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Council approves final Grove Avenue assessments

By Alyssa Schauer
Staff Writer

Final assessments for the Grove Avenue reconstruction project were approved at the assessment hearing Monday evening, and showed a decrease from the initial assessment costs presented in November.

"Bids were opened, and the lowest bid came in under our estimate. Rates we presented in November are actually less now," said Justin Black, engineer at Short Elliott Hendrickson, Inc. (SEH).

The water service lines were initially assessed at \$1,430 each, and decreased to \$965 each. The sanitary sewer service lines showed initial costs of \$800, and the final assessment is \$595 each. The estimated assessment for costs of the reconstructed street, including street, curb and gutter, sidewalk and storm drainage was at \$54 per linear foot, and decreased to \$46 per linear foot.

Black outlined the total project costs for the residents, showing that the street improvements are budgeted at \$924,596, the sanitary sewer costs at \$114,211, the storm sewer costs at \$300,757, and the water main costs at \$162,901, for a total of about \$1.5 million.

"The contingency is set at 5 percent, for unplanned costs,

such as the possible discovery of contaminated soils, and that cost is \$75,123.

"The project-related costs are also added in at a cost of \$392,000, and that covers costs of hiring a resident project representative and development and planning costs," Black said.

The resident project representative is Al Hahn of SEH, Inc., and he will be on site nearly every day to oversee construction and answer any questions for residents.

Black said the total cost of the project is \$1.969 million, and the financing for the project shows that neighborhood assessments will pay for \$247,423; the County State Aid Highway (CSAH) funding is \$1.2 million; and the remaining \$522,165 will be paid through the city's general levy, from sanitary sewer and water utility funds.

Black said the assessments were calculated based on the city's policy.

The total assessable footage for costs is 4,200 feet, and the city assesses 50 percent of the street costs. Street improvements include street, curb and gutter, sidewalk and storm drainage.

One hundred percent of the storm sewer costs are assessed to the benefiting property owners, and these costs include providing service connections



Silver Lake Leader photo by Alyssa Schauer

And so it begins! Construction on Grove Avenue/County State Aid Highway 2 (CSAH 2) began Monday morning. The project includes replacing the water and sewer mains

beneath the street and resurfacing the road. The project end date is set for September 13.

from the main line to the right-of-way.

Black said the residents may prepay the assessment amount in full or any amount of the costs within 30 days to avoid

interest.

After 30 days, an interest rate of 4 percent will be applied. Black said that rate was determined on the city's interest rate to bond for the project.

"In November, the balances will be given to the county, and they will certify an assessment roll. The assessment costs will then show up on your taxes over the course of

15 years," Black said.

"The assessments do not include the cost of bringing a

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Game Feed

Last Sunday, Grace Bible Church hosted its annual wild game feed. The event included a "bird dog" parade and speaker Dan Ryks, a river guide along the Mississippi and St. Croix rivers. Above, owners and the pets pause for a short photo, as the dogs were anxious to greet one another. From left to right are Monty Klatt and Eli, Jim Moller, Matt Rice and Fritz, John Marvan and Hunter, Faith Rakow and Hunter, and Mercy Rakow with the youngest bird dog, Blessing.



County Board approves new social host ordinance, 3-2

By Lori Copley
Staff Writer

On a 3-2 vote Tuesday, the McLeod County Board of Commissioners passed a social host ordinance, with commissioners Jon Christensen and Ron Shimanski casting the dissenting votes.

Christensen had the strongest criticism of the proposed ordinance, which would make hosting a party at which underage drinking took place a misdemeanor offense for the "host."

Christensen said he raised the issue with constituents, many of whom felt the ordinance doesn't address the real concern, "which is how the kids are getting alcohol."

Christensen said he also consulted an attorney, who indicated that adopting the law could open those charged to civil, as well as criminal, action.

Christensen also called the proposed ordinance "more of a guilty-until-proven-innocent type of a law."

Another concern raised by

those to whom he talked, Christensen said, was that it would create more drinking and driving.

"Now we're putting them into vehicles and they're drinking and driving," said Christensen. "Rather than be grounded in one place, we're putting them on the road."

Shimanski, on his part, said he felt that there are already too many laws on the books and, while he felt current prosecutors would use the ordinance responsibly in considering charges, "is it crafted tight enough that another prosecutor wouldn't try to stretch the boundaries?"

Jim Raiter, Glencoe's chief of police, said Glencoe prosecutes one to two social host cases a year, and that it is incumbent upon the police department to "do our due diligence and make sure the investigation is done properly."

Shimanski also noted that stringent laws have long-lasting impacts on people's job security, saying that many with

records cannot find jobs and end up on welfare.

Michele Barley, a public defender who helped craft the ordinance with a Zero Adult Provider (ZAP) committee, presented information about the ordinance to a group of students who were in attendance for student government day. She tried to address some of the commissioners' concerns.

Barley likened the ordinance to both the seat belt law and the law passed to restrict the sale of certain over-the-counter medication that also is used to manufacture methamphetamine.

The goal of such laws is public protection and to educate people about the perils of illegal drug use or, in the case cited above, the benefits of using seat belts.

"Hopefully, this will change the way people look at underage drinking, and we won't need ordinances like this any

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Neighbors concerned about proposed county highway shed

By Lori Copley
Staff Writer

A couple of neighbors protested McLeod County's plans to build a highway maintenance shed southwest of the Highway 7/County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 15 intersection, but the McLeod County Planning Commission will recommend approval of a conditional use permit to allow the shed to the County Board of Commissioners.

At a public hearing held by the Planning Commission April 24, neighbors expressed concern about increased truck traffic on CSAH 15, safety on the road and potential noise

from back-up alarms and the loading of sand and gravel.

The county is planning to build the highway shed on about 9-1/2 acres of land. The proposal includes a nearly 12,000-square-foot shed to store and maintain vehicles, and another sand/salt storage building of about 5,120 square feet.

County Zoning Administrator Larry Gasow said the building of the facility is an allowed use in an agricultural zone, but it requires the conditional use permit because the property is less than 10 acres in size.

Neighbor Joel Zellmann,

who has a retail automotive business across the road from the proposed site, said he had concerns about the road.

"That road is already getting kind of narrow, and now you're going to add even more traffic? Wow," said Zellmann. Zellmann said concern about traffic "was a big issue" when he applied for his conditional use permit, and "now we're going to add dump trucks?"

Ron Vorlicek, another neighbor, said he was concerned about the driveway being too close to the intersection. "There's a lot of traffic coming up to the stop sign, and there's a little bit of a hill," he

said. "The view is tough for a car. It's a safety issue."

Elvis Voigt, county highway maintenance supervisor, said that plans to improve CSAH 15 are in place, but because he isn't part of the engineering department, he wasn't sure of when or how the road would be improved.

Voigt did say, however, that "there has been talk of a turn lane when the road is reconstructed."

Until that reconstruction project happens, Voigt said, the highway department is planning a wider driveway approach to accommodate the turning trucks.

Voigt also said that, except during snow removal, traffic in and out of the shed should be minimal, with trucks leaving in the morning and not returning until the end of the day.

"It's not like they're going in and out all day long," Voigt said.

The building will have 12 stalls, and Voigt said the plan is to house four trucks, a motor grader, a loader and other miscellaneous equipment in the building.

Ivan Alsleben, another resident in the area, asked why the county was building the shed.

Voigt said the proposed shed will replace two aging sheds

currently located in Silver Lake and Lester Prairie, with the one shed between the two communities.

Voigt said the Silver Lake and Lester Prairie buildings were both designed for smaller, single-axle trucks, and there isn't enough area to walk around today's larger equipment.

"The guys have to climb over the trucks because they can't walk around them," said Voigt. "It's a safety issue."

Alsleben also asked how the proposed \$1.2 million building

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Upcoming Events

Silver Lake Lions meet May 2

The Silver Lake Lions Club will meet Thursday, May 2, in the Legion Club rooms, beginning with a directors' meeting at 6:30 p.m. and the regular meeting to follow at 7 p.m. There will be a guest speaker.

Sportsmen's Club to meet

The Silver Lake Sportsmen's Club will meet Saturday, May 4, at 9 a.m., at the clubhouse for the annual lake and sanctuary clean up. Lunch will be served. The spring raffle will be held at 1 p.m. Be sure to return all raffle tickets on time.

'Spring Clean Up' set May 4

The city of Silver Lake, in conjunction with Waste Management, will offer a "Spring Clean Up" Saturday, May 4, from 8 a.m. to noon, at the McLeod County shed on East Main Street. Items that will be accepted include trash bags, old furniture, construction materials, etc. A nominal fee will be charged for disposal. For a complete list of things that will be accepted, and the charge for disposal, contact the city hall at 320-327-2412 or visit www.cityofsilverlake.org.

'Buy one, get one' book fair

Helen Baker Elementary School will host a Scholastic "Buy One, Get One Free" book fair Tuesday, May 7, from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., in the gymnasium. The selection will include titles appropriate for children in preschool through eighth grade. All merchandise will be "buy one, get one free." The public is invited to attend. You may also sign up to win door prizes from Scholastic. For more information, go to <http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/helenbaker>.

Degree of Honor meeting set

The Degree of Honor No. 182 will hold a regular meeting Tuesday, May 14, at 5 p.m., at the Silver Lake Auditorium.

Silver Lake seniors to meet

The Silver Lake Senior Citizens Club will meet Monday, May 13, at the Silver Lake Auditorium for a catered meal. The regular meeting will begin at 1 p.m. with dinner served at 4 p.m.

Pillow cleaning set May 18

The Silver Lake Civic Association will host its annual pillow-cleaning event at the Silver Lake city offices Saturday, May 18, from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

'13 Pola-Czesky royalty candidates are sought

The Pola-Czesky committee is again seeking young, bright women to represent Silver Lake as an ambassador. The committee is looking for females ages 16 to 21 to compete for the Silver Lake royalty titles.

The committee will do its best to work with candidates

and their families to accommodate their summer schedules.

Any interested candidates should attend the informational meeting on Sunday, May 5, at 3 p.m., at the Silver Lake Auditorium. For any questions, contact Joan Paulson at 320-327-2800.

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new line into your houses. You will have to get bid prices from local contractors," City Clerk Kerry Venier said.

One resident asked if Hahn would be able to help with that task, and Venier said he can put together local contractor information for the residents.

"I'll post phone numbers and contact information for local contractors. The reason we can't combine these costs with the assessments is because they are private lines," Venier said.

Fifteen residents were in attendance for the meeting, and also asked questions regarding mail and garbage/recycling pick-up.

"We will have a temporary bank with house numbers on it for mail, which will be located on the west side of Grove Avenue on Main Street. There will also be a new mailbox hanger installed," Black said.

For garbage and recycling services, the residents are to

put their addresses on their bins, and set them out. Black said the contractors will pick them up with a skid loader, bring them to a site for pick up, and return them to the properties.

Residents also asked about getting in and out of their driveways during construction.

Engineer John Rodeberg said, "there will be times you can't get in and out. But call Al Hahn because often, we can work something out if you need to travel. We've worked around birthdays, weddings and other occasions."

Rodeberg and Black also reminded residents they will be using temporary water service lines during construction.

On a 5-0 vote, the City Council approved the final assessment rates, and approved the issuance, sale, and delivery of a \$939,000 improvement bond. Councilor Carol Roquette was absent.



Silver Lake Leader photo by Alyssa Schauer

Planting marigolds at Cedar Crest

Last Thursday afternoon, Activities Director JoLen Bentz hosted an indoor planting activity for the residents at Cedar Crest Estate in Silver Lake. Julie (Totusek) Juaire is taking a master gardeners course

and was on hand to help the residents plant. From left to right are Dorothy Bاندas, Rose Jergens, Juaire and Fern Matts-field.

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more," said Barley.

And, she said, sometimes the government takes the role of protector and enacts laws for public safety.

"Sometimes you have to force people to see that this is a safety issue," said Barley.

Barley also said that most of the crimes she sees in court involve alcohol, drugs, sex and gambling.

"If you saw in this courthouse what I see every day, there is no way you'd vote against this ordinance," said Barley.

One student said that a countywide ordinance is better than a city one, such as the one currently in use in Glencoe.

Otherwise, Chad Thompson said, the local law just "forces people to move their parties out into the county."

Other students pointed out inconsistencies in the laws. For example, under state

statute, a parent can allow their underage child to drink in private setting with their parents' permission.

One student thought that was OK.

"Your parents aren't going to let you get hammered and stumble around," she said.

But other students said that if research shows that if alcohol use is dangerous to young people, it ought not be allowed at all.

Barley said research shows that alcohol can have emotional, physical and social impacts on young people.

Young people's brains, she said, do not fully develop until they are in their mid-20s.

"People don't start to make wise choices for themselves until they are in their mid-20s," Barley said.

As the discussion came to a close, and before the County Board voted, Chair Paul

Wright asked for a show of hands from the students, asking them "are we making the community safer, or are we just finding another way to bust somebody?"

Wright then noted that there was some student support of each view.

The County Board then voted, with Sheldon Nies, Wright and Kermit Terlinden voting in favor, and Christensen and Shimanski voting against it.

Pola-Czesky button designs sought

Design the Pola-Czesky button that will be used for this year's Pola-Czesky Days celebration, set for Aug. 2 through Aug. 4, and you will have the chance to win \$50.

The design must be within a two-inch circle and any artwork is allowed, computer or handmade. Any colors may be used, but the following items must be included in the design: 44th Annual Pola-Czesky Days, Silver Lake, MN, August, 2, 3, and 4, 2013.

You can put the information in any order and abbreviate if you wish. Everyone is invited to enter.

Please mail entries to: Pola-Czesky Button Design Contest, Joan Paulson, 22202 Lacey Ave., Silver Lake, MN 55381. All entries must be submitted by June 1.

The winner will be announced and buttons will be for sale beginning with Thursday, June 20, at the first night of the Music in the Park event series.



Thank You

We wish to express our deep appreciation to those who have offered such kindness, support and messages of sympathy and comfort in our bereavement.

We especially wish to thank all the people who provided such compassionate care for Dad, especially those at Cedar Crest Estates where he lived the last several years, Hospice for visiting with Dad and providing us with support, Father Tony Stubeda of Holy Family for a truly memorable service, the KC's, American Legion Post 141, Alice Nowak and the church choir, as well as the pallbearers, and everyone who brought food and served the luncheon. We are forever grateful to all of you.

The Family of Cyril 'Cy' Navratil

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would be paid for.

Mark Johnson, the Commission chair, said that Alsleben would have to take that question to the County Board.

"We're just here to discuss the building," said Johnson.

Zellmann also was concerned about noise, particularly the back-up alarms early in the morning on snowy days.

Bill Hard, Commission member, said that the building and lot were both designed for through traffic.

"The only backing up would be inside the building," said Hard.

Zellmann said that would not hold true when the pay loader was loading sand and gravel into trucks.

Hard pointed out that would take place to the northwest of the building, away from the neighbors.

However, Hard did say he felt some type of screening should be used to shield view of the building from Zellmann's residence, and the commission added a tree belt as a condition on the permit.

With that condition, the Commission approved the permit, which will now go before the County Board for final approval at its May 21 meeting.

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Deadline for news and advertising in the Silver Lake Leader is noon, Tuesday. Deadline for advertising in The Galaxy is noon Wednesday.

Tree stand climb sparked memories

This last week has been very adventurous for me — I shot my first .22 last Thursday, tried bear chili on Sunday at the Wild Game Feed, experienced the kick from shooting a black-powder rifle, and battled my fear of heights by climbing a tree stand seven feet into the air.

Enrolling in that firearm safety course was a great idea.

Most of you know, and I've said it before, I love to travel. But as I get older my trips have been few and far between, so to get my fill of adventure, I've been trying new things in the area.

At Tuesday's firearm safety class, we spent the evening outside learning to load and fire black-powder rifles, climbing tree stands, shooting a 3D buck target with recurve bows and wooden arrows, and maneuvering a canoe through a duck pond.

Climbing the tree stand may have been the biggest feat of them all, as I am terrified of heights.

Oddly enough, I love roller coasters and other towering rides at Valleyfair, but when it comes to climbing a ladder to get to the roof of our house to sunbathe or to the top of a seven-foot tree stand, my blood starts to rush and my body starts to shake as I white-knuckle-it one step at a time.

When I started to climb that metal stand, bear hugging the tree for support, I couldn't help but remember the scariest climb of my life — up a leaning ladder of 105 steps along a crumbling ruin in the middle of the Guatemalan jungle.

In the summer of 2010, my friend Brent and I backpacked

The Travel Section

By Alyssa Schauer



through Central America, from Panama to Mexico, for six weeks, and we spent nearly a week in Guatemala, touring the ancient Mayan ruins in Tikal.

As we hiked through the jungle and climbed around the ruins, we came across one of the tallest ruins, Temple V.

This temple is only 58 meters high, or about 188.5 feet, and has a crumbling staircase leading to the top of it that said "No Subio" or "No Climbing."

But alas, there is a wide ladder built along the temple for tourists to use, and immediately, I vowed not to climb it. If I can hardly make it to the third step of a ladder to change a light bulb without panicking, how on earth would I make it 105 steps to the top of an ancient ruin?

However, as I watched Brent climb to the top and back down so effortlessly, I realized this is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, and after 20 minutes obsessing over the climb, I decided to go for it.

It had started to rain, which increased my fear of slipping off even more, but I pushed through and headed up the lad-

der, gripping the sides of it so hard that my hands turned white.

I got to step 14 and nearly turned around. I stood at that step for several minutes, contemplating the journey.

I started to head down the ladder and made it to step 12 before my gut said, "Get your butt back up that ladder. When will you ever have this chance again?"

This notion hit me hard, and I headed straight up the ladder without looking down once. With every step, I whispered, "Please God, don't let me slip," and before I knew it, I was at the 105th step, at the top of Temple V, overlooking the thick, green jungle and the endless horizon.

My heart was pounding and my pulse throbbing in my neck; I was speechless, and in awe of the stellar view. I was also a bit dizzy from the rapid change in altitude and even a bit nauseated from climbing, but it was a perfect moment.

Of course, the view from the seven-foot tree stand was a little different, and not so exhilarating, but rekindled that thrill of adventure.

I'm thinking skydiving next.



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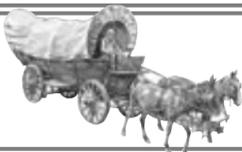
Robot spotted at Lakeside

At the all-school meeting at Lakeside Elementary last Friday, the Glencoe-Silver Lake High School robotics team presented its robot to the students and staff at the elementary school. The robot drove

around the gymnasium and the elementary students were in awe. With the robot are Sloan Becker, Maddie Kuehn and Michael Coughlin.

Down Memory Lane

Compiled by Margaret Benz



75 YEARS AGO - MAY 7, 1938 — Silver Lake was hit by a terrific windstorm on Tuesday afternoon a little after 3 o'clock, the worst in the history of the village. The storm caused thousands of dollars damage in the village and nearby community. Power and telephone lines and some poles were blown down or crashed by huge trees uprooted all over town. A heavy downpour of rain accompanied the storm.

The heaviest property damage in the village was at St. Joseph's Bohemian Church where a section of the roof was torn off and one of the big chimneys fell knocking another hole in the roof. The public school building had a section of the roof torn off, skylight crushed, and water damage was heavy. John Navratil's restaurant and ice cream parlor had the entire plate-glass front demolished and the brick work topping the ridge of St. Adalbert's School was blown to the ground.

The roof on the Lopur building, occupied by the Ed Oliva family, was torn off the south end of the building. The big barn on the old brewery property owned by F.H. Chalupsky and, in which he had farm machinery stored, was wrecked with sections of the roof being blown all over the block. One big section of the roof landed in F.J. Burich's garden. A chimney on the Leader office was blown over, smashing holes in the roof and shingles were torn off. The big garage recently built on Stephan Pawlak's premises, where Leo Kaczmarek stores his big truck, was wrecked.

The grease shed at the John Pokornowski Service Station was carried off and strewn over adjoining fields. Windows in the porch in the rear of living rooms above the Produce Store, occupied by J.E. Ziska, blew out, wrecking the porch and causing considerable water damage. A big tree in the rear of the store toppled over against the rear of Charley Podrasky's Beer Cafe. Two of the big windows in the front of the Jos. Chalupsky building, occupied by Clarence Vorlicek's Beer Cafe, blew in.

In the country, considerable damage was done to farm buildings and houses. Steve Pokornowski's windmill was wrecked, two barns and the hog house on the Nuwash farm at South Silver Lake, occupied by Willard Birkholtz, were wrecked and all the windows in the house were blown out.

John Wendolek's farm buildings sustained severe damages, a silo at the Frank Korista farm was wrecked. Stanley Mallak's barn was moved and a hay rack of Will Makovsky's was carried out into the lake.

The Silver Lake businessmen are sponsoring free movies in the village park every Saturday evening.

Joseph Kosek, having sold his farm three miles north of Silver Lake, will hold an auction on Tuesday, May 10.

Group I of the Presbyterian Church Ladies Aid is sponsoring a Fun Night on Friday, May 13, in the church parlor. A food and candy sale and playlets, dialogues and music will be featured. Admission is 15¢ and 25¢.

Rich Valley and Hale Township farmers will hold a farm meeting to discuss the soil depleting allotments for the 1938 season on Monday, May

9, at the village hall.

Isabel Kappel and Leonard Stibal were married on May 2 at the Holy Trinity Church in Winsted.

50 YEARS AGO - MAY 2, 1963 — In the weather department, one inch of rain fell on Monday, Tuesday night it froze hard, and Wednesday came up with a terrific south wind.

The junior class of Silver Lake High School will present the play "Reserve Two for Murder" on Friday, May 3, in the high school gym.

A representative of Jolly Green Giant will be in Silver Lake on May 2, at the Silver Lake Auditorium to take applications and answer questions on seasonal employment for the 1963 pea and corn packs at Glencoe.

The senior class of Silver Lake High School will take a trip to Chicago on a special escorted tour leaving Thursday morning and arriving back here Saturday evening.

The Silver Lake High School Band Combo of Gary Vasek, Ronald Rozeske and Jim Wendolek, placed first at the district meeting and banquet at Hutchinson Monday evening.

The John Wendolek Jr. family is cleaning up an old building on their farm, the former Dusoski farm, northeast of Silver Lake Wednesday morning. They set fire to complete the job, the wind shifted and they summoned the Silver Lake Fire Department to extinguish the remaining fire as embers were being carried to adjoining buildings.

Wayne Lee, 23, of Dawson was killed and his brother was injured when their truck jackknifed as it struck the driveway by the Art Pokorny farm shortly after 3 o'clock Saturday morning.

A son was born on April 26 to Mr. and Mrs. Dale (Marlys Posusta) Marshall.

25 YEARS AGO - MAY 5, 1988 — A quilt recently completed by the Silver Lake Centennial Quilters will be the prize given away in a quilt raffle. Proceeds will be used for the Silver Lake Centennial Celebration.

Farmers have been busy planting this past week and have been making great headway.

At the annual Silver Lake High School Music Department Pop Concert held last Friday night, Music Director Rick McGraw presented two awards. Receiving the National School Choral Award was Deb Lhotka, daughter of Floyd and Mary Ann Lhotka. She was recognized for her accomplishments and contributions to the vocal music program at Silver Lake High School. The John Philip Sousa Band Award was received by Mark Ostlie, son of Roger and Elaine Ostlie, for his accomplishment and contributions to the instrumental music program.

The Area Fisheries Headquarters at Hutchinson will be removing crappies from Swan Lake during the first two weeks in May and stocking them in the Duluth area.

Sgt. Richard Goede, son of Edward and Dolores Goede, has re-enlisted in the U.S. Air Force.

Shamla Farm Supply has Northrup King garden seeds, vegetable and flower bedding plants and hanging baskets for sale.

Poppy Day set May 17

On Friday, May 17, the Silver Lake American Legion is observing "Poppy Day." Please donate, wear a poppy, and help support veterans.

Each year around Memorial Day, Veterans of Foreign Wars members and American Legion Auxiliary volunteers distribute millions of bright red poppies in exchange for contributions to assist disabled and hospitalized veterans.

The program provides multiple benefits to the veterans and to the community. The hospitalized veterans who make the flowers are able to earn a small wage, which helps to supplement their incomes and makes them feel more self-sufficient.

The physical and mental activity provides many therapeutic benefits as well. Donations are used exclusively to assist and support veterans and their families.

The poppy also reminds the community of the past sacrifices and continuing needs of our veterans. The poppy has become a nationally known and recognized symbol of sacrifice and is worn to honor the men and women who served and died for their country in all wars.

Around 1924, the American Legion Auxiliary adopted the poppy as the organization's memorial flower and pledged its use to benefit our servicemen and their families.

Today, the poppy continues to provide a financial and therapeutic benefit to those hospitalized and disabled veterans who construct them, as well as benefiting thousands of other veterans and their families.

Each nine-piece poppy is made by veterans for veterans in Auxiliary-sponsored poppy shops that supplement physical and psychological therapy needed by hospitalized and disabled veterans.

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Coloring Contest Winners

First Community Bank Silver Lake hosted a coloring contest recently. Emma Guennigsmann and Natosha Fisher proudly display their winning entries.



Raegan Merrill, left, and Kiara Heuer, above, were also winners in the contest.



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Obituaries

Luella Kaczmarek, 87, of Silver Lake

A Concelebrated Mass of Christian Burial for Luella Kaczmarek, 87, of Silver Lake, will be held today (Thursday, May 2), at 11 a.m., at Holy Family Catholic Church in Silver Lake. Concelebrants will be the Rev. Patrick Okonkwo, the Rev. **Luella Kaczmarek** Mark Mal-lak, the Rev. Tony Stubeda and the Rev. Paul Schumacher.



Mrs. Kaczmarek died Sunday, April 28, 2013, at Cedar Crest in Silver Lake. Pallbearers will be Ryan Kaczmarek, Chad Kaczmarek, Tony Mikolichuk, Jason Kaczmarek, Brian Mikolichuk and Tyler Smith. Interment will follow at St. Adalbert Cemetery. Luella Rose Fasching was born Sept. 9, 1925, in Winsted, to Joseph and Appolonia

(Stifter) Fasching. On Oct. 2, 1945, Luella Fasching and Chester F. Kaczmarek were joined in holy marriage at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Winsted. God blessed their marriage with seven children. Following their marriage, they engaged in dairy farming in Hale Township, McLeod County. They moved into Silver Lake in 1974. Mrs. Kaczmarek enjoyed playing cards, baking kolaches, embroidering and gardening, visiting with friends, neighbors and family, and especially playing cards with grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She worked at Green Giant in Glencoe, Burns Manor in Hutchinson as a cook and also as a volunteer. She managed meals for the senior citizens in Silver Lake, also called bingo and played cards with the residents in Cedar Crest. Mrs. Kaczmarek was a faithful member of Holy Family Catholic Church in Silver Lake and attended Mass daily.

She also was a member of the Rosary Society and CCW.

Survivors include her children, David (Judy) Kaczmarek, Ron (Karen) Kaczmarek, Connie (Harvey) Mikolichuk, Tom (Robin) Kaczmarek, Frank (Lori) Kaczmarek and Joe (Dori) Kaczmarek; daughter-in-law, Colleen Kaczmarek; 24 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; brothers, Joe (Ann) Fasching, Ed (Irene) Fasching and Jack Fasching; sisters, Irene Otto, Linda (Gary) Ruhland, Rose (Sylvester) Mallak, Grace (Jim) Nolan and Marietta (Florian) Nowak; other relatives and friends. Preceding her in death were her husband, Chester; son, Kenneth J. Kaczmarek; grandson, Mike Kaczmarek; her parents, Joseph and Appolonia Fasching; brothers, Bert and Finn Fasching; and sister, Clarina McInnes.

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

Kitchen Delights & Other Things



Chocolate Eclair Cake Submitted by Diane Dostal

Ingredients:
Crust:
 1 cup water
 1/2 cup butter
 1 cup flour
 4 large eggs
Filling:
 1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese, softened
 1 large box (5.1 ounces) instant vanilla pudding
 3 cups milk
Topping:
 1 container (8 ounces) cool whip
 Chocolate syrup or homemade chocolate sauce

Directions:
 Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Lightly grease a 9x13-inch baking pan. For the crust, in a medium saucepan, melt butter in water and bring to a boil. Remove from heat. Stir in flour. Mix in one egg at a time, mixing completely before adding another egg. Spread mixture into pan, covering the bottom and sides evenly. If the sides of your pan are too greased, you won't be able to get the mixture to stay up, so make sure to just lightly grease. Bake 25 to 30 minutes or until golden brown. Don't overbake the crust. Remove from oven and let cool. (Don't touch or push bubbles down). For the filling, whip cream cheese in a medium bowl. In separate bowl, make vanilla pudding. Make sure pudding is thick before mixing with cream cheese. Slowly add pudding to cream cheese, mixing until there are no lumps. Let cool in fridge. When the crust is completely cooled, pour filling in. Top with layer of cool whip and serve with chocolate syrup.

12 mini kosher dill pickles
 1 medium tomato, chopped
 Ketchup and mustard

Directions:
 Heat oven to 375 degrees. Spray 12 regular-size muffin cups with cooking spray. In a 10-inch skillet, cook beef and onion over medium-high heat 5 to 7 minutes, stirring frequently, until thoroughly cooked; drain. Cool 5 minutes; stir in Worcestershire sauce, garlic salt and cheese. In medium bowl, stir baking mixture ingredients with whisk or fork until blended. Spoon 1 scant tablespoon baking mixture into each muffin cup. Top with about 1/4 cup burger mixture. Scoop 1 tablespoon baking mixture onto burger mixture in each muffin cup. Bake 30 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean, and muffin tops are golden brown. Cool 5 minutes. With thin knife, loosen sides of muffins from pan; remove from pan and place top side on cooling rack. Cook 10 minutes longer and serve with garnishes.

Beer Queso Nachos

Ingredients:
 8 cups tortilla chips
 1/2 cup lager beer
 2 cups shredded American cheese
 1 cup shredded milk Cheddar cheese
 1 can (4.5 ounces) chopped green chiles, drained
 1 can (15 ounces) black beans, drained, rinsed
 1/2 cup thick 'n' chunky salsa
 1 medium avocado, pitted, peeled, chopped
 1 medium tomato, seeded, chopped
 2 tablespoons fresh cilantro

Directions:
 Heat oven to 350 degrees. Line large cookie sheet with cooking parchment paper. Arrange tortilla chips on cookie sheet. Bake 5 minutes to warm chips. Meanwhile, in 2-quart saucepan, heat beer over medium heat until just starting to simmer. Slowly add the cheese in small amounts, stirring constantly with whisk, until melted. Stir in chiles. In medium bowl, mix beans and salsa. Microwave uncovered on high 2 to 3 minutes or until hot. To serve, pour half of the cheese sauce over warm chips; top with half of the bean mixture. Top with remaining cheese mixture and remaining bean mixture. Serve with avocado, tomato, and cilantro.

Impossibly Easy Mini Cheeseburger Pies

Ingredients:
Burger mix:
 1 pound lean ground beef
 1 large onion, chopped
 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
 1 teaspoon garlic salt
 1 cup shredded Cheddar cheese
Baking mix:
 1/2 cup milk
 1/2 cup bisquick mix
 2 eggs
Garnishes:

Music in the Park donations sought

As a prelude to Pola-Czesky Days, the first of six Thursday night Music in the Park gatherings will begin Thursday, June 20. There will *not* be Music in the Park on Thursday, July 4. Watch for schedules, which will be posted soon.

The Music in the Park Committee is asking for donations of prizes to be given away at these gatherings.

In order to have your donation acknowledged as being donated by you, your business, or organization, please have them to the committee by June 10, so a listing may be compiled.

Donors are encouraged to put their names on the prizes if they want to be acknowledged. Any donations turned in to the

committee after that date, or brought to Music in the Park, will be listed as given by an anonymous donor.

If you have any questions,

please call DeNeil or Lisa Thompson at 320-327-2278 or Ray or Sharon Bandas at 320-327-3115.

Church News

GRACE BIBLE CHURCH

300 Cleveland Ave., Silver Lake
Dr. Tom Rakow, Pastor
 320-327-2265
<http://silverlakechurch.org>
 Sat., May 4 — Men's Bible study, 7 a.m.; women's Bible study, 9 a.m.

Sun., May 5 — "First Light" radio broadcast on KARP 106.9 FM, 7:30 a.m.; fellowship and refreshment time, 9 a.m.; pre-service prayer time, 9:15 a.m.; worship service with communion, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday school for all ages, 10:35 a.m.; open shooting for Centershot Archery graduates, 11:45 a.m.

Mon., May 6 — Church board meeting, 7 p.m.

Wed., May 8 — Confirmation class, 6 p.m.; prayer time and puppet practice, 7 p.m.

Sat., May 11 — Men's Bible study, 7 a.m.

Sun., May 12 — "First Light" radio broadcast on KARP 106.9 FM, 7:30 a.m.; pre-service prayer time, 9:15 a.m.; worship service, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday school for all ages, 10:35 a.m.; open shooting for Centershot Archery graduates, 11:45 a.m.

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FAITH PRESBYTERIAN

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Office hours: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Sat., May 4 — Preschool open house, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Sun., May 5 — Handbell practice, 8:45 a.m.; confirmation service with fellowship to follow, 10 a.m.

Wed., May 8 — Light supper, 5:30 p.m.; WOW classes, 6 p.m.; choir practice, 7 p.m.

Sat., May 11 — Spring salad luncheon, 11:30 a.m.

Sun., May 12 — Handbell practice, 8:45 a.m.; worship service with fellowship to follow, 10 a.m.; deacons meeting after church.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY

700 W. Main St., Silver Lake
Anthony Stubeda, Pastor
 Thurs., May 2 — Mass at Cedar Crest, 10:30 a.m.; CCW meeting, 7 p.m.

Fri., May 3 — First Friday calls; Mass, 8 a.m.; KC award banquet social hour and dinner at Silver Lake American Legion, 6 p.m.

Sat., May 4 — First Communion practice and confessions, 9 a.m.; Johnson-Boettelberghe wedding, 2 p.m.; first communion Mass, 6:30 p.m.

Sun., May 5 — Mass, 8 a.m. and 8 p.m.

Tues., May 7 — Mass, 8 a.m.; adoration 8:30 a.m.-10 p.m.

Wed., May 8 — Mass, 5 p.m.; religious education catechist recap meeting, 7 p.m.

Thurs., May 9 — Mass at Cedar Crest, 10:30 a.m.; worship meeting, 5 p.m.

Fri., May 10 — Mass, 8 a.m.;

wedding rehearsal, 6 p.m.

WORD OF LIFE CHURCH

950 School Rd. S.W., Hutchinson
 320-587-9443
E-mail: infor@loversoftruth.com
Jim Hall, Pastor
 Sun., May 5 — Worship, 9:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS

770 School Rd., Hutchinson
Kenneth Rand, Branch President
 320-587-5665

Sun., May 5 — Sunday school, 10:50 a.m.-11:30 a.m.; priesthood, relief society and primary, 11:40 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

RIVERSIDE ASSEMBLY OF GOD

20924 State Hwy. 7 W., Hutchinson
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Dr. Lee Allison, pastor
 Sun., May 5 — Worship, 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Wed., May 8 — Family night activities, 6:30 p.m.

ST. PIUS X CHURCH

1014 Knight Ave., Glencoe
Anthony Stubeda, Pastor
 Thurs., May 2 — Morning prayer, 7 a.m.; Mass, 7:20 a.m.; CCW salad luncheon, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.; St. Pius X fundraiser night at Pizza Ranch, 5 p.m.; CCW meeting, 7 p.m.

Fri., May 3 — Morning prayer, 8 a.m.; school Mass, 8:20 a.m.; adoration of the blessed sacrament follows Mass until noon; first Friday communion calls begin, 10 a.m.; no Spanish Mass.

Sat., May 4 — Widow, widowers and senior singles breakfast, Dubbs Grill, 9:30 a.m.; Spanish baptism session, 10 a.m.; CUF spring boutique before and after all weekend Masses; reconciliation, 4 p.m.; Mass, 5 p.m.

Sun., May 5 — Mass, 9:30 a.m.; Spanish Mass and baptisms, 11:30 a.m.; Spanish religious education for children and adults, 12:45 p.m.

Mon., May 6 — No Mass.

Tues., May 7 — Morning prayer, 7 a.m.; Mass, 7:20 a.m.; no junior choir practice.

Wed., May 8 — St. Pius X School two-hour late start; evening prayer, 5:40 p.m.; Mass, 6 p.m.

SHALOM BAPTIST CHURCH

1215 Roberts Rd. SW., Hutchinson
Rick Stapleton, senior pastor
Adam Krumrie, worship pastor/director of student ministries

Thurs., May 2 — Senior high free lunch, 11 a.m.; worship team, 6 p.m.

Sun., May 5 — Worship, 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.; Sunday school, 9 a.m.; adult growth group, 10:30 a.m.; Couples Connect, 4 p.m.

Mon., May 6 — Women's discipleship, 6:30 p.m.; men's growth group, 7 p.m.

Tues., May 7 — Women's discipleship, 9 a.m.

Wed., May 8 — Release time for second through fifth grade, AWANA, 6:30 p.m.; middle school youth, 6:30 p.m.; senior high youth, 7:30 p.m.

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Sun., May 5 — Worship with communion and hymn sing, 9 a.m.; coffee and fellowship, 10:15 a.m.; Financial Peace University, 2 p.m.; "Once a Month" cooking club, 4 p.m.

Tues., May 7 — Trustee meeting, 5:30 p.m.

Wed., May 8 — Office hours, 3 p.m.; last confirmation class, 7 p.m.; council meeting, 8 p.m.

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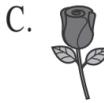
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GSL Panther Spring Sports

BASEBALL

April

26.....Holy FamilyL,16-0
27.....NYAW,11-1
29.....AnnandaleW,3-0
30.....Belle PlaineW,4-1

May

02.....Dassel-Cokato - double header4:00
03.....at New London-Spicer.4:30
04.....Hutchinson.....11:00
07.....New London-Spicer.....5:00
09.....at Litchfield - double header.....4:30
10.....Waconia.....4:30
13.....at Orono4:30
14.....at Delano4:30
15.....Lester Prairie4:30
16.....at Annandale4:30
17.....at Mayer Lutheran4:30
21.....Watertown-Mayer4:30

SOFTBALL

April

26.....Holy FamilyW,1-0
29.....at AnnandaleL,13-7

May

02.....Dassel-Cokato - double header4:00
03.....Annandale4:00
04.....Hutchinson.....1:30
06.....at Mound-Westonka.....4:30
07.....at New London-Spicer.5:00
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10.....at Waconia4:30
13.....at NYA5:00
14.....Delano4:30
15.....New London-Spicer.....3:30
16.....Orono4:30

BOYS' GOLF

April

25.....New Ulm.....
29.....at Mound-Westonka.....
30.....at Annandale

May

01.....at Ridges at Sand Creek3:00
02.....at New London-Spicer.4:30
03.....at Hutchinson1:00
06.....at Waconia3:00
08.....GSL.....2:00
09.....Section preview at Becker.....TBD
10.....at New London-Spicer10:00
13.....at Annandale12:00
15.....at Hutchinson.....1:00
16.....at Litchfield.....4:30
20.....at Baker National Golf School2:30
22.....at Dassel-Cokato.....12:00

GIRLS' GOLF

April

25.....at New Ulm.....
26.....at Hutchinson.....
29.....at Annandale
30.....at Litchfield.....

May

01.....at Baker National Golf School4:00
02.....GSL.....3:00
08.....at Mound-Westonka.....3:00
09.....Section preview at Becker.....TBD
10.....at Annandale4:30
13.....at Baker National Golf School4:30
14.....at Waconia4:30
16.....at New London-Spicer.4:30
21.....at Dassel-Cokato.....2:30

TRACK AND FIELD

April

23.....at Foley.....(B-2nd) (G-2nd)
25.....at Belle Plaine.(B-2nd) (G-2nd)
29.....at New London-Spicer.....
.....(B-1st) (G-3rd)
30.....GSL Invitational at Belle Plaine3:30

May

02.....at Waconia4:00
06.....at Hutchinson.....4:00
07.....at Hutchinson Section True team3:30
14.....at Dassel-Cokato.....4:00
16.....GSL (Conference) Invitational at Hutchinson.....1:00
20.....at Holy Family.....4:30
23.....Subsection TBD.....

TRAPSHOOTING

All competitions take place at Winthrop Game Protective League except State Tourney events

April

18.....Reserve Scoring.....5:00
25.....First Competition5:00

May

02.....Second Competition5:00
09.....Third Competition5:00
16.....Fourth Competition5:00
23.....Fifth Competition5:00



Track and field teams perform well at conference meet in New London-Spicer

By Josh Randt
Sports Editor

The Glencoe-Silver Lake boys' and girls' track teams have got off to a hectic start the past week, participating in an indoor meet in Foley, a dual with Belle Plaine, and a conference competition at New London-Spicer.

The Panthers opened the conference schedule with a strong showing against three WCC teams. The boys took first, and the girls finished third.

Dalton Clouse manufactured 10 points by taking first in the 110-meter hurdles (17.57) and second in the 300-meter hurdles (43.57).

The relay teams took first place in two of the four relay events, and came away with another 18 points.

The field was dominated by Panther boys, with Tanner Konen taking first in the pole vault (13 ft).

Trent Draeger had a big day, placing first in the long jump (20-1.50), and first in the triple jump (42-2.00).

Clouse, Tyler Donnay and Nick Rose took second through fourth places in the discus, racking up 10 more points for the boys.

The girls produced 46.5 team points, just edging NL-S by .75 of a point to stay out of last place.

Kelly Arnold gave GSL a six-point lead after posting a



Silver Lake Leader photo by Josh Randt

Senior Brandon Greeley finished second in the 110-meter hurdles at Belle Plaine on Thursday, April 25. The Panther boys

and girls performed well for their first outdoor meet of the season, and have a hectic schedule in the coming weeks.

12.76 100-meter dash first place finish.

Kelly Beneke and Kaylee Venier added five more points

with third and fourth place finishes in the 200-meter dash.

The Panther girls would not score any more points until five

events later when Jennifer Illg produced a fourth-place finish

in the 100-meter hurdles, earning two points. Illg also took

third in the 300-meter hurdles.

First-place finishes in the 4x200 meter relay (1:51.41) and 4x800 meter relay (10:47.27) gave GSL its biggest point production since Arnold's 100-meter dash performance.

In the field, the girls had their strongest showing in the triple jump (30-11.75), and Clarissa Ober earned second in the discus (92-11).

Belle Plaine Dual

The track and field teams saw their first outdoor action of the season at Belle Plaine on Thursday, April 25.

The boys were edged out by Belle Plaine/Holy Family Academy by a score of 77-69.

GSL finished first in all four relay events.

Greg Ober took first in the 200-meter dash, and Isiah Herout took first as well in the 3200-meter run.

The boys made up some ground in the field, but not quite enough.

GSL's girls did not quite have the showing they wanted, losing 107.5-38.5.

The highlight for the Panther girls on the track was Shelby Clouse's 13.00 first place 100-meter dash finish, and first place finishes in the 4x200 and 4x400 meter relays.

Ober had a big day in the field, placing first in the shot put (31-11) and second in the discus (87-11).

Golfers hit growing pains



Silver Lake Leader photo by Josh Randt

Standout golfer Alexis Kerslake shows some early season frustration at the Crow River Country Club in Hutchinson on Friday, April 26.

By Josh Randt
Sports Editor

The Glencoe-Silver Lake boys' and girls' golf teams got their seasons under way at New Ulm on Thursday, April 25.

While the competition both teams faced was non-conference, the first meet of the season provided several crucial hours for golfers to use every club in their bag for the first time all year.

The boys came in seventh out of nine teams, shooting a 404 team score.

Sophomore Tate Lilienthal shot a 96, the best round for the Panthers. Senior Joe Fehrenbach followed with a 97, Eric Steffel shot a 105, while standout from last season, Lou Iacona, shot a 106. Dylan Schuth posted a 108 and Patrick Fehrenbach a 114.

Lilienthal's 96 put him in a three-way tie for 21st place.

The girls had a slightly better showing than the boys, finishing fifth out of eight teams with a 436 team score.

Sophomore Alexis Kerslake picked up where she left off last season, shooting a team best 103. Fellow sophomore Allison Eischens followed Kerslake with a 107, while Claire Wrapsir shot a 112. Ashlyn Ratike and Lindsay Wedin both finished with a 114 while Elizabeth Gran notched a 118.

Kerslake tied for seventh place with LeSueur-Henderson's Kelsey Skelly.

The girls then traveled to the Crow River Country Club in Hutchinson on Friday, April 26 for some WCC play.

The Panthers finished seventh out of 11 teams with a team score of 432, six places behind Litchfield's 373 first place finish.

One thing is for sure, the Wright County Conference will offer some tough competition this season.

Kerslake shot a 101, tying for 18th place with Waconia's Jenna Lund. Gran and Wedin tied for 35th place shooting 110 a piece, while Wrapsir shot a 114, and Ratike a 120.

Panthers get blown out by Holy Family; blow out NYA

By Josh Randt
Sports Editor

Holy Family 16,
GSL 0

The Glencoe-Silver Lake Panther baseball team did not get the result they wanted against a tough Holy Family team on Friday, April 26 at Vollmer Field.

Jack Schliesman of Holy Family sent Ethan Maass' fourth pitch of the season into the field for a single.

Connor Riddle then doubled three batters later to move Schliesman to third, who then scored the game's first run on a wild pitch.

Things didn't get much better for the Panthers in the second when the Fire scored four more runs.

GSL had chances to gain on the Fire in the second and third. But every time a runner made it to second, Holy Family's Connor Herd found the mitt no matter who swung the bat, closing out both innings with batters caught looking.

That was the only time the Panthers threatened in the 16-0 shellacking.

GSL 11, NYA 1

The Panthers then hosted the Raiders from Norwood-Young America on Saturday, April 27, and earned their own blowout victory, 11-1.



Silver Lake Leader photo by Josh Randt

Teddy Petersen escapes a hot box against Holy Family on Friday, April 26. Though Petersen survived the pickle, the Panthers were torched by the Fire, 16-0, before thumping NYA 11-1 the next day.

A huge seven-run first inning got the Panthers rolling, and GSL never looked back.

NYA got its first out six batters into the first inning. By then the Panthers had reached base by way of two singles, two walks, and a first basemen's error.

The Panthers made it through the entire batting order and the first two hitters again before the Raiders got out of the inning. Every Panther that started either

reached a base or put the ball in play in the first inning. Teddy Petersen, Ethan Maass, Nolan Lepel, Reed Dunbar, Brandon Ebert, Cole Petersen and Carter Pinsky all scored in the first.

Senior Derek Bratsch had a big day on the mound for the Panthers in his first start of the season. He pitched five innings, faced 23 batters, gave up three hits, struck out three, hit two batters and threw 52 strikes out of 92 pitches.

Softball team starts 1-1

By Josh Randt
Sports Editor

The Glencoe-Silver Lake softball team got a one-run lead in the first inning at home against Holy Family on Friday, April 26, and won behind a stingy defense 1-0.

Senior Courtney Lemke singled with two outs in her first at bat against the Fire. She would not have to wait long as Piper Davis followed her up with a two-strike triple to get the team's lone run.

The Fire threatened in the fourth and fifth. Getting runners on third in both instances, but Lemke struck out Hayley Thompson to end the fourth, and got Liz Jansen to fly out in the fifth.

Lemke pitched all seven in-

nings, faced 27 batters, walked two and gave up six hits while retiring five by strikeout in the season opener.

Annandale 13, GSL 7

Lemke did not have the same showing against fellow conference opponent Annandale on Monday, April 29.

Lemke kept the Cardinals scoreless through three innings while GSL racked up five runs in the same amount of time.

What looked to be a hot start for the Panthers quickly smoldered when the Cardinals exploded in the fourth with five runs, tying it at 5-5.

Annandale took a one-run lead in the top of the fifth, which could have gone worse for GSL with three Cardinals reaching

base in the inning.

Lemke would lead off the fifth with a double, and cross home plate three batters later from a Josie Schmitt double to even the score once again at 6-6.

A fly out from Jenna Gunner-son started out the sixth. But with one out, the Cardinals ripped off four straight runs before GSL got another out. With two outs, the Cardinals bats still had some pop as they tallied three more runs before the inning ended.

A seven-run sixth was too much for the Panther girls to overcome, going three and out to cap off the inning.

Stephanie Klockmann scored in the seventh, but that was all the Panthers could muster, falling 13-7 in an entertaining WCC game.

Weather Corner

By Jake Yurek



We head back into weather jail this week after what seems like our first nice weekend of the year moves to the rear view.

A strong high pressure ridge will build over the eastern part of the country this week, blocking the normal flow of weather. This will allow a low-pressure area to linger over the central part of the U.S. from late week into the weekend, knocking temperatures down and bringing in chances of rain.

Highs will be well below average again, staying in the 40s to end the week and, hopefully, making a run at some 50s by the weekend.

If you enjoy the sun, you probably want to stop reading due to the fact we won't be seeing much of it from Wednesday through the entire weekend.

Rain chances increase toward the end of the week, but the focus looks to stay to our south and east. Some indications are that we could get an inch or more of rain during this period, but it'll be hard to keep moisture going in this long-lived storm. Regardless, it will feel like a very Pacific Northwest-type weather pattern.

Taking a peek at the extended forecast shows a ridge building to our west, finally shifting the pattern, and a very nice warm-up towards the middle of next week.

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Wednesday night — Lows 32-38; rain, a few snowflakes possible.

Thursday — Highs 43-49; lows 31-38; clouds/rain/snow showers early.

Friday — Highs 43-49; lows 32-38; clouds/rain possibly mixing with snow.

Saturday — Highs 46-52; lows 36-43; clouds/rain.

Sunday — Highs 50-57; clouds/rain.

Weather Quiz: How is the drought situation looking after all the precipitation we saw in April?

Answer to last week's question: Highest temperature 106 degrees (May 31, 1934); lowest temperature 18 degrees (May 3, 1967); most precipitation 3.16 inches (May 21, 1906); most snowfall (last snowfall mention until September!) 3 inches (May 1, 1935 and May 20, 1892).

Remember: I make the forecast, not the weather!



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3rd-grade Panther Paw students

At the all-school meeting last Friday morning at Lakeside Elementary School, April Panther Paw students were handed awards. The third-grade Panther Paw recipients include, in the front, from left to

right, Aaliyah Bui, Calista Pedraza, Sophie Becker, Elijah Liestman and Adrian Bernal. In the back are Bobbi Finch, McKenzie Pollmann, Alexis Dahlman, Luis Pena and Zachery Matthews.



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4th-grade Panther Paw students

The Panther Paw students for the month of April were announced at the all-school meeting last Friday morning at Lakeside Elementary. The fourth-grade students receiving awards included, from left to right, in the front, Jordan Pacheco, Rhissa

Eiden, Alexander Smith and Chelsea Brandt. In the back are Teagan Hansch, Maren Roepke, Reagan Spears, Abby Rae and Katherine Ness. Missing was Marissa Greeley.

Wendolek earns award at ag department banquet

Agriculture students were honored at the Agriculture Department awards banquet held Tuesday, April 2, at Ridgewater College, Willmar Campus.

Cole Wendolek of Silver Lake, the son of Dean and Julie Wendolek, was recognized for being on the Post-secondary Agriculture Students (PAS) Board of Directors.

Students received awards for their participation in state and national PAS contests.

The state PAS contests were held in Marshall in February and the national contests were held in Louisville, Ky., in March. Students were also recognized at the banquet for other academic achievements.



Cole Wendolek

County senior citizens club met; 38 members present

The McLeod County Senior Citizens Club held its quarterly meeting on April 17 at the Lester Prairie City Center.

There were 38 members present, including nine members from the Lester Prairie club, seven members from the Glencoe club, and 22 members from the Silver Lake club. No members from the

Brown club were present. After the meeting, the afternoon was spent playing cards and socializing. Lester Prairie Senior Citizens Club served a lunch.

The next quarterly meeting is a picnic dinner set for Wednesday, July 17, at noon at the Glencoe City Center.

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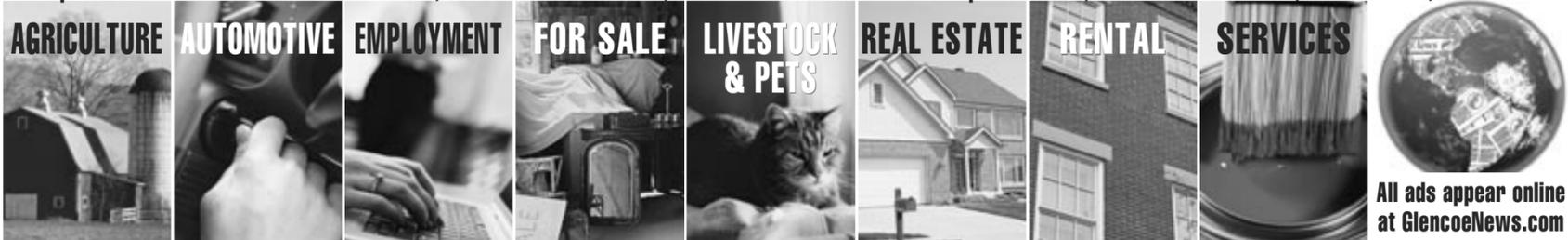
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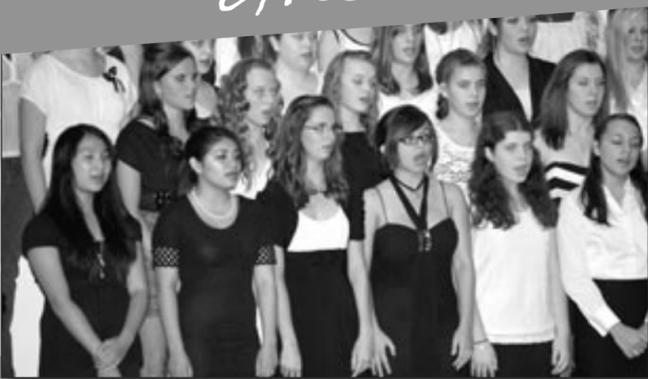


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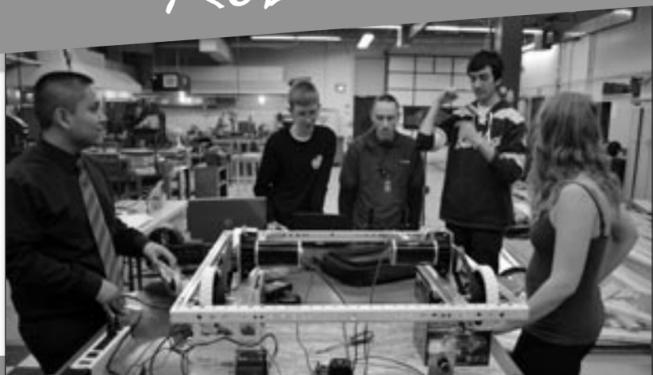
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