

Auditorium repairs may include facing, bathroom

By Alyssa Schauer Staff Writer

Members of the auditorium improvement committee in Silver Lake heard it will cost around \$20,000 to repair the crumbling front exterior of the building.

Harvey Mikolichek, key organizer of the committee, said the repairs include taking the "face work" off of the east and west front columns and replacing them with a stucco material and salvaged bricks from the chimney of the auditorium.

"Trying to keep as much of the original detail is the intent," Mikolichek said.

He said the face work needs to be removed otherwise the stucco application is not "guaranteed to stick."

"We priced a couple of contractors and (Steve) Schauer (of Schauer and Sons Construction) has been working well with us," Mikolichek

He added that any detailing is going to cost more.

"How much more?" Mayor

Bruce Bebo asked. He said he felt it is not that "big" of a difference if the cost jumped from \$19,800 to \$21,000, "but if it jumps from \$19,000 to \$29,000 that's a different story," he said.

Mikolichek said detailing should not cost that much and suggestions to construct an "add-on" type of detail were also heard.

Before construction begins, a proposal needs to be brought before the Silver Lake City Council.

Mikolichek also said minor repairs such as patchwork and painting have been completed by members of the Silver Lake Lions and the Silver Lake Civic Association.

'We wanted to find anything before we start work on the floor. The goal is to get everything to a point that it is easy to maintain," Mikolichek said.

He said heating issues also have been corrected and that he looked into the suggestion of constructing a unisex bathroom on the upstairs level of

the auditorium.

Mikolichek estimated costs to install a bathroom under \$10,000 and proposed that construction be done in line with improvements to the upstairs bar area.

Municipal Liquor Store Manager Jon Jerabek said the efficiency of the bar is lacking due to the half-circle bar projecting from the walls.

He said people sit and "hang out" around the bar, making it difficult for other customers to order drinks and also for bartenders to wait on customers.

"I would like to take that bar out, leave the opening, and install a walk-in cooler where the kegs are currently being used," Jerabek said.

He said the current cooler where the kegs are stacked is old and "about to die." He also noted safety issues with employees lifting and stacking

"It's not safe for our work-

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Local firefighters get hands-on training with mock plane crash

By Alyssa Schauer **Staff Writer**

On Saturday morning, the Silver Lake Fire Department participated in a mock plane crash scenario facilitated by South Central College under the direction of Bob Scheidt, former Glencoe fire chief and current fire rescue consultant at the Center for Business and Industry.

Scheidt said the goal of the mock plane crash was to teach firefighters proper foam application when dealing with jet fuels and incident command communication in an event with multiple victims.

Last fall, the firefighters engaged in a prescribed trailer burn through South Central College, "and after that, they wanted a plane. My first response was 'Sure, we'll get plane," Scheidt a laughed.

He said the seven-passenger corporate jet used for the drill was "stripped and boned" and donated for fire departments to use in training.

The plane was stored at Roger Pokornowski's for about three months until the snow melted, and the scenario set up involved four victims.

A controlled fire was burned on scene for firefighters to practice foam application, and the victims were diagnosed with different levels of injuries for the first responders and firefighters to triage.

"We want to shed some realism in this thing for the firefighters, dealing with the crash, the potential of un-

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Silver Lake Leader photos by Alyssa Schauer

On Saturday morning, the Silver Lake Fire Department participated in a mock plane crash drill facilitated by Bob Scheidt of South Central College. The department had to rescue victims and consider scene safety regarding jet fuels. Communication via the incident command system was also practiced in the drill. Above is Tim Grenke with victim volunteer Kayla Nemec. To the left, firefighter Joe Ebert "rescues" volunteer victim Brittin Posusta from the plane. The plane was donated and kept at Roger Pokornowski's property where the drill took place.

Silver Lake City Council **Regular Meeting** Monday, April 21, 2014 6:30 p.m. **Agenda**

Call to order:

Approve agenda

Consent agenda:

- 1. Approve minutes of the March 17 regular meeting.
- 2. Approve payroll No. 6 and February ambulance.
- 3. Approve claims for payment.
- 1. Review proposal to sell loader.
- 2. Review proposals for improvements to auditorium.
- 1. One-day on-sale liquor license for American Legion Post 141 on April 27, 2014.
- 2. One-day raffle permit for Silver Lake Pool and Parks Organization on Aug. 3, 2014.
- 3. Assessments for delinquent utilities.
- 4. Review first quarter expenses and reviews.
- Department business:
- 1. Liquor Store.
- 2. Public Safety. 3. Public Works.
- 4. Community Development.
- 5. Administration. Open Discussion:

GSL School Board

accepts tennis court improvement bids

By Alyssa Schauer **Staff Writer**

bid.

The Glencoe-Silver Lake School Board Monday night accepted the base bid from Peterson Companies of Chisago City for the complete construction of the tennis courts, despite it being the higher base

Business Manager Michelle Sander said that although Peterson Companies submitted a higher base bid, its bid to add four new courts was lower than that of Duininck Incorpo-

Duininck Incorporated of Prinsburg, submitted a base bid of \$495,334 to improve eight tennis courts and a bid of \$255,455 to add four additional courts.

Peterson Companies submitted a base bid of \$498,500 and a bid of \$195,000 for the additional four courts.

Sander said if the School Board wanted to pursue adding four courts, which is part of the long-range plan, the total bid from Duininck would be \$759,789 and the total bid from Peterson would be \$693,500.

"The courts are just in bad shape," Sander said. She said the base bid includes totally ripping out the current courts and redoing them, using some of the same sand with additional sand, rip rap, new fencing, new sod and painting costs.

"We will seek alternate funding to add the four additional courts. We have eight courts right now, but could really use 12 courts," Sander said.

She said the junior high students use the courts as well as the community.

"These are the only tennis courts in Glencoe. So we want to find additional funding to make that happen," Sander said about building four new

Sander said she already received a grant from the United States Tennis Association (USTA) Northern entity for \$6,000, and she is currently in the process of applying for a bigger grant through the USTA.

"That bigger grant is a preliminary submission that requires pictures of the current courts and the architect's plan before it's approved. The USTA is really about promoting youth tennis, so we have to show that, too," Sander said.

After the School Board approves the bids for the courts, Sander can continue applying for the large grant from USTA.

She said \$10,000 was also committed towards the project from an individual in the community.

The bids from Peterson and Duininck are rebids, and about \$300,000 less than the initial bids placed earlier this year.

Sander said the previous base bids to redo the courts came in between \$583,000 and \$914,953, higher than anticipated.

She said the bids are lower

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Residents speak out on building code the driving force" behind the as samples.

By Lori Copler **Staff Writer**

Several people took advantage of the McLeod County Board's open forum portion of its April 8 meeting to express displeasure with a potential county adoption of the state building code.

The County Board had a workshop regarding the building code after its regular meeting, but had determined at an earlier meeting that only invited guests would be allowed to speak at the workshop.

Glen Sladek of rural Hutchinson flat out stated that he was opposed to the adoption of the state building code, saying it would drive up construction costs and create another layer of government for citizens.

Sladek also asked "who is

idea of adopting the state building code.

County Board Chair Paul Wright said the idea came "from a meeting with cities and the county" regarding ways to share services and

Wright said there are some cities in the county which have adopted the building code, but that there is some "unhappiness" with the inspection part of the program.

Wright said there were two options that came out of the meeting — for the cities to form a joint powers agreement "to work building inspections together," or for the county to adopt the building code and provide inspection services.

Wright said the county is doing its "due diligence" by

exploring the second option, and stressed that this is "preliminary, preliminary at the

Wright said if the issue progresses after the workshop, he expects that the county will meet with township and city officials, much as it did with its recycling program, and the process could take a year or

"An issue like the building code deserves the same transparency" as the recycling issue, Wright said.

Acoma Township resident Jim Bobier said people are "a little bit on guard" about the issue because other things have happened at a fast pace. Bobier cited the adoption of a wheelage tax and the dedication of \$500,000 toward the Luce Line Trail improvements

County Attorney Mike Junge said that the adoption of a building code would require publications and a public hearing, and would take several months, if not longer, if that is the direction the board takes. Glencoe resident Gary Bal-

lard likened the situation to that in which the city of Glencoe proposed a maintenance code based on the international building code. 'This can happen without

anyone having anything to say about it," said Ballard. "Stop it before it starts." And Doug Krueger, a rural

Glencoe resident, agreed with Sladek that adoption of the building code "infringed on

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Upcoming Events

Easter party set for April 19

The Silver Lake Civic Association is sponsoring its annual Easter party on Saturday, April 19, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., at the Silver Lake Auditorium. The event is for children ages 0-10.

Degree of Honor meeting

Degree of Honor No. 182 will meet Tuesday, April 22, at 1 p.m., at the Silver Lake Auditorium.

Legion meeting set April 21

The regular monthly meeting of the Silver Lake American Legion is set for Monday, April 21, at 7 p.m., at the Legion Club.

Legion Auxiliary meeting set

The regular monthly meeting of the Auxiliary to the Silver Lake American Legion is set for Monday, April 21, at 7 p.m., at the Legion Club.

Horseshoe meeting slated

Next Wednesday, April 23, at 7:30 p.m., an informational meeting regarding the summer horseshoe league that will be held at the Silver Lake Legion. Anyone interested in participating is welcome to attend.

Collecting for local food shelf

Glencoe Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts are teaming up to collect food for the McLeod Emergency Food Shelf on Saturday, April 26. Please place non-perishable food items in a bag and outside on your doorstep by 9 a.m., Saturday, for the scouts to pick up. This includes the cities of Glencoe and Silver Lake. (If you are missed during the pick up, please drop your donation off at the McLeod Emergency Food Shelf at 808 E. 12th St., Glencoe.)

Sportsmen's lake clean-up

On Saturday, May 3, the Silver Lake Sportsmen's Club will clean up Swan Lake. Members are to meet at the clubhouse at 9 a.m.

Faith Presbyterian luncheon

Faith Presbyterian Women are hosting a salad luncheon on Saturday, May 3, beginning at 11:30 a.m., at Faith Presbyterian Church at 108 Main St. W. in Silver Lake. Come enjoy assorted salads and desserts, entertainment and door prizes. Tickets can be purchased from any PW member or by calling Alice Paul at 320-327-2311 or Ashley Ardolf-Mason at 320-224-3443.

'Orphan Train' to be topic

"Orphan Train," a book by Christina Baker Kline, will be the program Sunday, April 27, at 2 p.m., at the Hutchinson Event Center, 1005 Highway 15. It is part of the author program by the McLeod County Historical Museum. Kline will present the program, which is free and open to the public. There also will be a book signing after the program along with refreshments.

33 Silver Lake seniors attend April 14 meeting

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

President Margaret Benz called the meeting to order. followed by the pledge to the flag. There were 33 members present.

April birthdays were Ed Goede, Alice Paul, Glenn Wraspir and Margaret Benz. April anniversary was

The club heard the McLeod County quarterly meeting for seniors will be at Silver Lake on April 16 at 1:30 p.m. Members were asked to come early to help set up for the meeting. Cards were sent to Hubert

Bernie and Laura Kaczmarek.

Schermann, Judy Penas and Mercedes Nowak.

Lunch committee for the May 12 meeting are Genny Lhotka, Sam Shimanski and Aggie Fiecke.

31 winners: Kathy Kaczmarek and Margie Chap.

500 winners: Mary Jaskowiak, Don Benz, Genny Lhotka, Dorothy Hlavka, Marcella Pokornowski, Sam Shimanski, Dan Tschimperle, Joann Victorian, Dodie Chalupsky, LeRoy Penas and Martha Wilkens.

The next regular meeting will be Monday, May 12, at 1 p.m., at the Silver Lake Audi-

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this time because of changes in

for adding courts north and south of the current courts, and this design shows additions running east and west.

"And the original bids included costs for lighting," Sander said.

She said the Panther Associ-

of the project and will look at funding options to install light-

everything completed by Aug. 1, in time for the fall tennis

GSL gets \$125,611 insurance rebate

By Alyssa Schauer **Staff Writer**

At Monday's Glencoe-Silver Lake School Board meet-Manager ing, Business Michelle Sander reported that the district received an insurance rebate of \$125,611.

Sander said the rebate "basically came about because of the settlement process."

She said when the school district has two good consecutive years of premiums paid, it can qualify for a refund.

Rates for premiums for employees have been at 0 percent but as of July 1, rates will increase to 5.3 percent. Sander said no additional contributions will be paid through the district, but that the increase will be absorbed by the employees.

Sander said in her years as a business manager, she has no memory of a rebate happening at GSL before, and "it is probably not going to happen again

The funds are being returned to GSL as savings through the Southwest/West Central Service Cooperative's insurance pool.

"They have no position on how we use this money, but the MSBA (Minnesota School Boards Association) suggests that school districts retain at least the percentage of the refund equal to the district's contribution to the health insurance premium," Sander

Sander said that was her thought, also, and she took a list of everybody who paid health insurance premiums in that 2012-13 year and calculated those costs, excluding re-She said, "\$125,000 sounds

like a lot, but that's one month of premiums the school pays

Sander calculated that with the rebate, everybody who

paid in that 2012-13 year will get back one month worth of a premium they paid in.

"Now because insurance premiums are flexed through payroll, the refund has to go back through payroll as a taxable benefit," Sander said.

She said the employee refunds, excluding the refunds to retirees who contributed that year, totals about \$24,000.

"And the district would then retain the remaining balance of that \$125,000," Sander said.

She said the one-month refund will only go to current employees of the district who paid insurance premiums that year and to retirees who also paid that year and are still on the district's insurance plan.

"Did the insurance committee have any other options besides a rebate?" asked Board Member Jamie Alsleben.

"Nope. They kind of agreed with my reasoning, but I'm open to suggestions if some-

one has a better thought,' Sander said.

"In talking with other superintendents in similar situation, this (the rebate) is fair. There's a system behind it," Superintendent Chris Sonju said.

"I think it's good to rebate something to current employees and retirees. They did their part in keeping costs down. If we give a little bit back, keep a little That's fine with me,' Board Member Anne Twiss

The School Board approved to rebate current employees and retirees a percentage of their health insurance premium they contributed for one month. The rebate is only for those current employees who paid in 2012-13 and for retirees who paid that year and are still on the district's plan.

The remaining balance will be retained by the school dis-

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ers," he said.

"Is the opening big enough?" Bebo asked.

"Oh yeah," Jerabek said. He said two bartenders could easily work from behind one bar at the opening and that the project would use part of the remaining bar top.

"It's getting people to go in a line and wait rather than having 10 to 15 people around a bar," he said.

Jerabek estimated the project would cost around \$5,000. "I've priced out used coolers and they are right around \$2,000," he said.

He also suggested contacting Pepsi or Coke for bids on updating cooler equipment. "If they updated (the equipment) for free, we could contract with one of them to use their products," Jerabek said.

Mikolichek said the bar project would be done in conjunction with constructing a new bathroom.

"All I got was positive feedback on putting a bathroom upstairs. We've been kicking prices around and thinking we could do it under \$10,000," Mikolichek said.

"Oh, I don't think so," Bebo said. He thought the project would cost over \$10,000.

Mikolichek said he priced materials already at \$1,500 to \$1,600 for the bathroom and commented local contractors could do the work.

"I would like to see a bathdone," he added. room Mikolichek asked if there was money in the bar fund to use towards the bar and bathroom project.

"We have roughly \$33,000

set aside for capital improvements," City Clerk Kerry Venier said.

Mikolichek said he will talk to organizations, too, about donating Pola-Czesky Days profits towards the project. "I'd like to see the city think about it (fronting the money), and the organizations could use a percentage of their proceeds to pay the city back," Mikolichek said.

"You should be able to get numbers for the bathroom to make it easier for the city to consider," Bebo said. He suggested Mikolichek come up with a budget and costs to bring to the City Council.

"The better we make this building look, we can recoup that money booking more weddings," events and Mikolichek said.

The committee also heard an update about the elevator project and bonding bill. Mikolichek said he has not heard much from legislators.

"So the elevator is probably in limbo," Mikolichek said.

"Part of the problem is that we don't have any strong delegates keeping on top of them right now. We don't have anyone lobbying for us," Ken Merrill said.

He said he would "snoop" into grants and find other avenues to fund the elevator proj-

Venier said it is the "ultimate goal" to get an elevator installed, "whether we get bonding dollars from the state or

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burned fuels at the scene and victims in the plane," Scheidt said.

He said foam is used for aircraft crashes and fuel fires, and this scenario gave members of the Silver Lake Fire Department the opportunity to experience that situation.

"The firefighters attended two classes about this scenario before doing the drill. We were preparing them on proper application. What to do and what

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Kris & Lon Cleveland

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Silver Lake Lions will donate \$1,000 in Lester's name to MN

a moments notice.

not to do at crashes," Scheidt said.

He said the classes also taught them about communication on a crash scene.

Scheidt said in incident command, communication is so important. He said one officer is usually in charge of "just listening" to the radios, to make sure communication is clear and effective.

Communication on scene involved accounting for all the

victims involved, and the status of each. "These guys are good. They

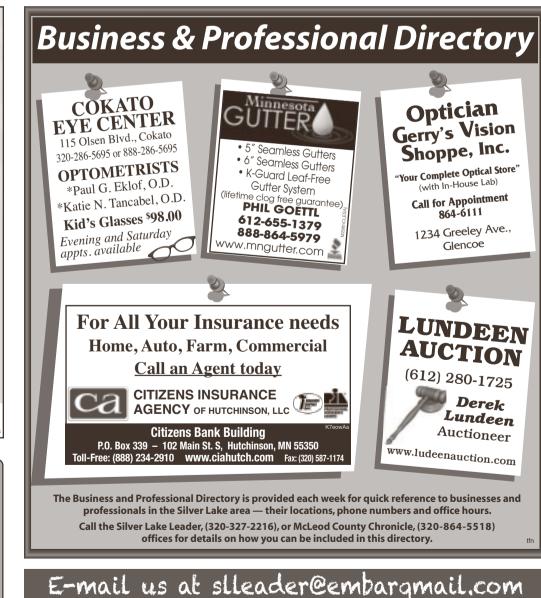
all work well with each other and work good as a team," Scheidt said of the Silver Lake firefighters. The volunteer victims for

the crash were Mitchell Humlicek, Kayla Nemec, Brittin Posusta and Gia Venier.

"And a huge thank you to Roger Pokornowski and his son for allowing us to do this.

It's a good thing and it's a really neat learning experience for the firefighters," Scheidt

The plane crash is the third scenario in the last year that the Silver Lake Fire Department has participated in. Last summer, they were part of a mock mass casualty bus accident and the prescribed trailer burn in September.



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Tracing Roots

By Ron Pulkrabek



Attending Mass in Horni Ejezd, Czech

note: Pulkrabeks attended Mass at Horni Ujezd during a visit in 2005.

We attended Sunday Mass with Hana and Oldrich at the Catholic church in Horni Ujezd, Czech Republic (population about 80). It is the same church the Pulkrabeks attended many years ago, located near the former Pulkrabek farm.

The farm was sold to Jan (John) Rozek's parents in 1840. We have a copy of the bill of sale. We have known this loving, caring, family for about 20 years. Although we are not related, they treat us like long-lost relation.

Jan and Emily Rozek died in 2003 and 2001, respectively, at ages over 90.

We were lucky to meet them three times. Their daughter Hana took care of them on a cot in the corner of the kitchen, where all the daily action was, until the end, even though they were each totally bed-ridden for a couple of years.

The small church held about 200 people. The 600-year-old church bells were extra loud, ringing continuously for about five minutes before Mass started.

The cemetery and church are surrounded by a four-foot high block wall with huge, beautiful grave monuments, with low cement or marble borders around each grave site; most sites have fresh flowers

Hana brought fresh flowers to her parents' grave. You could see the sadness on her face and hear the sorrow in her voice, with tears in her eyes, as she thought about and prayed for her parents over their graves, making a final sign of the cross on their tombstones with her thumb.

Hana also brought fresh flowers to the grave of their former priest, who is buried right next to the church foundation.

In 1948, this priest was falsely accused by the Communists of setting a barn on fire. His sentence was 12 years in prison and eight years at menial jobs. In 1968, he got his parish back.

We first met him in 1985; he was very frail at the time. Somehow he continued to be the parish priest and died last year at the age of 91. All the people loved him.

The church was built in about 1400. A hand-carved, life-sized, wooden figure of Jesus on the Cross is standing in the entrance foyer within touching distance. Red paint representing blood is streaming down His face from the thorns and from the wound in

His side, with blood dripping down to His feet at the bottom of the cross.

The parish is having more deaths than births due to the job situation out in the country. This Sunday was special. A little baby girl, named Hana, was being baptized. The children's choir sang beautiful religious Czech songs. At times all of the parishioners joined in, loud and clear. What great Czech singing by everyone! It was wonderful to listen to.

Many of the family members stood at the side of the altar while about 10 altar boys dressed in black and white cassocks assisted. The whole Mass seemed to be focused on the baby.

She was baptized right after the gospel with about the same procedure as around here.

During the Our Father, we all held hands. The men's hands seemed strong and rugged from doing farm work, even though they were in their 80s. Their bodies bent, their faces worn, their suits a little frayed, some too loose, some too tight, but they all wore a suit and tie!

I'm sure they would all have a story to tell about life under the Nazis and the Communists if someone could pry it out of

To be continued.

Illness derails best of intentions

In January 2013, I made a commitment to myself to start eating healthy and get in shape.

As with any New Year's resolution, I did pretty well for the first few months.

I downloaded the "My Fitness Pal" app for my phone to count calories, and I bought Jillian Michaels "30-Day Shred" workout video.

I knocked enough knickknacks and books off the shelves calfing around my apartment doing her routines before deciding to join the Panther Field House.

Running on a treadmill was a little less dangerous than jumping rope in an enclosed space. I'm sure my neighbors were wondering what the heck was going on across the hall.

At the Panther Field House, I even took up playing racquetball and burned enough calories chasing after that little blue rubber ball.

I was feeling pretty good about my lifestyle changes, but in May, I came down with a nasty head cold that threw off my daily workout routine, and left me craving the comfort of my couch.

And then summer came and nothing sounded better than indulging in the seasonal strawberry slushes at the Legion or an ice cold beer accompanied by chips and salsa, juicy hamburgers and potato salad.

exactly "low-cal" Not choices.

Despite my picnic indulgences, I managed to keep most of the lost weight off, but I had a few fall weddings coming up, and jumped back on the wagon of working out to get to my goal.

I tried the free month membership deal at Snap Fitness and found I loved the flexibility of 24/7 access.

But in early December, I caught the awful flu bug and any motivation I had to exercise daily diminished.

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The pipes will

NOT BE LOUD.

Of course, Christmas was right around the corner and do you think I was going to pass up Grandma Genny's beer cheese soup or Grandma Alice's melt-in-your-mouth

By Alyssa Schauer

The Travel Section

frosted sugar cookies? Come last January, I made another resolution to get healthy, but with our terribly cold and long winter, I wanted nothing more than to fall into my recliner with a heavy quilt and a steaming bowl of macaroni and cheese.

After the snow (mostly) melted, I decided it was time to get out of the house again, and I renewed my membership at Snap Fitness.

For accountability, I joined a "Spring Fit Chicks" group online two weeks ago run by one of my high school friends who is a fitness coach.

For 30 days, we are to post one "sweat" picture of ourselves to show we worked out, and one "clean eat" picture to show our healthy choices.

It was going pretty well — I was spending an hour or more at the gym on a daily basis and I filled my refrigerator and pantry with chicken, shrimp, tilapia, baby spinach, asparagus, tomatoes, sweet potatoes, black beans and anyelse thing considered "healthy."

But on Monday of this week, I started to feel rundown, and when I swallowed, it felt like I was eating pine needles.

I don't remember those being on my diet plan.

By Tuesday afternoon, I was getting a headache and losing my voice, but I told my body we were not going to get out of our routine this time.

I managed to get through 35 minutes on the treadmill, only having to step off once to blow my nose.

I thought I was feeling a little better, and decided to try the stair climber, only nearly falling off after 10 minutes from weakness.

That was a dumb decision. I decided to give up and go home and take a hot shower to relieve the congestion, but by 8 p.m., I was miserably sprawled out in my bed, covered in Vicks vapor rub and swimming in a pile of used tis-

Like clockwork, my healthy routine is disrupted by yet another sickness. But I have no one to blame except myself for this cold.

I just had to get out of my warm bed Monday night at 2 a.m. and run downstairs into the 30-degree cold, barefoot no less, and in my plaid pajamas, just to see the lunar eclipse.

Talk about stupid. But I was too excited to see the beautiful blood red moon against that black velvet night sky of twinkling stars.

worth getting sick over, but next time I'll remember a pair of shoes and my coat. Here's to hoping the cold

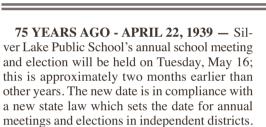
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passes quickly and I can get back into my routine.

After all, swimsuit season is right around the corner and I gotta work off those cookies and beer cheese soup.

Down Memory Lane

Compiled by Margaret Benz



The state Department of Education has long wanted an earlier date for annual school meetings in order to obtain annual reports earlier so as to make earlier payments of tuition and state aid to schools.

John Navratil is remodeling the interior of his confectionery and ice cream parlor for the addition of a stock of groceries. He expects to have the work completed and stock on the shelves within a short time and will operate a Red Owl Store. He will continue his ice cream and confectionery in connection with the gro-

Albin Prochaska, milk truck driver and handyman at the Silver Lake Creamery, is recovering from severe sprains and injuries sustained when he fell down a short flight of steps at the creamery with a can of milk.

Vernon Pawlak announces the opening of a shoe repair shop in the Felix Slanga building, formerly occupied by the Schultz Meat Market. The business will be known as Swede's Shoe

Anthony Witucki has for sale a four-room house and three lots on Main Street, one block from the Polish Church.

Joseph Mikolichek purchased 100 acres with buildings of the Joseph Yurek estate farm, which consisted of 120 acres. The remaining 20 acres were purchased by Stanley S. Mallak. The farm is located on County Road 2 about two miles northeast of town.

Mrs. Josefka Zrust, 87, died on Friday, April 14, in St. Peter. Funeral services were held on Monday afternoon, April 17, at the E.J. Nuwash Funeral Home in Silver Lake.

Joseph Lhotka, 70, of Stockholm Township died on Friday, April 21, in Howard Lake. Funeral services were held on Monday, April 24, at the Cokato Funeral Home.

A daughter was born on April 3 to Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Pilarski.

50 YEARS AGO - APRIL 16, 1964 -

Winds of cyclone intensity battered the area Monday and continued with only a slight diminish Monday night. A steady rain amounting to about an inch fell Sunday night, then it turned colder, the rain turned to snow, and visibility was greatly reduced. Norby Schermann was driving his milk truck on the Cokato road south of Leo Mallak's Monday afternoon when a heavy gust of wind hurled the truck onto its side into the ditch. He fortunately escaped injury. Electricity was out in town and in the rural area for a time. Shingles and tree limbs were strewn around town. A portion of the lake opened up during the storm on Monday, April 13.

Frank B. Urban will take over May 1 as manager of the Silver Lake Creamery in place of Don Feige, who has accepted a position at the Minnesota Mining plant in Hutchinson.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Wicks have sold their Town Club Café to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Boggs, who are now taking over the establish-

ment. Larry Vorlicek, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Vorlicek, received his honorable discharged from the U.S. Army after serving for two years. Pvt. Robert Sopkowiak, son of Mr. and Mrs.

Frank Sopkowiak, enlisted into the U.S. Army for three years and left for training on March 31.

At the Cub Scout Carnival held on Sunday, first and second prize in the kids costume contest went to Michael Fasching and Jimmy

Silver Lake High School FFA members, Robert Barton, Darrell Ondrachek and Gary Vasek, will receive their State Farmer degrees at the 35th-annual Convention of the Minnesota Association of FFA to be held May 4-5.

Roy Vorlicek, Harvey Mikolichek, David Kaczmarek and Kenneth Tupa, members of the Silver Lake High School FFA Poultry team, placed first at the district contest held in Will-

The Silver Lake Fire Department responded to two grass fires on Saturday with the first at the Ray Yurek farm south of Dan Barton's and the second one north of Stanley Mallak's residence in Silver Lake.

25 YEARS AGO - APRIL 20, 1989 — Silver Lake opened up this past Friday, April 14.

The Silver Lake City Council heard a proprosal from McLeod County Engineer Rick Kjonaas to narrow Main Street to 48 feet from its width in some places of 56 feet. The proposal would reconstruct Main Street from Grove Avenue to Lane Avenue. The need to narrow the street came as a result of resurfacing Main Street with state funds. If state monies are used, there cannot be any power poles or fire hydrants in the right of way. Several hurdles must be overcome before the project can begin. Also before work can be completed, a telephone cable must be laid for the school and sewer line rehabilitation must be done.

Francis and Marvel Slanga of Slanga's Hardware Store have remodeled the front of the

Almost 300 people attended the play, "The Spirit of Silver Lake," on Friday night bringing the total attendance estimated at over 1,800 for all performances.

A centennial quilt is being completed by a group of enthusiastic ladies including Marcella Rozeske, Violet Mallak, Delphine Rozeske, Dodie Chalupsky, Esther Klima, Gladys Poshek, Bernice Gehlen, Pat Horstmann Lori Lovald, Tillie Svoboda and Angie Novak. The quilt will be on display at the Centennial Style Show and other centennial functions and then donated to the McLeod County Historical Society.

Lisa Lhotka, daughter of Donald and Marion Lhotka and a senior at Silver Lake High School, has been awarded a Presidential Scholarship at Moorhead State University.

An open house honoring Frank Penas on his 80th birthday will be held April 23 at the Silver Lake Legion Club Rooms.

James and Rose Wanous will celebrate their 45th wedding anniversary with an open house on April 23 at the Silver Lake Auditorium. Josephine Ruzicka, 95, passed away on

Wednesday, April 12, at St. Mary's Nursing

Home, Winsted. Funeral services were held on Saturday, April 15, from the St. Joseph Church. Ellen (Mrs. Bert) Dostal, 76, passed away on Saturday, April 15, at the Hutchinson Hospital. Funeral services will be held on Thursday, April 20, from the First Congregational United

Church of Christ, Hutchinson. Mr. and Mrs. Terry (Colleen Kuras) Fischer are the parents of a son born on March 16.



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Lions donate to FD, pool

The Silver Lake Lions donated money to the Silver Lake Fire Department and to the Silver Lake Pool and Parks Organization and summer rec program. Above, Dale Kosek, fire chief, accepts the donation from Lions member Joann Kautz. To the right, Lions member Duane Yurek (left) presents a check to City Clerk Kerry Venier.



Building Code Continued from page 1

people's property rights" and added another layer of government.

Workshop

The County Board heard from two county building code specialists/inspectors, Ryan Voss of the construction industry and two members of the McLeod County Fire Chiefs Association during the work-

Sean Riley, Wright County's planning and zoning director, said his department handles enforcement of the building code in Wright County.

Riley said that inspections and fees can add time and costs to projects, but "everything in life is a trade-off."

What costs more in time and money can save time and money in the future by making sure a project is done right

from the start, Riley said. Riley said the inspection fees are set by the County Board, and generally turn around on inspection requests is about 24 hours, and a permit is generally "turned out" in seven days after plans are reviewed.

Riley said another plus to the permitting process is that "we're an information source" for contractors and do-it-yourselfers. Permits can also provide proof that work was done correctly when it comes to time to sell a home or building, Riley added.

Piepenburg of Kevin Meeker County said his county's process and timelines are about the same as Wright County's.

Commissioner Kermit Terlinden asked if Piepenburg foresees more mandates "coming down in the future."

"Unfortunately, I do," said Piepenburg. "And it's insurance-driven."

Piepenburg said most people and contractors pulling permits are conscientious, but he said he also could relate some horror stories. Piepenburg said he arrived

at the scene of one construction project and found "the building was six feet over the property line and twice as big as it should be."

Terlinden asked if inspectors look for other violations when they inspect projects.

Piepenburg said he only inspects the project for the permit, unless he happens to notice something life-threatening or "seriously wrong. If I have to wade through kneedeep sewage to inspect a furnace, I'm probably going to say something," Piepenburg said.

Voss, speaking from the perspective of a building contractor, said that proper licensure is an important component to ensuring good construction

Voss said the state building code is statewide, whether local counties or cities have adopted it or not.

"Wherever I build, I have to build to that code, whether it's inspected or not," said Voss. "The state takes no liability if the code isn't met; I'm the guy who's going to get sued."

Regardless of whether the county adopts the building code or not, it should put in a place a mechanism that requires contractors to be licensed for construction work in the county, which would be noted when people apply for a building permit.

Licensure, Voss said, "mandates and documents that I have insurance, workers compensation and continuing education every year."

Jay Wood, Plato fire chief and president of the McLeod County Fire Chiefs Association, said that the building inspection system is a "big deal for fire departments, especially in commercial buildings, because it allows us to pre-plan how to handle an emergency."

Casey Stotts, assistant Hutchinson fire chief and an employee of the state fire marshal, said he is "very, very conservative" when it comes to government, but noted that "on the fire side, we lose about 40 to 60 people each year to fire deaths, and the vast majority of those are in residences."

Stotts said he is a proponent

Church News

GRACE BIBLE CHURCH 300 Cleveland Ave., Silver Lake Dr. Tom Rakow, Pastor

320-327-2265 http://silverlakechurch.org Thurs., April 17 — Maundy

Thursday worship with communion, 7 p.m. Fri., April 18 — Good Friday

service, 7 p.m. Sat., April 19 — Men's Bible study, 7 a.m.

Sun., April 20 — "First Light" radio broadcast on KARP 106.9 FM, 7:30 a.m.; Easter Sunday sunrise service by women's fellowship followed by refreshments, 7:30 a.m.; pre-service prayer time, 9:15 a.m.; Easter worship service, 9:30 a.m.

Wed., April 23 - Confirmation class, 6 p.m.; prayer time, 7

Sat., April 26 — Men's Bible study, 7 a.m.; women's Bible

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Silver Lake 320-327-2452 Fax 320-327-6562 E-mail: faithfriends @embargmail.com Carol Chmielewski, pastor Office hours: Tuesdays,

Wednesdays, Thursdays from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Thurs., April 17 — Maundy Thursday service, 6:30 p.m. Fri., April 18 — Good Friday

service, 6:30 p.m. Sun., April 20 — Sunrise service at the cemetery (weather premitting), 7:30 a.m.; continental breakfast; Easter service, 10 a.m. Wed., April 23 — Light supper, 5:30 p.m.; WOW classes, 6 p.m.;

CHURCH OF THE HOLY **FAMILY** 700 W. Main St.,

choir practice, 7 p.m.

Silver Lake Anthony Stubeda, Pastor

Thurs., April 17 - Holy Thursday; rosary and communion service at Cedar Crest, 10:10 a.m.; Meet and Greet at The Pines, Hutchinson, 11:30 a.m.; Mass, 6 p.m.; bilingual Mass at St. Pius X, 8:15 p.m.

Fri., April 18 — Good Friday; celebration of the Lord's Passion at St. Pius X, noon; at Holy Trinity, 1:15 p.m.; at Holy Family, 5:30 p.m.; Tenebrae at Holy Trinity, 7 p.m.; Spanish service at St. Pius X, 7 p.m.

Sat., April 19 — Easter Vigil, decorate for Easter, rehearsal for vigil; no reconciliation; Mass at all three parishes, 8:30 p.m.

Sun., April 20 — Easter Sunday; Mass at Holy Family and St. Pius X, 8 a.m.; Masses at Holy Trinity, 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.; Spanish Mass at St. Pius X, 11:30 a.m.; no 8 p.m. Mass at Holy Family.

Mon., April 21 — No Mass; offices closed.

Tues., April 22 - Mass, 8 a.m.; eucharistic adoration, 8:30 a.m.-10 p.m.; parish administrative council, 6:30 p.m.

Wed., April 23 - Mass at Cokato Manor, 10 a.m.; firstthrough sixth-grade religious education, 5:30 p.m.-6:45 p.m.; seventh- through 11th-grade religious education, 7 p.m.-8:15 p.m.

Thurs., April 24 — Mass at Cedar Crest, 10:30 a.m.; area pastoral council, 7 p.m.

WORD OF LIFE CHURCH 950 School Rd. S.W.

Hutchinson 320-587-9443 E-mail: infor@ loversoftruth.com Jim Hall, Pastor

Sun., April 20 — Worship, 9:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.

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Sun., April 20 — Sunday school, 9 a.m.; worship, 10:15

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

Thurs., April 17 — Holy Thursday; reconciliation, noon; no junior choir practice; bilingual Mass of Lord's Supper, 8 p.m.; eucharistic adoration until 11 p.m.; night prayer, 10:45 p.m.

Fri., April 18 — Good Friday;

no school; parish offices close at 11:45 a.m.; commemoration of the Lord's Passion, noon; chaplet of divine mercy, 3 p.m.; commemoration of the Lord's Passion in Spanish, 7:30 p.m.

Sat., April 19 — Holy Saturday; church decorating for Easter, 9 a.m.; catechumen rehearsal for Easter vigil, 2 p.m.; bilingual Easter Mass, 8:30 p.m.

Sun., April 20 — Easter Sunday; Easter Mass, 8 a.m.; Easter Mass, 10 a.m.; Spanish Mass, 11:30 a.m.; no Spanish religious education; no 8 p.m. Mass at Holy Family, Silver Lake.

Mon., April 21 — No Mass; St. Pius X school in session; school offices closed

Tues., April 22 - Morning prayer, 7 a.m.; Mass, 7:20 a.m.

Wed., April 23 - Evening prayer, 5:40 p.m.; Mass, 6 p.m.; kindergarten through sixth-grade religious education classes, 7 p.m.-8 p.m.; seventh- through 11th-grade religious education classes, 7 p.m.-8:15 p.m.; senior religious education session, 7 p.m.

SHALOM BAPTIST **CHURCH** 1215 Roberts Rd. SW.,

Hutchinson Rick Stapleton, senior pastor Adam Krumrie, worship pastor/director of

student ministries Sun., April 20 — Adult growth groups, Sunday school and worship, 9 a.m.; adult growth groups and worship, 10:30 a.m.; discover membership, noon; Shalom running group, 4 p.m.; Financial Peace University, 7 p.m.

Mon., April 21 - Griefshare workshop, 6:30 p.m.; women's discipleship, 7 p.m.

BETHEL LUTHERAN 77 Lincoln Ave., Lester Prairie Bethany Nelson, pastor 320-395-2125

Thurs., April 17 — Maundy Thursday worship at Bethel, 7

Fri., April 18 — Good Friday worship at Prairie Community Church, 7 p.m.

Sun., April 20 - Easter Sunday worship, 7 a.m.; breakfast, 8

Wed., April 23 — Choir, 7 p.m.



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First 2-0 start since 2005 season



Silver Lake Leader photo by Josh Randt

Pitcher Moriah Maunu fires the ball to first base during GSL's 9-3 season-opening victory over Lester Prairie/Holy Trinity on Friday.

By Josh Randt **Sports Editor**

66 Tt's been a while since we've started 2-0," Head Softball Coach Steve Davis said after his team notched victories over Lester Prairie/Holy Trinity and Mound Westonka last week. In fact, it's almost been a decade since the 2005 team downed Lester Prairie 10-0, and BOLD 11-1 to open the season with back-to-back

But after beating the Bulldogs 9-3 Thursday, and the White Hawks 11-1 in six innings Friday, the Glencoe-Silver Lake Panthers find themselves in a position that's been foreign for multiple years, sitting at 2-0.

It's still early, but the wins, and runs, are very encouraging. Especially considering that GSL only broke double digits in runs twice last season, and never strung together more than two victories more than once.

"It's the perfect way to start the year," Davis said happily. "The pitching has been very good ... They're hitting the ball well. I just think the kids are focused in, and they're a little more confident."

The Panthers are hitting the

ball well. In just two games, GSL has three home runs from three different batters. Steph Klockmann and Erika Ribar went long Thursday, and Piper Davis collected her first of the year Friday.

"Erika probably could've had another one Friday," said Coach Davis, "but I held her up at third with no outs."

Klockmann scored on a deep fly ball over the leftfielder's head with two outs in the first versus LPHT.

Ribar's came in the next inning as GSL went up 3-0.

Piper Davis sent hers to the fence in the third against MW, and also plated Klockmann, who reached on a triple.

Scoring 20 runs in two games is something GSL hasn't done since 2012, when they beat Litchfield 22-9, and Hutchinson 7-5 in consecutive days in May.

Handling the mound so far for GSL has been sophomore Moriah Maunu, who earned her stripes last year as a freshman, rotating with ace-pitcher Courtney Lemke.

"Moriah is pitching really well, we just walked a few too many that first game," Davis said. "She did a little better the second day. She's done a good job keeping the ball low, and

hasn't given up hits. The hits she has given up, she's scattered them around pretty

well." Maunu has pitched all 13 innings for GSL, though Coach Davis admitted he'll be using

some different girls in the ro-

tation this week.

"Layne (Herrmann) will do some pitching this week, but we'll kind of see how the games go," Coach Davis said. "For sure we have to get some of our other pitchers some innings."

Absent from Thursday's game and most of Friday's was Josie Schmitt, who started last year at second base. Schmitt was sick, so Ellie Lepel filled in.

With Schmitt set to return to the lineup this week, Coach Davis said Lepel and Amanda Meyer will most likely split

"Whoever is hitting will get more time," Coach Davis said bluntly.

The Panthers traveled to New London-Spicer Tuesday for a Wright County match up. GSL hosts Litchfield on Thursday and Hutchinson on Monday before traveling to Orono on Tuesday, April 22.

Panther boys and girls still strong in relays

By Josh Randt **Sports Editor**

It's only been one week of outdoor competition, but the Panther track and field teams have had an opportunity to see some different competition, and

may not normally compete in. Thursday at Willmar, the girls took fifth out of eight teams with 42.9 points, while the boys claimed sixth out of nine teams

try individuals in events they

Previous to Thursday, Glencoe-Silver Lake traveled to Mankato for a quad featuring Mankato West, Waconia and Waseca on April 8.

Finishing with just 15 points, the girls took fourth while Waconia claimed first with 101. The boys were one spot better in third with 50 as the hosting Scarlets of Mankato West took first with 95.

"We're letting a few kids try some different events," boys' Head Coach Josh Metcalf said of Mankato. "It's just nice to be outside instead of indoors."

While GSL lost a number of athletes from last season, both the girls' and boys' teams have kept the tradition of at least one strong relay team alive.

The girls' 4x200-meter relay team took first Thursday, while the boys' 4x8 team took third.

Running for the girls' 4x2 was Kelly Arnold, Taylor Novak, Emily Muetzel and Shelby Clouse.

For the boys' 4x8, runners included Garret Ardolf, Jac Chelman, Freddy Pena and Cody

Thursday's event in Willmar was a bit more serious, as the majority of teams GSL faced were from Class AA, while the Panthers are in Class A.

Of the nine girls' teams present at Willmar, six were from Class AA, and of the eight boys' teams, five were from Class AA. The girls' best performance on

the track was the 4x200-meter relay. GSL eked out a first-place finish over Willmar with its time of 1:51.76 to the Cardinals' 1:52.57.

Other notable finishes from Thursday for the girls include: Shelby Clouse taking fourth in the 100-meter dash with a time of 13.68: Muetzel earned fourth as well in the 400-meter dash with a 1:03.74; the 4x100 relay team claimed third with a time of 53.36. In the field, Courtney Konen's third-place, 7-foot pole vault was good enough for third.

Standouts for the boys from Thursday are Jake Stuedemann and Tyler Donnay.

Stuedemann came up just a bit short in the 100-meter dash, earning second place with a time of 11.62. Willmar's Chris Cunningham took first with 11.55.

Donnay also took second in the discus with a throw of 125 feet, 8 inches. St. Cloud Apollo's Benjamin Miller threw a massive 137 feet, 6 inches for first.

Other notable finishes from Thursday for the boys include: Chelman's third-place performance in the 3200-meter run with a time of 10:22.41: in the 110meter hurdles, Dalton Clouse's time of 16.06 was good for third; the 4x800 relay team came in third at 9:31.16; and Keenan Mehlos claimed fourth in the long jump with a distance of 19 feet, 3.5 inches.

The meet with Holy Family Catholic School Monday was postponed. The Panthers now compete at Annandale on Thurs-

Metcalf said some of the relay teams will be competing for a spot at the Hamline University meet, which teams qualify for strictly on time. The first nine fastest times will compete at the event on Friday, April 25.

"That's the big goal for Thursday," said Metcalf.

After Thursday, GSL travels to Dassel-Cokato on Tuesday, April 22.



Silver Lake Leader photo by Josh Randt

Kelly Arnold (right) catches her breath after handing off the baton to Taylor Novak during the girls' 4x200-meter relay at Mankato West on Thursday. Novak, Arnold, Emily Muetzel and Shelby Clouse took first in the event with a time of 1:52.1. The group also took first at Willmar on Thursday, improving to 1:51.76

Silver Lake Leader photo by Josh Randt

Captain Cole Petersen cruised through 5.33 innings Friday against the Mound Westonka White Hawks. The lefty only gave up three hits and as many walks while striking out six batters. He finished with no runs scored, and the Panthers won 11-1.

GSL wins opener 11-1

By Josh Randt **Sports Editor**

Prior to the start of the season, Head Coach Dean Scwhirtz of the Panther baseball team said this year's squad would have to score more runs in order to compete.

It only took two innings Friday against the Mound Westonka White Hawks for Glencoe-Silver Lake to go up 7-0, on its way to an 11-1 victory.

A seven-run second inning sparked by pitcher Cole Petersen's lead-off single carried into the sixth, when GSL went up 9-0.

"I was very happy," Schwirtz said of Friday's victory. "Anytime you can start the year out with a win — and to play it with only one error — at the high school level, I'll take that any day."

Captain Cole Petersen started out a little shaky on the mound for the Panthers, loading the bases in the first inning of the season after getting Reid Dahl to fly out leading off.

With two out and the bases juiced, Cole Petersen kept throwing heat and got Shane Henry to ground out to Bennett Bielke at second, ending the early-inning threat.

The Panthers went to work immediately as Cole Petersen singled off Dan Brenk to open up the second.

Pinch running for the pitcher, Reed Wawrzyniak stole second during Tanner Grack's turn at the plate, which resulted in a strikeout.

Mason Goettl and Colton Lueders followed with a pair of singles, stacking baserunners for Josh VonBerge. VonBerge slapped one back at Brenk, who went for the force out at home, but overthrew his catcher, resulting in a snowball fight and a pair of runs.

Brenk then struck out Carter Pinske for the second out, but walked Teddy Petersen, leaving runners on first and second.

Bielke took Brenk's first pitch opposite field and drove in Wawrzyniak and VonBerge, before Vorlicek forced another White Hawk error in the next at bat, scoring two more to complete the lineup.

The seven-run swing deflated the White Hawks, who managed to score with two outs in the bottom of seventh to avoid the shutout. By then, the Panthers had added four runs, including two in the top of the seventh.

"When they load the bases and we're able to get out of it and then score some runs," Schwirtz said, "that's what we want to see."

"The first inning was a little shaky, but I'm always that kind of guy the first inning. I don't know why," Cole Petersen said. "Once I get into a groove it goes a lot better. I can work the count more and get them to ground out. The defense played really well behind me. Everybody was hustling and diving. It was a good team win."

Vorlicek relieved Cole Petersen in the sixth with one out and a man on second. Cole Petersen faced 23 batters, walked three, struck out six and scattered three hits in his first start.

Vorlicek faced seven batters, walked one, struck out two and gave up one run and one hit.

MW went through three pitchers, with Brenk earning the loss for the White Hawks. Brenk faced 14 batters, walked two and struck out as many. He gave up five hits and seven runs, two of which were earned.

GSL travels to Litchfield today (Thursday), and Hutchinson Monday. Orono then visits on Tuesday, April 22.

Knowledge Bowl 2nd at state; wins Heritage Spirit award

The Glencoe-Silver Lake Knowledge Bowl Black team captured second place at the State Class A competition, April 10, at Brainerd. The GSL Purple team earned the Heritage Spirit award at the

St. John's Prep won the competition with 128.5 points, while GSL Black finished at 120, an excellent score, according to GSL Coach Vicky Harris.

After a pep fest wishing them luck, Glencoe-Silver Lake's two Knowledge Bowl teams headed up to Brainerd for the state meet.

"They had been practicing since March when the two teams placed first and third at the regional meet," Harris

There are two divisions at the state meet, and GSL found out in early April that it was in Class A with the small schools.

After the banquet on Thursday evening, the teams took the written round. "It was rather difficult, so scores were a little lower than we have had this year," Harris said.

The scores in Class A were very close together. GSL Black was tied with Albany for first place with a score of 48, while GSL Purple was seven points behind with 41 in 15th place. Then they had to wait until morning for the first oral round.

For round one, GSL Black was against St. John's Prep (SJP) and Albany. The scores were very close, with SJP earning 12 and GSL earning 10, while Albany earned 8.

GSL dropped to Room 2, where it scored 15 against Plainview-Elgin-Millville (10) and Albany (10). Meanwhile, SJP earned 19 against Albany (6) and Pelican Rapids (4) in Room 1.

So for round three, GSL, SJP and Jackson County Cen-



Submitted photo

The Glencoe-Silver Lake Black Knowledge Bowl team finished second at the recent state competition. The GSL Purple team finished 18th, but won the Heritage Spirit award for its excellent attitude and friendly behavior. Purple team members, in the front, include Jake Vasek, Jacob Fehren-

tral (JCC) were against each other, Harris said. SJP won again with 18 points, with GSL earning 14 and JCC 2.

By this point, the total scores were SJP 95 and GSL 87, with Albany in third place at 80, and it was time for the lunch break, Harris said.

Round four continued much the same, with SJP earning 14 and GSL 13 against Albany with 10. For round five, GSL earned 14 while SJP got 13, against Tri-City United with

"Basically, almost all day SJP was just a little faster and a little bit smarter. They were an excellent team and won the class A meet with 128.5 points," Harris said.

GSL Black finished in second with 120 points, while Plainview-Elgin-Millville finished third with 111.5.

The team members of GSL Black were senior Ethan Bass and juniors Mark Broderius, Patrick Fehrenbach, Chandler Swift and Jacob Wawrzyniak.

"GSL Purple was our eighth- and ninth-grade team, including Jacob Fehrenbach, Marisa Luchsinger, Austin Pinske, Katie Twiss and Jacob Vasek," Harris said.

They started the meet in Room 5, and earned scores of 9, 8, 11, 6 and 10, to finish in 18th of 24 teams with a final score of 85 points.

"However, they impressed the judges with their spirit and attitude, and won the Heritage Spirit Award. This award is voted on by all the readers and judges during the meet with these criteria: attitude toward all members of the team; attitude toward other teams; attitude toward officials; attitude in winning and losing; accepting victory or defeat graciously.

bach, Katie Twiss, Marisa Luchsinger and

Austin Pinske. In the back are Coach Vicky

Harris holding the first runner-up trophy,

Jacob Wawrzyniak, Patrick Fehrenbach,

Ethan Bass, Chandler Swift, Mark

Broderius and Coach Rochelle Drahos

holding the Heritage Spirit Award.

"As a state meet should, this meet featured difficult questions and excellent competition," Harris said. "Both of our teams did a wonderful job of representing GSL, and we are proud of all our students. This was a fitting end of GSL Knowledge Bowl's 20th year!"

Weather Corner

By Jake Yurek



A cool start to the week will give way to warmer weather as we move into the weekend. We will have to get by a mid-week storm, though, and as of right now it's being very hard to pinpoint. Believe it or not, there will be enough cold air for this storm to once again drop snow close to us, if not on us.

As I write this, the models are keeping us with mostly rain Wednesday and into the night, possibly changing over to snow on the tail end. Some models are hinting at up to four to six inches of snow for portions of eastern Minnesota into northwest Wisconsin.

My hope is that by the time you read this, we'll still be looking at rain and not snow.

Another storm will move to our south Friday and be close enough to spread some showers, maybe our way. Right now, it doesn't look like much, but a track change could mean more or, if it goes the other way, nothing.

Temperatures gradually increase from the 40s late week to lower 60s by Sunday.

Long-range forecasts keep us warmer than normal into next week as a ridge of high pressure moves over the central part of the U.S. The only bad thing about this is it also keeps us mostly dry, and we are beginning to need those April showers as things are very dry.

Have a great week all. Fingers crossed for some rain (but definitely no snow!)

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Thursday — Highs 37-43; lows 25-31; partly cloudy. Friday — Highs 41-47; lows 28-34; partly cloudy/show-

Saturday — Highs 50-56; lows 33-40; partly cloudy/early shower.

Sunday — Highs 55-63; mostly clear.

Weather Quiz: How much rain do we typically see in

Answer to last week's question: How rare are April snowstorms? April is a time of large transition and unfortunately that brings with it large storms and on the northwest side snow. We've seen storms bring as much as nine inches of fresh snow to the area all the way to April 27, so we're really not out of the woods until May. It just seems cruel when it happens.

Remember: I make the forecast, not the weather!

New in-classroom breakfast program launched at GSL

By Alyssa Schauer Staff Writer

The Glencoe-Silver Lake School Board heard a new program was piloted Monday known as "Breakfast in the Classroom" and will continue through the end of the school year.

Business Manager Michelle Sander said the district has been offering free breakfast for the past five to six years, and "Chartwells approached us about starting 'Breakfast in the Classroom.'

She said the program is not a typical "hot breakfast," but a packaged meal that includes a carton of milk, and items like juice, granola bars, cracker packs, sunflower seeds and more.

Sander said the meal does not include cereal and milk because the school did not want to deal with bowls, spoons and such in the classroom.

"The meal meets all USDA guidelines and might even be a little better than the breakfast served in the cafeteria," Sander said.

Sander said there were different reasons for starting the program, including getting kids to class on time.

"This program gives food to some of those students who are not coming to school in time for breakfast. Also, teachers have been dealing with quite a few tardies with kids coming late to school, getting that breakfast in the cafeteria and coming in late, disrupting the start of class," Sander said.

She said this program also eliminates parents hanging around in the cafeteria, who stick around to help their child to eat "a little too much.

"We've had some parent concerns we've addressed and it's, of course, a change for teachers. They are adjusting," Sander said.

She said it is an optional program "and it's free."

"We're hoping it gets kids to the classroom faster. A number

of districts we know are doing this, and it has been successful for them," Sander said.

Helen Baker Elementary Principal Bill Butler said he heard good feedback from the Fairmont school district.

"They have kids eating who weren't eating anything before," Butler said.

He said yogurt and string cheese are other options for the packaged breakfast, too. "Chartwells is agreeable to

looking at different options," Butler said. In other matters, the School

Board:

• Saw a presentation from the robotics team, which placed 38th out of 126 teams in Minnesota, defeating some of the biggest teams in the

• Heard Jack Gepson competed in the state geography bee in St. Cloud on April 4.

· Heard Knowledge Bowl teams placed first and third at the region meet. One team placed second at the state tournament this past weekend and the other team earned the "Heritage Award" for hard work and best sportsmanship.

· Heard both bands and both choirs received superior ratings at large group contests in March.

· Heard Jordan Doolittle qualified for state in Serious Drama. She placed third and moved on to compete April 12. Sadie Paumen earned fifth in Great Speeches and qualified for finals, Mariah Guldemann-Chairello placed eighth in Serious Prose, Marissa Kirchoff placed eighth in Serious Drama, Sam Johnson placed eighth in Storytelling, Amanda Husted placed 10th in Informative and Hayley Bolland competed in Extemporary Reading.

• Heard the high school blood drive reached its goal of 50 donated units.

· Approved a request of a gymnastics cooperative sponsorship between GSL, Buffalo Lake-Hector-Stewart and Norwood Young America school districts to create a joint high school girls' gymnastics program between the three schools.

Activities Director Kay Wilson said the team will still be the Panthers and the colors will still be purple, black and silver.

• Approved a request from Close-Up Coordinator Paul Lemke for a 2014-15 trip to Washington, D.C., March 8-13, 2015. The participants in the program will cover all costs through private funds, fundraisers or donations.

• Entered into an interagency agreement between the GSL school district and Glencoe/Hutchinson Family Serv-Center (Tri-Valley Opportunity Council, Inc., Migrant Head Start and Early Head Start) for March 2014 to March 2015.

• Approved the post-secondary enrollment options with Ridgewater College for 2014-15 academic year.

• Revised the school calendar so that Thursday, June 5, is the last day of school for students; Friday, June 6, is the last day for school staff and Monday, June 9, is a flex day for certified staff.

• Approved GSL as a local educational agency (LEA) to apply for a federal grant that would help expand the counseling program at GSL.

The grant fully funds a fulltime counselor for three years who would work at one of the elementary schools.

said the district currently has

fessional position in the special education program at Lakeside.

Superintendent Chris Sonju

one full-time counselor who serves 800 students between Helen Baker and Lakeside. • Approved a new parapro-

• Terminated and approved a non-renewal of the contract of Susan Kubasch, special education teacher at GSL Lakeside Elementary.

 Approved the resignations of Roxanne Stensvad as seven-12 science fair coordinator and Randi Erlandson as seven-12 vocal and classroom music teacher at the end of the 2013-14 school year.

• Approved the resignation and settlement agreement of Doreen Metts, special education teacher at Lakeside, effective April 1.

Accepted the following do-

Liberty Diversified International, lunch program, \$25.

Crow River Sno Pros, trapshooting, \$1,000.

Glencoe Lions Club, Quest program, \$50.

Silver Lake Civic Association, robotics program, \$500. Conservation Partners of

America, trapshooting, \$500. Ken Mathews Digging, trapshooting, \$150.

Shady Lane Sportsman's Club, trapshooting, \$250.

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New Auburn Fire Department, trapshooting, \$750. Silver Lake Lions Club,

BPA Nationals, \$250. French Lake Auto Parts, Inc., supermileage program,

page program, \$100. Glencoe Fire Department Relief Association, trapshoot-

Glencoe VFW Post 5102,

ing, \$60. Kenneth McKibben, sum-

school enrichment, \$2,000. Glencoe Co-op Association,

trapshooting, \$100. Seneca Foods Corporation,

BPA Nationals, \$150. Church of Peace, activity scholarships, \$100.

"A big thank you to all who contributed once again," Board Member Jamie Alsleben said.

"A wonderful list. Thank you very much," Board Member Donna VonBerge added.

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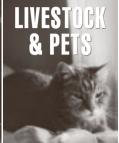
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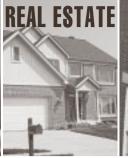
















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1/4 teaspoon salt

1 cup semisweet chocolate chips Icing:

1/2 cup confectioners' sugar

2 tablespoons creamy peanut butter

2 tablespoons milk

Directions:

In a large bowl, cream the butter, sugars and peanut butter until light and fluffy. Beat in egg and vanilla. Combine the flour, oats, baking soda and salt; gradually beat into creamed mixture and mix well. Spread into a greased 13-inch by 9-inch baking pan. Sprinkle with chocolate chips. Bake at 350° for 20 to 25 minutes or until lightly browned. Cool on a wire rack for 10 minutes. Combine icing ingredients; drizzle over the top. Cool completely. Cut into bars.

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1/2 teaspoon salt

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2 tablespoons butter, melted

In a small bowl, dissolve yeast in warm milk.

In a large bowl, cream butter and sugar. Beat in eggs. Add onion, salt, yeast mixture and 2 cups flour; beat until blended. Stir in enough remaining flour to form a soft dough. Turn dough onto a floured surface; knead until smooth and elastic, about 6 to 8 minutes. Place in a greased bowl, turning once to grease the top. Cover with plastic wrap and let rise in a warm place until doubled, about 1 hour. Punch dough down. Turn onto a lightly floured surface; divide in half. Roll each portion into a 12-inch circle; cut each circle into 12 wedges. Roll up wedges from the wide ends. Place 2 inches apart on greased baking sheets, point side down; curve to form crescents. Cover with a kitchen towel; let rise in a warm place until doubled, about 30 minutes. Preheat oven to 400° and bake 8-12 minutes or until golden brown. Brush with melted butter; remove to wire racks.

Baked Banana French Toast

Ingredients:

2 cups sliced ripe bananas

2 tablespoons lemon juice

9 cups cubed French bread

1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese, cubed

9 eggs 4 cups 2% milk

1/2 cup sugar

1/4 cup butter, melted 1/4 cup maple syrup

1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon

Directions:

In a small bowl, toss bananas with lemon juice. Place half of bread in a greased 13-inch by 9inch baking dish; layer with cream cheese, bananas and remaining bread. In a large bowl, whisk the eggs, milk, sugar, butter, syrup and cinnamon; pour over bread. Cover and refrigerate for 8 hours or overnight. Remove from the refrigerator 30 minutes before baking. Bake, uncovered, at 350° for 55-65 minutes or until a knife inserted near the center comes out clean. Let stand for 10 minutes before serving.

nated cucumbers and tomatoes,

baby carrots with dressing, apple,

rice, fresh steamed vegetables,

carrot, raisin and pineapple salad,

jicama sticks with dressing, ba-

hot dog with relish, diced onions,

sauerkraut, oven-baked french

fries, sweet corn salad, cauliflower

with dressing, baked apple slices,

cheese, garlic bread stick, sea-

soned carrots, caesar romaine

salad, cherry tomatoes with dress-

Friday — Mexican bar with beef

or chicken nachos or tacos, brown

rice, refried beans, corn, black

bean and salsa salad, baby carrots

with dressing, apple, chilled mixed

ing, orange wedges, pears.

Chicago-style

Macaroni and

Tuesday — Spicy chicken over

pineapple tidbits

nana, applesauce.

peaches.

Thursday

Wednesday -

Silver Lake Leader photo by Alyssa Schauer

Extreme wrestling

On Friday, the Minnesota Extreme Wrestling crew was in town for entertainment at the Silver Lake Auditorium. The event, sponsored by the Silver Lake Liquor Store, featured wrestlers like Damon Knight (above). About 100 people attended the action-packed event.

Medical examiner: motor-vehicle deaths down in McLeod County

By Lori Copler **Staff Writer**

There were no murders nor suspicious deaths, and motor vehicle deaths in McLeod County declined in 2013, the Board of Commissioners heard at its Tuesday, April 8, meeting.

Dr. A. Quinn Strobl of the Midwest Medical Examiner's Office presented her annual report to the County Board, noting that her office investigated 204 deaths in 2013, an increase of 14 percent over the 2012 number of 178.

Sixty-three deaths (31 percent) required scene investigations, Strobl said.

Eighteen deaths were classified as natural, with the decedents ranging in age from 41 to 86. Six were due to a form of cardiovascular disease, a 55-year-old woman died of tobacco-related lung disease, and a 57-year-old woman died of complications of chronic alcoholism.

Eleven deaths were classified as accidental. An 84-yearold man died after exposure to exhaust from a running tractor. A 68-year-old man drowned. Two deaths were motor-vehicle-related: a 46-year-old man, under the influence of alcohol, crashed his motor bike; and a 75-year-old man pulled out in front of a semi-truck traveling at highway speeds. Seven deaths, of people aged 73 to 93, were due to complications of falls from standing height.

Motor-vehicle deaths were "significantly less than the previous year," said Strobl. There were eight fatalities in motor-vehicle crashes in 2012.

Strobl also said falls from standing height most likely will result in a fractured hip, particularly for the elderly, and deaths are from subsequent complications.

There were two suicides in 2013, both males, ages 42 and 60 years respectively. There were six suicides in 2012.

Commissioner Ron Shimanski asked what kind of deaths require an autopsy. Strobl said there are "strict

standards for when an autopsy is to be performed," but also said her office will take into consideration families' requests for autopsies.

"They know more about the local goings-on than we do," said Strobl of family requests for autopsies.

Strobl also said her office responds immediately to scene investigation requests, and tries to accomplish autopsies within a couple of days so that families can obtain the remains for funerals.

County Attorney Mike Junge said he appreciates the work the Midwest Medical Examiner's Office does, in particular because it is a neutral party in investigations.

"They are not trying to convict someone, they're trying to get the truth," said Junge of the medical examiner's role.

Menus

April 21-25 Silver Lake **Senior Nutrition Site**

Monday - Turkey casserole, peas, tropical fruit, bread, margarine, bar, low-fat milk.

Tuesday -Sweet-and-sour pork, rice, broccoli, mandarin cookie, low-fat milk. Wednesday - Baked chicken,

potato salad, mixed vegetables, bread, margarine, blushing pears, low-fat milk. Meatballs with Thursday

gravy, mashed potatoes, beets, bread, margarine, fruit crisp, lowfat milk Friday - Meaty beef stew, car-

rots and potatoes, cole slaw, bread stick, margarine, dessert, low-fat

GSL Elementary Breakfast

 Apple all sports bites, low-fat milk.

Tuesday — Vanilla sound bites, low-fat milk

Wednesday — Apple cinnamon muffin, string cheese, low-fat milk. Thursday - Sunrise bites, lowfat milk.

Vanilla sound bites, Friday low-fat milk.

Helen Baker Lunch

Monday - Cheeseburger on a whole-wheat bun, oven-baked french fries, baby carrots with dressing, apple wedges, pineapple

Tuesday - Italian meat sauce over whole-grain rotini noodles, bread stick, seasoned green beans, caesar romaine side salad with dressing, banana, applesauce

Wednesday Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes with gravy, confetti coleslaw, kiwi

wedges, peaches. Thursday - Beefy nachos, refried beans, lettuce, tomato cup, orange wedges, pears.

Friday - Tony's cheese pizza, seasoned corn, baby carrots with dressing, apple wedges, chilled

McLeod Alliance for Vic-

tims of Domestic Violence, together with local law

enforcement is hosting "Advo-

cating for Battered Mothers in

Family Court," a day-long

workshop exploring some of

the major challenges battered

parents face navigating custody disputes in the family

Facilitators are Gabrielle

Davis, a legal and policy advi-

sor from Battered Women's

Justice Project (BWJP) in

Minneapolis, and Stephanie

Avalon, a specialist in law en-

forcement, prosecution and

court system.

Workshop on court issues

BWJP.

for battered mothers set

mixed fruit.

Lakeside Lunch

Monday - Cheeseburger on a whole-wheat bun, ham and cheese on a whole-grain bun, oven-baked french fries, baby carrots with dressing, apple wedges, pineapple

Tuesday - Italian meat sauce over whole-grain rotini noodles, chef salad with cheese, egg and croutons, bread stick, seasoned green beans, caesar romaine side salad with dressing, banana, applesauce.

Wednesday nuggets, yogurt, American cheese and crackers fun lunch, mashed potatoes with gravy, confetti coleslaw, kiwi wedges, peaches.

Thursday -Beefy nachos, chef salad with cheese, egg and croutons, bread stick, refried beans, lettuce, tomato cup, orange wedges, pears.

Friday - Tony's cheese pizza, turkey and cheese on whole-grain bread, seasoned corn, baby carrots with dressing, apple wedges, chilled mixed fruit.

Junior, Senior High Breakfast Monday - Breakfast pizza or Cinnamon Toast Crunch, blueberry muffin, chilled applesauce, low-fat

Tuesday - Pancake on a stick with syrup or yogurt bar with fruit and granola, mandarin oranges, low-fat milk.

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

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

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

Junior, Senior High Lunch Monday — Beef Italiano pasta, bread stick, seasoned corn, mari-

sentencing, also with the

the Emergency Operations

Center in Hutchinson on

Thursday, May 1, from 9 a.m.

to 4:30 p.m. Lunch is provided

by Zella's Restaurant of Hutchinson. The cost is \$25,

and scholarships are available

for law enforcement officers

through the McLeod County

as well as post-credits will be

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