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Pictured are (from left) Gary Helgeson, Hills mayor Keith Elbers and hospice representatives Diana Schwartz and Helen Saum. Helgeson is presenting Saum with proceeds from the annual Helgeson Father-Son Pool Tournament Saturday, Feb. 13, in Beaver Creek.

## Pool shooters in Helgeson Father-Son Tournament rack up funds for hospice

#### By Glenda McGaffee

Area pool enthusiasts got to show off their talents Saturday, Feb. 13, at the 23rd Annual Helgeson Father and Son Pool Tournament.

The tournament, which was staged at Up The Dam Creek Bar in Beaver Creek, raised \$731 for the hospice program in Luverne.

This year 16 father-son teams competed in the event.

The only stipulation is that tournament participants are of legal drinking age.

The Roger and Brian

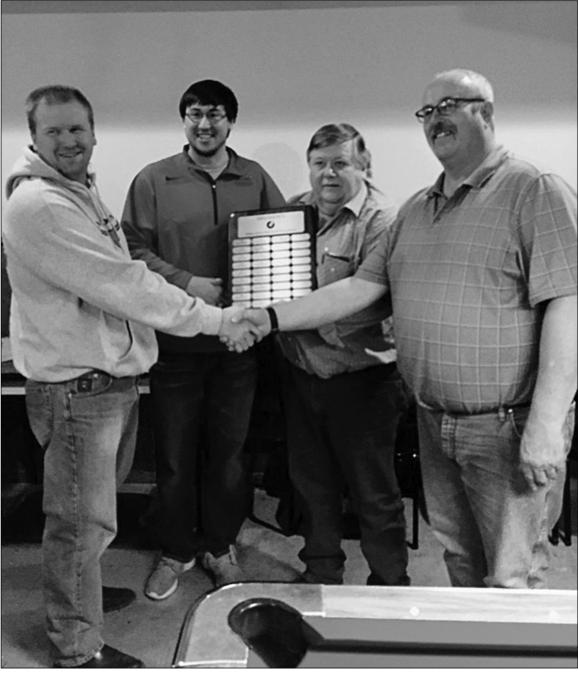
Monen team won the tournament and received the traveling winners' plague. Doug and Cody Penning placed second.

The late Gordon and Kitty Helgeson started the pool tournament back in 1983.

Thetournamentwasplanned every year around Valentine's Day and Kitty's birthday, which was Feb. 4.

"I'm overwhelmed by the support," said Gary Helgeson, organizer and son of Gordon

"It's all about having fun and donating money to hospice."



Submitted photo/0218 winners pool tournament

Pictured are (from left) Brian Monen, Travis Helgeson, Roger Monen and Gary Helgeson at the 23rd annual Helgeson Father-Son Pool Tournament Saturday, Feb. 13, in Beaver Creek. The father-son team of Brian and Roger won first place in the tournament and received the traveling trophy.



Glenda McGaffee photo/0218 councilman Metzger Newly sworn-in Hills City Council member Ross Metzger looks over a report received at the meeting Tuesday, Feb. 9.

## Hills City Council has new councilman

At the Hills City Council meeting Tuesday, Feb. 9, Ross Metzger was sworn in as the newest council member. He replaces Brad Berkhof, who moved to Sioux Falls.

Metzger's first official action was to approve the following building per-

•LeRoy Van Wyhe will replace his cement driveway at 505 South Elizabeth Avenue along with the

and sidewalk from the driveway to the front door. He also has permission to remove a small portion of the curb and gutter.

•Tom Bush will replace the flat roof on his commercial building at 223 South Main Avenue with a new metal pitched roof.

In other business, representatives Allan Nuffer and David Swanson from the Martin Township

By Glenda McGaffee cement inside the garage Board, Clinton Township's Steve Top, and Hills Fire Chief Jeff Bass were present to discuss the 2017 Fire Department Budget and fire contracts with Steen and Clinton Township.

> The 2017 Fire Department Budget was approved for \$45,275. The fire protection contract for the city of Steen for April 2016 to April 2017 was increased to \$4,500 and for Clinton Township to \$490.

## weather **REPORT**



#### **FEBRUARY 7 - FEBRUARY 13 WEATHER**

High temperature for the week: Low temperature for the week: Average temperature for the week: Snow amount for the week: Snow total for February:

2.90 in 8.70 in

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# Tubb News By Shateen Lichter

Hello from the Tuff Memorial Home!

Althoughit was blizzarding Monday, residents participated in a new activity that morning called Balloon Tennis. Bingo and 1:1 visits followed that afternoon. Bible Study met on Tuesday afternoon with Pastor Grant Fischer.

Wednesday morning we created "Thumb" Body Loves You! valentines by using our thumbs. This simple yet personalized craft can be made for any time of the year. Look up "thumbprint craft" on Pinterest or Google for infinite ideas.

Our Tuff Country Store opened Wednesday afternoon. Popular items included valentine treats, country music DVDs, lipsticks, snacks, make-up, and women's clothing. It has been such a joy to see the tables filled with donations from our community. You all are the reason this activity has been a success for the residents at the Tuff Home, and for that we are thankful. The store is running low on blush, face powder, nail polish and snacks.

Thursday morning, our Bake & Taste group met and worked on dipping strawberries in chocolate for the Valentine's Day Party on Friday. The afternoon included HEART Bingo and You Lucky Dog! Thursday was the day Valentine balloon bouquets were delivered to the residents. Because of so many wonderful families and anonymous donors, every resident received a balloon bouquet! Each bouquet was made up of several balloons (over 150 balloons to-







Clockwise from left: Winnie VanderVliet enjoys her Valentine balloon bouquet. Jean Van Malsen and Edyth Briggs share a joke while dipping strawberries. Jean Van Malsen and Henrietta Bajema make ThumbBody Loves You valentines.

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## Local student named to USF dean's list

The University of Sioux Falls in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, has released its dean's list for the 2015 fall semester. Included on the list is senior elementary education major Meghan Leuthold, Hills. To qualify, students must earn a 3.5 or greater on a 4.0 scale.

## SDSU announces fall 2015 graduates

Joshua Boomgaarden, Beaver Creek, graduated after the Fall 2015 semester from South Dakota State University, Brookings, South Dakota, with a Bachelor of Science, agriculture and biological sciences.

Do you have town news?
Interesting history about the Hills, Beaver Creek,
Steen area?

Call Glenda. 962-3697

## Valentine's Day party at Tuff Home/continued from previous page

tal!) and a treat. Over \$300 was raised during this fundraising opportunity for the Auxiliary. Thank you to everyone who made this possible including family members, anonymous donors and those who put each bouquet together.

Friday was a busy day here at the Tuff Home. We started the day with Beach Ball Babble, and several couples celebrated the Sweetheart Dinner at noon. Many gathered that afternoon for the Valentine Party. Residents shared stories of how they met their spouse, enjoyed sweetheart puppy chow and dipped strawberries for lunch, and later played penny ante.

Saturday morning brought manicures and a pet visit that afternoon.

Looking ahead this week: Thursday, Feb. 18: 2 p.m. Catholic services. 2:30 p.m. HEART Bingo.

Friday, Feb. 19: 2:30 p.m. Horse Races.

Saturday, Feb. 20: 9:30 a.m. Reminiscing.

Sunday, Feb. 21: 9 a.m. Worship.

Monday, Feb. 22: 2:30 p.m. Bingo.

Tuesday, Feb. 23: 2:30 p.m. Bible Study.

Wednesday, Feb. 24: 2:30 p.m. Monthly Birthday Party with Ray Larsen.

Resident and staff birthdays this week include Jodi DeBoer, Feb. 21, and John Tilstra, Feb. 24.

We hope everyone has a great week!



Harold and Dallas Etrheim enjoy a SweetHeart dinner together.



#### 10 years ago (2006)

•The Hills-Beaver Creek schooldistrictreceived\$23,662.10 in vouchers from the Microsoft Corporation in February.

The vouchers were the result of a \$174.5 million settlement from a class action suit, which alleged that Microsoft overcharged Minnesota consumers and businesses for products. ...

Software vouchers will be used to purchase Microsoft Word for Macintosh computers at both the high school and elementary school. In addition, the district will upgrade the software used in both libraries.

#### 25 years ago (1991)

•In an attempt to spread the news about the success of the Hills-Beaver Creek schools, Board member Alan Harnack proposed to make a video.

The proposal comes after the announcement by Minnesota's Commissioner of Education Gene Mammenga to consolidate nearly 200 rural school districts, despite Governor Arne Carlson's opposition.

Mammenga's proposal would force small districts to merge with neighbors if the districts do not have 1,300 students by mid-1994.

#### 50 years ago (1966)

•Unless you know the trick of using your parking brake, you may find your car rolling backward even though you think you have set the brake firmly. There have been design changes in the parking brakes on newer cars. To make the parking brake hold, you must apply the foot brake at the same time you put on the parking brake. Only in this way will you completely engage the shoes and drums on the rear wheels.

#### 75 years ago (1941)

•Possibility of a WPA County Library demonstration being organized in Rock county is being discussed with various interested persons and organizations throughout the county by Miss Florence Powell, demonstrations supervisor.

Such a demonstration, which is sponsored by the Library Division of the Minnesota State Department of Education, would mean that a temporary county library system would be set up in the county with book stations in centers through the county where library books would be convenient for all residents.

#### 100 years ago (1916)

•Everybody that is young enough, and some persons who are not, appear to have adopted one of those many styles in hairdressing patterned after the "Bobby" coiffure. The "Castle bob," made popular by the famous dancer, requires a bare forehead with the hair drawn back and a bob at each side.

#### correction

#### Correction

The Feb. 11 edition of the Hills Crescent, in the segment Peeking in the Past, incorrectly stated that Arvin Tilstra had been in the bar about 11 o'clock on the Monday night before his barn set fire.

The text should have stated that Arvin had been in the barn where he was doing farm work.

The Hills Crescent strives for fairness and accuracy in all its reporting.

If an error or omission is spotted, editor Glenda McGaffee can be reached at 962-3697.

#### 70 +/- Acres of Prime Clinton Twp, Rock Co. MN. Farmland

## **PUBLIC AUCTION**

Thursday, February 25, 2016 Sale Time 10:00 am More Information, Maps & Land Data at www.elbersauction.com

Location of Land: From Steen Corner on Highway 270 go 2 Miles North on Co. RD 11 (100th Ave.) or from Highway 75 & Highway 270 go 3 miles West on Highway 270 & 2 miles North on Co. Rd 11 (100th Ave.). Land will be sold at the farm location. Watch for Auction Signs.

 $\underline{\text{LEGAL DESCRIPTION:}} \ \text{West $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$, Section-8, Twp-101N, Range 45W, Clinton Township, Rock Co. MN.}$ 

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: This is a very productive 70 +/- acre tract that consists of 66.56 acres of tillable acres and 3.44 acres of roadway and ditches. According to Rock Co. Assessors Office this tract has a CER rating of 96.04. Tract does not contain a wetland. Predominate soil types are Moody silty clay loam, Whitewood silty clay loam and Trent silty clay loam.

CORN/SOYBEAN BASE & YIELD: The corn base on this tract is 49.60 acres with a PLC Yield of 163 bu. Soybean base of 17.20 acres with A PLC Yield of 47 bu. TAXES: Current Real Estate Taxes are \$2964.00. Taxes reflect Non Homestead status. Taxes will pro-rated to date of possession

POSSESSION: Land will be available for the 2016 crop year with possession given on March 1, 2016

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# WEEKLY SPORTS NEWS

## Boys rally to best **Dragons** Monday

#### By John Rittenhouse

The Hills-Beaver Creek boys' basketball team capped an 11-13 regular season by posting a comefrom-behind victory over the  $Ad rian\, Dragons\, Monday\, in\, Hills.$ 

Trailing 28-26 after 18 minutes of play, the Patriots put everything together during an impressive second half.

H-BC outscored AHS 33-12 in the second stanza to secure a 59-40 victory.

The Patriots didn't waste any time in turning things around in the second half.

H-BC opened the stanza with a 15-1 run to open a 41-29 advantage when Cooper Vaughn turned a steal into a layup at the 13:44 mark.

Adrian trimmed the difference to eight points (41-33) 2:40 later, but the Dragons never trailed by less than eight points the rest of the game.

The Patriots gradually extended their lead to 19 points (57-38) when Zach Scholten scored in the paint with 3:38 remaining and went on to win by 19 points.

H-BC faced an 8-4 deficit early in the first half before going on a 13-2 run to open a 17-10 lead when Vaughn drained one free throw at 11:56.

Adrian regained the lead at 19-18 with 8:33 remaining and led by four (28-24) with 1:30 left in the

opening stanza. H-BC scored the final two points of the half to trail by two

at the break. Scholten (23 points, 13 rebounds and four blocked



John Rittenhouse photo/0218 ha bb 1

Hills-Beaver Creek junior Zach Scholten tossed in a game-high 23 points during Monday's 59-40 home win over Adrian.

shots) and Vaughn (10 points, five steals and three assists) led H-BC statistically.

Isaiah Vis grabbed seven rebounds and Trenton Bass charted three assists for H-BC.

H-BC opens the South Section 3A Tournament against Red Rock Central 12:30 p.m. Saturday in Windom.

Vaughn 4 0 2-3 10, Burgers 0 0 0-0 0, Vis 4 0 0-0 8, Leuthold 1 0 0-0 2, Plimpton 2 1-2 8, Bass 2 0 0-2 4, Wilhelmi 0 0 0-0 0, Kueter 0 0 0-0 0, Scholten 10 1 0-0 23, Forshey 2 0 0-0 4.

#### Team statistics

Adrian: 15 of 47 field goals (32 percent), eight of 17 free throws (47 percent), 33 rebounds, 14 turnovers.

H-BC: 27 of 47 field goals (57 percent), three of seven free throws (43 percent), 33 rebounds, nine turnovers

# H-BC evens score with Heron Lake-Okabena

#### By John Rittenhouse

The Hills-Beaver Creek girls' basketball team avenged a January loss to Heron Lake-Okabena when the teams met in Okabena Thursday.

After falling to the Wildcats by a 43-33 tally in Hills Jan. 26, the Patriots returned the favor by upending HL-O 62-49 in Thursday's rematch.

H-BC gained momentum from sporting a 26-19 lead in the first half.

When the Patriots outscored the Wildcats 36-30 in the second half, their 13-point conquest was complete.

Avery Van Roekel (21 points, five rebounds and three assists), Grace Bundesen (12 points and 12 rebounds), and Sidney Fick (19 points) led H-BC to victory.

The 14-6 Patriots host Ellsworth Friday.

Bos 0 0 0-0 0, Tilstra 0 0 2-4 2, Spath 0 0 0-0 0, Lingen 100-02, Fick 341-419, Bundesen 5 0 2-6 12, Wysong 0 0 1-2 1, Wilhelmi 0 0 0-0 0, Gehrke 0 0 1-2 1, Van Roekel 7 0 7-10 21, Rozeboom 1 0 2-2 4.

#### Team statistics

H-BC: 21 of 53 field goals (40 percent), 16 of 30 free throws (53 percent), 30 rebounds. 15 turnovers

HL-O: 15 of 48 field goals (31 percent), 16 of 26 free throws (62 percent), 25 rebounds, 16 turnovers.

## Boys end two-game slide against Edgerton Friday

#### By John Rittenhouse

The Hills-Beaver Creek boys' basketball team put an end to a two-game skid by besting the Edgerton Flying Dutchmen 50-39 Friday in Hills.

The home-standing Patriots got off to a good start by opening a 37-23 lead in the first half.

Edgerton managed to sport a 16-13 scoring edge in the second half, but it wasn't enough to keep H-BCfromlockingup an 11-point

Stuart Plimpton (11 points and five rebounds) and Isaiah Vis (11 points and three assists) paced H-BC offensively.

Cooper Vaughn registered four steals and three assists for the winners, while Zach Scholten, Josh Kueter and Trenton Bass grabbed eight, seven and five rebounds respectively.

Bass 2 0 1-2 5, Burgers 0 1 0-0 3, Forshey 1 0 2-3 4, Kueter 1 0 0-0 2, Plimpton 4 0 3-4 11, Scholten 3 0 2-6 8, Vaughn 2 0 2-3 6, Vis 2 0 7-8 11.

H-BC: 16 of 40 field goals (40 percent), 17 of 26 free throws (65 percent), 36 rebounds,

Edgerton: 13 of 50 field goals (26 percent), seven of 10 free throws (70 percent), 26 rebounds, 11 turnovers.

## Southwest Christian sweeps series with girls in Hills

#### By John Rittenhouse

The Hills-Beaver Creek girls' basketball team dropped its second game of the season to Southwest Christian Feb. 9.

Taking on the E-Gals in a Red Rock Conference game, the Patriots came up on the short end

SWC sported a 36-31 advantage after 18 minutes of play and outscored H-BC 41-33 in the second half to secure a 13-point

Grace Bundesen (19 points and 13 rebounds, Sidney Fick (16 points, five rebounds and five

assists) and Avery Van Roekel (16 points) played well in the loss for H-BC.

Kourtney Rozeboom collected five caroms and Paige Tilstra charted three assists for the Patriots.

#### Box score

Tilstra 1 1 0-0 5, Spath 0 0 2-2 2, Lingen 0 0 0-0 0, Fick 2 3 3-4 16, Bundesen 7 0 5-5 19, Van Roekel 7 0 0-0 14. Rozeboom 4 0 0-2 8.

#### **Team statistics**

H-BC: 25 of 61 field goals (41 percent), 10 of 13 free throws (77 percent), 35 rebounds, 27 turnovers

SWC: 30 of 66 field goals (46 percent), 11 of 18 free throws (61 percent), 26 rebounds, 12 turnovers

## Eagles win tight decision over Patriots

#### **By John Rittenhouse**

The Hills-Beaver Creek boys' basketballteam lost a hard-fought game to Southwest Christian in Edgerton Feb. 9.

In what was a tightly contested game, the Eagles sported a 33-32 edge at the intermission.

H-BC battled back to move in front by four points late in the second half, but SWC outscored

the Patriots by seven points in registered four assists. the final four minutes to secure

Zach Scholten (30 points, 11 rebounds and three blocked shots) and Trenton Bass (10 points and five assists) turned in big games for H-BC.

Cooper Vaughn charted eight rebounds, seven assists and three steals, while Stuart Plimpton

#### Box score

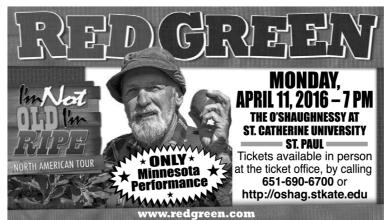
Vaughn 3 0 3-4 9, Burgers 1 0 0-0 2, Vis 2 0 0-0 4, Plimpton 3 0 0-1 6, Bass 2 2 0-0 10, Wilhelmi 0 0 0-0 0, Kueter 4 0 0-28, Scholten 8 3 5-6 30, Forshey 0 0 0-0 0.

#### **Team statistics**

H-BC: 28 of 59 field goals (47 percent), eight of 13 free throws (62 percent), 33 rebounds.

SWC: 24 of 60 field goals (40 percent), 12 of 14 free throws (86 percent), 25 rebounds.









#### **Choices**

I actually took a few hours on Saturday afternoon and went to the movies with a friend. We went and saw Nicholas Spark's new film, "The Choice." It was totally a chick flick, a tearjerker and a bit farfetched, but it hit way too close to home for me. If only real life were like the movies and "happily ever after" was right around every corner.

When we go to the movies, we join the families of the characters for the time we are there. We become part of their story. We cheer with them and weep with them, whichever is called for, in the couple of hours we are immersed in their tale. The time comes, however, when the credits roll, the lights come on and it is time to put on our big girl panties and step back into our own story.

Let's compare our every-

day lives and circumstances to a game of poker for a second. We are dealt a hand and we have choices to make from there: keep the good cards, throw the rest in and draw some replacements hoping to make a better hand; throw it all back and start anew; or stand with what we're dealt and bluff.

Whatever we decide to do with what we've been dealt in life, our attitude is more important than the numbers on the cards. How we react to what we have is more important than the past, the money, our education, our appearance, our skill level, our successes, our failures, our gifts and even more important than how people treat you.

Our attitude is our wild card in the card game of life. We actually have a choice every single day on what it will beat and how to play it. We have no power to change our past. We can't change the inevitable. We can't change how people will act, what they will say or what they will do. But we can trump it all with our wild card choice of attitude.

Our wild card can keep us going or hold us back. It can fuel our fire or put it out like a heavy, wet blanket. It can either cultivate our fields or let the weeds grow out of control. And the very best part of it all is we get to choose how and when we play it!

I decided long ago that it doesn't make you a bad person if you make a few bad choices. What makes you a bad person is if you don't learn from those bad choices. Success in anything takes effort, and hard work runs the wiring for a bright future. No one has ever found success by wandering

aimlessly through life even if they made all the right choices along the way.

I have never done well with choices. Just ask my husband and he'll most likely tell you it is one of my most frustrating characteristics. There are just too many things to decide! Too many different foods on the menu at a restaurant, too many colors of paint for walls, too many shapes of pasta, too many channels on the television. It is overwhelming! Who has time to decide so much?

Back in '98 I looked at tile for my new fireplace for two solid weeks and just couldn't make a decision. My contractor was after me to decide so he could work on it, so I finally told him to bring me three tiles to choose from. He did. I chose. I have never once regretted my choice, but I make it a point to avoid those aisles at home improvement stores just in case.

Speaking of choices — The story goes that a certain court jester went too far one day and insulted his king. The king became so angry that he sentenced the jester to be executed. His court prayed upon the king to have mercy on this man who had served him well for so many years. After a time, the king relented only enough to give the jester his "choice" as to how he would like to die. True to form, the jester replied, "If it's all the same to you, Your Majesty, I'd like to die of old age."

Leave the gate open and face the consequences it may

Make the enlightened choice to close that gate ... same thing.

Cleverly Disguised as a Responsible Adult, I'm Nancy Kraayenhof. @2016





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> **Valley Springs Reformed Church** 701 Sunnyside Ave. Valley Springs, S.D. Ph. 605-757-6640 Norman Bouwens, Pastor

Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship. 10:45 a.m. Sunday School.

> First Presbyterian Church 201 S. 3rd St. P.O Box 73 **Beaver Creek** Ph. 673-2428

Email: lori.1stpc@centurylink.net Worship Leaders Michael Blank and Andy Anderson Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship. 9:45 a.m. Sunday

Third Thursday: Deborah Circle.

First Lutheran Church 300 Maple St. Valley Springs, S.D. Ph. 605-757-6662 firstpalisade@alliancecom.net

Ray Heidenson, Pastor Thursday, Feb. 18: Parish Council meeting at Palisade Lutheran.

Sunday, Feb. 21: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship.

Wednesday, Feb. 24: 7 p.m. Lenten Service.

**Palisade Lutheran Church** 211 121st St.

#### Ph. 507-597-6257 firstpalisade@alliancecom.net Ray Heidenson, Pastor

Thursday, Feb. 18: 7:30 p.m. Parish Council meeting

Sunday, Feb. 21:9 a.m. Worship. 10 a.m. Sunday School. Wednesday, Feb. 24: 7 p.m. Lenten Service.

> **Steen Reformed Church** 112 W. Church Ave. Steen Ph. 855-2336 Reuben Sinnema **Youth Pastor**

Sunday, Feb. 21: 9:30 a.m. Worship. Sunday School follows Worship. 6:30 p.m. RCYF.

Wednesday, Feb. 24: 7 p.m. Midweek.

**Bethlehem Lutheran Church Interim Pastor Grant Fisher** 112 N. Main St., Hills Ph. 962-3270

e-mail: bethlehemluth@alliance com.net

Sunday, Feb. 21: 9 a.m. Worship at Tuff Chapel. 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Communion at Bethlehem. Tuesday, Feb. 23: 10:30 a.m. Text Study. 2:30 p.m. Bible Study at Tuff Home. 3:15 p.m. Bible Study at Village.

Wednesday, Feb. 24: 6 p.m. Lent Supper. 7 p.m. Lent Service. Confirmation students attend Worship Service.

> **Hills United Reformed Church** 410 E. Central Ave., Hills Office Ph. 962-3254 e-mail: hillsurc@alliancecom.net Alan Camarigg, Pastor

Sundays: 9:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Worship Services. Sunday School and Catechism after morning worship.

1st Sunday of each month: Fellowship dinner after Sunday School

## Beaver Creek city staff receives 2015 Wastewater Treatment Facility Operational Award

#### By Glenda McGaffee

Lloyd DeBoer of the Beaver Creek Maintenance Department received a letter from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency that he is receiving a 2015 Wastewater Treatment Facility Operational Award.

DeBoer submitted data and permit records for the period from Oct. 1, 2014, through Aug. 31, 2015. Based on a review of that information, DeBoer is eligible for a Certificate of Commendation for outstanding operation, maintenance and management of the wastewater

treatment system.

The award recognizes De-Boer for tasks such as ensuring the facility did not exceed effluent limits, reports were timely and complete and there weren't any unauthorized releases, enforcement actions or inspections identifying significant compliance concerns.

DeBoer will be recognized at the 79<sup>th</sup> Annual Wastewater Operations Conference March 23-25 at the Marriott Northwest in Brooklyn Park. The award ceremony will be Thursday, March 24.

## school menu

#### Hills-Beaver Creek Public Schools Lunch Menu:

Monday, Feb. 22: Spaghetti, corn, fruit, breadstick.

Tuesday, Feb. 23: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes with ravy, fruit, bread.

Wednesday, Feb. 24: Goulash, peas, fruit, bread. Thursday, Feb. 25: Taco Haystacks, green beans, fruit. Friday, Feb. 26: Fish sticks, glazed carrots, fruit, bread.

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Whither-soever

By Glenda Mcgaffee

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Presidents Day was observed Monday, Feb. 15. On this day the local banks and school were closed along with no mail service.

Feb. 22 is the traditional day to celebrate George Washington's birthday.

Washington had wisdom, patience and courage to persist in what often seemed like a hopeless struggle. He commanded the Continental Army during the Revolutionary War. Without Washington it is doubtful that independence could have been achieved. When the struggle of war became almost hopeless, the troops looked to him for courage to go on.

George Washington served as our first president from 1789-1797. He had wisdom, courage, patience and dignity, which contributed much to the success of our government. Washington is often referred to as the Father of our Country.

This week I have this poem to share:

#### **God's Footprints**

Did you see this morning's sunrise?

Did you see it set last night? Have you seen the shooting start in flight? Have you seen the flowers of beauty?

With which our lands abound?

These are merely footprints

God's footprints all around. Have you seen a baby smiling?

Or heard its laughter ring? Have you felt soft rains from Heaven?

And watched wild birds a-wing?

Have you heard the forests whisper?

Or harked the ocean's sound?

These, too, are merely footprints ...

God's footprints all around.

This week in honor of George Washington's birthday I have two recipes that use cherries. Cheer for cherries!

#### Favorite Cherry Cream Cheese Bars

1 can cherry pie filling 8 ounces cream cheese at room temperature

1/2 cup powdered sugar 1 tube crescent rolls

1/4 stick butter

2 tablespoons vanilla

1/4 cup sugar
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Place half of the crescent rolls in the bottom of an 8x8inch greased baking pan. Press the seams of rolls together.

Cream the cream cheese until smooth and add vanilla and powdered sugar. Spoon onto the rolls in the baking pan.

Top with the pie filling and place the other half of the rolls on top. Pour the melted butter over the top and sprinkle with sugar.

Bake at 375 degrees for 25 minutes or until golden brown.

## **Tasty Cherry Dessert** 1/2 cup graham cracker

1/2 cup graham cracker crumbs

2 tablespoons powdered sugar

2 tablespoons butter, melted Filling:

4 ounces cream cheese, softened

3/4 cup powdered sugar 1/2 cup whipped topping 1 cup cherry pie filling

Combine the graham cracker crumbs, 2 tablespoons powdered sugar and butter in a bowl and then press into the bottom of a greased 8x4 loaf pan.

Beat the cream cheese and 3/4 cup powdered sugar in a small bowl until smooth. Fold in the whipped topping and spread over the graham cracker crust. Top with pie filling and chill for 2 hours.

Serves 4-6 and can be easily be doubled.

## community news

#### Rock County Community Library closed until March

Due to renovations, the Rock County Community Library will be closed the rest of the month. Staff will still answer phones at 449-5040, and patrons can still return materials in the drop box. Tax appointments will still meet on Mondays as scheduled, and tax appointments can still be made by calling the library.

Patrons may use their library cards at any of the 24 public Plum Creek Library locations including Edgerton, Pipestone, Worthington and Adrian.

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## Monthly Food Ministry Feb. 18

The Monthly Food Ministry, sponsored by New Life Celebration Church, will be from 5 to 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18, at the Luverne Senior Center. If you're having trouble putting food on the table, come from fresh produce, bread and meat.

# Tickets available for Hospice Dinner and Auction

Make your plans now to attend the Hospice Charity Dinner and Auction Saturday, April 23, at the Blue Mound Banquet Centerin Luverne. Purchase your tickets in person or by calling the Hospice office at 283-1805, and

they will be mailed to you. Anyone wishing to support the event by advertising or donating items for the silent/live auctions must have donations to the hospice office by March 7. For information, call 283-1805 or email helen.saum@sanfordhealth.org

# **Caregivers Support Group meets Feb. 23**

The Caregivers Support Group will meet at Mary Jane Brown Good Samaritan Society in the conference room at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 23. Anyone dealing with caregiving or with questions in reference to caregiving and the resources available for their benefit is encouraged to attend.

## Free tax help available at library

Volunteers through AARP will provide free tax services at the Rock County Community Library in Luverne starting Feb. 8. Call the library, 449-5040, to make an appointment.

Appointments are required. Evening appointments are also available. Bring Social Security cards to appointments.

The service is free for any private individual with a simple taxformat. It's not for commercial, farming or investment taxes.



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## **Rock County Land Management Office clarifies buffer law**

By Lori Sorenson

Gov. Mark Dayton introduced legislation last year to mandate vegetative buffer strips along waterways in an effort to clean up Minnesota's notoriously impaired waters.

Ever since those details have emerged, farm groups have pushed back vigorously, especially on the piece of legislation that requires producers to put buffers along private ditches on their land.

Responding to these concerns, Dayton announced last month that he would no longer press to have privately owned ditches affected by the plan, and DNR officials will stop mapping these areas on private agground.

With the dust still settling on the legislation's original details, personnel at the Rock County Land Management Office are sorting out the local impacts of law moving forward.

According to Doug Bos and Arlyn Gehrke the buffer legislation addressed three types of streams—perennial streams (the primary focus of the law), judicial ditches and intermittent streams.

It's the intermittent streams on private ground that Dayton is backing off on, according to Bos.

"The Soil and Water Conservation District had the discretion to require buffers on streams that were 'ditched' (not a grassed waterway)," Bos said.

"If someone worked on a ditch, they would be required to have a 16 1/2-foot buffer.'

Essentially, he said, the governor's announcement doesn't change much for Rock County landowners, because the SWCD



This photograph was taken in 2014 in Rock County where erosion is washing cropland into streams and waterways. Gov. Mark Dayton's buffer legislation mandates vegetative buffers between cropland and waterways to protect the state's water quality. (Star Herald file photo)

resolution already requires a buffer for some private ditch circumstances, and the other two aspects of the legislation remain in place.

Bos also clarified that Rock County has only two judicial ditches so this area isn't as affected as other parts of the state in terms of that requirement.

Gehrke, who is taking the lead on buffer requirements, said his office is taking a more generalized approach to improving water quality.

For example, he said recent extreme rainfall events are too much for standard grassy waterways to absorb in fields where no other conservation measures are employed.

In other words, Gehrke said

producers are learning that striptill planting, terraces, basins and other practices all need to be considered in the overall picture of preventing erosion and water pollution.

"We have had about two dozen farmers ask for information about buffers, and the Corn and Sovbean Growers Association approached us about presenting at their annual meeting,"

said Gehrke, Rock County's GIS technician.

"They came to us, which I was very grateful for."

There are state and federal cost-share programs in place to help producers with the expense of implementing conservation practices, and Gehrke and Bos are hoping to see more voluntary participation. Their office can be reached at 507-283-8862, ext. 4.

Gov. Dayton, who has made water quality his mission, said he doesn't want to compromise the goal of his buffer strip legislation over controversy with only one aspect of the law.

That doesn't mean he's happy about conceding on the requirements for private ditches.

"It is private effluent that affects public water," he said duringaJan.29MinnesotaNewspaper Association convention in Bloomington.

"I'm just astonished that there's this fierce opposition to protecting water. ... Because it's private ground, we should allow dumping of whatever they want into public water supplies."



Meetings

MS Support Group will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18, at Southwest Health and Human Services, Luverne. All persons with MS, family and friends are invited. For information call 283-2069 or 283-2964.

Sound Cascade Sweet Adeline Chorus rehearses at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Prairie Creek, 4400 W. Creekside Dr., Falls. Call 507-597-6288.

**Al-Anon** meets at 6:30 p.m. Thursdays in the Buffalo Ridge Meeting Room (lower level) at the Sanford Medical Center in Luverne. Call Stephanie at 449-1246.

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