That is the goal, to take a friendly approach," Broll said.

"I tried to do that. I talked to the people involved, but nothing has really changed. I'm sorry it had to come to this," Luthens said.

Councilor Pat Fogarty asked if all residents living in Silver Edge Estates received the declaration.

"Yes," Luthens said.

"I didn't receive one when I bought my house," Henriksen said.

Broll said those who purchased homes that were resold or foreclosed on might not have received the declaration.

"I can't always control what the realtors are giving homeowners," Broll said.

"You can't really enforce it if not everyone is getting that packet," Nelson said.

Fogarty said of the other policies in the declaration

Holy Week services set at Faith Presbyterian

Faith Presbyterian Church in Silver Lake will be having many Holy Week services.

The Maundy Thursday service on Thursday, March 28, will be a re-enactment of the Lord's Supper as painted by Michelangelo done by church members. The communion service begins at 7 p.m.

The Good Friday service also will be held at 7 p.m. on Friday, March 29. This will be a Tanebrae service with scripture readings, some music, and the extinguishing of candles. There will be monologues presented by "Peter" during the service.

The Easter sunrise service on Sunday, March 31, is at 7:30 a.m. A light fellowship of muffins and beverages will be held after this service and before the regular Easter worship service set at 10 a.m.

The Rev. Mark Ford and a certified lay pastor, Carol Chmielewski, will officiate these services.

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Hecksels named foster parents of year by MSSA

Jeff and Kelly Hecksel of Lester Prairie have been chosen as the 2013 Minnesota Social Services Association (MSSA) Child Foster Parents of the Year. They were honored during the MSSA delegate assembly March 12 in Minneapolis.

The Hecksels have been licensed child foster care providers in McLeod County since 1999. Since that time, they have had 35 placements; the children ranged in age from 7 days to 15 years, and the placements lasted from a few days to a lifetime.

"The Hecksels willingly share their experiences to help prepare new foster parents. They seek out available trainings and welcome the opportunities to learn," said Brenda Sandquist, McLeod County social worker.

"They also connect with and mentor new foster parents by providing support, encouragement and display a willingness to share what has worked well

for them (and what has not worked particularly well)," Sandquist said.

She added that social workers report the Hecksels "are extremely easy to work with, supportive, respectful and nonjudgmental. The home is structured with consistent expectations, which apply to everyone in the home."

Sandquist said the Hecksels also advocate for children in school and provide educational support in the home.

"Jeff, Kelly and their children certainly feel a loss when a foster child moves on, but appreciate the time they were able to share, hoping when a child leaves their home, they do so knowing they are truly cared about," Sandquist said.

Sandquist added, the Hecksels attribute their success as foster and adoptive parents on their ability to "willingly love and willingly forgive." They state that they "just love, no matter what."

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Hey, there are fish to be caught!

Is anyone else tired of this cold and snowy March?

You think I'd get used to the Minnesota weather by now after living in the Midwest for 26 years, but I can't seem to muffle those daily groans as I look out the window each morning.

I'll groan again. Ugh, winter.

But, the first day of spring has arrived, and in the hopes for warmer weather, green trees, blooming flowers, and open waters, I thought I'd share a summer story of when I caught my first walleye.

And nearly fell out of the boat.

Of course, you all know I love fishing. I find ways to talk about it whenever I can, and I remembered this walleye story after attending the Big Little Hunting and Fishing Expo on Saturday.

At Saturday's Expo, there were seminars about cooking, turkey hunting, deer hunting, but there was one I was particularly looking forward to: a seminar by Al Teubert on bamboo fly rod making and fly fishing.

Now, I have never been fly fishing, but it has always been an interest of mine, especially after seeing "A River Runs Through It," the '90s movie with Brad Pitt about two fly-fishing brothers of a Presbyterian minister growing up in rural Montana.

Of course, it was a great movie, not only because of the dreamy Brad Pitt, but because it centered around the art of fly fishing.

Al showed this same passion of fly fishing as he talked about wading through streams and rivers on sunny mornings, casting into the moving water, and the beauty of catching a fish (or six).

The Travel Section

By Alyssa Schauer



As he showed us some of his handmade fly equipment, how to cut tricky bamboo, and the tools used to create a strong, durable rod, I couldn't help but reminisce about some of my favorite fishing memories, and the first time I caught a walleye came to mind.

Every June, our family takes a family vacation, and for several years now, we've occupied Cabin 2 at Pelican RV Resort in Glenwood.

It's the one time of year where all of us kids can get together with Mom and Dad, and enjoy a week or two of fishing, swimming, croquet and laying on the beach.

Usually, Dad and Nick are out fishing most hours of the day, and sometimes I'll leave my fishing spot by the bridge to join them on the boat.

Dad is always excited about fishing, particularly for walleyes. It seems we purchase new lures or locate different fishing holes around the lake to try for them each summer, but every year, we come up empty.

Except for the summer before I left for college.

One late afternoon that week of vacation, I headed out on the lake with Mom and Dad for some quality fishing time.

We had all of our equipment ready: neon jigs, backup fishing rods, and a net, just in case we scored a big one.

After an hour or so of trolling, I was getting impa-

tient, and leaned back in my chair before I had a hit!

Excitedly, I stood up, set the hook, and fervently reeled in my line, trying to maintain my balance in the rocking boat.

This guy was a fighter, and after standing on the stable ground, fishing water under bridges, I wasn't used to the constant moving of the boat floor beneath me.

I continued to spread my feet apart for more balance, reeling and reeling as fast as I could, and finally, I could see the walleye jetting left and right in the water next to the boat. I started dancing in my excitement, and reached into the murky lake to grab my catch and pull my fish into the boat.

Before I knew it, the rocking boat caught me off guard, and I lost my balance, stumbling forward and backward, and forward again, before falling into the backseat of the boat, fish in lap.

I think both Dad and the fish were embarrassed for me, but I couldn't help but laugh.

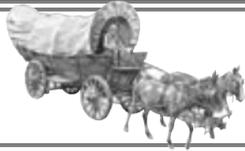
A picture of me and that walleye decorates our fridge yet today, and I can't help but smile as I look at the wide-eyed fish and my sheepish grin.

As the temperatures continue to drop, I dream of casting a slimy nightcrawler into the sunlight of an open lake, hoping for a big catch.

Spring, will you please come soon?

Down Memory Lane

Compiled by Margaret Benz



75 YEARS AGO - MARCH 26, 1938 — Silver Lake High School boys' basketball Coach Jens Midtaune awarded basketball emblems to varsity players Roy Lord for sportsmanship; Richard Dobis for best free throw percentage; Wayne Young for the least amount of fouls; and to "B" team player James Totushek for sportsmanship.

The Silver Lake High School girls' basketball all-star team for 1938 is Harriet Zrust, Marcella Ondrachek, Marietta Telecky, Joan Jerabek, Betty Tatting and Margaret Kaminsky.

An auction sale of lumber, window frames, mouldings and some windows will be held at the St. Joseph Church grounds on Wednesday, March 30.

Joseph Bachinski, having sold his farm, will hold an auction on Monday, March 28.

Mr. and Mrs. Anton Knoll and family are residing in their new home near Lake Sylvia in Annandale, where they have rented a farm bordering the lake.

Rudolph Urban has for sale a 1928 Chevrolet Landau sedan with two new tires and battery, cheap if taken at once.

Joseph Jagodzinski has for sale a residence lot, new sidewalk for \$240 or will sell two lots and seven-room house, with bath and toilet, running water and electric lights.

Anton Poshek, 71, died Sunday evening, March 20, at his home. Funeral services were held on Wednesday morning from the Church of St. Adalbert.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Adamek are the parents of a son born on March 17. A daughter was born on March 21 to Mr. and Mrs. Clayton O'Hagan.

50 YEARS AGO - MARCH 21, 1963 — Monday night into Tuesday morning seven inches or more of heavy, wet snow fell causing treacherous driving conditions. Several Silver Lake school buses did not fare very well. One bus slid off the road into the ditch by Swan Lake and another missed a driveway by a bit and had a difficult time getting going again, but finished the route without any more mishaps.

Erling Rognli, vo-ag instructor at Silver Lake High School, was awarded an achievement certificate by the American Cyanamid Company because he participated in a training program involving the use of animal health products for poultry and livestock.

Parisian Tepidaire permanent waves are now being featured at the Florenz Beauty Shoppe.

The School Sisters of Notre Dame at St. Joseph's and St. Adalbert's Schools will be

among the Sisters in the United States and Canada donning a newly designed religious habit on March 25, the Feast of the Annunciation. The new semi-tailored garb will replace the starched veil and wimple which has characterized the School Sisters of Notre Dame.

Joe Molva will hold an auction at his place five miles northwest of Glencoe on Tuesday, March 26.

George Ardolf has purchased the acreage of the late Adolph Hakels on the southeast shore of Swan Lake.

Sons were born to Mr. and Mrs. Lester Lhotka on March 12 and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Pokorny on March 14.

25 YEARS AGO - MARCH 24, 1988 — Dale and Doris Jerabek have completed the remodeling of their grocery store on Main Street, the former Cliff's Market. The new Jerabek's Market is scheduled to open on Thursday, March 24.

Shamla Farm Supply & Shamla Oil Co. will have a Supersweet Feeds Open House and Farm Tire Days on Thursday and Friday, March 24-25. Free coffee and doughnuts will be served.

Mrs. Patti Mickolich graduated cum laude from St. Cloud State University on Friday, March 4, with a bachelor of science degree in elementary education.

The first St. Patrick's Day Parade, the shortest parade perhaps in history, was held on St. Patrick's Day when Len O'Brien drove down Main Street in his decorated pickup truck.

John and Ruby Popelka will hold a farm auction on Monday, March 28, at their farm 6-1/2 miles southwest of Silver Lake.

Army National Guard Pvt. Joseph Posusta, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Posusta, completed a combat engineer course at the U.S. Army Training Center at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

Sarah Moon, 83, passed away on Saturday, March 12, at the St. Joseph Hospital in Park Rapids. Funeral services were held on Thursday, March 17, from the Riverside United Methodist Church.

David Barto, 82, passed away on Sunday, March 13, at his home in Darwin.

Eleanor Anderson, 90, passed away on Tuesday, March 8, at St. Mary's Nursing Home, Winsted. Memorial services were held on Saturday, March 12, from Stockholm Lutheran Church.

A daughter was born to Frank and Lori Kaczmarek on March 14.



Silver Lake Leader photos by Alyssa Schauer

Outdoor Expo

The Big Little Hunting & Fishing Expo was held last Saturday at the fairgrounds in Hutchinson. A variety of outdoor-related booths and exhibits were available throughout the day, including a fly-tying exhibition put on by Paul Johnson, above. Participants also had an opportunity to make their own handmade tie. Other exhibits included the making of bamboo fly rods, tips on goose and turkey hunting, tips on cooking wild game, tree-safety tips, black powder hunting information and even a try in the fish tank. At right, Trenton Hanson tried his hand at hooking a fish while his mother, Jenny, had her hands full, too. The event is sponsored by the Christian Deer Hunters Association, a nonprofit, inter-denomination, all volunteer group.



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Obituaries

Douglas L. Jilek, 52, of Lester Prairie

A Mass of Christian Burial for Douglas Loren Jilek, 52, of Lester Prairie, is scheduled for Friday, March 22, at 11 a.m., at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Winsted. The Revs. Paul Schumacher and Tony Stubeda will celebrate.



Douglas Jilek

Mr. Jilek died suddenly on March 15, 2013.

A visitation will be held today (Thursday, March 21), from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., at the Chilson Funeral Home in Winsted. Further visitation will take place one hour prior to services on Friday.

Pallbearers will be Bryon Weisenburger, Barry Kylo, Richard Kiekhaefer, Al Millerbernd, Tony Foss and Eric Gustafson. Interment will be in Holy Trinity Cemetery.

Mr. Jilek was born on May 11, 1960, in St. Cloud, to Loren and Miriam (Skerik) Jilek.

He was a respected businessman, president of First Community Bank of Lester Prairie and First Community Bank of Silver Lake, and out-

standing supporter of his local community and Lester Prairie School, of which he was an alumnus, a graduate of the class of 1978.

Mr. Jilek has served on the local businessman's association and as treasurer and director of the Lester Prairie Foundation for Education. He had been an active member of the Independent Community Bankers of Minnesota and the Bank Holding Company association, serving on the board of directors of both organizations.

Mr. Jilek was an extremely active community member, who promoted and supported many local community involvement projects.

He was cherished by his family and many, many friends, and will be dearly missed by all. He lived life to the fullest with no regrets for things left unsaid or undone. The community and lives were the richer for the privilege of having him in our lives even though for far too brief a time.

"The clock of life is wound but once, and no man has the power to tell just when the hands will stop, at late or early hour. Now is the only time you own. Live, love, toil with a will. Place not faith in time.

For the clock may soon be still."

Beloved husband to Sheila for over 30 wonderful years. Cherished father of JaNaye (Ryan) Dressler of Lester Prairie, Kelsey (Aaron) Thiemann of St. Bonifacius, Brooke (significant other Beau Weise) Jilek and Blair Jilek, both of Lester Prairie. Devoted grandfather to Eliza and Layne Dressler. He is further survived by his parents, Loren and Miriam Jilek; brother, Jerry (Lisa) Jilek of St. Bonifacius; sisters, Renee (Casey) Lehman of Iowa City, Iowa, and Bonnie (Scott) Schlichting of Ham Lake; mother-in-law and father-in-law, DeVota and DeVan Stoltenow; sister-in-law, Quanita (Norman) Arlt of Aurora, Colo., and Scott (Sheila) Schmalz of Woodbury; many nephews, nieces, aunts, uncles and cousins, other relatives and friends.

Preceding him in death were his father-in-law, Ortwin Seeman; and grandparents, Clara and Ernest Jilek and Bill and Christine Skerik.

The Chilson Funeral Home of Winsted assisted the family with arrangements. Online condolences can be made at www.chilsonfuneralhome.com.

Helen C. Slanga, 90, of Silver Lake

A Mass of Christian Burial for Helen Catherine Slanga, 90, of Silver Lake, will be held Friday, March 22, at 11 a.m., at Holy Family Catholic

Church in Silver Lake. The Rev. Patrick Okonkwo will be the celebrant.

Mrs. Slanga died Sunday, March 17, 2013, at Hutchinson Health.

A visitation will be held today (Thursday, March 21), from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., at the Maresh Funeral Home in Silver Lake. A combined rosary will be recited at 5 p.m. and parish prayers will be held at 7 p.m.

Further visitation will be held Friday, March 22, from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., at the funeral home.

Casket bearers will be Ron Stuedemann, Lois Stuedemann, Bruce Buska, Terry Buska, Bob Hagenmiller and

Bill Hagenmiller. Interment will follow the Mass at St. Adelbert Cemetery in Silver Lake.

Helen C. Harens was born May 3, 1922, in Madelia, to John P. and Elizabeth (Huberty) Harens.

On June 26, 1944, Helen C. Harens and Ernest F. Slanga were joined in holy marriage at Sacred Heart Church in Hattiesburg, Miss. God blessed their marriage with three children.

The Slangas engaged in farming for many years.

She was a homemaker and worked hard on the farm, too. Mrs. Slanga was formerly employed at Tonka Toys for about 15 years.

Mrs. Slanga was kind to everyone and willing to help. She never complained about things being tough. She also was a good cook, who also liked gardening, birds, playing cards, games and dancing. Mrs. Slanga always took good care of her family and was very supportive of what they did.

Mrs. Slanga was a faithful member of Holy Family Catholic Church in Silver Lake. She also belonged to the Rosary Society and CCW.

Survivors include her loving children, Kathleen "Kathy" Winter of Hutchinson, Gary Slanga of Belton, Texas, and Raymond (Paulette) Slanga of Georgetown, Texas; a granddaughter, Carla (Shannon) Jurgens of Hutchinson; a step-great-grandson, Nicholas Jurgens; a brother, Charles (Darleen) Harens of Lakeville; other relatives and friends.

Preceding her in death were her husband, Ernest F. Slanga in 2005; her parents, John and Elizabeth Harens; brothers, Bernard, Leo, Joseph, Francis "Fritz," William "Bill" and John Harens; sisters, Regina, Ann, Mildred "Dolly," Mary, Margaret, Celeste and Theresa.

The Maresh Funeral Home in Silver Lake is serving the family. Online condolences may be made at www.mareshfuneralhome.com.

Raymond C. Yurek, 86, of Silver Lake

A concelebrated Mass of Christian Burial for Raymond Cyril Yurek, 86, of Silver Lake, will be held today (Thursday, March 21), at 10:30 a.m., at Holy Family Catholic Church in Silver Lake.



Raymond C. Yurek

Mr. Yurek died Saturday, March 16, 2013, at Abbott Northwestern Hospital in Minneapolis.

Honorary pallbearers will be his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Pallbearers will be Noah Yurek, Matthew Yurek, Jason Brede, Joshua Brede, Ken Nickels, Andy Blackstone and Rickki Agimudie. Interment with military rites will follow at Holy

Family Cemetery.

Mr. Yurek was born March 23, 1926, in Hale Township, McLeod County, to Frank and Lottie Yurek.

He honorably served his country in the United States military.

On Aug. 19, 1952, Mr. Yurek and Agnes H. Remer were joined in holy marriage at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Winsted. God blessed their marriage with seven children.

Mr. Yurek was formerly employed as a foreman for Lester's Incorporated for 25 years. He also farmed and hauled milk. He had the ability to fix just about anything.

Mr. Yurek enjoyed fishing, especially sunfish, hunting, especially deer hunting, snowmobiling, camping and traveling.

He was a faithful member of Holy Family Catholic Church

in Silver Lake.

Survivors include his loving wife of 60 years, Agnes H. Yurek; seven children, Pat (Brad) Brede of Alexandria, Doug (Connie) Yurek, Randy Yurek, Vicki Yurek and Steven (Sue) Yurek of Silver Lake, Nancy (Rickki) Agi of Broken Arrow, Okla., and Robert (Margie) Yurek of Dayton; 15 grandchildren and 14 grandchildren; other relatives and friends.

Preceding him in death were his parents; an infant son, Timothy; sisters, Bertha Mallak, Dorothy Novak and Paulina Hedlund; a brother, Dominic Yurek; and infant sisters, Helen and Sophie Yurek.

The Maresh Funeral Home in Silver Lake is serving the family. Online condolences may be made at www.mareshfuneralhome.com.

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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.

Thurs., March 28 — Maundy Thursday service with Holy Communion, 7 p.m.

Fri., March 29 — Good Friday service, 7 p.m.

Sun., March 31 — "First Light" radio broadcast on KARP 106.9 FM, 7:30 a.m.; sunrise Easter service by women's fellowship and refreshment time, 7:30 a.m.; pre-service prayer time, 9:15 a.m.; Easter morning worship service, 9:30 a.m.

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Sun., March 24 — Handbell practice, 8:45 a.m.; worship service, 10 a.m.; fellowship to follow service.

Wed., March 27 — No WOW.
Thurs., March 28 — Maundy Thursday service, 7 p.m.

Fri., March 28 — Good Friday service, 7 p.m.

Sun., March 31 — Sunrise service, 7:30 a.m.; Easter service, 10 a.m.

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Sat., March 23 — RCIA at St. Pius X, 10:30 a.m.; Reconciliation, 5 p.m.; Mass, 6:30 p.m.; AFC Mission Group soup and sandwich supper, 4:30 p.m.-8 p.m.

Sun., March 24 — Palm Sunday; Mass, 8 a.m.; KC Prolife brunch and bake sale.
Tues., March 26 — Mass, 8 a.m.; adoration, 8:30 a.m.-10 p.m.; Parish Administrative Council, 6:30 p.m.

Wed., March 27 — Study of the Passion according to St. Luke at St. Pius X, 7 p.m.; Mass, 5 p.m.; No religious education classes.

Thurs., March 28 — Community Mass of the Lord's Supper at the Church of the Holy Trinity, 6 p.m.; Eucharistic adoration after the AFC Mzass in English until 9 p.m.; night prayer, 9 p.m.

Fri., March 29 — Celebration of the Lord's Passion, noon.

Sat., March 30 — Easter Vigil Mass, 8:30 p.m.

Sun., March 31 — Easter Sunday; Mass at Holy Family, 8 a.m.;

Mass at St. Pius X, 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.; Mass at Holy Trinity, 8:30 a.m.

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Thurs., March 21 — Morning prayer, 7 a.m.; Mass, 7:20 a.m.; McLeod Emergency Food Shelf board meeting, 9:30 a.m.; boys' Schoenstatt group meeting, 2 p.m.; evangelization and catechesis committee, 6:30 p.m.

Fri., March 22 — Morning prayer, 8 a.m.; school Mass, 8:20 a.m.; stations of the cross with school children, 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.

Sat., March 23 — Palm cleaning and church decorating, 8 a.m.; CCW palm braiding and delivering of gifts to homebound; Holy Family/St. Pius X RCIA at St. Pius X, 10:30 a.m.; reconciliation, 3:30 p.m.; Mass, 5 p.m.

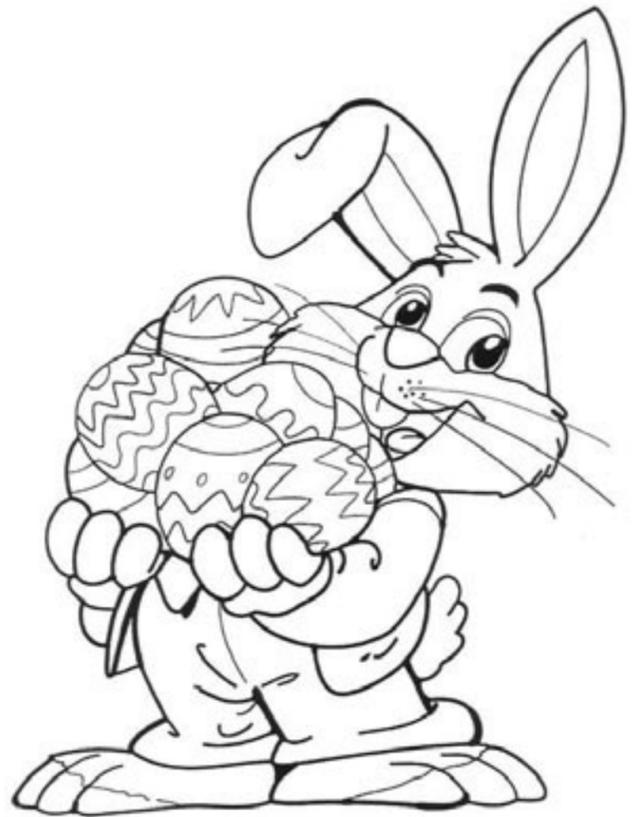
Sun., March 24 — Mass, 9:30 a.m.; Spanish Mass, 10:30 a.m.; no Spanish religious education classes; Spanish Bible study, 12:45 p.m.; Mass at Holy Family, Silver Lake, 8 p.m.

Mon., March 25 — No Mass; H and S committee, 6:30 p.m.; CUF meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Tues., March 26 — Morning prayer, 8 a.m.; school Mass, 8:20 a.m.; no junior choir practice; no Spanish adult catechesis; KC meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Wed., March 27 — Evening prayer, 5:40 p.m.; Mass, 6 p.m.; no religious education classes, Easter break; Bible study with Father Tony.

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Meet the Orth kids, class of '13

By Lee Ostrom
Sports Editor

The Tim Orth Memorial Foundation's 15th-annual basketball benefit in Glencoe takes place Saturday evening, April 6, at the GSL High School gymnasium. As in past years, volunteer officials are preparing an energetic lineup of entertainment, aimed at creating a community spirit of love, caring and giving.

Proceeds — raised through admissions, concessions, donations, raffles and a silent auction — will be shared among nine area youths, each of whom tells his or her own health-related story.

Mason Brink, age 10 of Hutchinson, battles Angelman syndrome; McKenzie Fairbairn, 5, rural Glencoe, deals with epilepsy, and Sara Gomez, 14, Litchfield, has leukemia.

Philip Gonzales, 13, Edina, lives with a rare type of muscular dystrophy; Tate Maurer, 12, Waconia, fights a stage of Burkitt's lymphoma, and Tianna Schilling, 10, rural Maple Plain, has a cancerous brain tumor.

Luke Schumacher, 6, Minnetonka, also has a brain tumor; Levi Silfverston, 6, Brownston, deals with congenital heart disease, and Kailyn Wester, 21 months, lives with a rare condition that affects heart, hearing, vision and teeth.

The Chronicle presents four of the stories about class of 2013 Orth kids this week, with the others to follow in upcoming weeks.

• Kailyn Wester



Kailyn Wester

Kailyn Wester was a new arrival for June 2, 2011. By then, doctors already knew about the cataracts in each eye and the hole in her heart.

The cataracts were removed in the first couple of months. The heart will be repaired later — in a year, or at most two.

But other issues have popped up, too, including glaucoma in her left eye.

Kailyn is diagnosed with a rare condition known as oculofaciocardiodental syndrome, or OFCD. She wears glasses over her eyes, tubes in her ears and braces for her feet.

And she smiles a lot! Particularly when she sets out with mom Julie to meet older sister Madison, 6, at the bus stop after a day at school.

Kailyn gets so excited, she often laughs out loud in gleeful anticipation, according to Julie.

— When everyone is home in Hutchinson, Kailyn's family also includes her dad, Simeon, as well as the Westers' cat, Pepe.



Philip Gonzales

• Philip Gonzales

Philip Gonzales lives with a "very, very rare" type of muscular dystrophy, caused by Muscle-Eye-Brain disease, or MEB, his dad with the same name says.

Due to MEB, young Philip, 13, does not eat solids, but rather is fed through a tube; he and his wheelchair need to be lifted on and off the school bus he rides to and from South View Middle School in Edina each day; and he has become blind.

But do not be discouraged! Philip wants no part of that.

"He's a real people person,"



Tianna Schilling

His "stuff" for making music also includes guitar, keyboard and drums machine.

"He loves life," dad says.

"We're so glad to be part of that," he says.



2013 Tim Orth Memorial Foundation recipient Mason Brink shares a good laugh with his mother, Sara Schwarzrock, recently. The 10-year-old Hutchinson boy has lived his entire life with the genetic disorder known as Angelman syndrome.

Since the diagnosis, Mason Brink 'has come a long way'

By Alyssa Schauer
Staff Writer

Like most 10-year-old boys, Mason Brink enjoys swimming, jumping on trampolines, playing on his iPad, and goofing around with his brothers and sisters.

But unlike most children his age, Mason suffers from Angelman syndrome (AS), a genetic disorder caused by partial deletion of the 15th chromosome. AS is characterized by developmental delay and intellectual disability. Also, it affects motor skills and balance.

"When he was born, I knew something wasn't quite right. He is a twin actually. His sister, Madison, was born first, and four minutes later, I had Mason," his mother, Sara Schwarzrock, said.

Schwarzrock added that Mason was a breached baby, and that in his infancy, he had a lot of feeding issues.

"At first I thought Mason was autistic. He wasn't interacting quite like his twin sister, and he was very unstable," she said. She added that the doctors thought he had cerebral palsy.

"AS commonly is misdiagnosed as cerebral palsy, but his MRIs came back clear. We had a lot of public health nurses and early childhood specialists in and out of the house. It was a constant battle with doctors. A

lot of trial and error, but at 18 months, he was diagnosed with AS," Schwarzrock said.

In Mason's younger years, he experienced about 90 seizures a day, and was in and out of doctor's offices five to six days a week.

"He had a lot of therapies. I was always running him to appointments, and let me tell you, he does not like going to see doctors," Schwarzrock laughed.

She said Mason "freezes up" and "battles" when it comes to blind work and other check-ups.

"Sometimes it takes four of us to calm him down just to have shots taken. It gets pretty exhausting," she said.

"But we have come a long way since his diagnosis. We are seeing constant improvement in Mason. He maybe has a seizure once to twice a year, and he will be going into the sixth grade next fall," Schwarzrock said.

She added that he "loves school," but that the transition into the middle school will be "difficult."

Though Mason is improving, he still sees therapists and doctors about three times a week.

"We are very excited that Mason is an Orth recipient. (Benefit volunteer) Ralph Johnson actually called us a

couple months ago and asked us if we'd be interested in applying. I am so thankful for his call," Schwarzrock said.

She said that being an Orth recipient will help with costs not covered by insurance.

"Believe it or not, we go through so many clothes with Mason. He likes to rough-house with his brothers and sisters, and he is pretty active. He wears through a lot of clothes, not to mention, there was a period of years when I couldn't have anything hanging on the walls because he would knock things down," Sara said.

She added that she is also looking forward to being able to purchase a motorized tandem bike for Mason.

"The bike has an electric motor, since Mason can't really pedal yet, but it will help him learn. And I really want to participate in local 5K races with him and get him outside more," she added.

Sara, and her husband, Ben, have four other children: Kassie, 18, Cody, 16, Madison (Mason's twin sister), 10, and Dylan, 7.

"We are so, so blessed and thankful for this opportunity with the Orth Foundation. We can't wait to attend the event and be able to help Mason," Schwarzrock said.

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.....W,85-66	
14....at NL-Spicer.....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	

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	

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.....	

Final Record: 14-7	

New sections for 5 GSL teams

By Lee Ostrom
Sports Editor

The Minnesota State High School League has completed making section assignments for the 2013-14 and 2014-15 school years, and member schools now are checking out their teams' paths to state tournaments.

At Glencoe-Silver Lake, two teams of Panthers have been dropped a classification level, while none has been raised. Three of the teams receiving the same classifications have been moved to new sections.

The five GSL sports teams with new section assignments are as follows:

• Football was in Class AAAA, but now moves to Section 2 of Class AAA.

The other six members of Section 2(AAA) are Breck, Minneapolis Patrick Henry, Providence Academy, Rockford, Watertown-Mayer, and West Lutheran/Southwest Christian.

• Girls' Basketball was in Class AAA, but now moves to Section 2 of Class AA.

The other 15 members of Section 2(AA) are Belle Plaine, International School of Minnesota, Jordan, LeSueur-Henderson, Lester Prairie/Winsted Holy Trinity, Maple River, Mayer Lutheran,

Medford, New Richland-H-E-G, Norwood Young America, St. Peter, Sibley East, Tri-City United, Trinity, and Waterville-Elysian-Morristown.

• Boys' Cross Country remains in Class A, but moves from Section 4 to Section 5.

The other 22 members of Section 5(A) are Annandale, Braham, East Central, Foley, Heritage Christian Academy, Hinckley-Finlayson, Howard Lake-Waverly-Winsted, Maple Lake, Maranatha Christian Academy, Mayer Lutheran/LP-Holy Trinity, Milaca, Mora, North Lakes Academy, Norwood Young America, PACT Charter, Pine

City, Prairie Seeds Academy, Providence Academy, Rockford, Rush City, Spectrum, and Watertown-Mayer.

• Girls' Cross Country remains in Class AA, but moves from Section 5 to Section 2.

The other 15 members of Section 2(AA) are Belle Plaine, Jordan, Kenyon-Wanamingo, LeSueur-Henderson, Lester Prairie/Winsted Holy Trinity, Maple River, Mayer Lutheran, Medford, New Richland-H-E-G, Norwood Young America, St. Peter, Sibley East, Tri-City United, Waseca, and Waterville-Elysian-Morristown.

Providence Academy, Rockford, Rush City, Spectrum, and Watertown-Mayer.

• Boys' Basketball remains in Class AA, but moves from Section 5 to Section 2.

The other 15 members of Section 2(AA) are Belle Plaine, Jordan, Kenyon-Wanamingo, LeSueur-Henderson, Lester Prairie/Winsted Holy Trinity, Maple River, Mayer Lutheran, Medford, New Richland-H-E-G, Norwood Young America, St. Peter, Sibley East, Tri-City United, Waseca, and Waterville-Elysian-Morristown.

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Kitchen Delights & Other Things



Coconut Cashew Cookies

Ingredients:
 1-1/2 cups raw cashews
 1 cup unsweetened shredded coconut
 1/2 cup granulated sugar
 1/4 teaspoon vanilla beans, about 2 beans
 1/4 teaspoon baking soda
 1/4 teaspoon salt
 1/4 cup virgin coconut oil, melted
 2 tablespoons full fat coconut milk

Directions:
 Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Place the cashews and coconut in a food processor and pulse until a coarse sand texture is created. Add the sugar, vanilla beans, salt and soda and pulse until combined. Add in the oil and coconut milk and pulse again to form a dough. Using a cookie scoop or spoon, place balls of dough on a parchment cookie sheet and press down slightly on each dough ball. Place an additional cookie sheet under the other sheet to prevent the bottoms of the cookies from browning too much. Bake for 8 to 10 minutes, until slightly brown. Remove from the oven and let the cookies sit on the cookie sheet for 5 minutes to set, then place them on a cooling rack to get crisp. Store in an airtight container.

Three Envelope Crockpot Roast Beef

Ingredients:
 3-5 pounds beef chuck roast
 1 cup of water
 1 envelope of dry onion soup mix
 1 envelope of dry Italian dressing mix
 1 envelope of dry brown gravy mix
 1 jar (8 ounces) picante sauce

Directions:
 Whisk together the water with ingredients from all three of the envelopes. Pour about 1/4 cup of the liquid on the bottom of the crockpot and place the roast on top. Don't be tempted to season the roast. There is plenty of salt and other seasonings in these envelopes. Pour the remain-

ing liquid mixture all over the top and all around the roast. Pour the jar of picante sauce on top of the roast. Cover and cook on low for 8 hours, or on high 4 to 5 hours. To thicken gravy, remove the roast and tent with foil to keep warm. Carefully transfer the contents of the crockpot to a saucepan and stir in a slurry of one tablespoon of cornstarch with just enough water to loosen. Stir into the sauce, bring up to a boil, reduce and simmer until thickened.

Snickerdoodle Muffins

Ingredients:
 2 sticks unsalted butter
 1 cup sugar
 2 teaspoons vanilla
 2 eggs
 3/4 teaspoon baking soda
 3/4 teaspoon baking powder
 3/4 teaspoon cream of tartar
 3/4 teaspoon freshly grated nutmeg
 1-1/4 cups sour cream
 2-1/4 cups all-purpose flour
 1 tablespoon cinnamon (for rolling mixture)
 1/2 cup sugar (for rolling mixture)

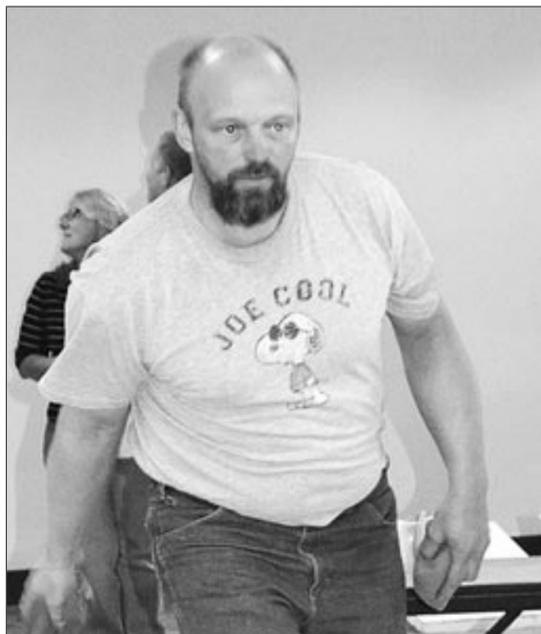
Directions:
 Cream the butter and sugar until soft, about 3 to 5 minutes. Add in the vanilla. Add in the eggs one at a time and mix until each is incorporated. In a separate bowl, mix together the flour, baking soda, baking powder, cream of tartar and nutmeg. Add the flour mixture and the sour cream alternately to the egg-butter mixture in the additions. Start with the flour and end with the flour. Scrape the bowl occasionally. Mix the 1/2 cup sugar and 1 tablespoon cinnamon in a small bowl. Using an ice cream scoop, scoop out muffin batter one at a time and drop into cinnamon-sugar mixture. Roll the muffin around in the mixture until it is covered completely in cinnamon sugar. Place muffin into muffin tin. Depending on the size of your tins, you should get about 12 to 14 muffins. Bake them at 350 degrees for 20 to 22 minutes or until they are golden brown.



Silver Lake Leader photos by Alyssa Schauer

Bean bag tournament

Winter weather did not keep bean bag enthusiasts away from Silver Lake Saturday. The Silver Lake Civic Association sponsored a bean bag tournament Saturday at the Silver Lake Auditorium. Among participants were, above, Jeff Rich and Barry Kratzke and, at left, Joe Kaczmarek.



County Board sets April 16 hearing on proposed social host ordinance

By Lori Copley
 Staff Writer

McLeod County will have a public hearing Tuesday, April 16, at 9:30 a.m., for a proposed social host ordinance.

Members of the ZAP (Zero Adult Providers) committee, which consists of area law enforcement and judicial personnel, presented a draft of the proposed ordinance to the McLeod County Board of Commissioners.

Currently, the city of Glencoe is the only community within McLeod County to adopt a social host ordinance.

"It gives another tool on our belt" to hold people responsible for providing liquor to underage drinkers, said Glencoe Police Chief Jim Raiter.

State statutes allow law enforcement to prosecute people who sell or give liquor to underage drinkers, particularly in

retail establishments, but it is difficult to prosecute those who provide liquor in private homes or residences without a social host ordinance, committee members indicated.

Jody Winters, Glencoe's city attorney, said the proposed ordinance would allow law enforcement to charge providers with a misdemeanor if they knowingly sell or give liquor to minors in their homes.

Raiter said the key to enforcing the ordinance is for officers to do their "due diligence" in investigating violations so that the proper people are charged.

For example, Raiter said, if parents go away for a weekend and their children take advantage of their absence to host a party where alcohol is served to minors, the parents would not be charged; but their chil-

dren could be.

Winters cited some statistics to emphasize the issue of underage drinking — 26.5 percent get their alcohol from friends who are over 21, 20 percent get alcohol at parties and 18.7 percent get their alcohol "directly or indirectly from their parents."

According to a 2010 statewide survey, 40 percent of 12th-graders have consumed alcohol, 17 percent of ninth-graders and 3.5 percent of sixth-graders.

Over 32 percent of college-age students have participated in binge drinking (five or more drinks), 24 percent of 12th-graders and 11 percent of ninth-graders.

Public Health Educator Jean Johnson said that it is rare for underage drinkers to be able to buy alcohol from liquor stores or bars, saying that most businesses do a good job of checking identifications.

Most underage drinking is done in private homes hosted by people who are in the 22- to 23-year-old range, the committee contends.

County Attorney Mike Junge said he doesn't expect to see an "avalanche" of citations being issued under the ordinance.

"You might get 10 to 12 a year throughout the county," said Junge. And he pointed out that law enforcement already is dealing with underage drinking parties.

"This just gives them another way to go after those who are providing the alcohol," said Junge.

Commissioner Sheldon Nies asked about a timeline for moving the ordinance forward.

Winters said ZAP would like to see the ordinance adopted in time for the "graduation and prom season."

Junge said the county will need to hold a public hearing before adopting the ordinance, and Auditor-Treasurer Cindy Schultz said the notice of the hearing must be published for three weeks prior to the hearing, so the earliest the county could have the hearing is April 16.

"I see no reason not to move ahead with this as quickly as possible," said Nies.

The County Board voted to host the hearing April 16 at 9:30 a.m.

Legal Notices

Glencoe-Silver Lake School Board

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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
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Weather Corner

By Jake Yurek



We'll remain below average this week as winter fails to loosen its grip on the upper Midwest. A vigorous early spring storm exited the area early in the week, leaving a batch of cold air behind. Highs to end the week will struggle to get out of the 20s and some indications point to the weekend possibly having a tough time as well.

I'm thinking temperatures will moderate a little closer to average Saturday-Sunday, but we'll still be below where we should be for this time of year.

The storms should stay away this week as the focus hangs to our south. We could see some passing snow showers around the Friday timeframe, but most of the activity should stay to our south.

Another storm will slide to our south Sunday. As I write this, it looks to be staying a state or two away, but a lot can change if it decides to head further north, so it might be something to watch.

Spring is definitely having a tough time getting sprung this year.

Ma dobry weekendem Mit dobry vikend
 Wednesday night — Lows, -8 to -2; clear.
 Thursday — Highs 18-24; lows 2-8; clear.
 Friday — Highs 22-28; lows 10-16; mostly clear.
 Saturday — Highs 27-34; lows 16-22; clouds.
 Sunday — Highs 30-38; partly cloudy.

Weather Quiz: Why is March so active with storms typically?

Answer to last week's question: The long-range forecasts have us in the general area of average for temperatures with a slightly more active spring into summer rain season, so, hopefully, we will break our drought a bit. If our active weather lately continues, we should definitely see some relief.

Remember: I make the forecast, not the weather!

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Alice Nowak, right, enjoyed the "Irish After-Glow" party at the Silver Lake American Legion with her son-in-law, Paul.



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George Lhotka's Model A proved to be a stylin' ride for his passengers, Janice Lhotka, Helen Lhotka and Doris Wraspir.



Brenda Fogarty also handed out treats during the parade.

Silver Lake Leader photos by Alyssa Schauer



Emma Guennigsman sported a leprechaun hat that was almost as big as herself during Saturday's festivities.



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