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H-BC hires new staff for 2016-17 year and accepts donation of \$60,000

By Glenda McGaffee

At their regular meeting Monday, April 25, Hills-Beaver Creek School Board members approved the hiring of two teachers for the 2016-17 school year.

Samantha McGaffee was hired as special education teacher and Nora Wysong as secondary math teacher.

In other personnel matters, the board:

- approved a resolution extending the probationary teacher status of Sarah Wells.

- approved the K-12 vocal music position from three-quarters to a full-time position

- approved a teaching overload for Scott Harnack in computer technology for the 2016-17 school year per the master agreement at a cost of \$2,250.

- hired Dee Olson as special needs paraprofessional through the remainder of the 2015-2016 school year.

In other business the board:

- accepted a donation of \$60,000 from the Frank Boon Revocable Trust for the elementary school playground project.

- accepted a \$500 donation to the lunch program from the Rock County Emergency Food Shelf and an anonymous gift of \$100 to be used toward lunch account balances.

- approved a request for bids proposal and timeline for elementary playground project not to exceed \$150,000.

- authorized the superintendent to liquidate or dispose of the existing elementary playground equipment.

- approved the purchase of a Dodge passenger van not to exceed \$18,750.

- noted that Monday, May 9, is the next regular school board meeting, Friday, May 27, at 7 p.m. is H-BC graduation, and Tuesday, May 23, is the second regular school board meeting in May.



Glenda McGaffee photo/0505 H-BC band students

Students who attended the instrumental contest in Fulda are (from left) Caitlyn Allen, Alyssa Allen, Courtney Page, Ashley Esselink, Brieanne Merson, Riley Boese, Emma Baker, Olivia Richards, Josie Scholten, (back) Seth Glidewell, Trevor Paulsen, Jed Burgers, Dean Fuerstenberg, Jacob Wingert and Stuart Plimpton. Not pictured is Thea Richards.

H-BC Band performs well in Pipestone and Fulda

By Glenda McGaffee

The H-BC High School band received a superior rating for the ninth consecutive year and was one point below the highest-scoring band at the band contest in Pipestone March 15.

The band has scored the highest or second highest of all competing bands for the past seven years.

At the solo and ensemble contest in Fulda April 4, all of the H-BC entries received superior ratings, and those with an asterisk received

perfect scores as follows:

- *Seth Glidewell, oboe solo
- *Seth Glidewell, clarinet solo
- *Seth Glidewell and Josie Scholten, woodwind duet
- *Seth Glidewell, Ashley Esselink and Courtney Page, clarinet trio
- Emma Baker, flute solo
- Josie Scholten, flute solo
- Grace Holthaus, alto sax solo
- Trevor Paulsen, alto sax solo

Olivia Richards, bass clarinet solo
Thea Richards, trumpet solo
Jed Burgers, trumpet solo
Josie Scholten, Alyssa Allen and Caitlyn Allen, flute trio

The band is directed by Dale Nelson, who is retiring the end of the school year.

The H-BC band members in grades 6-12 will perform their final band concert at 7 p.m. Friday, May 20, at the Hills-Beaver Creek High School.

Livestock capacity in Rock County doubles over 15-year period

County can accommodate manure production

By Mavis Fodness

In 15 years the livestock capacity in Rock County has almost doubled with more expansion planned in 2016.

Doug Bos, Rock County's feedlot officer, presented that information to county commissioners April 19 along with a map showing where the county's feedlots (with 300 or more animal units) are located in relation to township and county roads.

Commissioners had asked officials at the Land Management Office to develop the map during their April 5 meeting about conditional use permits.

Commissioners took no action on the feedlot information.

There are 600 feedlots registered in Rock County with each site limited to a specific number of animals measured in animal units.

Animal units have been as-

signed to each farm animal species, and the total is a designated number based on the size of the feedlot and manure production.

For instance, a mature dairy cow over 1,000 pounds is equal to 1.4 animal units — the highest amount. A duck has the least at 0.01, according to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency website.

While all feedlots in the county are registered, some lots

may be currently empty of livestock, Bos said.

There are 175 feedlots in the county registered to have from 300 to 1,000 AUs. An additional 23 sites are permitted for over 1,000 AUs.

County commissioners had also asked Bos if the county had enough acres available to accom-

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weather
REPORT



APRIL 24 - APRIL 30 WEATHER

High temperature for the week:	75	Rain amount for the week:	3.03 in
Low temperature for the week:	37	Rain total for April:	5.43 in
Average temperature for the week:	50		

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wedding

Gretchen Schneekloth and Christopher Luze were married March 12, 2016, at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Father Tom Jennings officiated the ceremony.

Gretchen is the daughter of Marian Schneekloth, Luverne, and the late Steven Schneekloth. Christopher's parents are Jeanette Luze, Sioux Falls, and the late Charles Luze.

The bride was given in marriage by her brother, Cory Schneekloth, Luverne, and her mother.

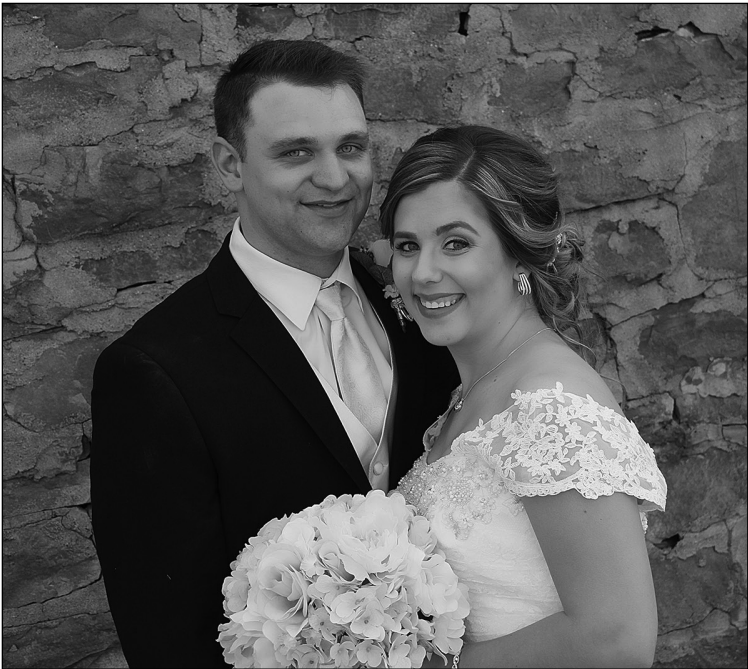
Music for the ceremony was provided by pianist Ginger Rasmussen and flutist Hope Rasmussen, Rock Rapids, Iowa, cousins of the groom, and soloist Susan Schneekloth, Luverne, aunt of the bride.

The bride's maid of honor was her sister Nicole Schneekloth, Luverne. and the bride's friend Stephanie Roozenboom, Luverne, was her matron of honor.

Bridesmaids were Shelby Van Santen, Luverne, cousin of the bride; Mikell Hebig, Luverne, friend of the bride; Kara Jo Schneekloth, Brandon, South Dakota, sister-in-law of the bride; Brooklyn Schneekloth, Little Rock, Iowa, niece of the bride; and the bride's friends Olivia Berghorst, Madison, South Dakota, and Lexi Standafer, Beaver Creek.

Junior bridesmaids were the bride's nieces Grace and Emma Schneekloth, Brandon, South Dakota. The bride's niece Olivia Schneekloth, Brandon, was the flower girl.

The bride's personal attendants were her sister-in-law



Christopher and Gretchen Luze

Crystal Schneekloth, Omaha, Nebraska, and her friend Joelle McIndoe, California.

The groom's brother Samuel Luze, Sioux Falls, was his best man. Groomsmen were the groom's friends Brady Leuthold, Brandon, Jonah Lingen, Beaver Creek, Dustin Verhey, Hills, and Tyler Larson, Beaver Creek; the groom's cousins Aric Greenfield, Sioux Falls, and David McFarland, Texas; and the bride's brother, Perry Schneekloth, Brandon. Junior groomsman was the bride's nephew Blake Schneekloth, Brandon. The ring bearers were William Schneekloth, Omaha, nephew of the bride, and Connor Luze, Sioux Falls, nephew of the groom.

Ushers were the bride's brothers Brian Schneekloth, Little Rock, and Wes Schneekloth, Omaha, and the groom's friends Ben Van Keulen, Sioux Falls, and Colton Bass, Hills.

A reception followed the ceremony at the Ramkota Inn in Sioux Falls.

Gretchen graduated from Luverne High School in 2011 and from the University of South Dakota, Vermillion, in 2016. She is employed at Papik Motors in Luverne.

Christopher is a 2009 graduate of Hills-Beaver Creek High School. He is employed at Express Ag in Luverne.

They live in Brandon.

school news

Westrum receives academic award at Minnesota West

Megan Westrum, Steen, is one of three Minnesota West students named to the 2016 Phi Theta Kappa All-Minnesota USA Academic Team.

Westrum, a student at the Worthington Campus, is an active member of Phi Theta Kappa and a member of the 2014-15 Lady Jay Basketball team.

Westrum, a 2014 graduate of Hills-Beaver Creek High School, plans to pursue a degree at Southwest Minnesota State

University majoring in business finance and management.

She is the daughter of Robert and Angela Westrum, Steen.

Westrum and fellow Minnesota West students TreyLynn Bannister, Jackson, and Sarah Vogl, Marshall, were among 45 students named to the All-Minnesota Academic Team, which recognizes two-year college students for leadership, academic achievement, and community and college service.

Area students to graduate from Minnesota West

Minnesota West Community and Technical College will recognize graduates at commencement ceremonies on area campuses on the following dates:

- Luverne Center and Pipestone Campus - 7 p.m. Thursday, May 5, at the Pipestone High School Gymnasium.
- Worthington Campus - 7

p.m. Friday, May 6, at the Minnesota West Center for Health and Wellness.

Local students graduating from Minnesota West are as follows:

- Hills: Rachel Horsman and Heather Klarenbeek.
- Steen: Megan Westrum.

school menu

Hills-Beaver Creek Public Schools Lunch Menu:

- Monday, May 9:** Chicken alfredo, peas, applesauce, breadstick.
- Tuesday, May 10:** Scalloped potatoes with ham, corn, peaches, dinner roll.
- Wednesday, May 11:** Grilled chicken sandwich, broccoli, strawberry cup.
- Thursday, May 12:** Tater tot hotdish, green beans, pears, dinner roll.
- Friday, May 13:** Cook's choice, carrots, applesauce.

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Welcome home to 608 Josephine, this home, built in 2005, is move in ready; this one owner property has been well cared for. The property features an open floor plan, main floor laundry, one full bath and one 3/4 bath. The lower level is completely finished with a large family room, 3rd and 4th bedroom and a full bath. The exterior of the home features maintenance free siding, barrier free entrance - no steps, this is perfect for a retiring couple or someone with mobility issues a lawn sprinkler system and beautiful landscaping. The home is located on a large corner lot. Its a must see!!

500 S CENTRAL, HILLS

Check out this well cared for Gorgeous Victorian style home. This home features 4 Spacious bedrooms on the upper level with a full bath featuring a claw foot tub. The main level shows the beauty of this home with crown molding, hardwood floors, built in hutch in dining room and colonnades with lead glass doors to display your beautiful glass ware, the wood work in this home has been well cared for. The kitchen is large leading to the formal dining room. Kitchen appliances are included with the sale. The exterior of the home boasts a large corner lot with a newer oversize 2 stall garage in great condition and a 2nd older 2 stall garage great for storing collector cars or other personal items. Home is located on a LARGE corner lot. This home has been well cared for.

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CURBSIDE SPRING JUNK PICK UP

SATURDAY, MAY 14TH

There is a \$15 fee for appliances, such as stoves, refrigerators, washers, dryers, freezers, microwaves, water heaters, water softeners, dehumidifiers, dishwashers, furnaces, air conditioners, garbage disposals, heat pumps, trash compactors, compressors, treadmills, etc.

Doors on refrigerators & freezers must be secured shut. APPLIANCE FEES must be paid in advance at the City Office or drop payment in the utility drop box prior to junk day. FEES ARE NONREFUNDABLE!

DO NOT USE GARBAGE OR RECYCLING CARTS FOR JUNK PICK-UP.

Separate iron from other materials.

Remove valves from LP gas grill tanks.

NO leaves, grass, branches, these items can be taken to the City's compost pile.

NO recyclable materials.

NO cement, No bricks, No sheet rock, No railroad ties, No pallets, No siding, No shingles, No lumber, No construction material.

Junk items that absorb water — please keep inside until pick-up date to eliminate adding overall weight, which increases landfill tipping fees.

NO weekly household garbage allowed in junk pick up.

NO computer monitors, No electronic materials (such as TV's, stereos, computer parts, etc.), No toxic or hazardous materials, No fluorescent bulbs, No oil, No oil filters, No tires, No vehicle batteries — these items must be taken to the Rock County Transfer Station by

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By Glenda McGaffee

Sunday, May 8, is the day this year dedicated to mothers. Setting aside a special day to honor mothers goes back as far as the seventeenth century. The English celebrated a Mothering Sunday. At this time young people who worked a distance from their home were given off the fourth Sunday in Lent so they could visit their parents and take them presents. This custom evolved from the tradition of returning to a parish mother church the one day in Lent when feasting and fun were allowed. In the United States, President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed an official day of recognition for mothers in 1914. This is a day to outwardly demonstrate appreciation for the women who give so much of themselves to their children. Some people buy gifts; others, spurning commercialism, give their time and themselves.

If your mother is still living, be sure and let her know how much you love and appreciate her. This will mean more to her than any gift money could buy. My mother was my best friend, and a day doesn't pass without me thinking about her. My mom was an exceptionally good cook. When you lived on the farm in the 1970s, you always had an extra guest at dinnertime, especially in the summertime — either a hired man or a neighbor. A big dinner was served at noon consisting of meat, potatoes, vegetable and homemade pie. One of my mom's favorite pies was lemon with a luscious meringue on top. I can still taste it. Besides preparing dinner, my mom also packed two lunches a day with sandwiches and homemade cookies, cakes and bars for the men.

My mom never drove a car or I should say never had a license to drive a car. I recall one summer day my mom decided to bring lunch to the men in the field and drove our old gray Pontiac. I was in the back seat and my brother Bob in the front. Well, instead of hitting the brakes, she hit the gas pedal and backed into a tree. There were no injuries and not much damage to the car. We laughed many times about her driving the car and bringing lunch to the men in the field. Maybe that's the reason she never pursued getting a legal driver's license.

My mother made the best homemade bread and made it twice a week. Here is a poem about homemade bread.

A Loaf Of Mother's Bread
I have heard them speak of biscuits, "Like my mother used to make."
I have heard them tell of cookies, apple pie and angel cake;
But for good old joy in eating, when the hungry must be fed.
I'll just take some home-made butter and a loaf of

Mother's bread.
There was love went in the mixing and the kneading of the dough.
There was care went in the watching that fire burned just so.
There was hearty satisfaction, when she took them, golden-brown,
From the oven to the table and there turned them upside-down.
Then she greased them well with butter or lard, bottom, sides and top and ends;
And to see them there a-cooling, was there like greeting old-time friends.
And I'd give a baker's dozen of the loaves which now I spread,
For a bit of homemade butter and a loaf of "Mother's bread."
This week in honor of my mother, Henrietta Wassenaar I have two of her favorite recipes.

White Bread
2 packages yeast
3/4 cup shortening
1/2 cup sugar
4 cups warm water
2 tablespoons salt
9 to 10 cups flour
Dissolve yeast in warm water and let stand approximately 10 minutes. Add the shortening, salt and sugar. Gradually add flour, mixing well.
Turn out on floured board. Knead until smooth and elastic. Put in a greased bowl. Cover and let rise in warm place. Punch down and let rise again.
Shape into four or five loaves and put in greased loaf pans. Let rise until double. Bake at 400 degrees for 30 minutes.

World's Best Sugar Cookies
1 cup powdered sugar
1 cup granulated sugar
1 cup margarine or butter
1 cup oil
2 beaten eggs
2 teaspoons vanilla
4-5 cups flour
1 teaspoon baking soda
1 teaspoon cream of tartar
1/4 teaspoon salt
Cream the powdered sugar, granulated sugar and margarine or butter. Add the oil, then the eggs, vanilla, flour, soda, cream of tartar, and salt. Mix well.
Roll into small balls, roll in sugar, and press flat with a glass dipped in sugar. Bake at 350 degrees for 10-12 minutes.



Dustin Teune (from left), Dawson Leenderts, and Dustin Fuerstenberg fill in an existing hole with soil.

Submitted photos

H-BC FFA plants new trees
Hills-Beaver Creek Future Farmers of America recently planted new trees northwest of the high school in Hills.



Hunter Bork drives a tree to its new home.

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SATURDAY, MAY 13 6:30 PM
Steen Reformed Church
Couple is registered at Target & Bed, Bath & Beyond

**CITY OF HILLS
Flushing Water Mains**

The City of Hills will be flushing water mains during the month of May, which may cause loss of pressure. If rusty water occurs, residents should flush faucets prior to using water for drinking, cooking or laundry.

**CITY OF BEAVER CREEK
DOG LICENSES DUE**

Residents are reminded that dog licenses are due during the month of May. Cost is \$4 per dog, however, residents age 65 and over are exempt from the license fee. Copy of current rabies vaccination required. A \$20 late fee will be added if license not renewed by 6-1-16. Clerk office hours are Monday 7am to 11am and Tuesday 5:30pm to 9pm. You can also leave payment and vaccination certificate copy in the clerk's drop box and license and tag will be mailed to you. If you no longer have your pet, please notify clerk's office at 673-2266.

/S/ Jane Blank
City Clerk/Treasurer



WEEKLY SPORTS NEWS

Hawks blank Buffalos

By John Rittenhouse
The Tri-State Buffalos opened the 2016 Southern Plains Football League season by dropping a game in Hills Saturday. Taking on the South Central Hawks in the season debut for both teams, the Buffalos came up on the short end of a 20-0 decision. The Hawks produced a second-quarter touchdown to open a 7-0 lead in the first half and scored 13 points in the fourth quarter to complete the win. The 0-1 Buffalos take on the Buffalo Ridge Wildcats at 6 p.m. Saturday in Lake Benton. The Wildcats posted a 27-0 win in Albert Lea during their opener Saturday.



John Rittenhouse photo/0428 hbc 4

Hills-Beaver Creek sophomore Preston Maassen fired a 50 during Friday's 207-252 victory over Heron Lake-Okabena.

Patriots roll to 45-stroke victory in Lakefield

By John Rittenhouse
The Hills-Beaver Creek boys' golf team posted a convincing victory Friday in Lakefield. Taking on the Heron Lake-Okabena Wildcats on their home course, the Patriots came out on the winning end of a 207-252 decision. Trevor Paulsen captured medalist honors for H-BC by carding a 48. Preston Maassen and Stuart Plimpton turned in respective 50- and 52-stroke efforts for the Patriots, while Dylan Taubert and Thomas Dysthe registered 57s. Ben Shedahl led the Wildcats with a 54. HBC plays in Adrian Thursday.

NATIONAL NURSING HOME WEEK May 8-13, 2016 *"It's a Small World with a BIG Heart"*

Please join us for a week filled with FUN!

In honor of National Nursing Home Week, the Tuff Memorial Home will be doing **FREE Blood Pressure Screenings Monday through Friday from 9-5!**

For more information, please contact us at 507.962.3275 or email at adysthe@tuffmemorialhome.com

Community activities have been planned and we hope you will be able to join us.

Sunday, May 8

Monday, May 9

Tuesday, May 10

Wednesday, May 11

- *9:00 A.M. - Worship Services with Pastor Fischer
- *Dress Up Day/Crazy Hat Day!
- *2:00 P.M. - Crowning of King & Queen
- *2:30 P.M. - Mother's Day Tea
- *Team Spirit Day!
- *10:00 A.M. - Bucket Toss
- *2:30 P.M. - Bible Study with Pastor Fischer
- *Crazy/Mismatch Day!
- *10:00 A.M. - Crazy Bowling!
- *2:20 P.M. - Adopt A Grandparent/Photo Booth/ Homemade Ice Cream

Thursday, May 12

Friday, May 13

- *All One Color Day!
- *10:00 A.M. - Dice Roll!
- *2:30 P.M. - Bingo
- *3:00 P.M. - Sundae Fundae!
- *Freedom Friday!
- *2:30 P.M. - PLINKO!
- *3:00 P.M.-4:30 P.M. - Community Meet & Greet

Please join us for a Community Meet & Greet for new administrator, **Alex Dysthe** Friday, May 13th at 3:00 P.M. in the Dining Room Refreshments will be served.



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Close the Gate

By Nancy Kraayenhof

Plans

Dream vacation! Gold Zone Mazatlan, five star resort, all inclusive, beautiful weather, lovely room, king-size bed, great food and the drinks! If you've never had a Mexican Miami Vice, you should go out of your way to get one. Now admittedly, I've never been much of a drinker, but I confess I ordered a few of these in the "virgin" style because they were THAT good! A strawberry shake with a hint of coconut. But even those sweet dreams in bar glasses couldn't cover up the fact that I was living a nightmare by not having my husband with me.

You see, the night before our Saturday morning trip, an expired passport threw us a big old snafu. Quick research, an early Monday morning appointment was made for the hubster to get it fixed in Minneapolis and catch a flight to meet me.

But the airline had other ideas. A four-hour direct flight for me turned into what would have been a fourteen-hour, three-plane change Tuesday trip for him. No dice.

If you were to just meet my husband, you would never know that he is impaired in any way, but he suffered a series of strokes in September of 2015. Still the smartest, most handsome man I have ever known, he does have his struggles. Affected most were his eyesight, his short term memory and his sleep/awake patterns. Though all very manageable in everyday life, navigating strange airports with long layovers and that insane amount of hours could have proven entirely too risky for him to travel alone.

First I was upset. I kicked myself all over for not checking his passport. I knew where it was

located but I never thought to look it over. I don't even know if I knew they had an expiration date. He's always been the world traveler, planner, organizer — not me.

Then I was annoyed that he was missing out on a few days of luxury. I wasn't by myself after all — my brother and sister-in-law were with me and they were wonderful, but it just felt odd.

And then he wasn't coming at all and I was mad again. Upset that he wasn't with me. Disturbed with fear over him not taking his medicine or eating right with me gone. Concerned for his safety alone at home with his adversities. I wallowed in misery and worried myself sick.

Though this may seem extremely selfish of me, I was overcome with the feeling that this must be what it's like for a widow to go on vacation. My

brother and his wife were wonderful the entire trip. I was in no way stranded by myself, but I was alone. A third wheel. No dancing. No romance. No hand-in-hand walks on the beach. I felt half of myself. It was a glimpse of a life I wasn't prepared for and didn't want to see.

Sure. I had a little fun but it all felt like a gigantic waste of time. None of us knows how much time we have left and having almost lost my husband, Doug, twice in the last year, spending a week away from him was almost unbearable.

Doug is a beautiful person who has known defeat, known suffering, known difficulties, known loss ... and that's just in our marriage! Just kidding. He had a whole lifetime before we ever met in 1999 so it's not all my fault. Either way, he has found his way out of the depths of his

struggles with gratitude and an understanding that has filled him with an appreciation of life.

It makes me realize that part of my role in his life is to help him find the purpose of why he awakened from his coma. God must still have things for him to do here on earth and I'm here to assist. If the canyons had never seen windstorms and floods, they wouldn't exist or surely wouldn't be the beautiful sculptures they are. Maybe people are the same way.

In the words of a song track by Matt Morris, Joy Williams, Jack Antonoff and Rachel Platten:

Love, if your wings are broken, please take mine 'til yours can open

Our walk together is fate and hand in hand we'll close the gate.

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



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First Presbyterian Church
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Email: lori.1stpc@centurylink.net
Worship Leaders Michael Blank and Andy Anderson
Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship. 9:45 a.m. Sunday School.
Third Thursday: Deborah Circle.

First Lutheran Church
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Valley Springs, S.D.
Ph. 605-757-6662
firstpalisade@alliancecom.net
Ray Heidenson, Pastor
Sunday, May 8: 9:30 a.m. Sunday school. 10:30 a.m. Worship.
Wednesday, May 11: 7 p.m. Choir.

Palisade Lutheran Church

211 121st St.
Garretson, S.D.
Ph. 507-597-6257
firstpalisade@alliancecom.net
Ray Heidenson, Pastor
Thursday, May 5: 8 p.m. Church Council Meeting.
Sunday, May 8: 9 a.m. Worship. 10 a.m. Sunday School.

Steen Reformed Church
112 W. Church Ave. Steen
Ph. 855-2336
Reuben Sinnema
Youth Pastor
Sunday, May 8: 9:30 a.m. Worship. Sunday School follows Worship. 6:30 p.m. RCYF.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church
Interim Pastor Grant Fisher
112 N. Main St., Hills
Ph. 962-3270
e-mail: bethlehempluth@alliancecom.net
Sunday, May 8: 9 a.m. Worship at Tuff Chapel. 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship at Bethlehem.
Tuesday, May 10: 2:30 p.m. Bible Study at Tuff Home. 3:15 p.m. Bible Study at The Village.
Wednesday, May 11: 9 a.m. Quilting. 7 p.m. Confirmation.

Hills United Reformed Church
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Office Ph. 962-3254
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1st Sunday of each month: Fellowship dinner after Sunday School

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modate manure production at current feedlot numbers.

Bos said the opposite is true. “We do not have enough livestock to cover all our acres,” he said.

Using the permitted or registered capacity of current feedlots, Bos calculated the county’s 201,800 combined AUs of hogs, beef and dairy would generate more than 19 million pounds of nitrogen. At an application rate of 140 pounds of nitrogen per acre for corn production, 140,000 acres of crop ground would be necessary.

There are 267,500 acres of cropland in Rock County, he said.

However, Bos was unable to quantify the amount of manure that may be transported in or out of the county.

“They are very, very coarse numbers based off capacity and based off average nitrogen production,” Bos said.

So far in 2016, the LMO has applications for 10 feedlot expansion requests; 20 permits were requested last year.

“It’s a little slower start to the year but it’s still more expansions,” Bos said.

‘Joseph from the Pit to the Palace’

Hills Christian School students performed a stomp musical, “Joseph from the Pit to the Palace” for their spring music program Friday, April 22. They sang and acted out several songs under the direction of Shelly DeGroot. Soloists were Kassie Haak, Darcy Alons, Olivia Bork and Chloe Forshey. The fifth-through eighth-grade band also performed songs for the program, including “Star Wars” and “Happy.”



Glenda McGaffee photo/0505 Hills Christian School students

Olivia Bork (left), Chloe Forshey, Darcy Alons and Kassie Haak do the stomp.



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Tuff News
By Shateen Lichter

The month of May celebrates Older Americans Month. It is important to acknowledge and celebrate the contributions of older Americans. One way the Tuff Memorial Home plans to do that is to celebrate National Nursing Home week from May 8-14. We have many fun and different events planned for the residents and staff.

We also celebrate National Nurses Week beginning May 6 through May 12. I enjoyed visiting with a few of the nurses here at Tuff and asked them their favorite part about working at the Tuff Memorial Home.

Deanna Hrdlicka, director of nursing, answered, “Working with the residents, caring and being there for them.”

Samantha Koedam, RN, and Lydia Hofer, LPN, echoed the same focus: it’s all about “caring for the residents.” Jody DeBoer, RN and assistant director of nursing, said she “enjoys providing comfort to residents and their families.”

On Friday, May 6, we will be hosting a nurses social at 3 p.m. to honor and celebrate the nurses here at Tuff.

Baseball season is here at Tuff. The season opener was between the “Twins” and the “Gophers.” Jim Leenderts was team captain for the Twins and Henrietta Bajema was team captain for the Gophers. Jim hit the game-winning home run for the Twins!

Our administrative assistant/bookkeeper, Pat Paulsen, was the umpire for the game in honor of Administrative Professionals Week. She umpired a great game and shared about her 13 years here at Tuff.

For Thursday morning’s Bake & Taste we made blueberry pie in honor of Blueberry Pie Day. I received a quick lesson in making homemade crust from Jean VanMalsen and Betty Nath.

We made leftover crust with sugar and cinnamon. We had quite the discussion as to what exactly this delicious treat is called. We ended up calling them Crispies. Can anyone else weigh in on this?

Residents decided to postpone their tour of garden greenhouses until the weather warmed up a bit. Instead, we all enjoyed homemade blueberry pie and played a new game called Lucky 13. That afternoon we enjoyed the familiar and memorable sounds from Bruce Dysthe for the monthly birthday party. Thank you again, Bruce, for a great performance.

Looking ahead this week:

Wednesday, May 4: 2 p.m. Resident Council

Thursday, May 5: 10 a.m. Memorial Services for Etta DeJongh

Thursday, May 5: 3 p.m. Cinco de Mayo Party

Friday, May 6: 2:30 p.m. Nurse Horse Races

Friday, May 6: 3 p.m. National Nurses Week Social

Saturday, May 7: 1:30 p.m. Penny Ante

Sunday, May 8: 9 a.m. Worship with Pastor Grant Fischer

Monday, May 9: 2 p.m. Nursing Home Week Coronation of King and Queen. 2:30 p.m. Mother’s Day Tea

Tuesday, May 10: 11 a.m. Rosary

Wednesday, May 11: 2:20 p.m. Adopt A Grandparent Photo Booth

Resident birthdays this week include Lyla Harnack, May 7.

Please join us this Friday for the Nurses Social and next week for Nursing Home Week. We will be hosting a Community Meet and Greet for the new administrator, Alex Dysthe, from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Friday, May 13. Please join us for coffee, rolls and conversation.

Have a great week! Also, I really do want to know what leftover pie crust with sugar and cinnamon is called.

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H-BC School Board
meets April 11

Hills-Beaver Creek Dist. 671
Minutes
April 11, 2016

The Hills-Beaver Creek School Board met for its semimonthly meeting at 7:00 pm in the High School Conference Room.

Board members present were Fick, Fransman, Gehrke, Kueter LaRock, Leuthold, and Moser. Superintendent Holthaus, Principal Phelps and Business Manager Kuehl were also in attendance.

Chairman Fransman called the meeting to order.

Visitors to the meeting were Glenda McGaffee (Hills Crescent) and Shari Doerr.

Motion by Moser, second by Fick, and carried to approve the agenda with the addition of 5.9-A.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved and sent out.

Motion by Gehrke, second by Leuthold, and carried to approve the bills.

Motion by Moser, second by Gehrke, and carried to approve \$200 anonymous donation for the Elementary Library use.

Motion by Leuthold, second by Fick, and carried to approve the use of the varsity football field and stipulations of agreement with the Tri State Buffalos for the dates requested.

Motion by Kueter, second by Gehrke, and carried to approve the agreement with ABC-Automatic Building Controls to install Digital Dialers at the Elementary and Digital Dialers and a Fire Control Panel at the Hugo Goehle Gymnasium/locker rooms and alarm monitoring at both sites.

Personnel Items:

Motion by Leuthold, second by Gehrke, and carried to accept resignation of Rebecca Rasmussen as Vocal Music Teacher at the completion of the 2015-2016 school year.

Motion by Fick, second by Gehrke, and carried to approve adding a .30 fte Secondary Social Studies Teaching position for the 2016-2017 school year.

Motion by Moser, second by Fick, and carried to approve adding .30 fte Secondary English Teaching position for the 2016-2017 school year.

Motion by Gehrke, second by Kueter, and carried to approve adding .30 fte Secondary Science Teaching position for the 2016-2017 school year.

Motion by Gehrke, second by Kueter, and carried to approve adding .30 fte Math Teaching position for the 2016-2017 school year.

Motion by Moser, second by Fick, and carried to approve addition of .11 fte to Darin DeBoer for Physical Education/Health/DAPE teaching contract for the 2016-2017 school year.

Motion by Leuthold, second by Gehrke, and carried to approve addition of internal

posting for 1 FTE Instructional Coach position/class size reduction.

Motion by Kueter, second by Fick, and carried to approve teaching overload for Jeanette Vanden Hoek for the 2016-2017 school year per the master agreement at a cost of \$2,250.

Motion by Moser, second by Leuthold, and carried to approve and addition of temporary paraprofessional position at the elementary school.

Patriot Pride:

Volunteers: National Volunteer Week is April 10-16. Thanks to all those that volunteer their time and effort to make H-BC great!

Students and their focus on MCA testing

Mr. Phelps presented the Elementary Report.

Mr. Holthaus presented the Secondary/Superintendent Report.

Committee updates- Building Committee met 4/7/16.

Legislative Report- Mr. Holthaus

Dates to Remember:

April 19: FFA Banquet

April 22: Prom

Agenda Items for Next Meeting:

Playground

Opening quotes for fill and bricks

Meeting Adjourned at 7:55 pm

Lois Leuthold, Clerk
(05-05)

H-BC ISD #671 seeks
Elementary Playground
Project bids by May 20

REQUEST FOR BIDS
HILLS-BEAVER CREEK ISD #671

Notice is hereby given that bids will be received until 3:00 p.m. on Friday, May 20, 2016, at the Hills-Beaver Creek District Office, Hills, Minnesota, for the furnishing of the following:

A. Hills-Beaver Creek Elementary Playground Renovation Project
Detailed specifications and information are available at the District Office - 301 N Summit Ave, Hills, MN 56138

The Hills-Beaver Creek Board of Education reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any technicalities.

Lois Leuthold
Clerk
(4-28, 5-5)



Submitted photo/0421 spelling bee

Spelling bee
winner

Liam Raymon placed third in the Southwest Minnesota Spelling Bee Saturday, April 9, in Worthington. Six other students participated from H-BC, including Tara Paulsen (who placed second in the alternate competition), Leif Tollefson, Austin Allen, Mackenzie Voss and Oliver Deelstra.



Open Houses

An open house bridal shower for **Brooke Tilstra**, bride-to-be of **Matt Watenemo**, will be at 6:30 p.m. Friday, May 13, at the Steen Reformed Church.

Meetings

Rock County Thrivent Board will meet at 6 p.m. Thursday, May 19, at The Bluestem in Luverne. For more information call 507-290-0085.

Fair participants watch for your Fair Preview book coming out with the June 5 Luverne Announcer.

‘DNA Geneology 101’
offered May 5

Greg Gropel, a member of the Ostfriesland Geneology Society of America, will offer “DNA Geneology 101” at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 5, in the Luverne CommunityEd classroom, CE802. Gropel will share his findings about DNA basics on types of tests, names of testing companies, cost factors and how DNA can be used to determine ethnicity, ancestors migration patterns and to discover lost cousins. Call 283-4724 to register.

Sign up for Guthrie trip
for “South Pacific”

Luverne Community Education is offering a trip to the Guthrie Theater Sunday, June 26, to see the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical, “South Pacific.” Cost of \$85 covers bus ride and theater ticket. For more details or to register, call 283-4724.

Master Gardeners offer
plants for sale May 21

Rock County Master Gardeners 12th annual plant sale will be from 9:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 21, in the Bomgaars Parking Lot.

Hills-Beaver Creek JUNIOR PARENTS After Prom Committee

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