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### Three new teachers start at Hills-Beaver Creek

### By Glenda McGaffee

Three new teachers will be working in classrooms when the school doors open for students in the Hills-Beaver Creek School District for the 2017-18 school year.

Stephanie Bass will teach fourth-grade reading and science. She will also be the assistant volleyball coach.

She lives in Hills with her husband, Colton Bass.

She graduated from Granada-Huntley-East Chain in 2010 and from Southwest Minnesota State University in Marshall in 2014 with a Bachelor of Science degree in elementary education.

She has a fifth- through eighth-grade mathendorsement.

Bass previously taught sixth grade in Pipestone for two years and fourth and fifth grades in Tiger Reserve (advanced program) at Harrisburg Elementary.

Macy Ellingson will teach Little Pates Academy and Title I.

She lives in Luverne with her husband, Caleb Ellingson.

She graduated from Luverne High School in 2010 and from Southwest Minnesota State University in Marshall in 2014 with a degree in early childhood and elementary education.

Her previous teaching experience was at Sunny Days





Glenda McGaffee photo/0831 Ellingson and Bass

New Hills-Beaver Creek School District teachers are (from left) Macy Ellingson, Stephanie Bass and (in the photo on right) Meghan Zylstra for the 2017-18 school year.

Preschool in Worthington for two years.

Meghan Zylstra will be teaching second grade. She will be the head volleyball coach at H-BC.

She lives in Beaver Creek with her husband, Chris Zylstra. She is a graduate of H-BC and has a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Sioux Falls. She is working toward a graduate degree from the University of Sioux Falls in educational leadership.

Her previous teaching experience was at Edgerton Christian Elementary School in Edgerton where she taught kindergarten.

# Nelva Behr to retire after 42 years from New Vision

### By Glenda McGaffee

Nelva Behr will retire Sept. 1 after being employed at New Vision Co-op in Hills for the past 46 years.

"I started April 1971 as bookkeeper to replace Douwina Scholten who planned on retiring," Behr said.

"At that time the manager was Paul Anderson. Other employees were Frank DeBoer, Virgil Herrmann, Bud Griffin, Dean Groen, Douwina Scholten and Asle Skattum. When I started, everything was done by hand. There were no computers."

Behr said there were many other changes in the industry over the past

"In 1993 the Hills Co-op merged with Beaver Creek Elevator. Then in 2003 New Vision purchased the co-op," she said.

"Farming practices are more complex. Everything is bigger — equipment, crops and farms. Not just mom and pop farms with cattle, hogs, sheep



and chickens. The Chicago Board of Trade with grain pricing. It used to be more of supply and demand: now it is all based on the Board of Trade."

Behr said she has no im-

mediate plans for retirement. "I will just wait and see what develops," she said.

# Hills resident contracts West Nile

### By Glenda McGaffee

Hills resident Doug Chapman has been diagnosed with West Nile virus.

The virus is spread by the bite of an infected mosquito and can infect people, horses, many types of birds and some other animals.

Most people who become infected with West Nile virus will have either no symptoms or only mild ones. West Nile virus infection can result in severe illnesses. Thedanger of contracting West Nile doesn't disappear until well into September.

Chapman said he thinks he contracted the virus while fishingup north near Duluth.

"I was covered with mosquito bites on my ankles," he said.

"Two weeks ago, Aug. 11, I went to the ER because I was having double vision. The nurse took my temperature and it was 103. I didn't even know I had a temperature."

Chapman was tested for West Nile and Lyme disease, and it takes seven days to get test results.

"I was diagnosed with West Nile," he said. "I'm on antibiotics, and the doctor said it could last for two weeks or two months."

He encouraged everyone to especially cover arms and legs at night while outdoors, use insect repellent with DEET and get rid of standing water on property to eliminate mosquito breeding areas.

Hills Public Works officer Eric Harnack has sprayed the town of Hills at least twice this year. This also includes the Hills Rez. He said he plans to spray the football field before every home game this fall.

"The more you spray, the less tolerance the mosquitos have," said Harnack, who is licensed commercially and uses a low-volume 4-percent Permethrin spray.

weather **REPORT** 



### **AUG. 20 THROUGH AUG. 26 WEATHER**

High temperature for the week: Low temperature for the week: Average temperature for the week:

Rain amount for the week: 4.32 inches Rain total for August: 8.12 inches

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A boy, Webb Paxton, weighing 8 pounds, 10 ounces, and 20  $1/4\,$ inches long, was born to Cory and Vickie Busswitz, Hills, on Tuesday, Aug. 1, 2017, at Sanford Hospital in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. He joins a brother, Fox, 5.

### Harvey Rozeboom

Harvey Allen Rozeboom, 81,

Hills, died Saturday, Aug. 19, 2017, at the Tuff Memorial Home in Hills.

A funeral service was Wednesday, Aug. 23, at the Steen Reformed Church in Steen. Burial followed at **East Side Cemetery** in Steen.

Harvey Rozeboom was born

Sept. 9, 1935, to Bert and Hattie (Van Batavia) Rozeboom. He grew up in Hills and attended country school there.

On June 14, 1957, Harvey married Gertrude Mae Teune. They farmed near Hills. Harvey was a member of the Steen Reformed Church in Steen. His hobbies and interests included farming, fishing, woodworking, and spending time with his family especially his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Harvey is survived by his wife, Gertrude Rozeboom, Hills;

grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and three stepgreatgrandchildren; a twin sister, Burdette Oelrich, Hull, Iowa; and many nieces, nephews and

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Arlin Rozeboom; two brothers, John and Jim Rozeboom; and a brother-

# Schoneman retires from Navy, advises young adults to 'keep an open mind'

### By Lori Sorenson

Chief Fire Control Technician Carl Schoneman will retire from the Navy on Aug. 31 after 20 years and six deployments

Hismessagetoyoungadults back home?

'Rock County may seem like the center of the universe, but it's a big world out there," he said.

'Keep an open mind. You never know where life is going to takeyou....Sometimesyouhave to put your toe in the water; you might get swept away, but enjoy the adventure."

Schoneman, son of Stan Schoneman, Rock Rapids, and Carol Daniels, Sioux Falls, grew up in Steen and graduated from Hills-Beaver Creek High School

At 19 years old, he was takinggeneral courses at Worthington Community College and working at IBP. He had a wife and baby and was looking for a better way to secure their future.

"One day I got a Navy postcard in the mail, and I immediately called the recruiter and enlisted the next day," Schoneman said.

"I'd always wanted to see the world — I wanted more. This seemed like a good opportunity to accomplish those goals and dreams."

He admits he may have responded to any branch of the military at the time, but looking back, he said the Navy was the right decision for him.

Each branch of the military has its opportunities," he said. "Butknowingwhat I know now, I would do the Navy all over again ... in a heartbeat."

For one thing, he said submarine missions were a bit farther removed from front lines. Fire control technicians are in charge of a submarine's weapons employment systems.

"I've been lucky enough to travel the world for free," Schoneman said. "I've been in every time zone; I've been to the North Pole where it was minus 35 degrees, and I've been to Bahrain where it was 120 degrees."

Schoneman has spent time in Portugal, Spain, France, Italy, Greece, Egypt, Dubai, Bahrain, Israel, Puerto Rico, Japan, and Singapore.

"Experiencing other cultures and lifestyles has opened the eyes of this country boy," he said. He said he'll miss the junior

sailors and the camaraderie with others on the ship, but he won't necessarily miss the long deployments at sea.

"Beingaway from your family never gets easier," Schoneman

His first deployment was on the USS Pittsburgh from January 1999 through July 1999.

"Our only communication for the first 3 months was a few sparse emails. ... It was a difficult transition," he said.

"It was my first time away from home, and it was hard not being able to communicate with my family. We went months without a phone call."

On one deployment, he spent over 100 days in a football field-sized submarine he called a

"big black tube" without seeing the sun.

But he adapted, learned and grew while picking up skills in electronics and maintenance along the way.

Today, he said he'd encourage others to choose a similar path and follow their dreams.

"It's been the opportunity of my lifetime," Schoneman said.

"Growing up in a small town, it's tough to imagine how big the world is. ... There are so many things to see and do — plus there's the paycheck and medical and dental insurance for your family.

He and his wife, Jennifer, live in Port Orchard, Washington. They have four children.

At 39 Schoneman said he's at a crossroads. "I gotta grow up and get a real job like everybody else," he said.

Schoneman's final day with the U.S. Navy was June 30 when he celebrated his retirement with a ceremony in Washington, D.C.



four children, Harlin (Yvonne) Roze-

boom, Hills, Lowell (Karla) Rozeboom, Garretson, South Dakota, JoLean (Gary) Greenhoff, Pipestone, and BernDean (Gary) De-Ruyter, Lake Benton; a daughter-in-law, Barb Rozeboom, Holland; 12 grandchildren, four step-

other extended family.

in-law. Chuck Oelrich.

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

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# Sunshine, cars, hot dogs and root beer floats

Residents of the Tuff Memorial Home and their families were treated to a car show Tuesday, Aug. 22, when area car enthusiasts brought their shiny vehicles to the Tuff Home parking lot. The weather was perfect for the event and brought in a large crowd to look at the entries while enjoying grilled hot dogs, chips and root beer floats.

Pictured at right, H-BC volleyball and football players assisted with the car show. They are (front, from left) Abby Knobloch, Allison LaRock, (back) Calvin Erickson and Zander Wysong. They're pictured with the horse, Little Spirit, courtesy of Dan and Marie LaRock and Rock Ranch.

Bottom right, Tuff Home resident Lois Loge and her son, Steve, received the trophy for Best of Show for their 1968 Camaro convertible.

Directly below, Bill Kroon shows his 1929 Model A Ford with a 454 motor he built from scratch. The project took him about three years to complete.

Far bottom, Tuff Home resident Virginia Allen (front) enjoyed the event with her brother Robert Wharton (back center), Luverne, and her friends from Georgia, Joe Andrews and Judy Andrews.

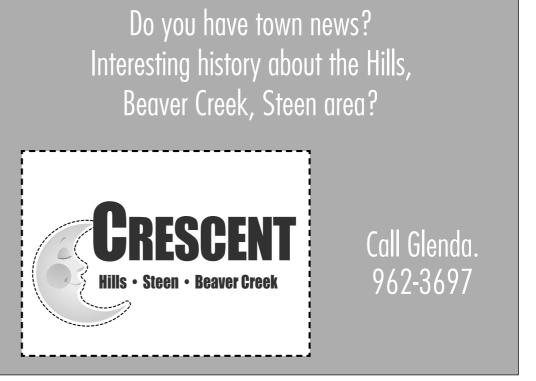
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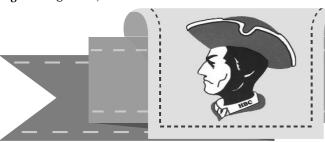












# **WEEKLY SPORTS NEWS**

# Labor Day Softball Tourney strong in Steen since 1935

### By Glenda McGaffee

The annual Labor Day Softball Tournament this weekend in Steen features five teams — Steen, Rock Rapids, Hardwick, Ellsworth and Lester.

The games start at 9 a.m. Monday, Sept. 4, with Rock Rapids vs. Hardwick.

At 10:30 a.m. Steen plays Ellsworth; at 12 p.m. Rock Rapids takes on Lester; at 2:30 p.m. Hardwick plays Steen; and at 3 p.m. Ellsworth faces. Lester.

The championship game will be played at 4: 30 p.m.

The annual event marks a long history of softball competition for 82 years among the local communities.



Glenda McGaffee photo/0831 scoreboard

Pictured is the scoreboard at the Steen softball field Monday, Aug. 28. The softball field was officially named and dedicated as Vyron Paulsen Field at the Steen Centennial Celebration July 2, 1988.

### **H-BC School Board** approves fall coaching assignments

### By Glenda McGaffee

H-BC School Board members approved a number of fall coaching assignments at their meeting Monday, Aug. 21.

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

Head volleyball coach is Meghan Zylstra,  $assistant volley ball coach is Stephanie\,Bass, and$ junior high volleyball coach is Darin DeBoer.

In other personnel issues the board approved Hailee Wiertzema as special education paraprofessional and Brianna Leuthold as part-time paraprofessional for RTI (response to intervention) and REAP (rural education achievement program.)

### **Meetings**

The Green Earth Players annual meeting will be at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 5, in the Green Earth Players building at 401 West Edgehill Street in Luverne.

**Luverne Special Oympics Bowling** is from 3 to 5 p.m. starting Sept. 5 at Luverne Lanes.

Narcotics Anonymous will meet every Thursday evening at 6:30 p.m. at the Steen Reformed Church. Contact Robert for more information 507-329-2642.

Narcotics Anonymous meets at 7 p.m. Fridays and for basic text study at 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays in the basement of St. Catherine Catholic Rectory, 203 E. Brown St., Luverne. Use east door. For more information call 507-220-0137.

### **Alcoholics Anonymous**

meets at 8 p.m. Wednesdays and Saturdays in the United Methodist Church, Luverne. Call 605-321-4324

**Alcoholics Anonymous** meets from 8 to 9 p.m. every Tuesday in Runals Memorial Hall, Edgerton. Call Naomi, 507-215-2956.

### Hills Christian **Labor Day pancakes**The Hills Christian School

will host their annual Labor Day Pancake Breakfast from 7-10:30 a.m. Monday, Sept. 4, in the school gym.

The menu includes pancakes, sausage, milk, juice and

### **Donate for Friends of** Library sale

The Friends of the Library are now collecting books until Sept. 16 for the upcoming book sale Sept. 20-23 at the Rock County Library. Accepted items include audio tapes, records, CDs, hardcover and paperback books.

Items not accepted are encyclopedias and textbooks.

### **Bank Night movie** 'Diary of a Wimpy Kid' Sept. 7

The free Bank Nite movie, "Diary of a Wimpy Kid — The Long Haul," rated PG, will begin at 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 7, at the Palace Theatre in Luverne.

Sponsored by First Farmers

& Merchants National Bank and Labor Day weekend Papik Motors, a free, familyfriendly movie is shown on the first Thursday of every month as it was done for "Bank Nite" in the 1930s. A cash prize drawing will follow the movie. Must be present to win.

### Soil health and cover crops info day Sept. 5

Rock County SWCD, NRCS, Express Ag and the University of Minnesota Extension will host a cover crop, soil health and livestock information day from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 5, at the Tom Fick Family Farm at 1157 110<sup>th</sup> Ave. near Luverne. Lunch will be available per RSVP to Rock County Soil and Water Conservation Office by Aug. 31. Call 507-283-8862.

# at the Blue Mounds

Friday, Sept. 1:

Mammals of the Mounds -Learn about common mammals at Blue Mounds State Park. Meet at 4 p.m. in the campground amphitheater and bring a chair or blanket.

Twilight to Starlight: Moonlit Hike - Meet at 8 p.m. at the picnic area at the end of the main park road (left when leaving the campground and cart-in sites) for a 1.7-mile loop hike during dusk and twilight where we will look and listen for critters of the night by the light of the moon. Bring a headlamp or flashlight comfortable shoes.

### Saturday, Sept. 2: •Geology ROCKS!

Meet at 10 a.m. at the visitors center parking lot off County Highway8foraless-than-one-mile, slow-paced guided hike with an emphasis on the geology at Blue Mounds State Park. Bring comfortable shoes and a bottle of water.

•Bison Tales: The Story of the Blue Mounds Bison - Learn how the bison herd at the park began and what the future may hold for the Blue Mounds star species. Meet at 6 p.m. in the campground amphitheater and bring a camp chair or blanket, as seating is limited.

### Sunday, Sept. 3

Build a Bison: From Hoovesto Horns - Help a naturalist "build" a bison by transforming an audience member through dress-up. Meet in the amphitheater and bring a camp chair or blanket. This program is for youth of all ages to learn the anatomy of a bison.

•Gimmie S'More Campfire Stories! - Nothing says Labor Day weekend like s'mores and a campfire! Join the park naturalist for some tasty, melty s'mores! We'll talk about the history of Blue Mounds State Park and about the park's star attraction, the American Plains Bison. Meet at 8 p.m. in the campground amphitheater and bring a roasting stick and a camp chair or blanket, as seating is limited. Unable to accommodate special diets.

### Hills City Residents only!!! Fall Junk Drop-off Site Saturday, September 16

Junk items must be dropped-off at the City Shop located at 700 S. Central Avenue from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM on Saturday, September 16. City employees will be on site to assist.

Separate iron from other materials.

NO LP gas tanks – Tanks must be removed from gas grills. NO leaves, grass, or branches – these items can be taken to the City's compost pile.

NO recyclable materials.

NO construction materials - such as cement, bricks, sheetrock, plywood. lumber, railroad ties, pallets, etc.

NO weekly household garbage allowed in junk pick up. No computer monitors, electronic materials (such as TV's, stereos, computer parts, etc.). No toxic or hazardous materials, fluorescent bulbs, oil, oil filters, tires, vehicle batteries – these items must be taken to the Rock County Transfer Station by APPOINTMENT ONLY -Call 283-8862, Ext. 3.

Junk items that absorb water - please keep dry to eliminate adding overall weight, which increases landfill tipping fees.

### APPLIANCES WILL BE PICKED UP AT THE CURB

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 and freezers must be secured shut. Fees must be paid in advance at the City

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### Speaking up on behalf of our neighbor

By Reverend Maggie Berndt-Dreyer -**Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Hills** 

The story of Jesus' encounter with the Canaanite woman on the border of the regions of Tyre and Sidon found in Matthew 15:21-28 came up as the story to be read in church a couple of weeks ago for those churches that use the Revised Common Lectionary. And it's had me thinking about advocacy or speaking up, publicly on behalf of another.

In this story the woman, a foreigner to Jesus, cries out to him for mercy, asking that he would free her daughter from the demon that is tormenting her. At first Jesus ignores her. He keeps on walking, not even acknowledging her presence, similar to the way we may act when we encounter a stranger on the street who is asking us if we can spare a little money. Eventually the woman blocks Jesus' path, kneels at his feet and cries out, "Help me!"

This is when the exchange gets heated. Jesus responds with an insult, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." (Matthew 15:26). But seemingly unfazed, the woman persists. "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from the master's table." (v. 27) And with that, Jesus proclaims, "Woman, great is your faith!" and her daughter is healed immediately.

This story is scandalous for a number of reasons, one of which is that the woman advocates for her daughter persistently enough that Jesus changes his mind. To those of us who've learned about an unchanging God, this can be puzzling. But there are many instances throughout the Holy Story in which God changes God's mind. God changes God's mind about destroying all the earth in the flood story (Genesis 6). God changes God's mind, much to Jonah's dismay, when God decides not to destroy Nineveh after the entire city repents (Jonah 3). Moses convinces God to spare the people in the wilderness after they create the golden calf (Exodus 32). Abraham bargains with God on behalf of the people of Sodom (Genesis 18). God changes how God interacts with humanity many times throughout scripture. Perhaps you've noticed a pattern: it's always toward mercy and forgiveness, and it often involves someone advocating or appealing to God on behalf of someone else.

The woman cried out to Jesus for her daughter. Moses pleaded for forgiveness on behalf of the people. Being an advocate on behalf of others — giving a voice to the people whose struggles are not often understood and known — is part of the way of life for the children of God. As people of God we are called to listen to our neighbors, to learn about their needs, and to speak up on their behalf when their needs are not getting met. Being advocates for each other helps spread the grace and mercy of God to all of God's creation.

# Pickup vs train crash near **Beaver Creek**

### By Lori Sorenson

No one was injured Monday, Aug. 21, when a train collided with a pickup on the tracks near Beaver Creek.

According to information from the Rock County Sheriff's Office, officials were notified at 6:30 p.m. of a train vs. pickup crash at 30th Avenue and 61st Street.

Upon arrival, members of the sheriff's office located a 2001 Chevrolet pickup approximately 100 yards east of the road where the track crosses.

Jacob Fick, 21, of Luverne said that he had been the driver of the pickup and that his passenger, Micah Stensland-Bos, 20, of Luverne had left the scene.

Fick reportedly said that he and Stensland-Bos were traveling on the tracks looking for a fishing pond, when he got a flat tire and the truck was unable to get over the tracks.

He said they both heard the Burlington Northern Santa Fe train coming, and they tried to wave the

The cars were apparently loaded and the train was unable to stop in time, totaling the pickup. There was no apparent damage to the train.

The sherriff's office cited Fick for "Trespassing - Crime against a Railroad" and reckless driving.

Stensland-Bos was cited for underage consumption.

The incident reportedly caused significant delays for railroad companies involved while rail deliveries were backed up for miles while the track was being cleared.

Do you have town news? Interesting history about the Hills, Beaver Creek Steen area? Call Glenda, 962-3697





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

Norman Bouwens, Pastor

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

> First Presbyterian Church 201 S. 3rd St. P.O Box 73 **Beaver Creek** Ph. 507-935-5025 Email: lori.firstpres@gmail.com

**Worship Leader Michael Blank** Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship. 10:30 a.m. Sunday School.

> First Lutheran Church **Intern Pastor Laura Phillips** 300 Maple St. Valley Springs, S.D. Ph. 605-757-6662

firstpalisade@alliancecom.net Sunday, Sept. 3: 10:30 a.m. Worship service with Communion.

> **Palisade Lutheran Church Intern Pastor Laura Phillips** 211 121st St. Garretson, S.D.

Ph. 507-597-6257

firstpalisade@alliancecom.net Sunday, Sept. 3: 9 a.m. Worship service with Commu-

Thursday, Sept. 7: 8 p.m. Church Council meeting.

**Steen Reformed Church** 112 W. Church Ave. Steen Ph. 855-2336 Jeremy Wiersema, Pastor

Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Worship; service broadcast on KQAD. 10:45 a.m. Sunday School. 6 p.m. Youth Group. Evening worship at 6 p.m. first and third Sundays.

Wednesdays: 7 p.m. Midweek.

**Bethlehem Lutheran Church** Pastor Maggie Berndt-Dreyer 112 N. Main St., Hills Ph. 962-3270

### e-mail: bethlehemluth@alliance com.net

Saturday, Sept. 2: 7 p.m. Westphal/Stroeh wedding. Sunday, Sept. 3: 9 a.m. Communioin at Tuff Chapel. 10 a.m. Communion at Bethlehem. 7 p.m. Grades 6-8 youth

Tuesday, Sept. 5: 2:30 Bible Study at Tuff Home. 3:15 p.m. Bible Study at the Village.

Wednesday, Sept. 6: 9 a.m. Quilting. 6:30 p.m. Grades 8-9 Confirmation meeting with students, parents and mentors. Church Boards meet.

**Hills United Reformed Church** 410 E. Central Ave., Hills Office Ph. 962-3254 e-mail: hillsurc@alliancecom.net Alan Camarigg, Pastor Sundays: 9:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Worship Services.



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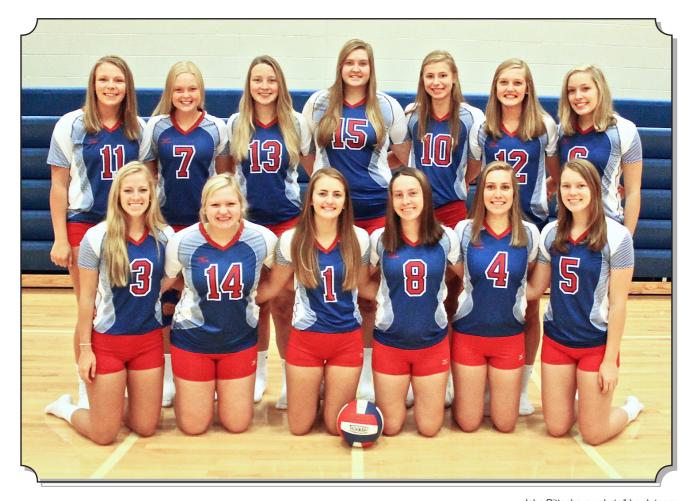
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John Rittenhouse photo/hbc vb team The 2017 Hills-Beaver Creek volleyball squad includes team members (front row, from left) Paige Tilstra, Grace Holthaus, Alexia Boltjes, Madison Spath, Amber Bos, Grace Bundesen, (back) Megan Gehrke, Avery Wysong, Halle Hoekstra, Kourtney Rozeboom, Sidney Fick, Bailey Swan and Olivia Richards.



The Hills-Beaver Creek High School football team opens the 2017 season in Hills Thursday night. Team members include (front row, from left) Hunter Bork, Luke LaRock, Dylan Tieszen, Josh Kueter, Trenton Bass, Preston Maassen, Dawson Leenderts, Jesse Elbers, Dylon Taubert, Dean Fuerstenberg, Garrett Raymon, Noah Hellerud, (middle) Dewell Rauk, Jaxon Steensma, Parker Gehrke, Kyle Kueter, Easton Harnack, Gavin Wysong, Jax Wysong, Bailey Susie, George Merson, coach Jason Rauk, coach Chris Harnack, (back) coach Rex Metzger, Tryce Bennett, Calvin Erickson, Thomas Dysthe, Zander Wysong, Chase Bosch, Carter Roozenboom, Tyson Bork, Tory Knobloch, Brandon Taubert, coach Eric Harnack and coach Dalton Bass.



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**Avery Wysong** 

# New director of nursing services at Tuff Memorial Home

### By Glenda McGaffee

Dawn Christensen is the new director of nursing services at the Tuff Memorial Home and began her duties July 9.

Christensen was born in St. Paul and at the age of 4 moved to her grandmother's farm near De Smet, South Dakota. Her parents had a dairy farm and feeder pigs. She graduated from De Smet high school.

"I don't remember ever wanting to be anything but a nurse," Christensen said.

"I told my aunt at the age of 8 that I was going to be a nurse; she told me I'd be a good one."

She married in 1982, and she and her husband, Chris, live on an acreage near Sioux Falls. Chris works at the South Dakota State Penitentiary and plans to retire next December.

They have two children, Autumn, 33, Sioux Falls, and Jeremy, 32, in the Army stationed at Ft. Hood, Texas. Grandchildren are Jacob, 14, Becca, 7, and Brihannah, 6.



Dawn Christensen, pictured Tuesday, Aug. 22, is the new director of nursing services at the Tuff Memorial Home in Hills.

In 1981 Christensen started working as an LPN at Sioux Valley Hospital as a med-surgical float on the ortho, urology, surgical and general medical units until 1984 when her daughter was born.

She returned to school after the birth of her son in 1985 for her RN degree and took a position in the neuro-intensive care unit at McKennan Hospital in Sioux Falls.

In 1990 her husband took a job in Ames, Iowa, and they moved to Nevada, Iowa, for three years where she was employed as a charge nurse in the ER at Story County Hospital in Nevada.

The Christensens returned to Sioux Falls in 1993 and Dawn began working at Children's Care Hospital and School until 2004.

From 2004 to 2008 Christensen taught pharmacology to the ultrasound students and conducted the LPN clinical rotations in geriatrics, pediatrics and obstetrics.

She taught geriatrics theory

to LPN students in the classroom and taught medical terminology to the VA ancillary staff. While conducting geriatric clinicals for the LPN students, Christensen said she realized how much she enjoyed geriatrics.

In 2008 she resigned from her position at Southeast and took a job at Good Samaritan Center as an MDS/case manager.

With retirement drawing closer for her husband, the couple were looking to retire in a smaller community.

Christensen saw the advertisement for the director of nursing position at Tuff Memorial Home and decided to take a drive to Hills.

"We thought this would be a beautiful, quiet place to retire," she said. "I applied for the job and the rest is history."

In her spare time she enjoys spending time with her grandchildren, gardening, canning food, doing jigsaw puzzles, crossstitch and yard work.



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# Juff News By Shateen Lichter

It is hard to believe that summer is almost over! Soon the kids will be back in school, colors will turn, and our kitchens will be filled with the smell of cooked apples and warm soups.

September is also National Cholesterol Month soitis a good time to get your levels checked. High cholesterol can be lowered by medication. It can also be lowered by consuming fresh fruits, fresh vegetables and whole grains as well as taking in 21/2 hours of moderate exercise per week.

Monday morning started off with Wii bowling. Residents are enjoying this newly added activity and we are looking to start tournaments later this fall.

Tuesday's highly anticipated Car Show was a success. Residents were accompanied by the HBC football team while they admired over 20 cars registered for the event. Best of Show this year, as voted on by the residents, went to Lois Loge and her son Steve for their '68 Camaro Convertible. Congratulations!

The addition of carnival games, run by HBC volleyball, were a highlight for the younger crowd. A few animals made an appearance including "Spirit" of Rock Ranch, a shy goat and her trusty squealing pig sidekick. One of the best parts was the family, friends and communitymembers who stopped into visit with residents and enjoy a hot dog. With over 400 hot dogs served and over \$500 raised to go toward facility updates, we are beyond thrilled with the event! This year's sponsors include Thrivent Financial, Exchange State Bank of Hills, Coca-Cola, U.S. Foods, Glenda and Sam McGaffee and Hidden Hills Café. A big thank you to our sponsors and for the many volunteers who came out and assisted with this event. It would not be possible without you.

Haley Van Wyhe joined us Wednesday afternoon to present a program on the country of Tanzania. We enjoyed seeing photos, vibrant fabrics and beaded bowls that she brought back from the country. Residents were amazed at the culture differences and found the program quite educational. Thankyou, Haley, for joining us.

A group of residents ventured out and toured the Stensland Dairy Farm Thursday morning. We stayed on the bus for the beginning of the tour and Doug shared many details about how Stensland runs. We went through the barns and were able to see many aspects of the farm, including the creamery where the staff had just started filling butter containers. The morning was complete witha sampling of milk and cheese curds as well as a nice serving of theirice cream. This is definitely a tour we would encourage you all to go on. A big thank you to Betty and Jerry Ackerman, Mary Crawford, Ron Feucht, and Carol Farrar for volunteering



Tuff residents enjoy an outing to Stensland Dairy. Pictured are (front, from left) Jim Leenderts, Mavis Grage, Grace Miller, Jeanne Van Malsen, Virginia Allen, Bernice Aukes, (back) Doug Stensland, Ron Feucht, Jerry Ackerman, Carol Farrar, Shateen Lichter, Betty Ackerman and Mary Crawford.



H-BC football player Zander Wysong accompanies Henrietta Bajema through the Car Show Tuesday evening.



Directly above, Jeanne VanMalsen and Evelyn Stueven admire the clothing of Tanzania.

Below, Queen Grace Miller awards the Best of Show trophy to Lois Loge and her son, Steve, for their '68 Camaro convertible.

with this outing.

Later that afternoon we played Birthday Bingo and celebrated Iris Fodness' birthday. Thankyou, Iris, for your generosity and for sharing your fun cake!

Friday ended with entertainment by Marlin Olson for the monthly birthday party.

Looking ahead this week: Thursday, Sept. 7: 10 a.m. Quilt Club.

Friday, Sept. 8: 2 p.m. Movie and popcorn.

Saturday, Sept. 9: 2 p.m. Grandparents Party.

Sunday, Sept. 10: 9 a.m. Worship.

Monday, Sept. 11: 10 a.m. Wii Bowling.

Tuesday, Sept. 12: 2:30 p.m. Bible Study.

Wednesday, Sept. 13: 2:30 p.m. Board Games.

Have a great week!





Glenda McGaffee photo/0831 Walgrave Audrey Walgrave, pictured Aug. 26 at the Tuff Memorial Home in Hills, is the Tuff featured resident this week.

# Tuff Home recognizes Audrey Walgrave as resident of month

By Glenda McGaffee

Every month the Tuff Memorial Home features a resident and displays photographs and memorabilia.

For the month of July Audrey Walgrave was the featured resident. She has been a resident of Tuff since July 2011.

Audrey was born in Edina on Jan. 11, 1926. She and her husband, Ardean Walgrave, had two children, Daniel, Minnetonka, and Mary Pat Aanenson, Barrone, Wisconsin.

Walgrave was employed as

a bookkeeper for 60 years and was an active member in the Green Earth Players in Luverne.

Walgrave's favorite time of year is summer. Her hobbies include collecting jewelry and stuffed animals, sewing, reading, traveling and dancing at the Arkota Ballroom in Sioux Falls.

She used to sew all her own clothes. Her favorite food is steak and baked potatoes.

In the nursing home Walgrave enjoys manicures and music programs.



# Landowners have new options to meet Buffer Law requirements

Funds available to soil and water conservation districts for implementation of buffer law

Almost \$5 million dollars is now available to support landowners in meeting the requirements of Minnesota's buffer law.

Funds distributed to soil and water conservation districts (SWCDs) are to be used for cost-sharing contracts with landowners or their authorized agents to implement riparian buffers or alternative practices on public waters and public drainage ditches.

The 2017 legislation also recognizes that some landowners may have hardships (such as weather) in meeting the public waters deadline.

The added language allows for an eight-month extension for implementation when a landowner or authorized agent has filed a riparian protection "compliance plan."

These plans need to be filed with local SWCD by **Nov. 1**,

**2017**. Compliance waivers offer a buffer deadline extension until **July 1, 2018**.

"Over 70 percent of the affected parcels in Rock County are currently in compliance with the buffer law," said Arlyn Gehrke of the Rock County Land Management Office.

"The eight-month extension option will allow remaining buffer areas to be seeded in the spring of 2018 and still comply with the law."

The state buffer law requires a buffer on public waters by Nov. 1, 2017, and a buffer on public drainage ditches by Nov. 1, 2018.

For more information on the buffer law, including the cost-share program, contact the Rock CountyLandManagementOffice and Soil and Water Conservation District at 507-283-8862.

Information is also available at bwsr.state.mn.us/buffers.



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### 10 years ago (2007)

•Residents and staff at the Tuff Village and Tuff Retirement Apartments are joining in the national celebration of Assisted Living Week.

The 13th annual week-long celebration begins on Sunday, Sept. 9, and runs through Sept. 15. This year the focus is on "Legacies of Love."

The Village joins more than 36,000 other assisted living facilities and more than 1 million seniors and people with disabilities in celebrating the week.

### 25 years ago (1992)

•Former Minnesota Viking Keith Nord will address students and parents on Wednesday, Sept. 9, in the Hills-Beaver Creek High School Gymnasium. Nord will speak to elementary students from 8:30-9:45 a.m., and will talk with high school students from 10:15 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. The parents' meeting will begin at 7 p.m.

Nord's presentation to the students is entitled "Will Drugs Get You What You Want?" Nord commands instant respect, and his tough and caring presentation makes a deep impression on kids. He talks about goals, self-esteem, responsible decision making, and discusses how to say "no" to drugs and withstand peer group pressures.

### 50 years ago (1967)

•After seven years of operation under the ownership and auspices of The American Lutheran Church, the Tuff Home has initialed plans to reorganize as a local corporate body. It is the desire of the general synod of the church that all Homes be locally owned and operated and to that end express itself in general convention several years ago. Of the more than one hundred A.L.C. Homes, only eight remain under the corporate name of the national church body. The Tuff Home is one of the eight.

A barrier to the proposed change of status was removed though a favorable legal opinion on the intent and purpose of the original Gilbert Tuff will. Mr. Tuff made his bequest to the national synod body with the provision that body build and operate a Home in Hills, but the opinion of competent authority is that a segment-owned type of operation, approved by the synod would not infringe on the original intentions of Mr. Tuff.

### 75 years ago (1942)

•Lars Olson was playing detective yesterday morning, and was devoting most of his time to examining the front end of every car he saw. Lars and his helper, Pete Bush, have been laying side-

walk this week in front of the Hanson home, and extended it with a crossing across the street to the north. When they knockedoffworkTuesdaynight they left their equipment in the street, put up a barricade, and set out the necessary warning light and ran smack-bank into a big steel water barrel. Evidentially the car came to rest on top of the barrel, as in the morning Lars found a jack that had no doubt been used to raise the car in order to extract the barrel. The driver of the car also took off time to drink a quart of beer while untangling his car from the mess, the empty quart being left for evidence. Lars' mortar box also got tangled up in the fracas, and he would like to have the guilty party help him with the repairing of some.

### 100 years ago (1917)

•Dr. T.H. Kindred, local veterinarian, added another feather to his hat last Thursday when he was called upon to administer to a horse that had broken down on the race track at Rock Rapids on above day, and will be unable to use the injured leg for at least three months, so the doctor claims, and he ought to know as he has followed the racing game for many years before taking up the study of medicine. People living in the town know very little of the worth of this man, but get out in the country and ask the farmer, and he will soon tellyou Dr. Kindred is there with the goods from A to Z.



# **Whither-soever** :: By Glenda McGaffee

### By Glenda McGaffee

The saga of Charlie running away from home continues.

It was a beautiful morning, the sun was shining, and my dog Charlie and I went for a walk.

For some strange reason Charlie doesn't like garbage cans. When I stopped by the park to discard my garbage, he had another idea: Time for Mom to chase me around town. He placed his paws into the ground and would not move.

Well, I decided to show him who was boss and continued to pull his leash—which was a bad idea, because he slipped out of his halter. The fun began as he took off like a bolt of lightning toward the softball field with me chasing after him.

I decided to use reverse psychology and not chase him. I called out, "Mom is going home." He stopped, looked at me, and instead of following me home bolted off into the park.

The chase continued to the apartments located by the park, with Charlie stopping occasionally to give me a chance to catch my breath. I'm 60 years old, and chasing a dog is not my idea of fun.

Hisnext stop, to my dismay, was to say hello to a yellow lab. Visions were going through my head of the lab snatching my baby in his mouth. A couple of years ago my daughter Samantha and I witnessed this in Sioux Falls. Charlie has no fear—he just went up to the dog, they smelled each other, and Charlie went on his way.

By this time I was frantic and looking for someone to assist me. I had to be at a meeting in the Tuff Memorial Home in about 10 minutes.

Coming down the sidewalk of the park on her bike was Hadley Spath. Sweetly she said, "Are you having trouble?"

I responded "Yes, and would you do me a favor and follow Charlie on your bike while I go home and get my car?"

She obliged, and I went home to get my car and retrieve Charlie.

Well. believe it or not, by the time I backed my car out and turned down the street, Charlie was on his way home and came running to the car when he saw his mommy.

I have no idea how he recognized the car. The adventure wasn't fun anymore when mommy didn't run after him.

Thus ended our adventure this time. Stay tuned for the next one.

Friends and neighbors, if you see me walking down the street with a leash and no Charlie, please stop and ask if I'm having trouble.

Thanks again, Hadley, for your kindness.

With the bounty of tomatoes, why not try these two recipes that use the ingredient tomatoes.

These two recipes are favorites of mine. My mom used to make this delicious Oldfashioned Tomato Soup.

### 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 chunks or diced fresh 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 tomator 5 cups sugar
- 1 large package strawberry or raspberry gelatin

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







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Dated: August 7, 2017

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