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H-BC cooks resign; board increases pay

Ellsworth cooks to provide temporary service through September 8

By Glenda McGaffee

All of the workers in the Hills-Beaver Creek Food Service Department have resigned, and the district is now tasked with replacing them before school starts next week.

At their regular board meeting Monday, Aug. 10, the Hills-Beaver Creek School Board accepted the resignation of head cook Cindy McGowan effective Aug. 3.

She had been with the district since September 2004 and was earning \$16.30 per hour.

The Crescent was unable to reach McGowan for comment, but on Facebook she shared information about her resignation.

"Yes, it is true that I have resigned my position as food service director," she posted on Aug. 5.

"I am no longer willing or able to continue my employment with H-BC. I have enjoyed the last 12 years and will greatly miss the students whom I have become very close with and will always be here for them."

Her resignation follows on the heels of a special meeting Aug. 6 at which the board accepted resignations of cook's assistants Cheryl Hup and Deb Fransman.

The resignations were effective July 31. Hup had been employed with the district since 1996 and Fransman since 2000.

H-BC Superintendent Todd Holthaus said he is not able to share reasons for the resignations, due to personnel confidentiality laws.

"We thank them for their service and we have to move on," he said Tuesday.

The cook's positions are for 174 workdays in the school year, six hours per day. The head cook works 7 ½ hours per day.

Meanwhile, Holthaus said two Ellsworth School District cooks, Lori Lens and Anita Kruse, are helping H-BC until school starts in Ellsworth Sept. 8. Also, H-BC substitute cook Tammie Leuthold will work until a replacement is hired.

"The students probably won't notice a lapse in service," Holthaus said.

In related action Monday, the board approved the change of classification of the head cook position to a Job Class 4 beginning with the 2015-16 school year.

This change gives the position a higher wage with more responsibility.

Starting pay for the head cook position is now \$14.33-\$18.52 and starting pay for the cook assistants is \$13.05.

Holthaus said the positions have been advertised and there is a fair amount of interest in the jobs.

"These are optimum positions for people," he said, referring to the school hours for workers with children. "It's ideal for some families."

— Editor Lori Sorenson contributed to this piece.



Glenda McGaffee, photo/0820 dogs at rez

Dog days of summer

Maleeka Rozeboom, Hills, and golden retrievers Toby, 4, and Huxley, 4 months, spend the last days of summer cooling off at the Hills Rez Friday, Aug. 14. Heat indexes last week reached to 100 degrees or more in some areas, making the water a preferred venue for both humans and their pets.

City Council approves building permits

By Glenda McGaffee

At the Hills City Council meeting Tuesday, Aug. 11, the following building permits were approved:

- Kelli Hellerud to move an existing garage to a new location and set on a new cement foundation.
- Renae Knobloch new asphalt shingles on a portion of her home.
- Doug McGuire and Dianna Buffington to remove a barn-shaped storage building and replace it with a new 36-by-26-foot storage building. No neighboring residents had any objections to the building proposal. A variance must be granted along with this building permit issuance.
- Kale Wiertzema construction of a wood fence in his backyard.

In other council business, Aaron Erickson was present at the meeting to discuss insurance policy renewal rates for 2015-16.

Also, City Maintenance Supervisor Eric Harnack updated council on street repair work on South Central Avenue by Reker Construction. FEMA approved a time extension for all work to be completed and all expenses incurred by Nov. 30, 2015.



Glenda McGaffee photo/0820 hbc school board walk through

H-BC School Board members inspect school buildings

Hills-Beaver Creek School Board members walk through the elementary and high school buildings Monday, Aug. 10, to inspect them prior to the new school year. Pictured are board members Jim Kueter (left) and Harley Fransman.

weather
REPORT



AUGUST 9 - AUGUST 15 WEATHER

High temperature for the week:	91	Rain amount for the week:	.50
Low temperature for the week:	60	Moisture total for July:	.70
Average temperature for the week:	76		

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obituary

Henrietta Hargesheimer



Henrietta Johanna Hargesheimer, 81, Luverne, died Monday, Aug. 10, 2015, at Sanford Hospice Cottage in Luverne.

A funeral service was Friday, Aug. 14, at the Christian Reformed Church in Luverne. Burial followed at Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne.

Henrietta Haak was born Aug. 9, 1934, to Richard and Alice (Smith) Haan in Hills. She spent her childhood in Hills and graduated from Hills High School in 1953. She then attended Nettleton College in Sioux Falls for cosmetology. She worked as a cosmetologist in Sioux Falls for several years. Henrietta moved to Grand Rapids, Michigan, where she worked at Pine Rest Mental Institution and pursued her nursing degree. She moved back to Luverne and was a nurse at the Luverne Community Hospital as well as the Good Samaritan Society – Mary Jane Brown Home.

On Sept. 23, 1960, Henrietta married Clarence Hargesheimer at her father's home in Hills. The couple lived in Luverne. In 1974 she and her husband began working together at Luverne Public Schools as custodians. She retired in 1993.

Henrietta was a member of the Christian Reformed Church in Luverne. She taught Sunday School and was a Gems counselor for many years. She was an avid reader and enjoyed cooking and baking. She also liked to crochet.

Henrietta is survived by her husband, Clarence Hargesheimer, Luverne; three children, Crystal (Kevin) Ailts, Luverne, Bruce (Michelle) Hargesheimer, Bloomington, and Robert (Leslie) Hargesheimer, Lakeville; four grandchildren, Sarah (Christopher) Nuffer, Nicole and Alicia Hargesheimer, and Katie (Matthew) VanGrootheest; stepgrandchildren, James (Tiffany) and Karlinn O'Neil; three great-grandchildren; a stepgreat-grandchild; and a sister, Francis (Albert) Haak, Luverne.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her brothers, Richard and Jacob Haan; a sister, Charlotte Oldenkamp; and a nephew, Charles Oldenkamp.

Memorials may be directed to the Sanford Luverne Hospice Cottage.

Arrangements were by Hartquist Funeral Home, www.hartquistfuneral.com.

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community news

Births

A boy, Crosby Jake, weighing 6 pounds, 13 ounces, was born to **Phil and Deanna Smith**, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, on Monday, July 6, 2015, at Sanford Hospital in Sioux Falls. He joins a sister, Bristol, 5, and a brother, Grady 2 1/2. Grandparents are Terry and Glenda Sandstede, Steen, and Ken and Margret Smith, Sioux Falls.

A boy, Bennett Lee, weighing 7 pounds, 5 ounces, was born to **Chad and Melinda Kissell**, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, on Sunday, Aug. 2, 2015, at Sanford Hospital in Sioux Falls. He joins a brother, Corbin, 2 1/2. Grandparents are Terry and Glenda Sandstede, Steen, and Paulette Kissell, Sioux Falls.

A boy, Otto Dean, weighing 6 pounds, 13 ounces, and 20 1/2 inches long, was born to **Lexy Luethje and Chris Smook**, Hills, on Monday, Aug. 3, 2015, at Sanford Hospital in Luverne. He joins a sister, Charlee, 5. Grandparents are Dean and D.J. Luethje and Dennis and Arlene Smook, all of Luverne.

A girl, Emma Kayte, weighing 7 pounds, 10 ounces, was born to **T.J. and Angie Newgard**, Luverne, on Sunday, Aug. 9, 2015, at Sanford Hospital in Sioux Falls. Grandparents are Tom and Sandy Bush, Hills, and Tom and Sandi Newgard, Pipestone.

Open houses

An open house bridal shower for **Becca Sandager** (bride-to-be of **John Goossens**) will be from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 29, in the basement of Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Hills.

Card showers

Burdell Willers will celebrate his 90th birthday with a card shower. Greetings may be sent to him at Bethany Meadows, 3008 E. Aspen Blvd. #606, Brandon, SD 57005.

Arlene Hoeck will celebrate her 90th birthday Wednesday, Aug. 26.

Greetings may be sent to her at 463 50th Ave., Hills, MN 56138.

Meetings

Thrivent of Rock County Board will meet at 6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 20, at Luverne Pizza Ranch.

MS Support Group will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 20, at Southwest Health and Human Services in Luverne. All persons with MS, family and friends are invited. For information call 283-2069 or 283-2964.

Luverne Bowling Association will meet at 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 24, at Luverne Lanes. All bowlers are welcome to come and form a team for men, women or both. Call Luverne Lanes at 283-8172 or Pat Weerheim at 507-227-5258 with questions.

Town and Country Garden Club will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 25, for a tour of landscaping with grasses at a home in Brandon, SD. Call 507-597-6378 for more details.

Sound Cascade Sweet Adeline Chorus rehearses at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Prairie Creek, 4400 W. Creekside Dr., Sioux 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.

Narcotics Anonymous meets at 7 p.m. Fridays in the basement of St. Catherine Catholic Rectory, 203 E. Brown St., Luverne. Use east door. Call Shawn at 507-220-3180.

Alcoholics Anonymous meets at 8 p.m. Wednesdays and Saturdays in the Rock County Community Library. Call 605-321-4324.

Brandon area Al-Anon meets at 8 p.m. Monday and Thursday evenings and at 11 a.m. Saturdays at 209 Elm Street (behind VFW) in Brandon, S.D. Call 605-215-9947 with questions.

Monthly Food Ministry is Aug. 20

The Monthly Food Ministry, sponsored by New Life Celebration Church, will be from 5 to 6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 20, at the Luverne Senior Center. If

you're having trouble putting food on the table, come for fresh produce, bread and meat. Children will be asked to wait outside.

Tuff Memorial Home Car Show

The Tuff Memorial Home will host a car show at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 25, on the front parking lot of the nursing home. If you are interested in participating in the car show, contact Shateen in the Tuff Home Activity Department at 962-3275.

Community Meal Aug. 26

The free Fourth Wednesday Community Meal will be at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 26, at the United Methodist Church in Luverne.

Women of Rock County Fine Arts show at Carnegie Cultural Center

Women of Rock County Fine Arts will show their new art work during the month of August at the Carnegie Cultural Center. The show includes work by Naidine Aanenson, Cindy Reverts, Kristen Peterson, Carol Ceynowa, Lois Young, Kathy Deuschle, Nan Kaufenberg, Judy Edenstrom, Mary Petersen, Lori Hallsrom and Kaia Nowatzki.

H-BC high school packets ready; open house Aug. 20

H-BC Back to School packets are available for pickup. Families with Hills or Steen addresses should pick up materials at the Hills Jr./Sr. High School. Families with Beaver Creek, Brandon, Valley Springs or Luverne addresses should pick up materials at the Beaver Creek Elementary School.

An open house for secondary students and parents is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 20, at the H-BC High School.

A seventh-grade parent meeting is set for 7 p.m.

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HELP SAVE THE PLANET. RECYCLE THIS PAPER!

Schwartz grows flowers from one garden to 10

By Glenda McGaffee

Diana Schwartz's life changed forever 18 years ago Jan. 2, 1997, when her husband, John Schwartz, died of a massive heart attack. The couple had been married only nine months.

Her mother-in-law, Ethel Schwartz, had a small flower patch, which gave Diana the inspiration to grow her own flowers.

Through the years, she started with one flower garden, and now has 10.

She has a memory garden on the exact location where the original house stood on the farm. Diana and her husband, John, built a new home before his death.

Diana's favorite flowers are petunias, and she said she likes perennials and also has a lot of annuals. She likes color, so she said she tries to use flowers with bright colors.

Flowers in her garden are phlox, lilies, bee balms (which attract bees), purple asters, sedums, morning glories, clematis, hydrangeas, sweet William and impatiens, to name a few.

A number of flowers were given by family and friends.

When asked about weeding and tending of her flower gardens, she said, "Round-up and I are good friends."

Diana shared some words of wisdom she's learned through the years. "Impatiens, marigolds and petunias will seed for the next year. Do not pull out the flowers. The seeds will fall in the ground and return next year."

She credits her grandfather, Jake Abma, for her love of flowers. The petunias outside her driveway are perennials from Abma and cannot be purchased anymore.

A new adventure she started is an apple orchard north of her house.

"Gardening keeps a person very busy. You are



Glenda McGaffee photos/0820 Schwartzflowers

Diana Schwartz is pictured in one of her 10 flower gardens on her farm near Beaver Creek Friday, July 24.

always planting along with replacing and redoing the garden. It is a constant job and you're never done. That's the fun part about it," said Diana.

She keeps busy with activities outside her home.

She is employed at the Blue Stem Restaurant and Dingmann Funeral Home in Luverne. She is a member of the Beaver Creek Township Board, and volunteers at Hospice and the new thrift store Redeemed Remnants in Luverne.

She is also very active in her church the American Reformed Church in Luverne. She helps with Bible studies, assists in funeral arrangements and sings with the Praise Team. She started a group called Ladies'

Night Out for widowed, divorced and single ladies ages 30 and up who meet once a month at Pizza Ranch.

In the winter months she said she loves to cook and bake, and she shares her

items with people who have birthdays, who are ill or just need a day brightener. She also crochets flannel blankets and burp rags for infants.

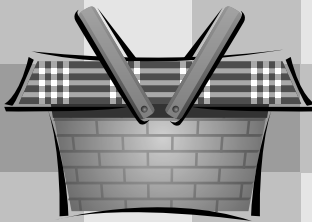
Diana enjoys spending time with seven grandchildren

and her three children, Joshua in Steen, Travis in St. James, and Kelsey in Luverne.

She said Kelsey shares her mother's enthusiasm for gardening and has a vegetable garden, so Diana said they enjoy canning together.

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Close the Gate

By Nancy Kraayenhof

Hang time

The hubster bought a hand-braided string hammock a few years back on a trip to Mexico, and it has been rolled up on its wooden stretcher bars in our garage ever since. I decided it was time for it to come out of hiding, and since we have no suitably spaced trees on our property, I purchased a metal hammock stand.

I can now swing, sway, lounge and think about the stressors in my everyday life. I think a hammock is actually a unique way to view my surroundings because I am, in fact, all but removed from them. I sail adrift in the shade. The weight of earthly anchors cannot hold me back as I caress with the slightest breeze. I think I may be falling victim to a lack of introspection, self-awareness, and I am feeling downright disconnected in the increasingly faceted pace of the society constantly evolving around me. I consider a ham-

mock is the perfect spot for recovery, re-examination and realization.

What does a person need in this life? Really need? A few pounds of food each day, water, heat in the winter, shelter, a place to lie down and some form of working activity that yields a sense of accomplishment. In the material sense, that's all we need and we all basically know it. We are somehow brainwashed by our economic system until we end up stuck at the bottom of a pyramid of payments on time, mortgages, loans on expensive playthings that divert our attention from what's important in life.

The years thunder by and we fling our lives beneath the wheels of routine in the worship of "security." The dreams of our youth grow dim where they lie caked in dust on the shelves of patience, and before we know it, our lives are gone.

To follow one's dreams takes money, effort and step-

ping out of our comfort zones. When the choice is bankruptcy of purse or bankruptcy of life, what do we choose? What is the answer?

Perhaps a hammock should be included in our list of material things we really need, but much more than that, being able to mentally recreate that hammock feeling could be key.

Just thinking about swaying in your hammock could provide mental escape when things get tough. A pleasant mental place to go would be a healthy release in the iceberg of routine, in a frustrating situation, an awkward social setting or when you are just plain bored.

The mere idea of a hammock conjures peaceful, relaxing mental images. It may be in your back yard. It may be on an island in the Caribbean. Anywhere you want, really. Regardless of where you want to tie up your hammock, the mental image doesn't cost you

a dime and no one can tell you how, where or when to do it.

How great is that? To mentally escape to a tropical island, swinging in a hammock, waves gently crashing on the shore, a warm breeze, a cool drink in hand. It is the perfect thought that can instantly elevate your mood and give you new perspective.

A friend of mine, whom I have known for years, just recently passed on to glory. It was very unexpected, and she never knew what hit her. Brain cancer. Here one minute and gone the next. Donna Stoterau, 73, from Beaver Creek did what she loved. She raised, rode and loved her horses. She adored her family and followed her dreams. Thank you for the role model you were and the legacy you left behind. Godspeed, Donna! There's a hammock in heaven with your name on it. Rest in peace.

The next time you are frustrated, the very second you feel the road rage coming on, the instant you feel like strangling someone, retreat! I say, retreat to that mental image of you in your hammock in your special place. Feel the webbing of the strings making gentle imprints on the backs of your legs as you tilt your head back slightly so the easy breeze can cool the folds of your neck. Revive yourself as you sway to and fro with that cool drink in your hand. It's your space for calm, and in that split second that you picture it, you can feel it envelop you in a way that only a hammock can. Now, relax and carry on.

The gate is closing, the hours fly by, the time and your temper are short.

Renew, relax and rejuvenate as you dash to your hammock for support!

Cleverly disguised as a responsible adult, I'm Nancy Kraayenhof. ©2015

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Sunday, Aug. 23: 10 a.m. Joint Worship Service at Palisade Lutheran Church.
Wednesday, Aug. 26: 7 p.m. Confirmation meeting for all eighth- and ninth-grade students and parents.

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Tuesday, Aug. 25: 2:30 p.m. Tuff Home Bible Study. 3:15 p.m. Tuff Village Bible Study.
Thursday, Aug. 27: TED Talk live streaming on Stewardship.

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Glenda McGaffee photo/0820 Hills Christian School teachers

HCS teachers ready for new school year

Hills Christian School teachers have been busy preparing for their first day of school Wednesday, Aug. 19. Pictured are (from left) Myrna Haak, kindergarten through second grade; Barry Miedema, sixth through eighth grade; and Kathy Velgersdyk, third through fifth grades. Not pictured are Val Sinnema, kindergarten, and Shelli DeGroot, music.

Tuff News

By Shateen Lichter, activity director, Tuff Memorial Home
 Hello from the Tuff Memorial Home!

August is in full swing and residents kicked off the week celebrating Banana Split Day after bingo on Monday.

Administrator Laura Preheim joined in for a meet and greet with residents.

Wednesday afternoon was the final baseball game for the season here at Tuff. Team captains John Tilstra and Jim Leenderts led their teams well, but John Tilstra and the “Johnnies” edged out a victory in the end.

Women from WELC in Jasper sponsored bingo on Thursday with prizes and delicious ice cream sundaes. We are thankful for their generosity and willing-

ness to volunteer their time for the residents.

The week wrapped up with a time of reminiscing in the morning. Several women shared their tips and memories of freezing sweet corn and cooking apples.

Friday afternoon a group of residents explored their creativity and colored! Did you know, according to the Huffington Post, coloring “generates wellness, quietness and also stimulates brain areas related to motor skills, the senses and creativity.” According to the article, coloring even has a “de-stressing effect.” Feel free to pick up the crayons once in awhile!

Events for the next week include:

•Wednesday, Aug. 19: 10 a.m. 1950s music with Marlin

Olson.

•Friday, Aug. 21: 1:15 and 2:30 p.m. Crop tours.

•Monday, Aug. 24: Garretson pontoon ride outing. 2:30 p.m. Bingo.

•Tuesday, Aug. 25: 2 p.m. Methodist gathering. 6 p.m. Car show.

•Wednesday, Aug. 26: 2:30 p.m. Men’s Den\Gal Pals.

•The Back-to-School Fashion Show has been cancelled at this time.

The Tuff Memorial Home will host its annual car show at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 25. The community is welcome and encouraged to attend! Free hot dogs will be served courtesy of John Morrell’s and donations by Sam and Glenda McGaffee and the Tuff Memorial Home. Root beer floats will be served for \$1. If you are interested in showing a car, please call the Activity Department at 962-3275.

Jim Metzger returned to his home Friday. We extend our well wishes for a quick recovery.

Jim Leenderts celebrated his birthday Monday, Aug. 17. Iris Fodness will celebrate her birthday Monday, Aug. 24.

Staff birthdays this week include Dylan Forshey, Aug. 15; Deb Remme Aug. 16; and Laura Preheim Aug. 21.

Interested in volunteering? The Tuff Memorial Home is looking for passionate volunteers to assist with small and large group activities, decorating for fall, manicures, and one-to-one visits. Contact Shateen in the Activity Department if interested!

Remember, grab some colors, de-stress and be creative! Have a great week!



10 years ago (2005)

•Hills-Beaver Creek School Board members approved two personnel contracts during their Monday, Aug. 8, meeting.

Louise Thorson was hired to be the high school special education teacher... Ray VanderWoude was hired as the new industrial arts teacher.

20 years ago (1995)

•Matt Ebert is one of only thirty high school seniors in the nation selected for the semester-long United States Senate Page Program.

His duties will consist of delivering correspondence and legislative materials to senators, answering phones and preparing the Chamber for Senate sessions.

50 years ago (1965)

•The Hills Little League softball team and Coach Dean Schnaible recently won the 1965 league title

and also won the league tournament.

Their overall season record was 16 wins to one loss. The loss came in the season opener with Beaver Creek when they were defeated 6 to 5.

75 years ago (1940)

•As has been the custom for the past several years a threshing ring in West Martin, together with their thresher Otto Kraemer and his assistant Ernest Colber, held their annual picnic last Sunday in McKennan park in Sioux Falls.

100 years ago (1915)

•This is to announce to the people of Hills and vicinity, that a furniture store and undertaking parlor is now open for business, and they will carry a complete line of furniture and undertaking goods. The are place of business is located the first door south of First National Bank.



By Glenda McGaffee

Monday morning the town of Hills became silent around 9 a.m. when the electricity was off due to a planned power outage.

Sioux Valley Energy informed their customers last week of the planned power outage for maintenance and upgrade of their system. The outage was scheduled to last approximately three hours. Sioux Valley recently acquired Alliant Energy and added more than 800 new members to its current membership of 23,000.

Cities added to those Sioux Valley already serves are Ash Creek, Beaver Creek, Hills, Kanaranzi, Kenneth, Magnolia and Steen.

When the electricity is off you realize how difficult it is to function without our modern conveniences. The house is silent without the hum of the refrigerator and the air conditioner.

I was going to get my car out of the garage and guess what? I have a garage door opener and need electricity to open it. My neighbor Kouri was kind enough to offer his assistance and open my door, but I used my daughter’s car instead.

I went to the high school and wanted to do an interview with one of the new teachers. Glenda, the office gal, was going to use the intercom but no electricity.

Sometimes I think it would have been fun to have lived in the pioneer days like Laura Ingalls Wilder, using a gas lamp for light, cooking on a wood stove and traveling by horse and buggy to reach your destination.

But after having no electricity for three hours on Monday morning, I think I am glad I live in this era.

I enjoy touching a switch for light, watching television, listening to the radio, my computer and other modern conveniences.

This week I have recipes for Old-fashioned Tomato Soup and Tomato Jelly.

Old-fashioned Tomato Soup
3 tablespoons butter or margarine

2 tablespoons flour
 1/4 teaspoon salt
 1/4 teaspoon pepper
 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
 2 cups milk
 2 cups fresh tomatoes, cut or diced

Cook tomatoes over medium heat, melt butter, add flour, salt, pepper and baking soda to make a white sauce. Mix until smooth and gradually add milk and tomatoes. Stir until well-heated but DO NOT BOIL. Serves: 4.

Tomato Jelly

5 cups tomatoes
 5 cups sugar
 1 large package strawberry or raspberry Jell-O

Squash tomatoes and cook until soft. Add sugar and cook for 15 minutes. Remove from heat, slowly add Jell-O until dissolved. Place in jars.

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Glenda McGaffee photos/0820 Steen Carnival

Steen church hosts annual carnival Aug. 12

The Steen Reformed Church congregation and visitors enjoyed perfect weather Wednesday, Aug. 12, for the annual carnival on the church parking lot. Children participated in balloon darts, skee ball, face painting, Plinko, treat walk, pop ring toss, football toss and more. Those in attendance also enjoyed Wipe Out obstacle course and jump tent inflatables. Pork sandwiches, hot dogs, beans, chips, dessert, ice cream, cotton candy and beverages were served. Proceeds from the event will go toward the Sunday School Department of the Steen Reformed Church.



Pictured above, Braden Ellingson (left) and Cooper Vaughn set up the hydro blaster game at the Steen carnival Wednesday, Aug. 12.

Above right, Heidi Gehrke encourages her niece, Londyn DeBoer, to choose another duck from the duck pond at the Steen Carnival Wednesday, Aug. 12.

Fall coaching assignments approved

By Glenda McGaffee

At the Aug. 10 Hills Beaver Creek School Board meeting, the board approved fall coaching assignments for 2015-16.

Rex Metzger is head football coach, and Jason Rauk is assistant coach. Scott Harnack is junior high coach, and shared assistant coaches are Dan Ellingson, Chris Harnack and Eric Harnack.

Head volleyball coach is Susan Bork. Darin DeBoer is assistant coach, and Meghan Leuthold will coach the C Team.

In other business Monday, the board approved the resignation of van/bus driver Helen Kraayenhof effective Aug. 28.

Arlene Hoeck
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her 90th birthday
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H-BC School Board meets July 27

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

Vice Chairman Gehrke called the meeting to order.

Visitor to the meeting was Glenda McGaffee (Hills Crescent).

Motion by LaRock, second by Moser, and carried to approve the agenda.

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

Motion by LaRock, second by Kueter, and carried to approve the bills.

Motion by Kueter, second by Moser, and carried to approve the student accounts.

Motion by Leuthold, second by LaRock, and carried to approve Deans Foods for the dairy products and Bimbo Bakery for the bread bids for the 2015-2016 school year.

Motion by Kueter, second by LaRock, and carried to approve requests for heating fuel (13,000 gallons) and liquid propane (25,000 gallons) for the 2015-2016 school year.

Motion by Moser, second by LaRock, and carried to extend District's membership in the MN School Board Association for 2015-2016.

Motion by Leuthold, second by Kueter, and carried to approve the second reading of handbooks.

Personnel:

Motion by Leuthold, second by LaRock and carried to approve 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 Master Agreement as negotiated with the H-BC Education Association.

Motion by Moser, second by Leuthold, and carried to approve hiring Nora Wysong as Elementary RTI/Special Needs teacher for 2015-2016.

Motion by Moser, second by Kueter, and carried to revoking unrequested leave of absence for Teri Richards as Spanish and Family Consumer Science instructor for the 2015-2016 year at .19 FTE making her 1 FTE.

Motion by Leuthold, second by LaRock, and carried to approve revoking unrequested leave of absence for Scott Harnack for .09 FTE as Social Studies teacher making him 1 FTE. Superintendent/Secondary Principal report was presented by Mr. Holthaus.

Agenda items for next regular scheduled meeting:

Discussion of Board Team Self Assessment

Dates to Remember:

July 31, 2015

August 10, 2015

August 19 and 20

August 20, 2015

August 24, 2015

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Last day to respond to Board Self Assessment

Regular Board Meeting- walk through of

buildings - start meetings at 7 p.m. in Beaver Creek.

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(8-20)

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Tuff Apartments and Village first opened on Aug. 1, 2001

By Glenda McGaffee

For several years the board of directors of the Tuff Memorial Home discussed the need for housing for the elderly separate from nursing care, but no funds were available.

Then in January 1970, Martinus Viste, a former resident of the Hills community who had moved to Florence, Minnesota, died leaving about \$40,000.

This was the incentive needed to proceed with plans for building an apartment for the elderly.

The Tuff Home had previously acquired land across the street south of the nursing home. It was an ideal location for the cottage type apartments, four on ground level and two at basement walkout level.

Because of the success of Viste Manor, another apartment building, Morningside, was planned for in 1976.

Morningside was financed through individual loans, some to be forgiven upon death, and through the Tuff Memorial Home.

Individual loans forgiven upon death were from Olivia Moldenhauer, \$25,000, Mr. and Mrs. Gullick Sundem, \$20,000 and Clara Sandager, \$5,000.

Individual loans were made by Pearl Hellie, \$11,200; Juliet T. Rowbortham, \$10,000; and Oscar E. Hagen, \$10,000. Morningside Manor was completed in 1977 and has 4 apartments.

In 1984, again given a need for more housing, Sunview Manor was built. Sunview was opened in 1985 with five apartments.

Two major loans were



Glenda McGaffee photos/0813
Tuff Village

The Tuff Village apartments first opened in Hills on Aug. 1, 2001.

given by Herman Beyenhof, \$10,000, and Rachel Bakk, \$15,000, to help build Sunview Manor. Other finances were made through the Tuff Memorial Home.

Tuff Village is first assisted living facility in Rock County

In 1995 Arnold and Stella Swanson approached the Tuff Memorial Home to determine if the Home was interested in purchasing their home, which was located just north of the nursing home.

The Tuff Memorial Home Board of Directors, seeing this

as a possible place for expansion, quickly purchased the Swanson house in May of 1995.

Also, the Board of Directors purchased the Donald and Donna Schellhouse basement house in March of 1995. The purchase allowed the Tuff Memorial Home to get control of half of the block for possible development.

These homes were eventually sold by the Tuff Memorial Home because expansion on these properties did not work.

Eventually farmland

was purchased just east of the nursing home from the Helgeson family for an assisted living project.

Planning for the assisted living project actually began in 1994, with hiring of a firm to do a financial feasibility study that was conducted by Health Planning and Management Resources, Inc. This study supported development of 10 to 12 senior housing units in the Hills area.

Another survey was completed in 1997 to identify if the community was willing to make a financial commitment

for senior housing. The data and results presented in the 1997 survey clearly indicated an interest in senior housing in the Hills area.

A building committee was formed and it was decided to build the first assisting living facility in Rock County.

Thanks to a generous gift annuity, the project was expanded from 12 to 19 units and the Tuff Village opened its doors on Aug. 1, 2001. The 19 apartments were designed to be maintenance-free and handicap-accessible.

Mary Lemke, director of nurses at the Village said, “The first tenant, Arnold Swanson, moved in Aug. 1, 2001. At that time there was air-conditioning only in the offices and a window air conditioner was placed in his room due to the fact he was chomping at the bit to move in.”

Then in 2005 the Tuff Memorial Home Board of Directors along with the administration decided to change Viste Manor from independent apartments to a housing with services apartment building.

Some remodeling was completed to all the apartments, which included adding new carpet and remodeling all the bathrooms, including adding walk-in showers. The remodeling also included adding a central dining area for the residents.

Information for this story was completed from historical data and scrapbooks from the Tuff Village, from the Hills Centennial Book and from the writer's own knowledge of the history of the Tuff Village and Apartments.

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obituary

Ann Erickson

Ann Jaloyce Erickson, 75, Hills, died Saturday, Aug. 1, 2015, at St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester.

A funeral service was Thursday, Aug. 6, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Hills. Burial followed at Bethlehem Lutheran Cemetery in Hills.

Ann Finke was born Oct. 2, 1939, to Alvin M. and Anna Lena (Thone) Finke in Luverne. She grew up on the family farm and graduated from Hills High School. Ann continued her education and earned a degree from the Minnesota School of Business. She then worked in optometrist Dr. Getman's office in Luverne.

On Aug. 19, 1961, she married Dennis Erickson at the United Methodist Church in Luverne. The couple farmed their entire married life near Hills. After her family was

raised and gone, Ann enjoyed working in the activities department at the Tuff Home in Hills.



Ann is survived by her husband, Dennis Erickson, Hills; three sons, Lee (Christie) Erickson, League City, Texas, Tadd (Janine) Erickson, Marshall, and Aaron (Heather) Erickson, Beaver Creek; a daughter, Camilla (Curt) Heydt, Sargeant; nine grand-

children, Lauren, Jacobi, Alex, Bo, Calvin, Ethan, Mya, Kyal, and Karver; two sisters, Linda Finke, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and Mary (Dan) Siegfried, Valley Springs, South Dakota; a brother, Jon (Sheri) Finke, Luverne; and many other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers, Alvin Jr., and Billy Finke.

Arrangements were by Jurrens Funeral Home of Hills, jurrensfuneralhome.com.

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death notice

Henrietta Hargesheimer

Henrietta J. Hargesheimer, 81, Luverne, formerly of Hills, died Monday, Aug. 10, 2015, at the Sanford Hospice Cottage in Luverne.

A funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Aug. 14, at the Christian Reformed Church in Luverne. Burial will follow at Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 13, at Hartquist Funeral Home in Luverne.

Arrangements are by Hartquist Funeral Home of Luverne, www.hartquistfuneral.com.

A full obituary will appear in next week's edition of the Star Herald.

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Garbage in recycling/continued from page 1

however, said he would like the county to take a more proactive approach by educating the public first.

“It (the placing of garbage in the recycling containers) reflects poorly on us as a county in what we are doing here ... if recycling here is truly an important thing.”

The state of Minnesota is challenging counties to raise their recycling rates to 60 percent in the next decade. A possible reduction in state funding could result in counties not making that threshold.

Currently Rock County recycles 46 percent of its waste, according to the Land Management Office (LMO).

Commissioners urged LMO Director Eric Hartman to develop signs indicating what is not acceptable for the recycling containers and suggested possibly manning the outlying county sites.

Chairman Ron Boyenga pointed out that current signage points to what is acceptable.

“It doesn’t say what’s not allowed,” he said.

Plastic grocery bags have been the bane of recyclers because they can become trapped in the sorting machines. These frequently show up in recycling sheds and are often filled with recyclables.

Plastic bags are not recyclable, Dwire stressed.

Keeping to Millennium’s standards will avoid a per ton charge to accept Rock County’s recyclables.

Rock County generates about 800 tons of recyclables a year. A possible charge of \$35 per ton could mean as much as \$28,000 in additional costs.

Additional transportation



Mavis Fodness photo/0813 Millennium Recycling

Shannon Dwire (left) with Millennium Recycling of Sioux Falls talks with Bill Ketterling about the quality of recycling material collected Friday, Aug. 7, from the city of Luverne at the Ketterling Services facility on South Cedar Avenue.

costs could also be incurred if Millennium rejects a load of recyclables from Rock County.

The rejected loads would be brought back to Luverne and later

hailed to the municipal landfill near Marshall. Each trip adds additional expenses, plus a charge at the landfill.

Ketterling Services began

negotiating for processing services with Millennium Recycling after its major workforce supplier, Rock County Opportunities, gave notice in July they would no longer provide

workers for the manual sorting.

RCO cited safety hazards and changes in the recycling industry as reasons for no longer providing workers.



Mavis Fodness photo/0813 Millennium Recycling

Additional signage on what not to recycle will appear next to the current signs on all nine recycling sheds in Rock County. County officials are concerned about the quality of recycling materials currently being left by residents in the open front sheds throughout Rock County. Additional signage is being planned before steps could be taken to limit the 24/7 drop-off access to the sheds.



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Whither soever
By Glenda McGaffee

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The month of August is one of my favorite months. In August the long, hot summer is beginning to wind down. Have you heard the cicadas singing their song?

Do you remember the old adage: When you hear the first cicadas, there are only six weeks until the first frost.

The crickets are busy chirping. Did you know this sound is produced by the male rubbing together parts of the forewings?

August is perhaps the busiest month for vacations and family reunions. The beginning of school is just around the corner.

Here are some interesting facts about the month of August:

•The birth flowers for August are the gladiolus and the poppy.

•The month of August is named for Julius Ceasar’s grandnephew, Augustus.

•On Aug. 9, 1974, Richard M. Nixon resigned from office, making him the first United States president to ever resign from office.

•On Aug. 16, 1977, Elvis Presley died.

I love eating the fresh produce from the garden. My husband’s garden in our backyard has been producing onions, green beans, cucumbers and tomatoes.

If you don’t have a garden, you can buy garden produce

at Wally’s Nursery at 281 50th Avenue or visit the Farmer’s Market on Saturday located at 216 West 1st Street, next to the Cenex Station.

The summer squash zucchini is a favorite vegetable of mine. Did you know zucchini is one of the easiest vegetables to grow in your garden?

Zucchini, which can reach nearly a meter in length, is usually harvested at half that size or less. Are you a gardener currently inundated with zucchini? Or a gardener’s neighbor who keeps finding a bag left homeless on your porch? Are you taking bushels to work with you along with recipes for zucchini bread, zucchini casserole and grilled zucchini?

Here are some interesting facts about zucchini:

•One zucchini has just 25 calories (compared to a baked potato, for example, which has 130 calories).

•According to World’s Healthiest Foods Nutrition, nutrients and vitamins found in zucchini can help prevent cancer and heart disease.

•A zucchini has more potassium than a banana.

This week I have recipes that use zucchini.

Stuffed Zucchini
 4 medium zucchini
 1/4 teaspoon salt
 1 small onion, minced
 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
 2 eggs, lightly beaten

1/2 cup dry bread crumbs
 1/4 cup grated cheese
 2 tablespoons minced parsley

Salt and pepper to taste
 Cut zucchini in half lengthwise. Scoop out pulp, leaving 3/8 inch shell. Reserve pulp.

In a large saucepan, bring 8 cups water and salt to a boil. Add zucchini shells; cover and boil for 2 minutes. Drain and set aside. Chop zucchini pulp.

In a large skillet, saute the onion and chopped zucchini in oil until tender. Remove from the heat. Stir in eggs, bread crumbs, cheese, parsley, salt and pepper. Fill shells.

Place in greased baking dish. Bake at 375 degrees for 15 minute and heated through.

Zucchini Relish
 10 cups ground zucchini
 1 cup ground green and red peppers
 4 ground onions
 3 tablespoons canning salt
 Combine the above ingredients and let stand overnight. Drain. Rinse with cold water. Drain again.
 6 cups sugar
 2 1/2 cups cider vinegar
 1 tablespoon dry mustard
 1 tablespoon nutmeg
 1 1/2 tablespoons celery seeds
 1/2 teaspoon pepper
 Combine all ingredients. Cook 20 to 25 minutes, watching so it does not scorch. This makes about 5 pints.



Thea Richards, Steen, poses for a photo during the National Institute on Cooperative Education Conference in Virginia.

Steen girl attends national leadership conference

Thea Richards, Steen, recently attended the National Institute on Cooperative Education Conference at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, Virginia.

Richards and Pipestone’s Shantelle DesMarais were selected to attend the NICE conference by their peers from Sioux Valley Energy’s EmPOWER Youth Leadership program.

Goals of NICE are to help youth gain a better understanding of cooperative business principles and develop leadership skills.

Farm Credit of the Virginias provided youth with a cooperative simulation in which they worked with a team to make decisions and manage a cooperative.

Attendees also participated in a case study competition conducted by educators from the University of Kentucky where they developed solutions and alternatives to real-life issues.

Other sessions focused on careers in the cooperative arena, team building exercises and an in-depth series of sessions on the roles of members, directors and management of cooperatives.

The students’ travel and conference costs were covered by Farm Credit of the Virginias and by Sioux Valley Energy

Richards is the daughter of Mark and Teri Richards, Steen.



705 S 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.



207 S CHURCH, HILLS

Very nice twin home centrally located close to post office and convenience stores. The twin home features two bedrooms and 1 1/2 baths. The floor covering was recently replaced to a barrier free flooring for someone using assistance in walking. The master bedroom features a large closet and accessible bathroom. The guest bedroom has a "Murphy" styled bed which is included with the sale, which allows this room to be used for multiple purposes. The two bathrooms are adjacent to each other for ease of use. The laundry room is large with a separate vanity sink for quick clean ups and is conveniently located just off of the two stall garage entrance. There is a formal dining area adjacent to the kitchen. The kitchen features an abundant amount of cabinetry with a separate pantry area. Call an agent today for your preview



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Request for Quotes

The Board of Education of Independent School District No. 671, also known as Hills-Beaver Creek School District, will receive sealed firm quotes for delivery of 13,000 Gallons of Heating Fuel Oil at its Elementary Site in Beaver Creek (2,000 gallon tank capacity) and delivery of 25,000 Gallons of Liquid Propane delivered to two District Sites in Hills, MN. Quote must indicate that they are able to furnish trained and certified LP gas service within 24 hours.

All quotes are to be sealed and mailed to Glenda Kuehl, Business Manager at Hills-Beaver Creek School District, PO Box 547, 301 N. Summit, Hills, Minnesota 56138 and received on or before 3:00 P.M., Thursday, August 20 at the District Office. Quotes will be publicly opened after the submission deadline.

The Board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all quotes in whole or in part. The Board also reserves the right to waive any formalities without cause and without explanation to any bidders.

Hills-Beaver Creek District No. 671
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Close the Gate

By Nancy Kraayenhof

To my dear daughters-in-law:

There are so many things I want you to know. As the dreaded “mother-in-law” from all the jokes and rolling eyes across the land, it is hard to know what or exactly how to say any of what I have to say. I’m going to get it all down on paper before any more time passes. You just never know when my number may be up, and as I’m headed for glory, I’m not going to have time to come back and communicate with you from beyond the grave.

Yes, I know that my sons are not just “my” sons. After all, they were not miraculously conceived, but I consider every one of my children miracles in their own right. This is a letter from my heart to yours, hence, the use of “I’s” and “my’s.”

From the moment my sons were born, I not only prayed for them, but I prayed specifically for you. I want you both to know that you were loved by me from the second my sons’ hearts chose you.

This may seem funny to

some but you are more than “in-laws” to me; you are my daughters. I believe when two people fall in love and are joined in marriage that the two truly become one. I see you as part of him; his chosen beautiful bride for life. You are now, and forever will be, part of our family.

To put this bluntly, I want to resist ever getting all “up in your business.” I want to support you two wholeheartedly in any way I can, but I also want to respect your privacy and have healthy boundaries in place. I sincerely promise I will always attempt to call before I drop by and I will also try to offer advice only when you ask for it.

When two families are joined together, it can be messy, complicated and sometimes downright ugly. There are going to be times when all of us will make mistakes. Sometimes we may unknowingly say hurtful things or inadvertently not do something the way it was meant to be done, and so on. In those

moments, I promise to seek your forgiveness and be truthful with you if my feelings have been hurt. I ask you to do the same in order for our families to have peace. Forgiveness is key in any relationship. I want us to be able to communicate freely. I don’t want to have to walk on eggshells and I don’t want you to feel that you have to either. No one is perfect, least of all me, but I am a grown-up and if I’m wrong, I’ll own it. If I could control my tongue, I would be without flaw and able to control myself in every way but, alas, tis not to be.

Yes, I am my boys’ mother, but I want to be your friend. I know you have your own mother and I, in no way, want to try and fill that special place in your life or your heart. I long to be your much older friend that takes you out to eat and shopping. I adore watching the grandkids and giving you a break. I want to be on the other end of that phone when you need someone older, if not wiser, to talk to. I will never

knowingly betray your confidence. I so want to be your friend if you’ll let me.

More than anything, I want to bless you and my sons as much as humanly possible. God has so graciously blessed me with children of my flesh and children of my heart, and I want to be a blessing right back. There is a very negative brand attached to a “mother-in-law.” I’ve seen the jokes and I’ve laughed along with the rest, but I don’t want them to apply or be directed at me. The stereotype is mean, unjust and downright rude. I am for you all, not against you! You can come to me for anything. For as long as I can possibly be, I’ll be right here for you.

I pray that God has prepared your hearts for marriage to my sons. They are wonderful, trustworthy men, which I’m sure you already know. Trust them.

I pray you grow in knowledge of the Lord and His wisdom on marriage. It was His plan for man and woman so I think His rules apply.

I pray He guards your heart against the sexual sin that is so prevalent in our society.

I pray He grants you many, many blessings in your life.

I pray that if you make mistakes, you seek God’s forgiveness, which He will grant and that you are able to forgive yourself. This was my undoing when I was younger and I don’t want it to happen to you. No man, including my son, can fill this hole in your life.

I pray you never lose sight that you are a precious child of God.

God has an amazing plan for your lives! Please know that I am praying these very prayers for you and my son. Every. Single. Day.

As I close the gate, I shut my eyes: I wish I might, I wish I may.

Say these prayers for you all of my life. Every. Single. Day.

*With love for all my sons and daughters,
Your mother-in-love,
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Sunday, Aug. 16: 9 a.m. Worship Service.
Tuesday, Aug. 18: 7 p.m. Church Council meeting.

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211 121st St.
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Ray Heidenson, Pastor
Thursday, Aug. 13: 8 p.m. Church Council meeting.
Sunday, Aug. 16: 10:30 a.m. Worship Service (Coffee Cup Sunday).

Steen Reformed Church
112 W. Church Ave. Steen
Ph. 855-2336
Thursday, Aug. 13: Volunteer Day at Thrift Store in Worthington.
Sunday, Aug 16: 9:30 a.m. Worship; Pulpit Supply: Rekuben Sinnema; Building Fund Offering. 6 p.m. Evening Service with Grant Diekevers. 6:30 p.m. RCYF.
Monday, Aug. 17: 7 p.m. Elders’ meeting. 8 p.m. Consistory meeting.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church
Interim Pastor Grant Fisher
112 N. Main St., Hills
Ph. 962-3270
e-mail: bethlehempluth@alliancecom.net
Sunday, Aug. 16: 9 a.m. Worship at Tuff Chapel. 10 a.m. Communion at Bethlehem.
Tuesday, Aug. 18: 2:30 p.m. Tuff Home Bible Study. 3:15 p.m. Tuff Village Bible Study.
Wednesday, Aug. 19: 2 p.m. Combined Circles in the Garden Room at Tuff Village.

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



Becca Sandager and John Goossens

Couple engaged

Becca Sandager and John Goossens, both of Pine Island, announce their engagement.

Parents of the couple are Mike and Nancy Sandager, Hills, and Ed and Donna Gossens, Forest Lake, and Amy Hall and Tim Fischer, White Bear Lake.

Becca graduated from Luverne High School in 2007, earned her undergraduate degree from Saint Mary's University of Minnesota in Winona in 2011, and earned a master's degree from Winona State University in 2013. She works at Triton High School.

John graduated from Forest Lake High School in 2008 and from South Dakota State University, Brookings, South Dakota, in 2012. He works at Sargent Gardens Landscape and Nursery.

They are planning a Nov. 28 wedding in Hills.



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Births

A girl, Elliree Leigh “Elli,” weighing 8 pounds, 5 ounces, 21 inches long, was born to **Derek and Erin Haak**, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, on Tuesday, July 21, 2015, at Avera McKennan Hospital in Sioux Falls. She joins a sister, Emersen Lea. Grandparents are Larry and Deb Haak, Hills, and Garret Fritzemeier, Sioux Falls, and the late Sharee Leigh Fritzemeier. Great-grandmother is Henrietta Haak, Hills.

A boy, Teagan Leo, weighing 7 pounds, 12 ounces, 21 1/2 inches long, was born to **Halden and Erica Van Wyhe**, Hills, on Sunday, July 19, 2015, at Sanford Hospital in Luverne. Grandparents are Ron and Kellie Thier, Adrian, and Howard and Heidi Van Wyhe, Hills. Great-grandparents are Joe and Elaine Scheidt, Adrian, Wayne and Hendrene Van Wyhe, Hills, and the late Leo and Joni Thier, William and Wilma Nibbelink and Jennie Van Wyhe.

(This announcement is being run again, as inaccurate information was submitted.)

Card showers

Lowell Wessels will celebrate his 80th birthday on Sunday, Aug. 16. Greetings may be sent to him at 366 140th Ave., Steen, MN 56173.

Meetings

Beaver Creek Township monthly meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 13, at the township hall.

Thrivent of Rock County Board will meet at 6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 20, at Luverne Pizza Ranch.

MS Support Group will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 20, at Southwest Health and Human Services in 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., Sioux Falls. Call 507-597-6288.

‘Time Out for You’ Aug. 19 at The Oaks

The Caregiver Education

presentation on Minnesota services for the blind will be from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 19, in The Oaks dining room.

Monthly Food Ministry is Aug. 20

The Monthly Food Ministry, sponsored by New Life Celebration Church, will be from 5 to 6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 20, at the Luverne Senior Center. If you’re having trouble putting food on the table, come for fresh produce, bread and meat. Children will be asked to wait outside.

Women of Rock County Fine Arts show at Carnegie

Women of Rock County Fine Arts will show their new art work during the month of August at the Carnegie Cultural Center. The show includes work by Naidine Aanenson, Cindy Reverts, Kristen Peterson, Carol Ceynowa, Lois Young, Kathy Deuschle, Nan Kaufenberg, Judy Edenstrom, Mary Petersen, Lori Hallsrom and Kaia Nowatzki.

Tuff Memorial Home Car Show

The Tuff Memorial Home will host a car show at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 25, on the front parking lot of the nursing home. If you are intersted in participating in the car show, contact Shateen in the Tuff Home Activity Department at 962-3275.

H-BC high school packets ready; open house Aug. 20

H-BC Back to School packets are available for pickup. Families with Hills or Steen addresses should pick up materials at the Hills Jr./Sr. High School. Families with Beaver Creek, Brandon, Valley Springs or Luverne addresses should pick up materials at the Beaver Creek Elementary School.

An open house for secondary students and parents is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 20, at the H-BC High School.

A seventh-grade parent meeting is set for 7 p.m.

peekin' in the past

10 years ago (2005)

•Members from the Hill-Beaver Creek Fellowship of Christian Athletes dedicated 10 days in July to help impoverished citizens in several towns in Guatemala. The students, along with FCA director Tom Goehle and Steen Reformed Church Youth Group director Brian Dengler, traveled to schools, churches and orphanages on a mission trip.

20 years ago (1995)

•Rick and Sue Roste of Rock

Rapids are bringing a full-service funeral home to Hills. Plans for its construction are underway.

The funeral home's completion date has not yet been determined. The Rostes hope that the building can be constructed before snowfall, leaving only the interior to be completed.

50 years ago (1965)

•Bert Vander Woude and Otto Christianson clean out excessively long straw of a bumper oats crop. “The largest I’ve ever seen,” said Bert, who estimated

the crop would reach very nearly 100 bushels per acre.

75 years ago (1940)

•Thieves entered the local school building some time between last Monday morning and Wednesday morning, and helped themselves to the school typewriter, adding machine and Ditto machine. The machines were taken from the office, while other valuable equipment in that room was left untouched.

Sheriff Neil Roberts and Ole Lee, of the state bureau of

criminal apprehension, were expected to check the building for possible clues.

100 years ago (1915)

•L.J. Gordon was repairing the Steen line last Thursday, and to a reporter stated that the line is now in good working order, but could be made to work still better if some of the branches were trimmed from the trees along the highway in places where the line passes through.

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Lori Sorenson photos/0813 carnegie
Lois Young, one of the featured artists at the Carnegie this month, is pictured next to some of her painted china.

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At right, the sheep in Lori Hallstrom's painting, "Where Are Ewe?" appear to have glowing eyes in the night.

Below, Kaia Nowatzki displays some of her pottery at the Carnegie this month.

Below right, Kristen Peterson uses mixed media to create this striking piece, "The Countess."



The center wall near the Carnegie entrance features a sample of each of the 11 female artists participating in the August display.



Activities planned for August at the nursing home are:

- Thursday, Aug. 13: 2:30 p.m. Bingo with ladies from the American Lutheran Church in Jasper. The ladies will be providing the prizes and lunch.
- Friday, Aug. 14: 7 p.m. -Hymn-sing in the dining room with a group from the Apostolic Christian Church in Lester, Iowa.
- Monday, Aug. 17: Jim Leenderts' birthday.
- Wednesday, Aug. 19: 2:30 p.m. Back-to-school Fashion Show.
- Monday, Aug. 24: Iris Fodness' birthday. 8 a.m. Jesse James Boat Tour.

The Tuff Memorial Home will have a car show starting at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 25, in the front parking lot of the nursing home. If you are interested in participating in the car show, please contact Shateen in the Activity Department at 962-3275.

Bake and Taste was Thursday morning in the Activity Department. Residents made a butter-scotch trifle, which was served after bingo.

Friday was Pet Day and residents enjoyed visits

from Minnie and Esty. Minnie is a bunny owned by Brock Harnack and Esty is a chicken owned by Laurie David. We want to express our thanks to Brock and Laurie for sharing their animals.

Friday afternoon residents gathered in the chapel to listen to Glenda read from "The Secret." The book, written by Beverly Lewis, tells how the loving hand of God is at work in even the most unsettling circumstances in the seemingly ordinary Amish home of Grace Byler where secrets abound.

Residents enjoyed manicures Saturday morning in the Activity Room. Special thanks to our volunteers Gert Hup, Joan Fransman, Marie Walraven, Marie Soehl, Deb Bowman and her grandchildren for assisting.

Ann Jaloyce Erickson, 75, died Saturday, Aug. 1. A funeral service was Thursday, Aug. 6, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Hills. Our sincere sympathy is extended to her family and friends.

Several beautiful bouquets of flowers were shared in Ann's memory. She was a former employee in the Activity Department of the nursing home.

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