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H-BC Foundation hosts celebration

By Glenda McGaffee

The newly formed H-BC Education Foundation sponsored an inaugural “Friends and Fundraising” event Tuesday, Dec. 29, at H-BC High School.

The event served a dual purpose of celebrating the 50th anniversary of the consolidation of Hills and Beaver Creek school districts and the 25th anniversary of the H-BC football team winning the state championship.

The Hills-Beaver Creek Public School Education Foundation was established to “enhance the education experiences and opportunities for the students of Independent School District 671 and facilitate greater student access to scholarships for furthering their education,” according to its mission statement.

More information about the Foundation can be found on the Hills-Beaver Creek School website—www.hbc patriots.com. Current directors are Ann Boeve, Dean H. Goettsch, Marilyn Nelson and Tim Plimpton.

Following the meal Dn LaRock was host of the program in the gym.

The first H-BC Patriot athletic teams in football, boys’ basketball, wrestling and track were recognized.

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Glenda McGaffee photo/0107 winter wonderland Jacobson Park

WINTER WONDERLAND

Overnight fog Sunday night resulting in frosted trees made a picturesque scene at Jacobson Park in Hills Monday, Jan. 4.

VSO reaches out to the county’s young veterans

By Mavis Fodness

Rock County Veterans Service Officer Dave Haugom kiddingly told commissioners at their meeting Dec. 22 his future outreach efforts might include video games.

“To reach the younger generation, I may have to become a character in a video game or start texting,” Haugom said.

Appearing in a video game is not realistic but texting could become a future communication tool for the VSO.

Earlier this year commissioners approved the purchase

of a public warning system through Nixle LLC. The system provides real-time communication through text, email, voice messaging and social media.

Currently the Rock County Sheriff’s Office uses the system to send out weather alerts and notifications of road closures due to flooding.

Haugom currently uses emails to keep in contact with veterans, but he told commissioners he wished he could use text blasts, something that could be completed on the Nixle system.

The system could possibly send messages to local veterans keeping them informed and to reach younger veterans in need of services.

Haugom explained two service gaps have developed. World War II veterans have been part of the system for decades, but it has only been recently that other veterans have stepped forward.

“A lot of Vietnam veterans have come forward now—right at retirement time—for the first time in their lives to ask about benefits,” Haugom said. “Then

there is a big gap between Vietnam vets and the Iraqi and Afghanistan vets.”

There are currently 696 veterans living in Rock County, with 301 (or 43 percent) using their benefits. Of that amount almost 50 percent are veterans 65 or older.

Haugom wants to reach the other 50 percent who are eligible for benefits but have not yet signed up in Rock County or unaware they are eligible for veterans’ benefits.

“They don’t have to have served in combat to be consid-

ered a veteran,” Haugom said. “They just have had to serve on active duty.”

Connecting with young veterans continues to be a struggle for Haugom. He said he has tried hosting an event at the Palace Theatre and manning a booth at the county fair and at the brewery, the latter of which was the most successful in reaching veterans.

For young veterans coming into his office at the Rock County Courthouse, most were brought there through word of mouth, Haugom said.

weather
REPORT



DECEMBER 27 - JANUARY 2 WEATHER

High temperature for the week:	34	Snow amount for the week:	12 in
Low temperature for the week:	-1	Snow total for December:	23 in
Average temperature for the week:	17		

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obituary

Maurice Fitzer

Maurice Fitzer, 89, Luverne, died Monday, Jan. 4, 2016, at the Good Samaritan Society – Mary Jane Brown Home in Luverne.



A funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 7, at the First Presbyterian Church in Luverne. Burial will be at Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne. Visitation is from 4–6 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 6, at the Hartquist Funeral Home in Luverne.

Maurice Roger Fitzer was born Oct. 10, 1926, to Benjamin and Anna (Husen) Fitzer on the family farm in Luverne Township of Rock County. The family farm became a Century Farm in 2003. Maurice attended District 13 country school through the eighth grade. He continued his education in Luverne and graduated from Luverne High School in 1944.

On April 9, 1948, Maurice married Helen Stein at the First Presbyterian Church in Luverne. The couple made their home on the Fitzer land where they raised their family and continued the farming operation. In 1983 Maurice retired from farming and the couple moved into town. Even after retirement, he enjoyed heading out to the farm and helping his son. Maurice and Helen later moved to an apartment before moving to Poplar Creek Assisted Living.

Maurice was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Luverne for 57 years and served

as an elder and a deacon. He served his community as past director of the Beaver Creek Elevator, Beaver Creek Mutual Insurance, and the Rock County Co-op Oil Company. He was a member of the Lions Club, the Agricultural Soil and Conservation Committee and the Luverne Township Board. He was also a dedicated member of the Rock County Historical Society and was integral in preserving the agricultural history of Rock County. Maurice was a good steward of the land. He was passionate about farming and gardening. Maurice enjoyed fishing and spending time at the family cabin in Lake Benton. He especially loved being with his grandchildren.

Maurice is survived by his wife, Helen; two sons, Gregg (Laurie) Fitzer, Inver Grove Heights, and Geff (Jackie) Fitzer, Luverne; eight grandchildren, Gina (Kris) Jacobsen, Katie (Dennis) Haugland, Grant (Alexandra) Fitzer, Brynn Fitzer, Tori (Matthew) Carper, Chris Fitzer (Jessica Quittem), Mikki Fitzer and Connor Fitzer (Lauren Muller); and eight great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his son, Gary Fitzer; and a sister, Margaret Nelson.

Memorials may be directed to the Rock County Historical Society.

Arrangements are by Hartquist Funeral Home of Luverne, hartquistfuneral.com. (0107 F)



Bertha Thompson celebrates 100th birthday

Pictured is Hills firefighter Dan Fick with Bertha Thompson at Thompson’s 100th birthday party Wednesday, Dec. 30, at the Tuff Village. The firefighter was present in case a fire were to occur from birthday cake candles.

Keunen shares poem by her nephew, the late Donald G. Bonnema

The following poem was written by Donald G. Bonnema, who died unexpectedly at his home in Rock Rapids, Iowa, Oct. 10, 2015.

Bonnema was a former resident of Steen and 1959 graduate of Hills High School.

This poem was shared by his aunt, Mildred Keunen.

Down a blue-tinged, hazy valley,
Far away in thought I see
The long sought heart’s contentment
That we search for, endlessly.

Through the misty veil of distance,
I glimpsed the peaceful serenity
Of the lovely, shadowed country
Beyond this world’s reality.

I viewed dimly all the beauty
Of the true homeland of peace,
Far above me, hushed and quiet,
where all world’s trouble cease.

There, by a clear, deep rolling river,
I saw the Man from Galilee
Standing alone. He turned and smiled
As he raised His hand to beckon me.

As I neared Him He spoke softly,
Asking me if I would stay
And visit with Him as He wandered
Slowly along the winding way.

I wondered as I walked beside Him,
Through the valley cool and green,

Why no one had come before me
to share the beauty in my dream.

Then I realized why no one came
To live here in peace with Him;
They craved the early action
Of the real world’s endless sin.

All the beauty lay before me
As I stood humbly by the stream;
Wishing I could stay forever,
I woke up sadly from my dream.

Though it was only a vision,
I’ll never forget the glorious sight
Of Jesus standing by the river,
With me beside Him in His light.

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H-BC school calendar

Thursday, Jan. 7:

- girls’ basketball at WWG
- 7th and 8th boys’ basketball at Ellsworth

Friday, Jan. 8:

- boys basketball at home against WWG

Saturday, Jan. 9:

- K- 4 basketball camp 9–11 a.m. at H-BC High School gym

Monday, Jan. 11:

- 7th and 8th girls’ basketball at Ellsworth
- Coed Volleyball

Tuesday, Jan. 12:

- girls’ basketball at home against Edgerton

Wednesday, Jan. 13:

- FAFSA meeting at 6 p.m. at H-BC High School



Did you stay up until mid-night Thursday evening, New Year’s Eve, to welcome 2016 and watch the ball drop at Times Square in New York City?

I recall when I was younger attending church services at the Reformed Church of Steen New Year’s (or old year’s) Eve and on New Year’s Day. Times have certainly changed.

This year I spent the evening at my Aunt Joan’s house with my cousin Sharon Hup from North-field, her mother-in-law, Gert Hup, and my daughter Katie. We had a wonderful evening playing the card game Phase 10. I am not a card player but thoroughly enjoyed the evening, especially when I was winning.

Phase 10 is a card game created in 1982 by Kenneth Johnson and sold by Mattel, which purchased the rights from Fundex Games in 2010. Phase 10 is based on a variant of rummy known as Liverpool Rummy. It requires a special deck or two regular decks of cards and can be played by two to six people. The game is named after the ten phases that a player must advance through in order to win.

When the final tally was added, my cousin Sharon won.

This week I decided to put a joke in my column.

Business was a bit slow in town, so the carpet sweeper salesman thought he’d like a rural sales territory. When he began his sales talk, the farmer interrupted to say that he shouldn’t waste his time and

breath because he already had a carpet sweeper.

The salesman, still anxious to make a sale, replied, “Good! I can give you a generous trade-in allowance on your old model.”

The farmer seemed tempted but finally he replied, “I can’t make that kind of a deal. After all, I took her for better or worse.”

This week I have a recipe for Angel Bars which are a favorite of my daughter Katie.

Angel Bars

- 4 eggs
- 2 cups sugar
- 2 cups flour
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 teaspoons vanilla
- 1 cup cold water

Beat the eggs for five minutes. Then add the sugar, beat 10 minutes or until sugar is completely dissolved.

Sift together the flour, baking powder and salt. Beat in egg mixture slowly. Add the vanilla. Last of all add the cold water. Beat one minute more at medium speed.

Bake in large brownie pan for 20 minutes at 350 degrees. Frost with the following.

Frosting:

- 1 egg
- 1/2 cup melted butter
- Lemon or vanilla flavoring
- 2 to 3 cups powdered sugar
- Salted peanuts, crushed

Beat the egg, butter and add the lemon or vanilla flavoring. Then add the powdered sugar, using mixer, for frosting. Put crushed, salted peanuts on top.



Winter wonderland in Klondike, Iowa

Pictured here is a winter wonderland at Klondike, Iowa, taken Saturday, Jan. 2. Do you know where this picturesque place is located? Next week’s Hills Crescent will feature this area along with some interesting history.



10 years ago (2006)

•Members of the Elmo Williamson family were named the 2005 Rock County Outstanding Conservationists.

Family members include Elmo and Dorothy, Wayne and Jolene, and Stan and Karen of rural Garretson, S.D.

25 years ago (1991)

•For nearly six years, members of the Apostolic Christian Church in Lester, Iowa, have seen a need for a fellowship hall.

In 1991 that need will be filled. ...

Supervising the construction is the Building Committee of Dale Knobloch, Bill Knobloch, Harvey Metzger, Rod Bajema and Frank Moser.

50 years ago (1966)

•Laverne Forest, county agent, reminds all Rock County beef feeders and producers that the 4-county beef school starts next Tuesday, January 11th. It will start at 10:00 a.m., at the Luverne Federal Savings and Loan in Luverne. Dean Jorgenson of PCA has said coffee and cookies will be waiting for fellows at 9:30 a.m. The meeting will feature three University of Minnesota specialists.

75 years ago (1941)

•Although we have no authority for the statement, we will venture to say that the marriages in this community in 1940 hit an all-time high.

•All public opinion polls indicate, and certainly the majority in Congress now take it for granted, that the people of America have accepted the position that Britain’s successful defense against Hitler is vital to our own national defense and on that basis should extend to Britain all aid possible “short of war” and consistent with our own safety.

100 years ago (1916)

•Remember, ladies, that the Crescent office is fully equipped to take care of your printing wants along the line of wedding stationery. We will also agree to procure you a good all-around husband for the nominal price of \$10, and an A No.1 article for \$25. With this understanding, of course, that you get your wedding stationery printed at this office. And you better hustle right along as there are many tempting offers coming across the waters, as they claim there are four women to every man in the countries that are scrapping.



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Boys fall in Tyler

By John Rittenhouse
The Hills-Beaver Creek boys' basketball team opened play in 2016 by taking on Russell-Tyler-Ruthton in Tyler Monday.
The Patriots played well in the first 18 minutes of the contest, but the second half belonged to the Knights.
R-T-R outscored H-BC 41-33 in the second half to secure a 69-60 victory and hand the Patriots their third consecutive setback.
The Knights sported a 28-27 scoring edge over the Patriots in the first half.
Zach Scholten (22 points, seven rebounds and three steals) and Stuart Plimpton (12 points and three steals) turned in big nights for the Patriots.
Isaiah Vis charted seven assists, Drew Forshey collected five rebounds and Jed Burgers registered three assists for H-BC.
The 2-7 Patriots host Westbrook-Walnut Grove Friday.

Box score
Vaughn 1 0 1-23, Burgers 0 1 0-03, Vis 2 0 3-47, Leuthold 0 0 0-00, Plimpton 2 0 8-15 12, Kueter 1 0 0-2 2, Scholten 8 0 6-8 22, Dr. Forshey 4 0 1-2 9, Dy. Forshey 0 0 2-4 2.
Team statistics
H-BC: 19 of 38 field goals (50 percent), 21 of 37 free throws (57 percent), 28 rebounds, 17 turnovers.
R-T-R: 21 of 60 field goals (35 percent), 21 of 37 free throws (57 percent), 31 rebounds, nine turnovers.

705 ELIZABETH, HILLS

Amazing find for this 2005 built 5 bedroom 3 bath family home. This home features an updated interior with a freshly painted main level, new floor covering in the kitchen and living room and new stainless steel appliances in the kitchen. The home features a GEO Thermal heating and cooling system. Back up heat is in place if necessary. The master bedroom is a spacious room with a walk in closet and spacious master bath. The lower level is finished with 2 bedroom, bath and large family room which walks out to the Tiki style patio with bar area. This is a perfect place to call home - call your favorite agent today.

504 CHURCH, HILLS

Move in ready ranch style home with 2 bedrooms on the main level and one legal bedroom in the lower level. Lower level features a finished family room, and 3/4 bath. Main floor Recent renovations include new flooring in the living room and kitchen, kitchen cabinets have been recently refurbished, new interior doors, main level bathroom updated in 2015. Attached double garage. Property is on an oversized lot.

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Glenda McGaffee photo/0107 H-BC alumni
Pictured (from left) Lee Klosterbuer and Jerry Klosterbuer, Rock Rapids, Iowa, Orlie Aukes, Hills, and Jan Bajema, Sioux Center, Iowa, enjoy the 50th anniversary of H-BC consolidation and 25th anniversary of the H-BC football state championship Tuesday, Dec. 29. Jerry Klosterbuer, Aukes and Bajema's husband, Duane, were members of the first basketball and football teams.

H-BC celebration/continued from page 1

The following members of the teams were present at the event: Duane Bajema, Bob Klosterbuer, Orlie Aukes and Bob Wassenaar.
"Over the past 50 years H-BC basketball has amassed a total of 762 wins against just 365 losses," LaRock said. "That is a winning percentage of 68 percent. Averaged over our 50 years of play, this means that in each season the team has averaged 15 wins and only 7 losses."
He said H-BC track and field athletes have also garnered a fair share of superior achievements.
"H-BC has fielded athletes in the Minnesota Boys' State Track and Field Championships in 28 of its 50 years of existence," LaRock said.
"In those 28 appearances H-BC has had state championships in 1973, 1974, 1975, 1980, 1999, 2001 and 2005. The H-BC football team in the past 50 years has earned a total of 319 wins against just 178 losses. This is a winning percentage of 64 percent."
LaRock shared a message received from H-BC graduate Laurie Schlueter Hynes.
"I remember my brother, Gerry, scoring the very first (H-BC) touchdown on the first play from scrimmage at Salem St. Mary's that fall of 1965," she said.
"Gerry would always tell the story about how he could hear Coach Goehle shouting out 'cut left!' and 'cut right!' and that it always seemed to be at just the right time."
The 1990 H-BC Patriot football players were also recognized. The 1990 team recorded the first and currently only state football championship in Hills-Beaver Creek history.
It was a solid 28-21 victory over Argyle that season in the Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome. Those attending the Dec. 29 event and recognized were Stacen Burgers, Blake Wysong, Shannon Tatge, Chad Rauk, Jason Langford, Darren Knobloch, Jason Rauk, Chris Harnack and Jon Blomgren. Cheerleaders Tammy Fick Bos and Michele Chapman Klungseth were also recognized.



Glenda McGaffee photo/0107 games at 50th celebration
"Minute to Win It" was played at the celebration hosted by the newly formed H-BC Education Foundation Tuesday, Dec. 29, in the H-BC gym. Pictured are (from left) Calvin Erickson and Noah Hellerud playing "Junk In The Truck."

Organizer Marilyn Nelson said, "I would like to thank Keith Elbers, Dan LaRock, Glenda Kuehl, Todd Holthaus, Chris Harnack, Scott Harnack, Donna Burgers, Lisa Durst and Scott Harris. It was great seeing Joanne Goehle and her family, Michelle Nester, Brenda Hadler and son, Tom. Hugo Goehle was a huge part of H-BC."

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school menu

Hills-Beaver Creek Public Schools Lunch Menu:
Monday, Jan. 11: Grilled chicken with rice, glazed carrots, pineapple, bread.
Tuesday, Jan. 12: Mexican lasagna hotdish, corn, pears, bread.
Wednesday, Jan. 13: Chicken alfredo, peas, peaches, garlic breadstick.
Thursday, Jan. 14: Hamburger on a bun, baked beans, mixed fruit.
Friday, Jan. 15: Taco haystacks, green beans, applesauce, bread.



A deer for the new year

It's New Year's Day. I should have my wits about me. I should have great retrospect of the past year, with highlight photos and all, and something thoughtful to say about the coming year. There should be plans, excitement and goals. I'm not going to complain about it coming too soon or try to buy more time. I'm as ready as I'll ever be.

I like beginnings, whether it's the start of a new week or a new year. I do! It's like a blanket of fresh snow on the yard with nothing yet marring its perfect smooth surface. Now the panic sets in that I have to venture out into it whether I want to or not.

I think I would like to be a deer now, please. I want to make graceful, almost artistic hoof prints in the new year and not the sloppy, dragging human trail I've made in the past. Yes. A deer. Metaphorically speaking, I would like to leave a dainty tattoo of neat prints across the perfect field of snow. Elegant with large airy spaces between them almost as if I were flying.

Effortless. That's what I'm ready for. But, somehow, a year of effortlessness wouldn't seem like a year that had been lived. Existed, maybe. Elegant deer tracks across a perfect yard ... but is life supposed to be like that for us humans? If it was, wouldn't it seem like you were soaring above the surface of it, missing most of it, with winged weightless leaps, jumping over everything that is real and earthy and good. And bad, too. Sigh.

Years ago I would go for walks. I can remember one evening I strolled down the gravel road, all was silent and then, in a second, a burst, a flash, a deer appeared from out of nowhere. I spooked it as much as it spooked me, and it leapt past me and vanished as if it was half deer, half ghost. It did that weightless thing where it seemed to hang impossibly long in the air between every touch of its hooves on the ground and fwtt! It was gone. Just gone. It was such an experience! It was like God was giving me a flash biology lesson on the differences between the

human body and an animal one. I felt so unbelievably leaden and sluggish on the walk back to the house. Why was I not flying like that deer? Darn gravity!

That memory brings me back to my untouched field of snow, our new year and a selfish weightless wish. I really do want that. Elegance and effortlessness, to glide above all appearance of struggle, to jot out my columns all easy, to manage to cook interesting and healthy meals planned in advance and not the two minutes of peering into the frig to see what's there that I can throw together, to have oodles of pep for playing Wonder Woman or Tag or soccer or whatever the day care kids want to play, to keep a tidier house, to make time to exercise, to never look like a thrift store throwback ... feel free to stop me at any time.

I sit here and think about that kind of life, and what strikes me is that it would be like a book report and not the full story. Using only the pastels that paint just the right rosy picture of an enviable life wouldn't be a real

life at all. Real lives are full of mess, and humans can't cross a snowy field like a deer. Besides, deer can't write so I guess I don't want to be a deer after all.

So I've started the new year off with complete incoherence! Ctrl+Z! Ctrl+Z! Undo! Undo!

I guess what I've been trying to say all along is that I'm a mix of hope and anxiety. The eternal New Year's Day hope that somehow this year I will get my poop in a group and be the best possible version of myself but not as a deer leaving little trace in the blanket of snow. I want to churn that field up, make snow angels and stage epic snowball fights using every flake of snow in the winter, and when that's gone and the summer comes, I want to use mud!

2015 handed my honey and me quite a bit of trouble, but we are not defeated! I want us to live the heck out of 2016! Big and loud and mussed! Pink-cheeked, tousle-haired, dirty-kneed glint of wild in our eyes because LIFE IS SO AWESOME! I want us to be breathless and

wind-blown, I want us to laugh like we've never laughed before, I want us to be filled with wonder and climb things and slide down things and swing from things and run and jump and live!

I think that my panic is that we won't be able to. That there will be worrying, insurmountable obstacles, impossible odds, feverish prayers, crying eyes, uncertain futures, endless questions to which there are no answers and helpless fretting like last year.

My hope for 2016 is that we can do what we need to do without misery and panic and still have time for love and family and not feel like we're chasing life up the street all the time like a kid always late for the bus, always arriving out of breath and sweaty — if at all.

My hope is all that and (sigh) to lose a little weight,

Oh! And to never, ever neglect to close the gate.

Cleverly Disguised as a Responsible Adult, I'm Nancy Kraayenhof. ©2015

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Wednesday, Jan. 13: 7 p.m. Confirmation; choir practice.

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Reuben Sinnema
Youth Pastor
Sunday, Jan. 10: 9:30 a.m. Worship; Pulpit Supply Merlyn Sandbulte. Sunday School following worship. 6:30 p.m. RCYF.
Wednesday, Jan. 13: 7 p.m. Midweek.

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Sunday, Jan. 10: 9 a.m. Worship at Tuff Chapel. 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship at Bethlehem. 7 p.m. Grades 6-8 Youth Night.
Tuesday, Jan. 12: 2:30 p.m. Bible Study at Tuff Home. 3:15 p.m. Bible Study at Village.
Wednesday, Jan. 13: 9 a.m. Quilting. 7 p.m. Board meeting; Confirmation. 7:30 p.m. Grades 9-12 Youth Night. 8 p.m. Council meeting.

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community news

Bank Nite movie
‘Minions’ at Palace

The free Bank Nite movie, “Minions,” will begin at 6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 7, at the Palace Theatre in Luverne. Sponsored by First Farmers & Merchants National Bank and Papik Motors, a free, family-friendly movie is shown on the first Thursday of every month as it was done for “Bank Nite” in the 1930s.

No book donations

Due to the lack of space while the Rock County Library undergoes renovation, the Friends of the Library request that all book donations be held until the remodeling work is complete.

Fifth/sixth-grade
basketball tourney

Luverne Community Education will sponsor an invitational basketball tournament for grades 5-6 boys’ and girls’ basketball teams Saturday, Jan. 30. Each team will play at least two games in pool play format. Entry fee is \$100 per team. Register online at www.isd2184.net under Community Ed, or call 507-2833-4724.

Rock/Nobles
Cattlemen’s banquet

The Rock/Nobles Cattlemen’s Association banquet will begin with a social hour at 6 p.m. Monday, Feb. 1, at the Blue Mound Banquet Center in Luverne. Steaks will be served at 6:30 p.m. Dr. Gary Sides, a beef cattle nutritionist with Zoetis, will speak on issues facing the beef industry today.



Glenda McGaffee photo/0107 new bus garages

Newly remodeled buildings to
house H-BC vehicles

Pictured are the newly remodeled H-BC bus garages Monday, Jan. 4, located on 1st Street by the old H-BC High School. The buildings are the district’s former agriculture shop and industrial arts building. In October the district sold one of its buildings located on Central Avenue and utilized the funds from the sale to remodel the buildings. The district’s buses will be housed in the old ag building and the district’s other vehicles and trailers will be stored in the old industrial arts building. Both buildings have heat, which will help to minimize issues starting vehicles in the wintertime.

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Tuff News

By Shateen Lichter

Did you know January is Fiber Focus Month? Many health care professionals encourage adding sources of fiber into your diet. The most widely recognized benefit of fiber is that it promotes healthy digestion. A few sources of fiber include apples, bananas, peas, broccoli, beans, whole grain bread and popcorn. Adults should aim for 28 grams of fiber each day. A medium apple has 4 grams of fiber and 1½ cup of peanuts has 6.2 grams of fiber. Residents started the week with balloon volleyball and bingo on Monday. Tuesday afternoon Cena Mae Tilstra led weekly Bible Study and afterward residents read another chapter out of Little House in the Big Woods. Wednesday afternoon brought our monthly birthday party to recognize residents with birthdays in December. They include Gloria Sorenson, Henrietta Bajema, Dan Brower, Charlotte Korthals and Rosa Sandstede. We played Cake Walk, a game where residents passed a picture of a birthday cake around the table while

music played. When the music stopped, the resident with the cake had to answer a question. Afterward we enjoyed brownies and ice cream. The Happy Stitchers met after Whoga on Thursday morning and worked on embroidery, crochet and knitting projects. That afternoon brought the final game of CLAUS bingo and the countdown to the New Year. Many residents shared their resolutions for 2016, including walking more, losing weight and laughing more. Residents counted down from 10 and toasted “Cheers!” with one another to ring in the New Year. There were no scheduled activities on Friday. Saturday morning residents gathered for Sunshine Wagon and a puzzle game. Looking ahead this week: Thursday, Jan. 7: 10:30 a.m. Happy Stitchers; 2:30 p.m. bingo. Friday, Jan. 8: 2:30 p.m. coloring/painting. Saturday, Jan. 9: 9 a.m. manicures. Sunday, Jan. 10: 9 a.m. Wor-ship.

Monday, Jan. 11: 2:30 p.m. bingo. Tuesday, Jan. 12: 2 p.m. Methodist gathering; 2:30 p.m. Bible Study. Wednesday, Jan. 13: 2 p.m. Tuff Country Store. Staff birthdays this week include Katie McGaffee and Karin Moser, Jan. 6; and Carey Taubert, Jan. 7. Resident birthdays include Florence Javers, Jan. 6; and Winnie VanderVliet and Audrey Walgrave, Jan. 11. Our thought and prayers are with Phyllis Schweitzer who is in the hospital. The Tuff Memorial Home Auxiliary is looking to start up again and work on fundraising for projects and other events. If you are interested in being a part of a group that aims to make a difference in the lives of our residents, please contact Shateen Lichter at 962.3275 or email at slichter@tuffmemorialhome.com. We are hoping to have a meeting in February. The staff and residents at Tuff Memorial Home wish you all the best in 2016! Have a great week!



SDSU awards scholarship to local student

Hilary Deragisch, Luverne, will receive a Shopko Scholarship at South Dakota State University, Brookings, for the academic year.

The scholarship is awarded to students pursuing careers in retail pharmacy who live in one of the 13 states where Shopko operates.

Deragisch, who is majoring in pharmacy, is the daughter of David and Lori Deragisch, Luverne. She is a member of the American Pharmacists Association-Academy of Student Pharmacists and the Kappa Epsilon Pharmacy fraternity.

SDSU releases fall dean’s list

South Dakota State University in Brookings has named several area students to the dean’s list for Fall 2015 semester. To be named, students must earn at least a 3.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale. Students with an asterisk received a 4.0. (Key for acronyms at end.)

The following students were named to the list:

From Luverne: Ellen Dahl SA&S; Kristen Scheidt, SA&S; Brenna Brown, SEHS; Sydnie Weiss, SEHS; Bryanna Wes-sels, SNURS; *Jordan Stegen-ga, SAGBS; *Elizabeth Scheidt, SEHS; *Brenton Thompson, SENG; *Hilary Deragisch, SPHA; *Jake Aukes, SUC.

From Hills: Haley Van Wyhe, SEHS; Natalie Leu-thold, SNURS.

From Adrian: David Cook, SAGBS; Mitchell Voss, SNURS; *Bridget Kramer, SAGBS.

From Ellsworth: *Paige Meester, SEHS; *Cole Meester, SENG.

From Kenneth: Arica Tweet, NED, SEHS.

(Acronyms: SAGBS – Col-lege of Agriculture & Biologi-cal Sciences; SA&S – ollege of Arts & Science; SEHS – Col-lege of Education & Human Science; SENG – College of Engineering; SNURS – College of Nursing; SPHA – College of Pharmacy; SUC – University College.)



Glenda McGaffee photo/0107 new construction main street in Steen

Progress continues on maintenance shed in Steen

Work is progressing on the new maintenance shed on Main Street in Steen, according to Steen Mayor Mel Van Batavia. “Now all the equipment can be kept in one place,” he said. “It takes longer to get the ice off the windshields, and when the trucks are cold the hydraulics don’t work.” The work is being done by Behr Construction Company, Fulda. The building is located on the former site of Mel’s Garage and next to Sandstede Auto Body.

Ask a Trooper

Question: I encountered a funeral procession along a two-lane highway (no roads entering this section of highway) and the lead funeral home vehicle had a light bar on the dash flashing an alternating red and blue light. Everyone on the highway going opposite the procession pulled over to the shoulder, thinking it was a police officer. Is this legal for the funeral home to do and what is the protocol for vehicles encountering this?

Answer: Funeral home vehicles may utilize flashing red lights for the purpose of escorting funeral processions. Blue flashing lights are not permitted in this instance.

According to Minnesota State Statute (M.S.S.) 169.64: “Flashing lights are prohibited, except on an authorized emergency vehi-



By Sgt. Troy Christianson
Minnesota State Patrol

cle, school bus, bi-cycle as provided in section 169.222,

subdivision 6, road maintenance equipment, tow truck or towing vehicle, service vehicle, farm tractor, self-propelled farm equipment, rural mail carrier vehicle, funeral home vehicle, or on any vehicle as a means of indicating a right or left turn, or the presence of a vehicular traffic hazard requiring unusual care in approaching, overtaking, or passing. All flashing warning lights shall be of the type authorized by section 169.59, subdivision 4,

unless otherwise permitted or required in this chapter.”

M.S.S. 169.04 allows red lights stating, “specifically the use of motorcycles or vehicles that are owned by the funeral home and that utilize flashing red lights for the purpose of escorting funeral processions.”

M.S.S. 169.20 covers funeral processions — “When any funeral procession identifies itself by using regular lights on all cars and by keeping all cars in close formation, the driver of every other vehicle, except an emergency vehicle, shall yield the right of way.”

“Right of way” is the privilege to proceed with precedence over

others in a particular situation or place. To yield to the right of way, you must safely move to the right and stop. If you are in an intersection, proceed through before stopping. Remain stopped until all those with the right of way have passed. You are not required to stop if the approaching procession or emergency vehicle(s) are separated from your lane of traffic by a physical barrier such as a fence, wall, or median strip.

If you have any questions concerning traffic-related laws or issues in Minnesota, send your questions to Sgt. Troy Christianson – Minnesota State Patrol at 2900 48th Street NW, Rochester MN 55901-5848. Troy.Christianson@state.mn.us) Twitter: MSP-PIO_SOUTH

Emergency loans available to family farmers

Emergency Loans

Emergency loans at an annual interest rate of 3.5 percent are currently available to eligible family farmers in Rock County as a result of a recently issued FSA Administrator’s Physical Loss Notification.

This approval is limited to applicants who suffered physical losses caused by high winds, heavy rain, hail and damaging winds that occurred on June 22, 2015.

FSA provides emergency loans to help producers recover from production and physical

losses due to drought, flooding or other natural disasters, as well as quarantine.

Emergency loan funds may be used to:

- restore or replace essential property;
- pay all or part of the production costs associated with the disaster year;
- pay essential family living expenses;
- reorganize the farming operation; and
- refinance certain debts.

Loans for crop, livestock, and non-real estate losses are

normally repaid within one to seven years, depending on the loan purpose, repayment ability and collateral available as loan security.

In special circumstances, terms of up to 20 years may be authorized.

Loans for physical losses to real estate are normally repaid within 30 years. In certain circumstances, repayment may be made over a maximum of 40 years.

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