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Silver Lake Leader photos
by Alyssa Schauer

Cinco de Mayo party

On Monday, residents at Cedar Crest Estates in Silver Lake enjoyed a "Cinco de Mayo" celebration honoring the Mexican holiday. Carlos Gonzalez (above, left) serenaded residents with music. The residents include Delphine Mallak and Alma Ogitzak (above) and David Micka and Ray Ewald (left).

Posusta new chair of Pola-Czesky committee

By Alyssa Schauer
Staff Writer

Every year, the annual Silver Lake Pola-Czesky Days celebration is put on by many, many volunteers who put in countless hours to organize the event.

This year, one more volunteer, Sandy Posusta, is joining the committee as chair.

"I felt I could help out," Posusta said about volunteering.

The committee has been looking for a lead organizer and is currently in search of a treasurer.

As chair, Posusta said her goal is to keep things the same as far as meetings are concerned.

"Our goal is to grow the committee with additional members to assist with some of the behind-the-scenes tasks that take place throughout the year," Posusta said.

"Some members have been volunteering and chairing for many years, and they are now 'retiring.' We need volunteers to help fill their valuable shoes," Posusta said.

As a volunteer, Posusta said she also hopes to bring a water activity to the celebration.

"I want to utilize the lake, such as (hosting) canoe or kayak races, but that will be down the road. We want to encourage anyone who has ideas for the celebration to bring



Sandy Posusta

them to the committee! We really do have a wonderful celebration, thanks to our organizations, committees and volunteers," Posusta said.

This year's Pola-Czesky celebration is set for Friday, Aug. 1, through Sunday, Aug. 3.

Posusta said her favorite memory about Pola-Czesky Days is the Kiddie Parade.

"The parade is dear to me as my mom (Colleen Tschimperle) used to hand-sew such fun costumes for her grandchildren and dear friend's grandchildren, the late Donna Yurek," she said.

Posusta said she loves most that the celebration is a "town reunion."

"So many Silver Lakers return for the festivities. And set-

ting up camp in our dad's backyard is an annual event. We make the most of the whole weekend by volunteering at the different food stands and taking in all of the events," she said.

Posusta also is involved in other organizations in Silver Lake, including the Silver Lake Lions and St. Patrick's Day parade committee.

She and her husband, Roger, have been married for nearly 22 years and live outside Silver Lake. They have two children, Rachael, who is a student at Southwest Minnesota State University in Marshall, majoring in accounting, and Trevor, a sophomore at Glencoe-Silver Lake High School.

Posusta is employed with McLeod County and has worked in the planning and zoning and environmental services department for nine years.

She stressed the need for volunteers on the committee, and the search for a treasurer.

"We're in need of a treasurer! If you can spare a couple of hours a year, please consider joining," she said.

The Pola-Czesky committee meets on the fourth Monday of each month. The next meeting is set for Tuesday, May 27, due to the Monday Memorial Day holiday.

GSL Schools looking to form new district advisory committee

By Alyssa Schauer
Staff Writer

Six community members showed up for an active discussion regarding Glencoe-Silver Lake's school district needs and goals Thursday evening at Lincoln Junior High School.

Superintendent Chris Sonju hosted the public meeting as part of a requirement for the "World's Best Workforce" (WBWF) plan recently established by Minnesota State Legislation.

The goal of the legislation is to develop a district strategic plan that supports teaching and learning "aligned with creating the world's best workforce."

"This is something we've already been doing for quite a while," Sonju said, but that this is the "first" of a few meetings regarding the district strategic plan. He added that the objective of the community meetings is to form a "district advisory committee."

"This will be a group where we get lots of representation from all members of the district. The group will review goals of the district and meet twice a year," Sonju said.

Sonju outlined the primary goals for the WBWF, which include achieving school readiness for students before kindergarten; achieving third-grade literacy by third grade for all students; reducing the achievement gap among all racial, ethnic and economic categories of students; seeing all students graduate from high school; and seeing students attain career and college readiness.

He also addressed GSL's district goals, which include

increasing student achievement and learning; increasing focus on literacy in all subject areas; promoting positive community relationships; maintaining fiscal responsibility while addressing district needs; maintaining a "students come first" mentality; and seeing all students graduate from high school.

Former school board member Randall Thalmann was in attendance and asked when the strategic plan was started.

"Oh, a long time ago. It's a document that should never stop changing. It's 'new' in terms of words for the legislation," Sonju said.

He added, "It's something we've been going through every year."

To continue researching needs of the district, Sonju said over the next six weeks, he is going to solicit more data from the community by surveying open-enrollment families and other district members.

"It's been awhile since we've surveyed open-enrolled families. I want to see if we can close our borders," Sonju said.

Sonju said the current open enrollment numbers are at a "negative 300," with 400 students in the district going to other schools and 100 students "coming in" to the GSL district.

"I surveyed families two years ago and 95 percent said they were enrolled at other schools due to geography, which I felt good about. Location is huge. Most kids we lose go to Hutch," Sonju said.

"There is so much to offer at GSL, but at the same time, that

geography is really important. Unfortunately, that's just how it works, but at the same time, we do have 100 students coming in," he added.

Sonju continued to highlight the district's goals, and said when it comes to closing the achievement gap, "we're doing good things at GSL to help close that gap."

He said next fall, the district is looking at starting a cultural liaison group as part of an outreach program for Hispanic families.

"We want to get more families involved in the school. We still have lots of kids who walk into kindergarten, and that is their first exposure to school," Sonju said.

Facility upgrades

One major need of the district Sonju highlighted was upgrading the facilities.

"That's another reason to have this meeting. I want to hear from the community about the building plans. I keep hearing from people 'when are you going to run that again?'" Sonju said, referring to the twice-failed building project bond.

"In 2011, when we first presented the referendum about the building bond, the biggest concern for people was 'what are you going to do with the Helen Baker building?'" Sonju said.

He said there are potential people interested in the property, "but I'm afraid after a couple more years, they're going to have their facility built somewhere else."

He said the continuing goal of the district is to have two campuses in two communities.

"So I'm saying, what is the next step?" Sonju said.

He continued: "We really need to continue this conversation. Helen Baker isn't any newer." He said there are continuing space issues at the school.

"I always like to compliment our staff and our employees, though. We are our own worst enemy. They're making it work (at Helen Baker). Things are well, and I think we can continue to get better, but we need to take that next step," Sonju said about the addressing the continuing needs.

Sonju said the architect of the building plan noted the project is already \$6 million more than what was proposed in 2011 due to increasing construction costs.

Celine Swift, community member in attendance, asked if Lakeside Elementary is in the "forever plan" for the district's building plans.

Sonju said about \$400,000 in improvements were already made to the Lakeside facility in the past three years. "I keep telling people, we will have that school for at least 25 more years," he said.

In the building project, Sonju said the goal was to move the third-grade students back to Glencoe, which would open up more room for the fourth through sixth grades in the event of six-section classrooms.

"Also, moving the third grade fits in with our K-3 literacy plan, having them all together," Sonju said.

Resident Duane Klauster-

GSL

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No one injured in bus, van collision

A Dodge Caravan and a Glencoe-Silver Lake school bus collided at 12th Street and Chandler Avenue at 7:30 a.m., Thursday.

Involved were a 1998 Thomas school bus, owned by 4.0 and driven by David Johnson of Glencoe, and a 2001 Dodge Caravan driven by Bradley Schlueter of Glencoe.

There were no injuries to the drivers or the 41 students on the bus, the Glencoe Police reported.

Also responding to the scene were the McLeod County Sheriff's Office, Glencoe Fire Department and Glencoe Ambulance.

Glencoe-Silver Lake Superintendent Chris Sonju

said as soon as he got notified, he went to the scene and got on the bus with the students.

The students were checked out for injuries and released to a second bus that picked them up and delivered them to their schools.

The district also activated its notification system, Sonju said, to alert parents of the accident. Parents of the students also were individually talked to or messages were left for them.

"The kids were all great," Sonju said. "They all did what they were supposed to."

"Thankfully, no one got injured," Sonju said.

Donations sought for Music in the Park events

As a prelude to Silver Lake's Pola-Czesky Days, the first of six Music in the Park Thursday gatherings will be June 26. Watch for schedules to be posted soon.

The Music in the Park committee is asking for donations for prizes to be given away during the Music in the Park events at Legion Park on Main Street in Silver Lake.

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. A listing will then 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.

Due to the merging of the newspapers and space availability, there may not be a list of prize winners in the newspaper.

If you have questions, please call DeNeil or Lisa Thompson at 320-327-2278 or Ray or Sharon Bandas at 320-327-3115.

Upcoming Events

Concert, 'Prowl' set May 8

The second-grade students of Helen Baker Elementary will present a spring concert tonight (Thursday) at 7 p.m., in the GSL High School Auditorium. The concert, "Move to the Music," will showcase their finest singing, dancing and instrument playing. Music teacher Carrie Knott will direct the concert. In conjunction with the concert, the GSL pre-kindergarten through 12th-grade Panther Arts Prowl will run as an open house from 5 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. in the GSL High School cafeteria and gym. There will be projects displayed in the gym, presentations and/or displays in the cafeteria, and concessions will be available. Come early, "prowl" the artwork and activities, and then enjoy the concert. The Arts Prowl is coordinated by art teachers Andrea Wigern and Shanda Landes.

Sand box fill set for May 10

The Silver Lake Civic Association is sponsoring a sand box fill on Saturday, May 10. Call Dean Mikolichek to sign up at 320-327-2855.

Annie Oakley spring shoot

The Annie Oakley spring shoot will be held Saturday, May 10, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., at Gopher Campfire, located at 24718 County Road 7 in Hutchinson. The event includes pistol range challenges with Mike McKirahan, owner of Mind Sight Firearms Training. There will be prizes, a trap shoot and root beer floats. For questions, call Mike Graham at 320-587-6510.

Seniors club to meet May 12

The Silver Lake Senior Citizens Club will meet Monday, May 12, at 1 p.m., at the Silver Lake Legion Club rooms. Note the change in location.

Degree of honor meeting set

Degree of Honor No. 182 will meet May 13 at 1 p.m. at the Silver Lake Legion Club rooms. Note the change in location.

Hutch Auxiliary set to meet

The regular monthly meeting of the Hutchinson Legion Auxiliary Unit 96 will be Monday, May 12, at 7 p.m., at the Hutchinson Legion Post 96. The executive board meeting will be at 6:15 p.m. Election of unit officers for 2014-15 will take place at the meeting. The 2014 3rd District Convention will be held in Faribault May 16-18. The June meeting has been changed to Monday, June 2, with a potluck starting at 6 p.m. and meeting to follow at 7 p.m.

Senior dining birthday party

The May birthday party for the Silver Lake dining site is set for Wednesday, May 14, at the Silver Lake Legion. Note change in location. The menu includes country steak, whole potatoes, creamed carrots, bread with margarine, pudding and low-fat milk. Call Manager Pearl Branden at 320-327-2536 or 320-327-2621 to order.

Junior high concert May 13

The Glencoe-Silver Lake Lincoln Junior High bands and choirs present their first concert of the year on Tuesday, May 13, at 8 p.m., in the GSL High School auditorium. This concert will feature over 100 instrumentalists and vocalists from GSL's Lincoln Junior High School. This is a free concert.

Food shelf annual meeting

The annual meeting of the McLeod Emergency Food Shelf will be held Thursday, May 15, at 9:30 a.m., in the meeting room at the Church of St. Pius X in Glencoe. On the agenda are a 2013 business report on the food shelf, the election of four positions on the board of directors and a volunteer recognition ceremony. The meeting is open to the public.

CMMA breakfast meeting

Central Minnesota Manufacturers Association will hold a breakfast meeting Thursday, May 22, at River of Life Church in Cold Spring beginning at 7:30 a.m. John Matke, president and COO of Coldspring, will share LEAN principles that have contributed to the success of Coldspring, one of the world's largest producers of natural stone and bronze. The meeting includes a tour nearby Coldspring foundry around 9 a.m.

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meier said he heard comments that moving third-grade students back to Glencoe might influence open-enrollment families in the southern part of the county, such as New Auburn, to stay in the GSL school district.

"There's definitely some truth to that. I look at what we

offer at GSL, and I don't know why you wouldn't go here," Sonju said.

He said the building needs and other district goals will continue to be part of the discussion, and the next public community meeting about the strategic plan will be held sometime this summer.

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Submitted photos

Members of the Glencoe-Silver Lake FFA chapter recently attended the State FFA Convention. In the front, from left, are Samantha Dahlke, Sam Lange, Becca Green, Laura Becker, Hayley Bolland, Kirsten Barott, Kole Polzin, Josh Kuehn, Cortney Kressin and Maddie Kuehn. In the back

are Matthew Lindemann, Derek Posusta, Derek Orloff, Tommy Becker, Matthew Dahlke, Zach Pierson, Austin Smith, Ben Donnay, Blake Orloff, Will Mickolich, Emily Thalmann, Adam Thalmann, Kyle Wanous, Austin Bernstein and Jordan Doolittle.

GSL FFA chapter well represented at state; 5 earn State FFA Degrees

Over 3,500 FFA members from across Minnesota found themselves on the University of Minnesota-St. Paul campus for the 85th-annual Minnesota State FFA Convention April 27-29. Among them were 25 members from the Glencoe-Silver Lake FFA chapter, competing in everything from parliamentary procedure to dairy foods.

The convention kicked off with the Best Informed Greenhand team (Emily Thalmann, Hayley Bolland, Adam Thalmann, Blake Orloff and Josh Kuehn) placing 13th on Sunday afternoon.

Monday consisted of contests, workshops and general sessions. The Parliamentary Procedure team (Laura Becker, Kirsten Barott, Becca Green, Tommy Becker, Zach Pierson and Samantha Dahlke) placed sixth.

The Dairy Foods team placed seventh with Matthew Dahlke, Tommy Becker and Zach Pierson all receiving gold placings.

The Dairy Cattle Evaluation team (Kole Polzin, Ben Donnay and Austin Smith) placed 15th, with Smith and Donnay placing as gold individuals.

Derek Orloff, Derek Posusta, Blake Orloff and Adam Thalmann brought the crops team in at 18th.

In dairy handling, Samantha Dahlke was 16th and Sam Lange received 22nd place.

Finally, the Fish and Wildlife team placed 26th (Will Mickolich, Austin Bernstein, Becca Green and Cortney Kressin) with Green and Kressin receiving gold placings.

Apart from competing in state Career Development



Sam Lange, Tommy Becker, Samantha Dahlke, Zach Pierson and Matthew Dahlke all received State FFA Degrees at the state convention.

events, members participated as delegates at the general sessions, attended leadership workshops and listened to guest speakers, including general session four keynote, Gophers football coach Jerry Kill.

The Glencoe-Silver Lake FFA chapter was recognized for participating in the Land of Service award with almost 1,200 hours of community service in 2013. The chapter also was recognized for its ag literacy programs and contribution to the Minnesota FFA Foundation.

Three GSL FFA members were selected to participate in the Minnesota State FFA Chorus. Maddie Kuehn, Kole Polzin and Jordan Doolittle had the opportunity to perform in the general session with songs such as "Home" (Phillip Phillips) and "You Show the Lights Don't Stop Me" (Ellie Goulding), among others.

Matthew Lindemann and

Kyle Wanous served as GSL's delegates in the voting sessions.

Monday night brought a career highlight for five GSL FFA members as they received their Minnesota State FFA Degrees. Sam Lange, Samantha Dahlke, Zach Pierson, Matthew Dahlke and Tommy Becker were recognized with the receipt of their state degree charm and chain.

The State FFA Degree is given to the top members of a State FFA Association.

To receive a State FFA Degree, members must meet the following requirements: have been an active FFA member for at least two years (24 months) at the time of receiving the State FFA Degree; have completed at least two years (360 hours) of systematic school instruction in agricultural education at or above the ninth-grade level, which includes an SAE; have earned

and productively invested at least \$1,000, or have worked at least 300 hours outside of schedule class time through an SAE; demonstrated leadership ability by performing 10 parliamentary law procedures, giving a six-minute speech on a topic relating to agriculture or FFA; and serving as an FFA officer, committee chairperson, or committee member; have a satisfactory academic record, certified by the agriculture teacher and the school principal or superintendent; participated in the planning and implementation of the chapter's program of activities; participated in at least five different FFA activities above the chapter level; and complete at least 25 hours of community service in a minimum of two different activities.

"We commend our teams and individuals for their fine work," said Becky Haddad, GSL FFA chapter adviser.

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Spring: robins, flowers, baseball

I think spring is coming. After what seemed like the gloomiest set of days last week, these past few days have seen blue skies, warm winds, and that bright sunshine we've all been waiting for.

I feel like I've been stuck in a constant state of "November" — where everything is brown and dull. I don't remember it taking this long for Mother Earth to bloom, and I half expected Christmas to show up on Monday.

I even watched "Grumpy Old Men" this week, yearning for snow and that joyous Christmas holiday season.

What's wrong with me? Perhaps my internal Minnesotan clock is stuck between snowy and rainy, seeing as we've only been blessed with a handful of sunny, warm days since last fall.

As Midwesterners, we have the great privilege to enjoy four seasons (five if you include construction), and every year, I try to decide which is my favorite.

As much as I am an advocate for summer, I do love spring — hearing the first cheerful song of the birds, spotting the first robin, the scent of fresh-cut grass and, of course, the beginning of baseball season.

I'll admit, I don't follow any teams. I'm not that concerned with who triumphs in the World Series, and I don't care whether or not the Twins win or lose any of their games.

The Travel Section

By Alyssa Schauer



(This apathy might stem from their seeming inability to win.)

I don't even hate the Yankees, which is practically a sin for any baseball fan outside of New York.

Once in awhile, I'll joke about loving the Yankees with my diehard baseball friends just to see their most wide-eyed, disgusted facial expressions and hear, "Oh come on, you jerk!" followed by a list of reasons why the Yankee franchise is a horrible asset to Major League Baseball.

But it's everything else about the sport that draws me in — the perfect diamond of red crushed rock and bright green grass glowing under the stadium lights, the smell of steaming hot dogs wrapped in aluminum foil, covered in sauerkraut and ketchup, the sweet crunch of caramel cracker jack popcorn, the crisp, cold sip of a cheap beer, the camaraderie of fans in the seventh-inning stretch, as all stand up and belt out "Take me out to the ball game," and the neatly pressed, clean uniforms of the players as they jaunt out to the field, taking their positions.

In college, my roommates and I blocked out weekends every February when pitchers and catchers reported to spring training to watch "Field of Dreams," "Bull Durham" and "For Love of the Game."

I'll admit, we all had crushes on Kevin Costner (and still do), but they were perfect movies to prepare for the great baseball season.

In our senior year, we even planned our spring break trip to Fort Myers, Fla., to catch a couple of spring training games and hope for run-ins with Michael Cuddyer, Jason Kubel and Joe Mauer.

Unfortunately, I haven't been to a professional baseball game in a couple of years. I was devastated when the Twins moved from the Metrodome — that was the end of \$6 cheap seats and \$1 hot dogs.

But it's my goal to get to Target Field at least once this year. There's nothing quite like the crack of a wooden bat to let you know spring has arrived.

Maybe that's what my body needs to wake up from its winter slumber.



Silver Lake Leader photo by Alyssa Schauer

Auxiliary coloring contest winners

Above are winners of the third-grade and fourth-grade American Legion Auxiliary coloring contest. In the front are Sydney Harpel, second place, and Angelica Duvall, third place. In the back are fourth-grade

winners, from left to right, Abigale Boetel, first place, Tison Jay Werner, second place, and Madeline Manteuffel, third place.

Down Memory Lane

Compiled by Margaret Benz



75 YEARS AGO - MAY 13, 1939 — Dr. T.J. Trutna, health officer for the Village of Silver Lake, reminds citizens that they must have their premises cleaned up on or before Saturday, May 13.

The annual meeting of Silver Lake Public School District No. 38 will be held on Tuesday, May 16, at the school. Terms of F.J. Burich and A.J. Domagalski expire this year and both have filed for re-election. No other filings were made. Polls will be open from 7 o'clock to 8 o'clock.

The Rev. Rudolph Bandas has purchased the former Ruza property on Main Street.

The Silver Lake Fire Department made a quick run to the Fred Lueck farm on Thursday noon to extinguish a fire which broke out in the hay in the barn.

Mrs. Anna Mishka will sell her household goods and other articles at public auction at her home west of town on Tuesday afternoon, May 16. Mrs. Mishka will leave for Portland, Ore., this month.

Mrs. Michael Ruca, 67, mother of Joseph Kaminsky, passed away on Thursday, May 11, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. George Hagenmiller, in Cedar Mills. Funeral services will be held on Monday morning, May 15, at the St. Adalbert's Church.

Monday morning, May 1, at nine o'clock at the St. Adalbert's Church, Virginia Metkowski and Benjamin Matuska exchanged nuptial vows.

A son was born on April 28 to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Jilek.

50 YEARS AGO - MAY 7, 1964 — High winds on Sunday created a regular dust storm appearance over the land.

Spring Roundup will be held on Friday, May 8, at the Silver Lake Public School lunch room for parents who will have children starting school in the fall at the public and parochial schools in Silver Lake. Children must be 6 years old or 6 by Dec. 31, 1964.

Donald Chap, son of Mr. and Richard Chap of Silver Lake, has been honored with a junior engineer certificate of award from The Toy Tinkers division of A.G. Spalding & Bros., Inc., for

creating an original model of a telephone made from a Tinkertop Construction Set.

Maresh Furniture Store has GE electric ranges on sale for \$178.

Robert Stinson, 46, husband of Audrey (Halva) Stinson, died on Monday at their home in Minneapolis. Funeral services were held on Wednesday morning at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church in Minneapolis.

25 YEARS AGO - MAY 11, 1989 — The Silver Lake City Council approved McLeod County's proposal for Main Street, which would narrow the street from the present 55 feet to 48 feet. The first step in the work will begin this month when sewer lines are replaced from Thomas Avenue to Lake Street.

At the May 1 City Council meeting, a proposal to re-drill the city well behind the auditorium was rejected. Representatives from Hydro Engineering came before the Council to request the proposal. It would then pump the water necessary to test the pond site.

The Silver Lake Centennial Style Show "Memories 'N Melodies" was presented last Saturday and Sunday evening to a capacity crowd.

Tuesday, May 16, School District 425 voters will go to the polls to elect two directors for three-year terms. Terms of Dan Dostal and Harvey Mikolichek are ending. Six candidates, including Clemens Artman, Joe Chmielewski, Victoria Harris, Donald Koepp, Robert Paulson and incumbent Mikolichek have filed for the two positions. Polls will be open from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the public school gym.

Receiving awards for their years of service at Butler Manufacturing Co. were Gary Jerabek, Frank Kaczmarek, Larry Nowak and Les Forman, 15 years; and Rick Thomes, Doug Yurek, Gene Nordmann and Sandy Kottan, 10 years.

The 4 C's of the Presbyterian Church are holding a Mother-Daughter Luncheon on Saturday, May 13, at the church hall.

Blanche Oliva, 90, passed at her home in Silver Lake on Saturday, May 6. Funeral services were held on Tuesday, May 9, from the Czech Brethren Presbyterian Church.

Tracing Roots

By Ron Pulkrabek



The Urban village gets rediscovered

Editor's note: This is a continuation of the Pulkrabeks' 1993 visit to Czechoslovakia.

Eileen's great-grandfather, Frantisek Urban, was born in 1849 in the tiny 14-house village of Lhoty. His was house No. 13. He died here on his farm across the road from Bohemian Hall in 1910.

His son, also named Frantisek Urban, passed away at age 31 in 1919 from the deadly influenza epidemic. Over 20 million people in the world died. It just hit people at random: strong, weak, old and young.

Surviving were his wife Agnes (Anderle) and two young children, son Rudolph (Eileen's dad) and daughter Mary (Vorlicek). A few years later, Agnes married Louis Totusek. Their son was Danny Totusek.

We only had a small slip of paper from Father Bob Mraz (his mother was an Urban) giving us the name of the village and house number. After asking direction many times, driving through beautiful single-lane forest roads and uphill through a farm field road, we finally reached Lhoty.

A lady was standing in her yard. We asked if she knew where house No. 13 was. She replied, "This is house No. 13."

We asked if she knew any Urbans. She replied, "I am an Urban married to Petr (Peter) Vacek."

Eileen was ecstatic! She couldn't believe she found her fifth cousin, Marie, who she never knew existed! More hugs and happiness!

My sixth cousin, Jana, had to do much translating, although Petra, Marie's 21-year-old daughter, could speak English.

This is still known as the "Urban House" and only used as a weekend house for them. It was once a working farm, house/barn combination. Petr and his brother-in-law completely remodeled it, making it, in my estimation, a spotless showcase vacation home.

The entrance has glazed tile floors; all the walls were recently stuccoed and painted white. Many antiques were hung on the walls. The former pig sty was turned into a bathroom, and the former cow stable was the living room, complete with a fireplace. The attached hay barn was now the garage.

It was interesting to crawl up the old ladder and look at the 300-year-old beams and round pole rafters in the attic.

Their yard was immaculate with the lawn mowed a half inch high, (an old Urban tradi-

tion still carried on) with many neatly landscaped flowers, plants, bushes and flowers.

Their yard around the house was enclosed in a very neat four-foot high picket fence, built with local two-inch diameter sticks.

The back yard overlooked fields of grain, hay, forests, and another town in the valley. Occasionally a rooster crowed.

Although we came unannounced, they invited us in and immediately served us freshly baked cherry "buctha." It was delicious! Under a huge umbrella and picnic table we had more "buctha," coffee, bread (chleb) and homemade butter (maslo), made by a local farmer. His "family crest stamp" is embedded on the one-pound butter block. He drops the butter off weekly, and it is "settled up for" at the end of the year. We exchanged photos with Marie, Petr and Petra.

On this quiet, peaceful, sunny day, with Marie and Eileen's cousins, happily holding hands, we all strolled over their 20-acre hay field which they just recently received back from the communists after 40 years.

Small, round, hand-stacked piles of hay were set for drying. They get just a few dollars in rent each year.

On the edge of the field, hundreds of yards from the village, a mother duck and 10 little yellow ducklings waddled through the tall grass and patches of "bodlakie" (thistles); we all laughed at the one word we all understood.

During the week, the Vacek family lives in an apartment in the nearby town of Pardubice,

where Petr is an engineer at an electronics factory. Marie, age 51, is a teacher of nurses.

Daughter Petra is a college student, engaged to Roman Bok, who will soon become a medical doctor. Another daughter, Mirka, is married to a Vlcek.

After a couple of hours we said our final goodbyes and headed down the field road to the main highway, marveling at how lucky we were to find the wonderful Urban family.

In 1996 Roman Bok, Jirsi Jirak and Jan (John) Navratil, stayed at our house for over two weeks. They were on a motorcycle-buying trip. They bought about 20 used motorcycles and sent them back to the Czech Republic in a ship transport container. We never heard the results of the project and are afraid to ask.

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Obituaries

Eugene H. Wosmek, 70, of Hutchinson

Eugene Henry Wosmek, 70, of Hutchinson, died Wednesday, March 5, 2014, at Harmony River in Hutchinson.

A Memorial Mass of Christian Burial will be held Friday, May 16, at 10:30 a.m., at Holy Family Catholic Church in Silver Lake.

The Rev. Eugene T o n y Stubeda and the Rev. Patrick Okonko will be the celebrants.

A time of gathering will be held on Friday, May 16, one



Eugene Wosmek

hour prior to Mass.

Alice Nowak will be the organist for the Mass. Interment will be at Holy Family Cemetery. The urn bearer will be Jerome Sopkowiak.

Mr. Wosmek was born Dec. 13, 1943, in Glencoe, to Henry and Alice (Shimanski) Wosmek.

He lived in Fairbault, Willmar, Winsted and Dassel. He most recently resided at Aveyron Homes in Hutchinson.

Mr. Wosmek was very fond of horses, enjoyed cowboy movies, receiving mail and home cookies.

Survivors include a brother, Donald (Christy) Wosmek of Scottsdale, Ariz.; sisters, Phyl-

lis (husband Larry Ostendorf) Sopkowiak of Glencoe and Lorraine Quast of Winsted; aunt, Eunice Wosmek; uncle, Sam Shimanski; nieces, nephews, cousins and Shelia Quast, caregiver for many years. Also, caregivers and friends of Aveyron Homes in Hutchinson.

Preceding him in death were his parents, Henry and Alice Wosmek; and two brothers-in-law, Donald Sopkowiak and Raphael Quast.

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

Robert Jerome Vorlicek, 77, of Buffalo

Robert "Bob" Jerome Vorlicek, 77, of Buffalo, died Thursday, May 1, 2014.

Funeral services will be held Friday, May 9, at 11 a.m., at the Peterson Chapel in Buffalo.

Visitation will be today (Thursday) from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the funeral home, and one hour prior to service at the funeral home Friday. Interment will be at Ripley Cemetery, Litchfield.

He was born June 24, 1936, in Cokato in rural Stockholm Township, to Robert and Hannah (Isaacson) Vorlicek.

He graduated from Cokato High School in 1954.

On June 20, 1959, Robert J. Vorlicek and Darlene J. Lenz were joined in holy marriage at Stockholm Lutheran Church in rural Cokato. God blessed their marriage with a son, Allen.

Mr. Vorlicek was an avid fisherman and hunter; however, more than anything, he loved his family. He never missed a chance to spend time with his granddaughters and watch them in their activities.

He lived his dream of retiring at his home on Mille Lacs Lake. He enjoyed going to Arizona in the winter and met many friends there.

His warm heart touched

everyone and he was well liked by many. He is now reunited with his loving wife, Darlene.

Survivors include his son, Allen R. (Dianne) Vorlicek of St. Michael; grandchildren, Chelsea, Ashley and Madeline; brother, Clarence (Pat) Vorlicek of Cokato; sisters, Helen Miller of Bloomington and Esther Trautmann of Littleton, Colo.; other relatives and friends.

Preceding him in death were his parents; loving wife, Darlene; granddaughter, Natalie Vorlicek; and sister, JoAnn Oliva.



Silver Lake Leader photo by Alyssa Schauer

3rd-grade Panther Paws

At the all-school meeting at Lakeside Elementary Friday, April 25, the following third-grade students were awarded April Panther Paws certificates. In the front, from left to right are Genesis Saldana,

Angel Martinez, Mikayla Silva, Conor Durbin and Charles Zimbrick. In the back are Vicente Garza, Molly Breikreutz, Logan Chistensen, William Urban and Sydney Harpel.



Silver Lake Leader photo by Alyssa Schauer

4th-grade Panther Paws

Friday, April 25, at Lakeside Elementary, the fourth-grade April Panther Paw award winners were announced, including in the front, from left to right, Mariah Wendolek, Madison Anderson, Magdalena Villanue,

Ella Malz and Jorge Lorencez. In the back are Bobbi Finck, Morgan Neu, Denise Zarate Garcia, Myah Palacios and Tobey Noeldner.



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5th-grade Panther Paw students

Fifth-grade Panther Paw recipients for the month of April were, in the front, from left to right, Wyatt Brothers, Taylor Schmieg, Zachary Wanous and Austin Bakken. In

the back are Gabriella Trevino, Benjamin Michl, Brooklyn Ewald, Alyssa Jungk and Alayna Knowles. Missing was Brianna Duffy.



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May 16 is Poppy Day

Mayer Bruce Bebo proclaimed Friday, May 16, to be "Poppy Day" in Silver Lake as Sharon Bandas, right, poppy chairperson, looks on. Bandas said the Silver Lake American Legion Auxiliary Unit No. 141 will distribute poppies at various businesses on May 16. Collected donations are used for veterans or active-duty military. Past donations have purchased equipment for veterans'

care centers. Poppies are available and donations also are accepted at the Silver Lake Legion Club, where a donor's name is posted on a poster with their donation. Poppy Day serves as a reminder of the sacrifices our military makes for our freedom. The public is urged to wear a poppy to honor veterans through Memorial Day, Monday, May 26, Bandas said.

Church News

GRACE BIBLE CHURCH

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Sat., May 10 — Men's Bible study, 7 a.m.; women's Bible study, 9 a.m.

Sun., May 11 — "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.; morning worship service, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday school for all ages, 10:35 a.m.

Mon., May 12 — Church board meeting, 7 p.m.

Wed., May 14 — Confirmation class, 6 p.m.; prayer time, 7 p.m.

Sat., May 17 — Men's Bible study, 7 a.m.

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Sun., May 11 — Worship with fellowship to follow, 10 a.m.

Mon., May 12 — Session meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Wed., May 14 — WOW golf party, 5:30 p.m.; choir practice, 7 p.m.

Thurs., May 15 — Presbyterian Women Bible study, 2 p.m.

Sun., May 18 — Polka service, 10 a.m., with campers picnic to follow.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY

700 W. Main St., Silver Lake

Anthony Stubeda, Pastor

Thurs., May 8 — Mass at Cedar Crest, 10:30 a.m.; area worship, 7 p.m.

Fri., May 9 — Mass, 8 a.m.

Sat., May 10 — Reconciliation, 5:30 p.m.; Mass, 6:30 p.m.; CCW selling Mothers Day flowers.

Sun., May 11 — World Day of Prayer for Vocations; Mass, 8 a.m.; CCW selling Mothers Day flowers; Mass, 8 p.m.

Mon., May 12 — No Mass; Lori Penas at Spring Fling in Olivia, 11:30-4 p.m.

Tues., May 13 — Mass, 8 a.m.; eucharistic adoration, 8:30 a.m.-10 p.m.

Wed., May 14 — Committee on parishes, Olivia, noon; Mass, 5 p.m.

Thurs., May 15 — Mass at Cedar Crest, 10:30 a.m.; meet and greet at The Pines in Hutchinson, 11:30 a.m.

Fri., May 16 — Mass, 8 a.m.

Sat., May 17 — Rosary Society meeting, 9 a.m.; server training, 10 a.m.; religious education registration before and after Mass; reconciliation, 5:30 p.m.; Mass, 6:30 p.m.

ST. PIUS X CHURCH

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Anthony Stubeda, Pastor

Thurs., May 8 — GRHS LTC Mass, 10:30 a.m.; junior choir, 2:50 p.m.; server training, 3:30 p.m.; Area Worship committee, 7 p.m.; CCW meeting, 7 p.m.

Fri., May 9 — Morning prayer, 8 a.m.; school Mass, 8:20 a.m.; Spanish Mass, 5:30 p.m.

Sat., May 10 — Reconciliation in Spanish for first communion, 8 a.m.; Spanish first communion rehearsal, 9 a.m.; mothers group rosary, 9 a.m.; mothers group meeting, 9:30 a.m.; CCW pro-life Mothers Day flower sale; recon-

ciliation, 4 p.m.; Mass, 5 p.m.

Sun., May 11 — Mothers Day; CCW pro-life Mothers Day flower sale; Mass, 9:30 a.m.; Spanish first communion Mass, 11:30 a.m.; Mass at Holy Family, Silver Lake, 8 p.m.

Mon., May 12 — No Mass; St. Francis Mission Club, 1:30 p.m.; Schoenstatt girls' group, 3 p.m.

Tues., May 13 — Morning prayer, 7 a.m.; Mass, 7:20 a.m.; parish administrative council, 8 p.m.

Wed., May 14 — School two-hour early release; evening prayer, 5:40 p.m.; Mass, 6 p.m.; fall festi-

val committee, 6 p.m.; senior religious education session, 7 p.m.

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Tues., May 12 — Trustees meeting.

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GSL Panther Spring Sports

BASEBALL

April

01.....at Lester Prairie ..Postponed
11.....at Mound Wika.....W,11-1
15.....NLS.....W,6-1
21.....at Hutchinson.....L,3-2
22.....Orono.....W,2-1
25.....at Annandale.....W,11-7
29.....Holy Family.....Postponed

May

02.....Dassel-Cokato.....W,2-0
05.....at Dassel-Cokato.....L,10-1
06.....at NLS.....W,12-3
08.....Litchfield.....4:30
09.....at Waconia.....4:30
13.....Delano.....4:30
15.....Annandale.....4:30
16.....at NYA.....5:00
17.....at Mpls Edison Invite.....11:00
19.....Burnsville.....7:00

SOFTBALL

April

04.....NYA.....Canceled
10.....Lester Prairie.....W,9-3
11.....Mound Wika.....W,11-1
15.....at NLS.....W,11-1
21.....Hutchinson.....L,13-9
22.....at Orono.....L,11-0
25.....Annandale.....W,7-3
29.....at Holy Family.....Postponed

May

02.....at Dassel-Cokato.....W,9-3
06.....NLS.....5:00
08.....at Litchfield.....4:30
09.....Waconia.....4:30
12.....at Delano.....4:30
13.....at Annandale.....4:30
16.....Belle Plaine.....5:00

BOYS' GOLF

April

07.....at NYA.....Canceled
21.....GSL Invite.....3rd
22.....at Litchfield.....6th
24.....at New Ulm.....6th
29.....GSL.....Postponed

May

01.....at NLS.....Postponed
02.....at Hutchinson.....6th
05.....at Annandale.....13th
06.....at Dassel-Cokato.....5th
08.....at Becker.....2:00
09.....at NLS.....10:00
15.....at Annandale.....3:30
19.....at Buffalo Lake.....Noon
21.....at Dassel-Cokato.....Noon

GIRLS' GOLF

April

07.....at NYA.....Canceled
15.....at Annandale.....4th
21.....GSL Invite.....1st
22.....at Dassel-Cokato.....2rd
24.....at New Ulm.....4th
28.....at Annandale.....Postponed

May

01.....GSL.....(2nd front 9) (4th back 9)
06.....at Litchfield.....3:30
08.....at Becker.....2:00
15.....at NLS.....3:30
19.....at Dassel-Cokato.....Noon

TRACK AND FIELD

April

08.....at Mankato West.....(Boys 3rd) (Girls 4th)
10.....at Willmar.....(Boys 6th) (Girls 5th)
14.....at Holy Family.....Canceled
21.....at Shakopee.....(Boys 7th) (Girls 10th)
22.....at Dassel-Cokato.....(Boys 3rd) (Girls 2nd)
28.....GSL conf. meet ..Postponed
29.....GSL invite.....Postponed

May

01.....at Waconia.....Canceled
05.....at Mound Wika.....Postponed
06.....at Litchfield.....(Boys 5th) (Girls 7th)
13.....at Annandale conf.....1:30
16.....at Stillwater.....TBD
17.....at Stillwater.....TBD
22.....GSL subsection.....4:00

TRAP TEAM

All competitions take place at Winthrop Game Protective League except championship and state tourney events

April

14.....Reserve Scoring.....
21.....First Competition.....6th

May

05.....Second Competition.....5th
12.....Third Competition.....5:00
19.....Fourth Competition.....5:00
26.....Fifth Competition.....5:00

June

02.....Sixth Competition.....5:00
06.....Championship meet.....TBD
07.....Championship meet.....TBD
08.....Championship meet.....TBD
14.....State tournament.....TBD

Wilson set to return to classroom in fall

By Josh Randt
Sports Editor

After several years as athletic director at Glencoe-Silver Lake, Kay Wilson will be returning to her position as the choir director, where she had been before taking over as AD.

“My passion is teaching and music,” Wilson explained, “and I wasn’t getting to pursue those two passions. It’s been a crazy, fun, eventful and challenging seven years, but I’m looking forward to getting back to the classroom.”

Wilson will replace Randi Erlandson, who will take another position not at GSL. The news came April 11, when Erlandson gave her resignation, Wilson said.

When she first took over the AD position from Kathy Olson in 2007, Wilson said it was supposed to be more of a part-time position, but after three years it turned to full-time.

“Chris (Sonju) and I sat down, and I said ‘It’s a huge job!’” Wilson recalled. “I did it for three years with very little extra support. It’s a lot, especially if you want to grow the programs.” And growing the programs was one of Wilson’s main goals, she said.

“I wanted to make all activities feel like they were important, and add more things for kids who didn’t have what they wanted to do,” said Wilson. “We’ve brought in trapshooting, robotics – once Sunny (Mike Sundblad) got here we brought in super mileage – and we’ve got mock trial back and going again... We’ve got new soccer fields going in. These are important things. And the kids feel like they’re just as important as any other team.”

Wilson said her favorite part about the job was the constant



Kay Wilson

problem solving and challenges she faced while trying to piece together things for multiple different schedules like: locations, transportation, field and audio equipment, supplying concessions and workers.

“If buses, or officials don’t show up to the right place, I’m the one that gets the call,” Wilson said. “You’re crossing every ‘t’ and dotting every ‘i.’ The emails and phone calls start from the crack of dawn, and they go all night. It’s not a complaint, but a reality of this job.”

But ultimately, the exhaustive schedule, and the feeling of never being finished became too much, she said.

In her years as AD, Wilson said she got to know and work with many different people, none more understanding than her fellow ADs. And while she’ll miss interacting with them on a regular basis, she said she’s missed interacting with kids on a regular basis since she left the classroom.

She wanted to thank the administration for allowing her to take over as choir director once again, when it may not benefit the school financially.

“I really appreciate the administration letting me step back into the position,” Wilson said. “They could find a cheaper choir director, so I’m very thankful.”

Trap team is 5th in Conference 4

By Josh Randt
Sports Editor

In just two weeks of competition, the Glencoe-Silver Lake trapshooting team sits in the middle of Conference 4 (Class AAA) with 9,255.5 team points. But the team moved up one position from week one.

Currently the larger schools sit in the top stops. St. Francis holds first with 11,788, while Eden Prairie has 11,662. Monticello sits in third with 11,523.5, and Anoka rounds out the top four with 10,015.

Austin Bernstein shot 47 out of 50 clays for the team’s best performance in week 2. Derek

Orloff and Nick Tabbert trailed closely behind with 44.

Keith Collins shot fourth best with 42 hit, while Michael Donnan and Alex Ide tied for fifth with 41.

GSL found itself in the bottom of the conference after its 4,635.5 point performance in week one.

Collins was first on the team, hitting 44 clays, while Orloff began his reign as No. 2 with a 43.

Matthew Dahlke and Austin Bernstein tied for third with 42, while Donnan claimed fifth outright with 40.

GSL beats DC 9-3

By Josh Randt
Sports Editor

Notching another big win over a division opponent, the Panther softball team improved to 5-2 overall with a 9-3 defeat of the Dassel-Cokato Chargers on Friday.

The win keeps the Panthers in first place in the Wright County Conference with a 5-2 overall record.

Glencoe-Silver Lake was eager and ready at the plate, despite facing one of the better pitchers in the conference, DC’s Sarah Kivisto.

Moriah Maunu made her seventh start, and earned her fifth win of the season while only giving up five hits and three runs while walking five and striking out four.

Also impressive was the fact that Rachel Rusten and Piper Davis were missing from the lineup for attending BPA. Piper Davis has been a solid cleanup hitter for GSL, while Rusten has had an abundance of success leading off. Posting a win with those two absent, “made us a little better team,” Head Coach Steve Davis said.

Layne Herrmann filled in for Rusten in the outfield, but batted

seventh. In her first start of the season, she went 3-4 with four RBIs.

The Panthers were only up 3-1 when Kivisto was pulled. She had walked six, while giving up three hits, two of which belonged to Steph Klockmann.

GSL was held scoreless in the fourth, but racked up four runs in the fifth.

Becca Green reached second after singling and a sacrifice bunt from Maunu. Erika Ribar walked before Herrmann slapped a single to clear the bases. And Ellie Lepel reached on an error by the first baseman, and eventually scored on Maddy Kalenberg’s single after Amanda Meyer struck out. The Panthers had a 9-3 advantage when the inning finally ended.

The Chargers manufactured a couple runs in the sixth, but GSL scored a run in both the sixth and seventh to close DC out 9-3.

GSL has a stiff schedule ahead, as it hosted New London-Spicer yesterday (Tuesday), and travels to Litchfield for a double-header on Thursday. The Panthers then host Waconia on Friday, before playing Hutchinson and DC at Hutch on Saturday.



Silver Lake Leader photo by Josh Randt

Head Coach Dean Schwartz (center) has a discussion with his baserunners after the Panthers took a 1-0 lead over Dassel-Cokato in the sixth at Glencoe on Friday. GSL won 2-0, but went on to lose 10-1 Monday at DC. Schwartz said it will be interesting to see which team emerges after splitting the two games.

Which team will show up?

Panthers win 2-0 Friday, then lose 10-1 Monday versus DC

By Josh Randt
Sports Editor

It was a strange case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde for the Panther baseball team recently, as it split games with Dassel-Cokato.

At home Friday, Glencoe-Silver Lake squeaked by with a 2-0 victory. But just three days later, the Chargers walloped the Panthers 10-1 in Cokato on Monday.

Despite the slip up, GSL still sits in first place of the West Division in the Wright County Conference.

GSL’s biggest problem Monday was not taking advantage of opportunities when they were present, Head Coach Dean Schwartz said.

“We had a ton of opportunities early. But when we had them, we never got the big hits when we needed them to open up the game in our favor,” Schwartz said. “We didn’t stay away from (giving DC) a big inning today, and it hurt. They crushed us.”

It also didn’t help when Panther pitchers fell behind in the count, allowing the Chargers to be more selective hitters.

“Our pitchers didn’t get ahead early enough in the

count. We were constantly pitching down 2-1,” Schwartz said. “(We) came down the middle and they hit the ball hard. It was their day today.”

Seeing two different teams, Schwartz is curious to see which team emerges during a full schedule this week.

“How do we respond in the next game?” Schwartz questioned emphatically. “It’s easy to come back after a win. But when you get spanked around like that, it’s interesting to see who’s going to show up.”

The Panthers had just tied it at 1-1 in the top of the fourth when Cole Petersen came around. He singled to lead off the inning, and advanced on an error and a groundout before VonBerge plated him with a single up the middle.

But the Chargers paraded through their lineup in fourth, scoring seven to go up 8-1.

Grack got Isak Haataja to fly out to lead off, but walked Luke Nelson before Davis Raisanen singled.

Ethan Niemela sent Grack’s fourth pitch to right field, before Dalton Asplin and Joel Carlson drew walks.

Nelson and Raisanen had already come around to score

when Zach Martin singled, scoring Niemela and Asplin. Martin was eventually tagged for the second out, but Trent Thinesen and Tom Halonen each followed with an RBI single, as well as Haataja in his second at-bat of the inning.

Josh Schmitt came in after Thinesen’s single, but gave up a pair of his own before getting Nelson to groundout at first to end the inning.

Only Nolan Lepel made it past first base for the remainder of the game for GSL, reaching on an error and advancing on Cole Petersen’s walk.

The Panthers left nine men on base total, as they were out-hit 13 to eight.

GSL went through three pitchers, and walked six batters, while DC’s Halonen went the distance and walked only two.

Grack received the loss, while pitching 3.67 innings. He gave up eight hits, and seven earned runs.

GSL played at New London-Spicer Tuesday, and host Litchfield on Thursday before traveling to Waconia on Friday.

Mixed results for GSL golfers

By Josh Randt
Sports Editor

It was a better week of competition for girls’ golf than boys’, as the Panther girls played well at their home course on Thursday but moved one spot back in team rankings.

That was the girls’ only competition, while the boys played at Hutchinson on Friday, taking seventh out of nine teams with a score of 390. They played again Monday at Annandale for the 16th annual Daryl Gunnarson Memorial Invitational, and placed 13th out of 15 teams.

Both squads have a busy schedule as the season gets in full swing this week.

The boys were at Albion Ridges in Annandale Tuesday, while the girls traveled to Litchfield. Both visit Becker on Thursday for a preview of section play, and then travel to Spicer on Friday. GSL’s boys have a home meet Monday, while the girls are back at Spicer.

Girls

GSL claimed second on the front nine with a score of 200, but stumbled back two spots with a 215 on the back.

Overall, the Panthers sit in third place in the Wright County Conference, just four points behind Annandale. Litchfield has a firm hold of first.

Lexi Kerslake is currently ranked eighth in the conference, 17 strokes back from Litchfield’s Kennedy Sommerfeld.

The girls did manage to turn



Silver Lake Leader photo by Josh Randt

Trevor Posusta tried to steer his ball by leaning Friday afternoon in Hutchinson. Posusta shot a 98 while GSL took sixth out of nine teams with a team score of 390.

in their best 9-hole performance of the season with the 200 they shot on the front.

Ashlyn Ratike led the girls in that span, finishing in just 46 strokes, good enough to tie for third.

Kerslake shot a 49 while golfing No. 1, and Claire Wrapsir finished with 51 at No. 3.

Lizzy Gran, Allison Eischens and Jenna Lokensgard shot 54, 55, and 56 in spots No. 4, 5 and 6.

But on the back nine, the Panthers turned in a 215, and fell back to fourth.

Kerslake’s 50 was the team’s best, while Eischens was the only other one to stay in the low 50s with a 53.

Ratike and Wrapsir both shot 56s, while Gran finished with 57 and Lokensgard with 64.

Boys

No Panthers medaled at Friday’s meet, but Lou Iacona shot a team best 89, six strokes better than Patrick Fehrenbach’s 95 while golfing No. 3.

Koenen had a few different faces on the course Friday, with Trevor Posusta, Jayden Lachermeier and Christian Higgins getting some varsity time.

Posusta shot a 98 at No. 4, while Lachermeier finished with 115, and Higgins a 108.

At No. 2 Dylan Schuth also shot a 115.

Fehrenbach finished Monday’s meet with GSL’s best score. Finishing in 89 strokes, good enough to tie for 30th.

Eric Steffel returned to the course Monday, and shot a 102, while Schuth and Lachermeier both finished with 104.

Posusta was one stroke down at 105, and Tate Lilienthal produced a 109 in his return as well.





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KC families of the month

At the annual Silver Lake Knights of Columbus banquet Friday night, families of the month were recognized. In the front, from left to right, are Sharon Bandas, Judy Penas, Carol Miskovsky, Joanne Victorian, Bernadett Pokornowski and Ann Juncewski. In the back are Gerald Kucera, Ray Bandas, Ron Penas, LeRoy Penas, Don

Miskovsky, Tony Victorian, Francis Pokornowski, Clarence Juncewski and Master of Ceremonies Bob Penas. Missing were Luann Kucera, Joe and Michele Ebert, Jean Penas, Larry and Janice Lhotka, and John and Rosie Shimanski. LeRoy and Judy Penas were named "Family of the Year."



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KC knights of the month

The Silver Lake Knights of Columbus held its annual banquet Friday night at the Silver Lake American Legion. During the event, knights of the month were recognized, including, from left to right, Bob Penas, Dan Giebtrock, Ray Fiala, Perry

Vacek, Douglas Wosmek and State Deputy Joe Konrardy. Missing were Darrell Kaczmarek, Bernie Koktan Jr., Ralph Guenigsmann, Joe Ebert, Ron Posusta and Dave Humlicek. Kaczmarek was also named grand knight.



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6th-grade science fair

On Saturday, April 26, eight sixth-grade students from Lakeside Elementary participated in the Southern Regional Science and Engineering Fair in Mankato, including, from left to right, Mason Husted, Mackenzie Kantack, Brittney Richter and Katie Nowak. In the back are Carl Horrmann, Katilynn Herout, Grace Garoutte and Abby Gronlund. Four students received first place, including Garoutte, Husted, Kantack and Richter. Richter earned the grand bronze medal for outstanding project; Kantack earned grand silver medal and Garoutte (right) earned grand gold medal. Garoutte also received the Broadcom MASTERS (Math, Applied Science, Technology and Engineering as Rising Stars) award. The MASTERS program is an international science and engineering competition open to sixth, seventh and eighth graders around the world.



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6th-grade April Panther Paws

April Panther Paw certificates were awarded during the all-school meeting at Lakeside Elementary Friday morning, April 25. Sixth-grade recipients include, in the front, from left to right, Riley Ruzicka,

Sawyer Varpness, Holly Bandemer, Mackenzie Kantack and Makayla Ronngren. In the back are Claire Witte, Montana Sanchez, Megan Siewert, Rose Nussbaum and Juliana Henderson.

Weather Corner

By Jake Yurek



We've definitely turned the right corner on the seasonal weather map. After the deluge of last week and a cool few days, the weekend slowly improved and now things are perking up even more.

First we need to get through the middle part of the week. A slow-moving storm system will pass to our south around the middle portion of the week, ushering in moisture and an increase in temperatures. There will be multiple chances of rain and thunder from Tuesday night through late Thursday and very early Friday.

This time period won't be a complete washout, but you'll have to look at more up-to-date forecasts for exact timing of showers or storms.

I say storms because we have our first real chance of spring severe weather Wednesday evening and again Thursday evening. It's hard to tell how well-organized these storms might be as I sit here and write this Monday, but all the necessary ingredients are there for a few severe storms from Minnesota all the way down to the Gulf of Mexico, basically.

Once the storm moves by, the weekend is looking pretty nice with highs in the 60s to maybe even 70 Sunday if we get enough sun.

There are a couple weak chances of scattered showers over the weekend, but they'll be fairly spotty so it definitely won't be a plan canceler ... I hope! If we can dodge the severe stuff, it should be a fairly nice spring week, finally. Happy May!

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Thursday — Highs 64-71; lows 43-49; rain/evening thunder (severe possible).

Friday — Highs 56-62; lows 40-46; partly cloudy/morning shower possible.

Saturday — Highs 60-66; lows 43-49; mostly clear/widely scattered showers.

Sunday — Highs 62-70; partly cloudy.

Weather Quiz: How is the drought monitor looking for the upper Midwest after all of our recent rain?

Answer to last week's question: **What is meant by a low-pressure area being "cut off?"** A "cut-off" area of low pressure in short means it's operating outside the normal flow of weather systems and the jet stream. In rare instances, a low-pressure area will separate itself from the jet stream, which allows it to pretty much sit and spin over one place for an extended amount of time. This is what we were dealing with last week. They tend to linger for a few days, and then they weaken enough to allow the flow to take it back in.

Remember: I make the forecast, not the weather!

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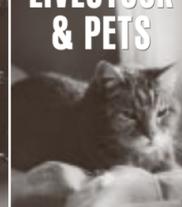
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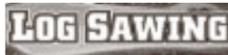
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Mother's Day crafting

On Tuesday afternoon, preschool students at Faith Presbyterian Preschool in Silver Lake were working on painting pots made from cloths for gifts for Mother's Day. The students planted marigold seeds for the pots, which are now in bloom. Above is Ashlynn Imdieke and to the right is Miranda Nowak. The students also planted beans after learning about "Jack and the Beanstalk."



Stifter named to Academic All-District 6 team at NDSU

North Dakota State designated player Jackie Stifter has been selected to the Capital One Academic All-District 6 Softball first-team that was announced May 1.

The all-district teams are voted on by members of the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA). Stifter advances to the Capital One Academic All-America® team ballot.

To be nominated, student-athletes must have at least a 3.30 cumulative grade-point average, have sophomore athletic and academic standing, have completed one academic year at their institution, and be a starter or key reserve for their team.

Stifter, daughter of Keith and Nina Stifter of Winsted and a graduate of Glencoe-Silver Lake High School, maintains a 3.86 grade-point average, and is majoring in social science education and public history.

She was a 2013 National Fastpitch Coaches Association (NFCA) All-America Scholar Athlete, recognized as a Summit League Distinguished Scholar and on the Summit League Winter-Spring Honor Roll.

Stifter is currently hitting



GSL graduate Jackie Stifter has been named academic all-district as well as being a top hitter for the North Dakota State University softball team.

.370 with eight doubles, one home run and 18 RBI. Ten of Stifter's 30 career hits have been for extra bases (nine doubles, one home run).

In the current Summit League statistics (based on league games only), she is 10th in batting average (.353) and on-base percentage (.450).

North Dakota State (27-15, 10-3 Summit League) was

scheduled to close out the regular season May 2-3 with a three-game Summit series at South Dakota (28-17, 9-5 SL). The Bison are in first place in the league standings, while USD is third.

NDSU is scheduled to host the Summit League Softball Championship tournament May 7-10 at the Ellig Sports Complex.

Kitchen Delights & Other Things



Cherry Cobbler Bars

Ingredients:

1 cup butter, softened
1-3/4 cups sugar
4 eggs
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
3 cups all-purpose flour
1-1/2 teaspoons baking powder
1/4 teaspoon salt
1 can (21 ounces) cherry pie filling

Icing:

1/2 cup confectioners' sugar
1 tablespoon milk
1/8 teaspoon vanilla extract

Directions:

In a large bowl, cream butter and sugar. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Stir in vanilla. Combine the flour, baking powder and salt; add to creamed mixture. Spread 3 cups of batter into an ungreased 15x10x1-inch baking pan. Spread pie filling over batter. Drop remaining batter by teaspoonfuls over top. Bake at 350° for 30 to 35 minutes or until a toothpick inserted near the center comes out clean. Cool on a wire rack. Combine the confectioners' sugar, milk and vanilla; stir until smooth. Drizzle over bars.

Philly Steak Potatoes

Ingredients:

4 large baking potatoes
1-1/2 cups frozen pepper strips
1 cup chopped onion

1/4 cup butter, cubed
1 pound sliced deli roast beef, cut into strips
1 cup shredded Colby Jack cheese
1/4 cup mayonnaise
3/4 teaspoon prepared horseradish

Directions:

Scrub and pierce potatoes; place on a microwave-safe plate. Microwave, uncovered, on high for 15 to 17 minutes or until tender, turning once. Meanwhile, in a large skillet, cook peppers and onion in butter over medium heat until tender. Stir in roast beef; heat through. Cut an "X" in the top of each potato; fluff pulp with a fork. Spoon meat mixture into potatoes; sprinkle with cheese. Combine mayonnaise and horseradish; spoon over tops.

Zesty Soft Chicken Tacos

Ingredients:

1 cup reduced-fat sour cream
2 tablespoons Sriracha Asian hot chili sauce
2 tablespoons lime juice
1-1/2 teaspoons grated lime peel
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/8 teaspoon pepper
6 naan flatbreads, warmed
1 rotisserie chicken, skin removed, shredded
Minced fresh cilantro, optional

Directions:

In a small bowl, mix the first six ingredients. Spread over flatbreads; top with chicken and, if desired, cilantro.

Menus

May 12-16

Silver Lake

Senior Nutrition Site

Monday — Beef tips with gravy, mashed potatoes, corn, bread, margarine, peaches, low-fat milk.
Tuesday — Barbecued pork, potato salad, cauliflower, bun, margarine, fruit crisp, low-fat milk.
Wednesday — Country steak, whole potatoes, creamed carrots, bread, margarine, pudding, low-fat milk.
Thursday — Roast turkey, mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans, cranberry sauce garnish, strawberries, low-fat milk.
Friday — Chicken breast sandwich, pea and cheese salad, fresh fruit, bun, margarine, bar, low-fat milk.

Helen Baker Lunch

Monday — Hamburger on a whole-grain bun, baked beans, baby carrots with dressing, apple wedges, pineapple tidbits.
Tuesday — Hot ham and cheese on a whole-grain bun, tater tots, cucumber slices with dressing, banana, chilled applesauce.
Wednesday — Cheesy Italian dunkers, seasoned green beans, marinated cucumbers and tomatoes, grapes, chilled peaches.

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Thursday — Turkey corn dog, french fries, baby carrots with dressing, orange wedges, chilled pears.

Friday — Tony's cheese pizza, seasoned corn, caesar romaine side salad with dressing, apple wedges, chilled mixed fruit.

Lakeside Lunch

Monday — Hamburger on a whole-grain bun, ham and cheese on a whole-grain bun, baked beans, baby carrots with dressing, apple wedges, pineapple tidbits.
Tuesday — Hot ham and cheese on a whole-grain bun, chef salad with cheese, egg and croustons, bread stick, tater tots, cucumber slices with dressing, banana, chilled applesauce.
Wednesday — Cheesy Italian dunkers, fun lunch with yogurt, American cheese and crackers, seasoned green beans, marinated cucumbers and tomatoes, grapes, chilled peaches.

Thursday — Turkey corn dog, chef salad with cheese, egg and croustons, bread stick, french fries, baby carrots with dressing, orange wedges, chilled pears.
Friday — Tony's cheese pizza,

turkey and cheese on whole-grain bread, seasoned corn, caesar romaine side salad with dressing, apple wedges, chilled mixed fruit.

Junior, Senior High Lunch

Monday — Mexican bar with beef or chicken nachos or tacos, brown rice, refried beans, corn, black bean and salsa salad, baby carrots with dressing, petite banana, pineapple tidbits.
Tuesday — Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes with dressing, dinner roll, seasoned corn, confetti coleslaw, red-pepper strips with dressing, apple, chilled applesauce.

Wednesday — Turkey corn dog, seasoned carrots, seasoned potato wedges, broccoli salad with raisins, jicama sticks with dressing, kiwi wedges, chilled peaches.
Thursday — Tater tot hot dish, dinner roll, seasoned peas, apple crisp, chickpea salad, cucumber slices with dressing, orange wedges, chilled pears.
Friday — Pasta bar with chicken alfredo or Italian pasta with meat sauce, bread stick, seasoned green beans, caesar romaine salad, baby carrots with dressing, apple, chilled mixed fruit.



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