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## Army veteran Jerry Ackerman reflects on time served in Vietnam

**By Glenda McGaffee**  
Vietnam veteran Jerry Ackerman served in the U.S. Army from 1965 to 1968.

In August of 1965, 19-year-old Ackerman enlisted in the Army. Before leaving for eight weeks of basic training in Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri, on Nov. 28, he was united in marriage to Betty Wassenaar on Sept. 10.

Following basic training he was stationed in Ft. Monmouth, New Jersey, where Betty joined him. He was trained there in electronics.

On their first night in New Jersey they had a car accident in which they were hit by a reckless driver who had no insurance.

The Ackermans were not injured, but Army regulations prohibited them from taking a damaged car onto the base, so they rented an apartment two blocks off the military base.

Ackerman received \$72 a

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— Jerry Ackerman, Vietnam veteran

month pay and their apartment was \$80 a month. His wife, Betty, found a job working at a day care on the army base to help with expenses.

Ackerman left for PhuLam Army Base in Saigon, Vietnam, in November 1966. He left from Oakland, California, and the flight was 21 hours.

Stopping once at Koyote, Japan, for fuel and then on to Saigon, he was then transferred

to a facility called Beinhua where he received his assignment to the 268th signal corps, which was working in communications.

“I remember the first night. We were told if we heard sirens, which meant an attack, to head for the big bunkers made out of sandbags. The siren sounded, mortars started coming into the compound, and the guy in the bunker next to me whom I



Vietnam veteran Jerry Ackerman is pictured in his home in Hills Friday, Nov. 6. He shared memories of military service with the Hills Crescent in honor of Veterans Day.

had met on the plane was hit and died that first night,” Ackerman recalled.

“My job was communications. In my spare time, I would occasionally climb up 300-foot

towers and watch the fighting in the rice patties nearby.”

He said another duty was

**Ackerman Vietnam/**  
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Glenda McGaffee photo/1112 Ackerman  
Glenda McGaffee photo/1112 Soup cook-off winners at Hidden Hills

## Hidden Hills Cafe hosts Hills Project Love benefit

On Saturday, Nov. 7, a benefit for Hills Project Love was hosted at Hidden Hills Café & Tavern. The events included a soup cook-off, bake sale and raffle items along with entertainment by Six Mile Road. Pictured with Hidden Hills owner Paul Scott are the winners of the soup cook-off (from left) Hannah Fick, Sylvia Fick and Missy Bass. The event raised more than \$1,500 for the cause.

## Former Hills resident Ken Deer visits

**By Glenda McGaffee**  
Ken Deer, former Hills resident, visited Hills Friday, Oct. 30. His parents were Kenneth and Della Deer who owned the Hills Telephone Company in the 1950s.

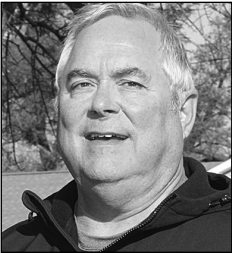
The Deer family lived in a small house on Third Street where the company was located.

The small building was built on land originally owned by Frederick Finke, who received a homestead patent from the government in 1881.

The first man to start the business in Hills in 1890 was William Thompson. The business was located in the back of his hardware store. In 1927 Louis Gordon bought the business and moved it to the back of the First National Bank.

Deer said, “My dad owned

the phone company from 1952 to 1954. He also installed the first television in Hills.”




Deer’s father passed away, but his mother, Della, lives in Aitkin. Deer, who lives in Murfreesboro, Tennessee, stopped in Hills on his way to visit his mom.

“I remember buying candy at Elmer Ruud’s store for a penny. The store was across the street from our home where the Fire Station is now. I also remember going to the Hills Creamery, which was located on the corner of Water Avenue and 3rd Street. We would purchase butter and milk,” he said.

“My dad would invite neighbors over on Friday night to watch the fights on TV. My family moved to Bancroft, Nebraska and purchased a phone company there.”

weather

REPORT



SUNNY

NOVEMBER 1 - NOVEMBER 7 WEATHER

High temperature for the week:	69	Rain amount for the week:	0.00
Low temperature for the week:	27	Moisture total for November:	0.00
Average temperature for the week:	48		

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# Meet your neighbor: Jan Solberg

By Glenda McGaffee

Jan Solberg and her husband, Ron, live on 10 acres located on the west edge of Hills on 31st Street in their earth-sheltered home.

An earth-sheltered home is the architectural practice of using earth against building walls for external thermal mass to reduce heat loss and to easily maintain a steady indoor temperature.

The Solberg home is heated with a wood-burning stove and passive solar heat, which uses the sun's energy to heat the home.

The Solbergs made the blue print for their home. The bricklaying for their home was done by Stan and Don Ardema from Doon, Iowa.

The Solbergs have an apple orchard on their acreage. The apples are available for people of the community for a freewill donation. They do not spray insecticides on their apples.

The Solbergs trim their apple trees and give the branches to their rabbits. The rabbits eat the bark and leaves off the branches, which are then used for kindling to heat the Solberg home.

Jan makes apple juice, applesauce and apple crisp with her apples.

She also raises ducks and bunnies. The ducks roam freely on the Solberg acreage.

"The ducks keep the apple orchard clean and eat bugs," Jan said.

At the present time she has nine young ducklings and



Glenda McGaffee photo/1105 solberg neighbor  
Jan Solberg makes apple juice, apple sauce and apple crisp with her apples that she picks from her own trees.

raises them until they are four to five pounds. The ducks are then butchered and the meat is processed into "duck dogs" and duck summer sausage.

At the present time Solberg has four does and two buck rabbits. They will also be eventually butchered.

The Solbergs have a number of rental properties in the town of Hills.

Jan said, "We offer nice

affordable housing for families who want their children to attend Hills-Beaver Creek School."

In her spare time Jan enjoys reading and quilting with ladies at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

She is also secretary of the church council and substitutes occasionally at the Ellsworth Public School in Ellsworth.

Ron is a retired H-BC teacher.

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## community news

### Meetings

**Matthew 6 Board** will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 12, at the Pizza Ranch.

**Beaver Creek Township** will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 12, at the township hall.

**MSSupport Group** will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 19, at Southwest Health and Human Services in Luverne. 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.

### GEP 'Homecoming' Nov. 13-15, 20-22

The Green Earth Players community theater group will perform its fall production, "Homecoming," Nov. 13-15 and Nov. 20-22 at the Palace Theatre in Luverne. Showtimes are 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays. Tickets are available at the Palace Box Office. Call 507-283-4339.

### Do you need a coat?

Coats will be available for selection from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 12, through the One Warm Coat Project at ATLAS for Life, 201 E. Main Street in Luverne. Call 283-9664.

### Good Sam invites to Open House Nov. 12

Good Samaritan Society in Luverne invites the public to an open house from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 12. Tours will be available to view the renovations, and cookies and hot apple cider will be served. Pies will be available for sale. Call 507-283-2375 for further information.

### Free food for seniors second Thursday

Second Harvest Heartland has distribution will be from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. the second Thursday of the month at the American Legion Hall in Luverne. This food is available to eligible seniors once

a month. Eligibility is based on age (60 years and older), household size and income. Clients need to call 1-800-365-0270 and apply over the phone before they can pick up.

### Operation Christmas Child Nov. 16-23

Anyone wishing to pick up a shoebox and fill it with gifts for underprivileged children can come to the American Reformed Church south entrance. The collection week for Operation Christmas Child is Nov. 16-23. Call Karen Bosch at 605-413-9676 or Charla Sandbulte at 507-227-1722.

### Volunteers needed for Salvation Army

The Rock County Salvation Army will begin its Kettle Campaign on Tuesday, Dec. 1, in the lobby at Glen's Food Center. Volunteer bellringers are encouraged to sign up to help. Businesses, service organizations, youth or church groups can take advantage of this volunteer opportunity to support those in need in Rock County. Call Suanne Ohme at 507-920-0053.

### Library offers Fall Story Hour events

**Story Hour** is open to preschool children ages 4-5. Story Hour will be from 10 to 11 a.m. every Thursday until Nov. 19. Register your child by calling 449-5040. **Laptime Story Hour** is open to ages birth-3 with an adult. No registration is required. Laptime Story Hour will be from 10:30 to 11 a.m. every Friday through Nov. 20.

### CoffeeBreak

CoffeeBreak will meet at 9:30 a.m. each Tuesday through April 2 at the Luverne Christian Reformed Church (605 N. Estey St.). The Book of Isaiah will be the Bible study.

StoryHour, a time of play and Bible stories, will be available for children ages 2 through kindergarten, and a nursery is available for the littlest ones.



**726 21ST, HILLS**

Welcome home to this ready to move into home. The home features 3 bedrooms as well as an updated kitchen with oak cabinetry - a large main floor laundry with bath. The living room offers plenty of space for family and friends to gather. The bedrooms are large and spacious and for the time when family time is on the list retreat to the lower level large family room. The garage is over sized with room for a work bench or potting bench for the person who likes to tinker. Unique set-up on this acreage with cattle yards for 500 head - 380' of cement feed bunks a commodity shed, pig nursery for 1200 head of pigs, large machine shed, 35KW automatic generator housed and included with the sale with a manure management plan in place with the possibility of 50 acres of cropland lease. This unique acreage deserves to be previewed - take a look today.



**410 W 2ND, HILLS**

Perennial Paradise on over 1 acre of land. This home features 3 bedrooms, with a main floor laundry room, a full bath and a 2nd 3/4 bath in the lower level. If you have a love of nostalgia you love the antique bar from Jasper, MN in the lower level family room. In 1993 custom cabinetry was installed in the kitchen with a separate island and desk unit. Appliances are included with the sale and you'll love the kitchen pantry area for extra storage. The bathroom vanity and make up vanity plus several additional areas will feature similar custom made cabinetry as the kitchen. The 4 season room is flooded with light during the day but when you require a little privacy you'll appreciate the quality that can be found in the insulated binds. All other window treatments are included with the home as well. A list of trees, perennials and shrubbery will be included with disclosures. This is a well maintained property that you must see to appreciate the immaculate condition.



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getting into the helicopter and going out to rebuild damaged towers in the fields.

“All of us had to do guard duty and our weapons were M-60 machine guns. The soldiers in all of the guard towers would hear rifle fire, see the flash from a tree across the swamp, something move in the trees and fire. We never knew if we personally hit the sniper, which was probably good,” Ackerman said.

“We would go into town and do our laundry. The form of transportation was tiny taxi cabs and bicycles. There were no right or left lanes. The cost for the transportation was 50 cents or a pack of cigarettes. It was a very different way of life.”

He recalled the food he ate during that time.

“Vietnamese ladies did all our cooking. I am so sick of powdered milk and instant mashed potatoes. To this day I will not eat instant mashed potatoes. When I eat at a restaurant, I ask if they are instant potatoes. If they are, I will not order them,” Ackerman said.

“The weather was hot and humid but in the rainy season we walked in water constantly. While there I saw a Bob Hope Show.”

After ending his tour of duty he returned home and met his 6-month-old daughter, Laurie, for the first time. His family joined him and he went to Ft. Huachea, Arizona, and then to Ft. Lewis, Washington, where he was discharged on Nov. 28, 1968.

Upon returning home, he and his family moved to Valley Springs, South Dakota. The communications training he’d received in the army helped him get a job with Warren Supply Co. in Sioux Falls.

Then one day he met Max Pasley, the owner of Max Pasley Distributing, who asked Ackerman to work for him, which he did for 20 years.

When Max Pasley sold the business in 1987, Ackerman went to work for Maytag Corporation as a Field Service Representative. Whirlpool purchased Maytag in June of 2006, and he stayed with them for two more years and then retired.

He and Betty moved to Florida in 1998 and now live in Hills. He continues to work part time in his home for Field’s Appliance Service in Florida via computer.

Ackerman said, “My tour in Vietnam was very interesting, and I saw things I never imagined. The kids had nothing.”

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Glenda McGaffee photo/1112 2nd annual Chili Contest

Hills-Beaver Creek Chili Cook-off raises funds for after-prom

The second annual Hills-Beaver Creek Chili Cook-off at the H-BC High School Sunday, Nov. 1, raised funds for the H-BC after-prom party. Winners of the cook-off were (from left) Cole Murphy, Heidi Murphy, Avery Van Reel (hottest chili), Brenda Scott (best overall), Jenna Metzger (most unique chili), and freshmen mothers Stacy Bundesen, Robin Spath, Kelli Hellerud and Marie LaRock (people’s choice).



**Tubb News**  
*By Shateen Lichter*

Did you know November is Healthy Skin Month? The most important tip professionals give is to be proactive and protect yourself from the sun. Wear protective clothing, use at least a SPF-15 sunscreen and reapply every 2 hours.

Residents started the first week of November experiencing many typical things associated with November.

Monday they gathered to work on Thanksgiving turkey door decorations.

On Wednesday Marlin Olson, the Karoke Krooner, joined us with a message of thankfulness and sang encouraging gospel songs. The sounds filled the hallways and had several remembering all they are thankful for this year.

On Wednesday afternoon residents gathered for Resident Council. They heard department head reports, shared questions, concerns and compliments, and more importantly, voted Jim Leenderts to be the Resident Council president. Some of Jim’s duties include reviewing the Resident Council minutes and leading the Pledge of Allegiance. Other residents on the ballot were Henrietta Bajema and Winnie

VanderVliet.

Residents joined for Whoga and Thanksgiving Trivia on Thursday morning. The theme of Thanksgiving continued that afternoon. When residents came into the dining room for bingo, the tables were covered in bright yellow bingo cards. Thursdays this month will feature FEAST bingo. As if the letters F-E-A-S-T were not enough, residents asked what word they would have to yell out when they had a bingo. What do you think? Well, of course, they had to yell, “Gobble! Gobble! Gobble!” Again, there was plenty of laughter filling the room that afternoon. Thursday coffee featured the Dutch treat, “Olliebollen,” courtesy of Dorothy Bos. Thank you, Dorothy.

Friday morning a group of residents joined together for ball exercises as well as visit the beauty shop. That afternoon they gathered for horse races, a facility favorite. (Especially when Tuff Country Store coupons are the prize!). Saturday mornings are often low-key but enjoyable activities. This Saturday residents joined around the table for a cup of coffee and reminiscing about Thanksgiving traditions. Later the men shared memories of canning

potatoes and carrots.

Many donations continue to come in for the Tuff Country Store, and we are overwhelmed with thankfulness and appreciation. It is because of YOU that this is able to happen. Current store needs: small cans of diet pop, face powder\make-up, hard candies.

- Looking ahead this week:
- Thursday, Nov. 12: 10 a.m. Memorial Service
  - Thursday, Nov. 12: 2:30 p.m. FEAST bingo with taco pie tasting
  - Friday, Nov. 13: 2:30 p.m. Magic Show
  - Friday, Nov. 13: 7 p.m. Lester Hymn Sing
  - Saturday, Nov. 14: 9 a.m. Manicures
  - Sunday, Nov. 15: 9 a.m.

Worship

- Monday, Nov. 16: 2:30 p.m. Bingo
  - Tuesday, Nov. 17: 2:30 p.m. Bible Study
  - Wednesday, Nov. 18: 2:30 p.m. We Are Thankful Program
- Resident and Staff birthdays this week include Michele Gerlof, Nov. 15; Jenica Haas Nov. 17; and Harold Etrheim Nov. 18.

We would like to welcome Mildren Kuenen and Bea Ashburn to the facility.

We hope everyone enjoys their week and wish all the veterans a Happy Veterans Day on Wednesday, Nov. 11. Thank you for your service and sacrifice for our country.



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Mavis Fodness photo/1112 Kids Hunger

Fourth-graders from Hills-Beaver Creek Elementary School kick off the Rock Area Kids Against Hunger food-packing event Thursday morning, Nov. 5, in the Luverne High School gymnasium. Pictured from left are Grace Anderson, Skyler Steensma, Aiden Kerkhove-Brandt and Larissa Steinhoff.

## Hills-Beaver Creek students help with record packing event

By Lori Sorenson

Hills-Beaver Creek students volunteered at a Kids Against Hunger Packing event in Luverne Nov. 5 that resulted in 135,000 meals for hungry families in Haiti. That's 30,000 more than last year's local event and the largest pack at one time the Sioux Falls distribution center has done to

date.

H-BC joined students from Luverne, Edgerton Christian Elementary and Southwest Christian.

Local businesses and other organizations supplied adult volunteers to work in shifts to package four different ingredients into vacuum-sealed plastic bags.

The bags' contents of white rice, soy protein, vitamins/ flavoring and a dried vegetable blend when added to six cups of water yields six servings.

Cost of each of the packaged meals is \$1.50, and the students and organizations worked to raise money for the cause.



## Sanford Luverne Hospice Tree of Lights

Remember your loved ones this holiday season with a light on one of the area Tree of Lights.

Your donation of \$5 per light will shine in honor or in memory of someone special (young or elderly, well or ill, living or deceased) that you wish to remember. Names of those honored and remembered received by Dec. 1 will be read during tree lighting ceremonies and printed in local newspapers before Christmas.

Tree Lighting Ceremonies will be held in the following communities:

**Edgerton**

Wednesday, Dec. 2 at 7 p.m.  
First State Bank Southwest

**Adrian & Ellsworth**

Thursday, Dec. 3 at 6:30 p.m.  
Adrian Fire Hall

**Luverne**

Thursday, Dec. 3 at 6 p.m.  
Flag Park at corner of  
Main Street & Kniss

**Hills**

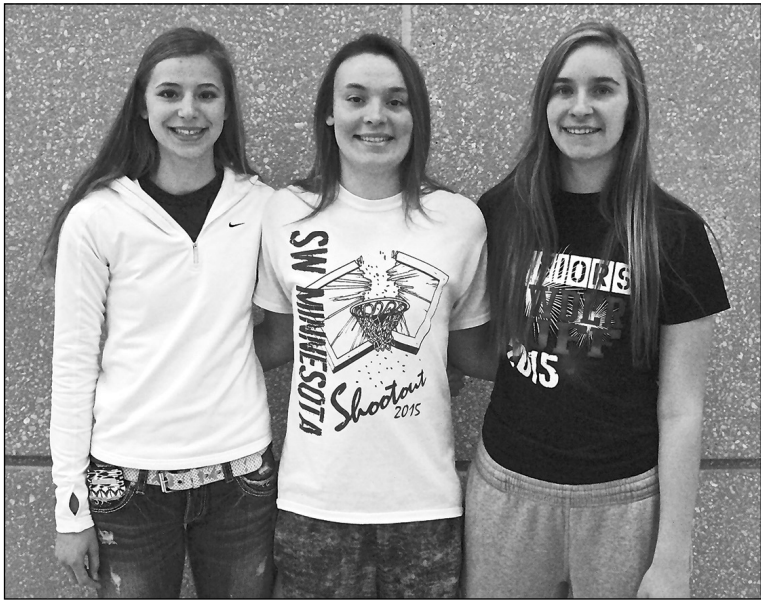
Sunday, Dec. 13 at 2 p.m.  
Tuff Village (indoors)

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John Rittenhouse photo/1112 hbc vb

Three members of the Hills-Beaver Creek High School volleyball program received postseason honors last week. Avery Van Roekel (middle) and Jasmine Lingen (right) made the 2015-All Red Rock Conference Volleyball Team. Sydney Fick (left) received honorable mention honors.

## H-BC athletes draw volleyball honors

By John Rittenhouse

Three Hills-Beaver Creek High School athletes received postseason honors from Red Rock Conference officials last week.

Two Patriots graced the list of the 2015 All-Red Rock Conference Volleyball Team and another H-BC player drew honorable mention honors.

Junior hitters Jasmine Lingen and Avery Van Roekel made the 23-player All-RRC team for H-BC.

Freshman hitter Sydney Fick is one of 13 players to receive honorable mention honors.

Southwest Christian, the RRC champion, landed five positions on the all-conference list.

Seniors Hope Veldkamp, Cassie Groen, Ann Pater, Maci Kruisselbrink and Kassydi Vreeman made the team for the E-Gals.

Red Rock Central and Westbrook-Walnut Grove landed four all-conference selections each.

Seniors Mikaela Smith and Olivia Bittner and juniors Rachel Kedl and Taylor Preece made the team for RRC.

Seniors Abby Herding and Mariah Olson and juniors Cassidy Mischke and Emma Woelber represent W-WG on the squad.

Heron Lake-Okabena, Mountain Lake Area and Edgerton matched H-BC by receiving two all-conference selections each.

HL-O juniors Andrea Hinkeldey and Hailey Schumacher, MLA seniors Carmen Syverson and Signey Stoesz and Edgerton senior Mia Wassink and junior Jordyn Smit represent their schools on the roster.

Murray County Central senior Rachel Schmitz and Fulda junior Randi Tiesler round out the all-league team.

Other players drawing honorable mention honors include Adrian senior Madisyn Dingmann and freshman Miah Kunkel, HL-O senior Ashley Hendrickson and sophomore Kiana Leighty, MLA senior Carly Paulson and sophomore Marta Stoesz, MCC juniors Brooklyn Miller and Mallory Loosbrock, Ellsworth senior Megan Popkes, Fulda junior Courtney Zins, Edgerton senior Mandie Petersen and RRC junior Ramsey Piotter.

## SPORTS BRIEF

**Wysong states intentions**

Avery Wysong, a Hills-Beaver Creek High School sophomore, gave a verbal commitment to play college softball at North Dakota State University in Fargo over the weekend.

Wysong, who moved to Hills over the summer with her family, will play under scholarship for NDSU's Division 1 program.

Wysong earned a starting position for Eden Prairie's junior

varsity program as a seventh-grader and moved up to the varsity level one year later.

She earned all-conference honorable mention honors as an eighth-grader and made the all-conference team as a freshman.

Wysong will continue to compete as a member of Team Speed '00, a traveling team out of Minneapolis that competes at the national level next year.



# Close the Gate

By Nancy Kraayenhof

**Horseshoe Luck**

*A farmer travelling with a heavy load,  
Picked up a stray horse-shoe on the road,  
He nailed it securely above his old barn door,  
That good luck might down upon him pour.  
That every good blessing known in this life,  
Might crown his home-stead and his wife,  
That never any form of trouble or harm  
Descend upon his humble farm.*

By James Thomas Fields

Do you know how hard it is to find a cast-off horseshoe in this day and age? I look everywhere I go. We read a book in day care about a lucky horseshoe. I went to our barn and looked everywhere. None. Nowhere. But I am beginning to think we need one. We seem to be having a bit of bad luck this year.

The horseshoe superstition is one of good fortune. It is believed to date back to the story of a blacksmith named Dunstan and a man who he believed to be the devil. It is said a man came to Dunstan and requested he re-shoe his horse. Dunstan recognized this man as the devil and nailed a horseshoe to the man’s foot instead of his horse’s. Seeing that the devil was in great pain, Dunstan took advantage of his agony and told him he would not remove the shoe until he promised never to enter into a place that had a horseshoe hung over the door. And, hence, the lucky horseshoe came into being. A horseshoe is also typically nailed on with seven nails and the number seven has always been considered lucky. How the horseshoe is hung and displayed varies. Some regions of the world

believe that hanging the horseshoe in the upward position like a “U” holds in all the good luck and the power it brings. For them, hanging it upside down means its powers will fall away and dissipate. However, there are others who believe hanging it in a downward position allows all the good luck, protective powers and great fortune to shower down upon you and surround your home. Another belief connected to the horseshoe is that because of its crescent shape, it has the ability to ward off the evil eye. In ancient Europe the crescent shape represented the various moon goddesses which were signs of protection, good luck, fertility and could protect against a curse of the evil eye. In many places the evil eye is taken *very* seriously. It is actually just a human look stemming from jealousy or

anger believed to cause harm to someone or even something. A person on the receiving end of the evil eye can experience anything from a small misfortune to disease, injury or even death. The most common ailments caused by the evil eye are loss of appetite, unending hiccups, excessive yawning, fever and vomiting. The evil eye can cause a house’s roof to suddenly develop a leak, a car to stop running and a tree to wither and die. Just about anything that goes wrong (for any reason or for no reason at all) may be blamed on the power of the evil eye. Hmm. Do you think a horseshoe has to be randomly found in order for it to work? I’ve been looking for good luck everywhere. It seems cast off horseshoes are a bit hard to come by around here.

If I were to pick up a couple of horseshoes at a flea market, they probably wouldn’t work, but if *someone else* were to like obtain some horseshoes and then *accidentally* lose them in our driveway and I were to luckily *find* them, they would be MAGIC! When I do find my horseshoes, I’ve decided I’m not going to take any chances. I’m going to hang one going up and one going down. I prefer to have all my bases covered. I could actually use a good dose of that evil eye which makes one lose their appetite. I handle stress fairly well except for that chocolate comfort food thing. I’ll close the gate now; horseshoe-less and tensed. But if our God is for us, what could stand against? *Cleverly Disguised as a Responsible Adult, I’m Nancy Kraayenhof ©2015*



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igtwlb@knology.net  
Bill Bates, Pastor  
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701 Sunnyside Ave.  
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Ph. 605-757-6640  
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201 S. 3<sup>rd</sup> St.  
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Ph. 673-2428  
Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship. 9:45 a.m. Sunday School.  
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**First Lutheran Church**  
300 Maple St.  
Valley Springs, S.D.  
Ph. 605-757-6662  
firstpalisade@alliancecom.net  
Ray Heidenson, Pastor  
Sunday, Nov. 15: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship service.

**Palisade Lutheran Church**  
211 121<sup>st</sup> St.  
Garretson, S.D.  
Ph. 507-597-6257  
firstpalisade@alliancecom.net  
Ray Heidenson, Pastor

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112 W. Church Ave. Steen  
Ph. 855-2336  
Reuben Sinnema  
Youth Pastor  
Sunday, Nov. 15: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 11 a.m. Sunday School. 6:30 p.m. RCYF.

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Interim Pastor Grant Fisher  
112 N. Main St., Hills  
Ph. 962-3270  
e-mail: bethlehemluth@alliancecom.net  
Friday, Nov. 13: Basement Reserved Tuff Memorial Home Staff Christmas Party. Pastor’s Sabbath.  
Sunday, Nov. 15: 9 a.m. Worship at Tuff Chapel. 9:30 a.m. Sunday school. 10:30 a.m. Communion at Bethlehem.  
Tuesday, Nov. 17: 2:30 p.m. Bible Study at Tuff Home. 3:15 p.m. Bible Study at Village.  
Wednesday, Nov. 18: 9 a.m. Quilting. 2 p.m. Joint Circles meet at Village. 7 p.m. Circle of Hope Host Marilyn Nelson. 7-8 p.m. 8th and 9th Confirmation. 7:30 p.m. 9th-12th Youth Group.

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410 E. Central Ave., Hills  
Office Ph. 962-3254  
e-mail: hillsurc@alliancecom.net  
Alan Camarigg, Pastor  
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1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month: Fellowship dinner after Sunday School





# Area students named to academic honor rolls

## Luverne Middle School Honor Roll

### Quarter 1 A Honor Roll

Eighth Grade: Dalwa Alinizi, Isaiah Bartels, Claire Baustian, Tacey Baustian, Sydney Biever, Justice Brandt, Alexa Chesley, Colby Crabtree, Graham Cunningham, Hannah Ehlers, Madigan Flom, Jonah Friedrichsen, Meagan Hansen, Nicole Hoogland, Anna Huisman, Amelia Jarchow, Sydne Johnson, Kacie Kracht, Sophia Lanoue, Carter Loosbrock, Jonah Louwagie, Kaitlyn McDowell, Reka Meinerts, Gunnar Oldre, Melanie Rittenhouse, Matthew Sehr, Austin Watts-Boll, Syndey Wicks, Jordan Winter.

Seventh Grade: Kaitlyn Anderson, Peter Baustian, Ethan Beyer, Annaliese Braucht, Xavier Carbonneau, Tyricia Davis, Rachel DenHerder, Regan Feit, Dyllon Gehrke, Josephine Golla, Rahma Hassan, Ellie Hodgen, Benjamin Jarchow, Elise Jarchow, Elisabeth Kelm, Shelby Kracht, John Miller, Autumn Nath, Rozilyn Oye, Ainslie Robinson, Genevieve Rolfs, Jayson Rops, Paige Sandbulte, Savannah Siebenahler, Ethan Teunissen, Brynn Thier, Solveig Tofteland, Lauren Ver Steeg, Cade Wenninger, Leah Wynia, Gracie Zewiske.

Sixth Grade: Rylee Anderson, Trista Baustian, Seth Bose, Pierce Cunningham, Elise

Ferrell, Trygve Gangestad, Kester Grimm, Olivia Huisman, Griffen Jarchow, Tenley Nelson, Chase Overgaard, Kristin Rud, Lacey Saker, Madeleine Schmuck, Cheyenne Schutz, Casey Sehr, Hope Thorson, Chance Tunnissen, Brooklynn Ver Steeg, Olivia Wieneke.

### Quarter 1 B Honor Roll

Eighth Grade: Bailey Anderson, Vianney Apodaca Licea, Tate Baum, Quinn Buss, Jocelyne Cazares, Anita Cole-Kraty, Marshal Dammann, Brody DeBates, Jacqueline Diaz, Carson Ehde, Sara Ernst, Madison Gebauer, Caitlun Halverson, Kynzie Hamann, Alexandra Hartman, Noah Herman, Zayda Holmgren, Gracie Hudson, Ivy Husdon, Chandra Javner, Talia Kindt, Jaden Knips, Joel Kruse, Gabrielle Miller, Meghan Mollberg, Alyssa Nattress, Nathan Nekali, Samantha Niessink, Gryphon Noerenberg, Tyler Roberts, Henry Rolling, Austin Schipper, Colton Schutz, Riley Siebenahler, Isabel Smeins, Cole Stoltenberg, McKenzie Swenson, Mallory Thorson, Brayden Tofteland, Jacob Von Tersch, Andrew Wagner, Damian Wickherst, Meghan Witte.

Seventh Grade: Russell Aanenson, Zachary Ahrendt, Cooper Arends, Rebecca Austin,

Anna Boltjes, Brody Bonnett, Seno Chanthalangsy, Megan Click, Bailey Cowell, Ethan Curtiss, Ann Dara, Marshall DeHaven, Justin Dohlmann, Isaac Eidem, Sophia Eisma, William Fischer, Mia Halverson, Trevor Halverson, Emma Hinz, Katarina Horn, Gretchen Jacobsma, Kameron Keene, Camron Kopp, Kaden Lampron-DeSollar, Alex Mann, Destiny Matthiesen, Nathan Meeker, Samantha Natte, Brodi Oakley, Carlton Oftedahl, Jaime Palmquist, Katlin Petronek, Sadie Reisdorfer, Hunter Sandbulte, Crystal Sayavong, Eric Somnis, Haleah Soto, Nathan Spillman-Lindsley, Tiffany Suelter, Leslie Van Engelenhoven, McKenzie VanGrootheest.

Sixth Grade: Hunter Ahrendt, Kaden Anderson, Reghan Bork, Luke Bosch, Kendall Buss, Sam Emery, Kyle Ferguson, Blake Frahm, Jordan Friedrichsen, Daniella Gacke, Hunter Gaffaney, Hamza Hassan, Isabelle Hoiland, Kayetlin Huiskes, Burke Johnson, Matthew McClure, Justin Mente, Mary Opitz, Eli Radtke, Ethan Rahm, Hannah Ripley, Ethan Roemeling, Ashton Sandbulte, Grace Sandbulte, Colin Schoeneman, Jacey Smith, Macie Swenson, Levi Thielbar, Luke Thorson, Mia Wenzel, Dawson Wicks.

## Hills-Beaver Creek Honor Roll

### Quarter 1 A Honor Roll

Seniors: Kalvis Kaupins, Tessa Klarenbeek, Trevor Paulsen, Stuart Plimpton, Thea Richards, Cooper Vaughn.

Juniors: Alyssa Allen, Riley Boese, Ashley Esselink, Avery Van Roekel.

Sophomores: Trenton Bass, Grace Holthaus, Angela Martinyuk, Olivia Richards, Dylon Taubert, Paige Tilstra, Makayla Wilhelmi, Jacob Wingert, John Zomer.

Freshmen: Caitlyn Allen, Grace Bundesen, Sidney Fick, Seth Glidewell, Nicholas Kiers, Mary-Frances Ladd, Garrett Raymon, Josie Scholten, Bailey Swan.

Eighth Grade: Josie Bartels, Whitney Elbers, Tyler Fick, Sadie Fuerstenberg, Aleigha Glidewell, Larinda Kellenberger, Larissa Kruid, Jo-Hannah Ladd, Kailey Rozeboom.

Seventh Grade: Erika Dysthe, Thomas Dysthe, Dillon Englert, Hannah Fick, Ethan Gray, Abby Knobloch, Allison Larock, Taryn Rauk, Jacob Sheppard, Joshua Swenson, Lauren Tatge, Brandon Taubert, Jacey Vanden Hoek, Austin Wilhelmi.

### Quarter 1 B Honor Roll

Seniors: Derek Kruid.  
Juniors: Emma Baker, Jed Burgers, Justice Dunn, Mekayla Kolbrek, Courtney Kruger, Haley Leuthold, Logan Leuthold, Jasmine Lingen, Autumn Olson, Isaiah Vis.

Sophomores: Caeley Brinson, Dean Fuerstenberg, Megan Gehrke, Selah Glidewell, Courtney Page, Kourtney Rozeboom, Dylan Tieszen, Paige Tilstra, Avery Wysong.

Freshmen: Alexia Boltjes, Hunter Bork, Amber Bos, Ana Hagen, Noah Hellerud, Luke Larock, Madison Spath.

Eighth Grade: Michaela Abels, Joslyn Birger, Easton Harnack, Jax Wysong, Caleb Zomer.

Seventh Grade: Adrienne Boltjes, Annie Bos, Chase Bosch, Jessup Dunn, Calvin Erickson, Tory Knobloch, Emilee Kodet, Abbigail Olson, Carter Roozenboom, Gavin Wysong, Zander Wysong.



## Luverne High School Honor Roll

### Quarter 1 A Honor Roll

Seniors: Ryleigh Beers, Sierra Christenson, Jaidyn Elbers, Tatiana Gust, Morgan Haugen, Hannah Hoogland, Bailey Jacobsma, Jacob Jarchow, Brianna Jonason, Nicole Kneip, Di Ma, Jenna Schelhaas, Katerina Siebert, Christopher Syphokham, Erik Tofteland, Chase Wiederhoeft, Erik Wohnoutka.

Juniors: Griffin Ahrendt, Madison Crabtree, Jeremiah Dooyema, Kaden Ericson, Marissa Fick, Bergin Flom, Isaac Gillette, Mitchell Graber, Molly Hansen, Marisol Hartshorn, Jake Henckel, Hanna Honerman, Makayla Huisman, Matthew Hup, Zayna Hustoft, Christopher Jelken, Katlyn Kracht, Ashton Krueger, Shelby Nath, Thomas Norman, Knute Oldre, Hailey Remme, Kayla Rud, Madison Schandelmeier, Karli Schilling, Carly Serie, Kristoffer Severtson, Courtney Siebenahler, Adam Somnis, Logan Stratton, Erin Suelter, Dylan Thorson, Danielle Watts-Boll, Tanner Wiese, Brandon Winter, Samantha Ykema, Linda Zheng, Kristen Ziegler.

Sophomores: Madelyn Aleman, Hans Bakken, Emilie Bartels, Trey Baustian, Jarod Berndt, James Erickson, Alexis Ferrell, Tyler Fick, Anika Gust, Alexis Henrichs, Janae Kopp, Aric Meinerts, Jaxon Nelson, Jocilyn Oye, Samantha Pierce, Michael Rahm, Mark Robinson, Megan Rogers, Sierra Schmuck, Daniel Tofteland, Cade Ver Steeg, Emma Verbrugge, Benjamin Wagner, Mckenna Westphal.

Freshmen: Jaydn Anderson, Jessica Anderson, Jedidiah Dooyema, Gabrielle Ferrell, Jacinda Hustoft, Brianna Jonas, Derek Lundgren, William Mumme, Joel Ortiz, Mackenzie Petersen, Lindsey Roemeling, Grace Sweeney, Melissa Teal, Jenna Zewiske, Matthew Ziegler.

### Quarter 1 B Honor Roll

Seniors: Samantha Aanenson, Jack Baustian, Tanner Baustian, Codie Benson, Cole Bosch, Merrissa Brandt, Christina Casazza, Elijah Click, Naomie Daniel, Alex Dara, Christin Dohlmann, Morgan Edwards, Adam Fodness, Kennedy Gonnerman, Ingrid Gonzalez, Karissa Hamann,

Taylor Hoogeveen, Isaac Hudson, Alyssa Kienholz, Thomas Kracht, Derek Krueger, Colton Kunkel, Ivan Martinez, Mitchell Muller, Cori Nath, Taylor Nelson, Jakob Olson, Nicholas Overgaard, Madilyn Oye, Sandra Renken, Stephanie Riggs, Kaitlyn Roberts, Amanda Schultz, Quinton Siebenahler, Allie Skattum, Chaz Smedsrud, Makayla Sterrett, Fredrikke Stroeh, Jordin Swanson, Spencer Swier, Susan Thompson, Melissa Tweet, Mira Uithoven, Jacob Van Santen, Caden Vickery, Bailly Vis, Mace Walgrave, Emily Wendland, Dylan Westbur, Paul Witte, Kevin Zheng.

Juniors: Mariah Aukes, Aidan Bartels, Nickolas Behrend, Layne Curtis, Matthew Davis, Ariel DeBeer, Tianna Doppenberg, Hailey Franken, Madison Frankenhoff, Jenica Haas, Autumn Hamann, Jenae Hamann, Matthew Keller, Taylor Kern, Jesse Kontz, Natasha Luke, Sydney Maciej, Emma Mumme, William Natte, Connor Peterson, Annabell Petronek, Damian Reese, Andrew Reisch, Kathryn Renken, Carter Riphagen, Kammon Sawtelle, Matthew Schmuck, Itzel Soto Guerrero, Bethany Starling,

Natasha Thone, Betania Topete, Michaela VanGrootheest, Alyssa Velasquez, Sierra Wieneke.

Sophomores: Declan Beers, Layne Benson, Ashlee Boltjes, Gracie Bosch, Anthony Cavazos, Tierra Egan-Heck, Chandler Eitrem, Brooke Feit, Kathryn Fick, Joseph Guy, Nicklaus Harder, Elijah Haugom, Alena Hilfers, Oscar Holmberg, Zane Holmberg, Kasyn Kruse, Timothy Lingen, Dylan Mente, Genevieve Natte, Tucker Oeltjenbruns, Donald Ray, Tyler Reisdorfer, Jayden Renken, Trey Roberts, Michaela Sandbulte, Zoey Sandbulte, Cody Saker, Cecelia Sexton, Natalie Soto, Ethan Thorson, Hope Van Meeteren, Wyatt VanSteenBerg, Hannah Ver Steeg.

Freshmen: Nicole Aanenson, Greta Ahrendt,

Shane Berning, Brookelynn Brust, James Chanthalangsy, Likki Chanthalangsy, Kyle Christenson, Carissa Cunningham, Carson Davis, Zoe DeBates, Zachary Evans, Julia Ferguson, Jackson Golla, Adriana Gonzalez, Quinn Graber, Tia Hadler, Jake Haugen, Abraham Hernandez, Halle Hough, Luke Jarchow, Matthew Jelken, Michelle Kramer, Josiah Luethje, Zachery Luke, Trevor Mente, Courtney Nath, Rylee Olson, Nathan Ovegaard, Madison Reisdorfer, Justyce Ripka, Benjamin Serie, Riley Severtson, Jade Smith, Emilie Staeffler, Grace Steensma, McCall Stegenga, William Stegenga, Mark Sterrett, Eric Thorson, Sage Ver Steeg, Courtney Wendland, Cameron Wessels, Mikayla Wiederhoeft, Austin Winter.



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