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Commissioners contemplate adding more peace officers

By Mavis Fodness

More deputies may be patrolling Rock County in 2016 if commissioners decide to include the additional monies in next year's final budget.

The discussion will take place during the county's Truth-in-Taxation hearing at 4 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 1. The hearing allows the public to learn where tax dollars will be spent next year.

The meeting will take place in the commissioners' room at the Rock County Courthouse.

In October commissioners approved a maximum levy increase of 3.88 percent. All but \$105,000 of the additional \$194,145 generated has been designated to specific departments. The \$105,000 is meant for reserves.

An additional deputy is estimated to cost between \$80,000 and \$100,000.

Sheriff Evan Verbrugge originally requested an additional \$30,000 for expenses involved in implementing a computer-aided dispatch system in each of the squad cars. The computers would allow officers to complete tasks normally

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Glenda McGaffee photo/1125 first snowfall

Let it snow!

The first snow of the season arrived Friday, Nov. 20, and children in the area enjoyed playing in the snow. Pictured is Brystol Teune with the snowman she built Saturday, Nov. 21, on the lawn of her home on 4th Street in Hills.

Veterans Day essay contest winners announced



Glenda McGaffee photo/1126 H-BC essay winners

Pictured are H-BC Veterans Day essay winners (from left) high school third place winner Riley Boese, junior high winners Allison LaRock (third), Bryn Mongeau (second) and Aleigha Glidewell (first). Not pictured is first-place high school winner Mary-Frances Ladd. (Second-place high school winner was Ryleigh Beers, a senior at Luverne High School.)

By Glenda McGaffee

The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Rock County Post 2757 sponsored the VFW's Voice of Democracy and Patriots Pen Scholarship competition.

Rock County middle school and high school students were given the opportunity to compete for thousands of dollars in scholarships and a trip to Washington, D.C.

Students in grades 9-12 wrote and recorded a three-to-five minute essay on selected themes using an audio CD or flash drive.

The 2015 theme selected for the Voice of Democracy was "My Vision for America." Students began by competing at the district level with the winner advancing to the state competition. The post awarded the top three winners with \$100, \$75 and \$50 respectively.

Hills-Beaver Creek junior high winners of the essay contest were Aleigha Glidewell,

first place; Bryn Mongeau, second; and Ali LaRock, third.

High school winners were H-BC students Mary Frances Ladd, first place; Riley Boese, third place; and Luverne High School senior Ryleigh Beers, second place.

Following is Glidewell's first place essay titled "Freedom."

People all over the world have a different idea of freedom. What does freedom mean to you? To me freedom means having the opportunity to be yourself. Here in America, we have a lot of opportunities to express ourselves. Other countries do not have the carefree lives Americans have.

Where I live, there are very few restrictions. You are allowed your own opinion. Career choices are endless. There are plenty of opportunities to learn, explore, and do many things. Taking your own path is

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weather
REPORT



NOVEMBER 15 - NOVEMBER 21 WEATHER

High temperature for the week:	57	Snow amount for the week:	9 in.
Low temperature for the week:	7	Snow total for November:	9 in.
Average temperature for the week:	38		

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obituaries

Cornelius Verhey

Cornelius Verhey, 89, Beaver Creek, died Thursday, Nov. 18, 2015, at his home.

A memorial service was Monday, Nov. 23, at Hartquist Funeral Home in Luverne with burial at Beaver Creek Cemetery.

Cornelius “Cornie” Verhey was born Sept. 30, 1926, to Klaas and Lucretia (Van Dis) Verhey in Rock County. He attended school through the eighth grade and then went to work on the farm with his dad. Cornie was drafted into the United States Army and served in Germany during World War



II. Following his honorable discharge from the service, he returned home and began farming.

On Dec. 17, 1955, Cornie married Lavonne Bjerk at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Hills. They farmed in Beaver Creek Township before moving to Beaver Creek in 1962. Cornie worked construction for five years before becoming a custodian at the Hills-Beaver Creek Elementary School. A few years later he purchased a semitrailer and began his own trucking company, Verhey Trucking. In 1975 he began working at the Sioux Falls Stockyards in Sioux Falls,

South Dakota, until his retirement in 1991. He then worked part time at the rest area. He enjoyed gardening.

Cornie is survived by three sons, Cornell Verhey, Beaver Creek, Robert (Barb) Verhey, Luverne, and Rodney (Cami) Verhey, Hills; nine grandchildren; and other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Lavonne; a son, Vincent Verhey; his parents, Klaas and Lucretia Verhey; and siblings John Verhey, Frank Verhey and Plona Cupery.

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

(1125 F)

Fred Robison

Fred Thomas Robison, 94, formerly of Beaver Creek, died Friday, Nov. 20, 2015, at the Kansas Soldier’s Home in Fort Dodge, Kansas.

A graveside service will be at 1 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27, at the Beaver Creek Cemetery.

Fred Robison was born May 27, 1921, to Thomas and Nancy (DeShields) Robison in Okema, Oklahoma. He attended school in Sharon, Oklahoma. Following his education, he moved to Colorado and took a job picking peaches. He then moved to California where he worked at a sheet metal shop. He served in the United States Army Air Corps during World War II and was awarded a Purple Heart Medal. Upon his discharge,



he returned to California and then moved to Beaver Creek. He opened Robison Sheet Metal Works.

On April 23, 1943, Fred married Edna Eads in Sheldon, Iowa. They made their home in Beaver Creek. Fred earned his Master Plumber certification and expanded into the plumbing business. In 1966 he moved to Pierre, South Dakota, and became a partner in Schmitt’s Heating and Plumbing. Edna preceded him in death in April of 1974. On Aug. 24, 1987, Fred married Ruby Worrell in Reno, Nevada. He later returned to Sharon, Oklahoma, where the couple resided until Ruby’s death in 2003. In 2004 Fred moved to Garden City, Kansas.

Fred was a member of South Persimmon Baptist Church in

Sharon. He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of Pierre. He enjoyed building, hunting, fishing and playing cards.

Fred is survived by his son, Charles (Mary Ann) Robison, Garden City; a daughter-in-law, Sandra Robison, Big Stone, South Dakota; six grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; 10 great-great-grandchildren; and other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Edna; his second wife, Ruby; a son, John; a sister, Leecy Keltch; and five brothers, Earl, Leonard, Scott, Clifford and Russell Robison.

Memorials may be directed to South Persimmon Baptist Church in Sharon.

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10 years ago (2005)

•Hills residents and cousins Ross Metzger and Kelly Leuthold said they feel they’ve answered a community need by building the Hills Storage Center at the corner of Water Avenue and 3rd Street in Hills.

Construction on the 6,500-square-foot building began in August when dirt work was started. Work... is expected to finish in December.

20 years ago (1995)

•Coach Steve Wiertzema leads the boys’ basketball team during their first day of practice on Monday. The girls’ team, under coach Tom Goehle, have been practicing for nearly two weeks.

50 years ago (1965)

•A new sport is being offered at Hills-Beaver Creek this year. Wrestling is the sport in which Bob Tower, Butch Benz, Allen Christianson, Rodney Kuehl, and John Sandager are representing our school.

75 years ago (1940)

•The local railroad crews reported seeing hundreds of dead pheasants along the right-of-way last Tuesday after the storm. This loss will no doubt be greater than the total number slaughtered by the hunters this fall, and Old Man Winter made no distinction between taking hens or roosters.

100 years ago (1915)

•Nels S. Sandager, son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Skovgaard, who moved onto the old Skovgaard farm last week, has the honor of being the first farmer to bring Guernsey cattle into this section of the state. ... They are all high grade cattle, and by tests have demonstrated that their strain are the greatest butter producers in the world.

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done at the office. Verbrugge indicated that he would prefer adding additional staff instead of the CAD system.

If approved, the two additional officers would increase the number of deputies to 12 to provide 24/7 coverage in Rock County.

Also at the Dec. 1 meeting, Verbrugge will present commissioners with more information

including current overtime costs, schedules of both full- and part-time deputies and how the assigned shift schedule is affected when a deputy cannot work an assigned shift.

Commissioners will also look at the department’s part-time officers. Currently there are three part-time positions with one position open.

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encouraged. Any religion is allowed, from Judaism to Hinduism.

My mind is my own. I have the right to make my own decisions based on my experiences and beliefs. I have the right to ask ques-

tions and state my opinion. I do not have to fear governmental retaliation.

Freedom means I have freedom from fear. I have freedom to pursue my education without fear of being kidnapped or forced into an abusive mar-

riage. I have freedom to go to a church and not fear that my family or I will be tortured. I have freedom to learn about other cultures and not be persecuted. I have freedom to pursue my interests and not worry that my goals and desires are inappropriate for my gender or social status.

Freedom is the right to share my freedom with the numerous refugees that come to America every year in search of better lives. Freedom is the right to volunteer and help the homeless in our country. Freedom is the right to listen to the stories of others and make a change in our world. That is what freedom is to me.

Freedom is the soaring of the Bald Eagle through the sky in search of food and home.

Freedom is the dream of America! We must work together to bring the freedom to fruition.

Freedom means I have a choice.

Happy Thanksgiving!

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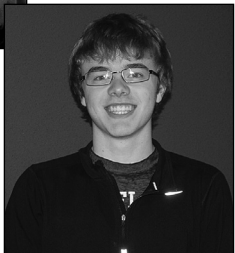
Hills Crescent editor Glenda McGaffee roamed the halls of Hills-Beaver Creek School asking staff and students to share Thanksgiving sentiments. Following are their remarks:

H-BC Elementary Principal Jason Phelps: "I am thankful for family, good co-workers, apple crisp and Teddy Bridgewater."



Jason Phelps

Hills-Beaver Creek senior Trevor Paulsen: "I am thankful for school, family, friends and my girlfriend, Kendra."



Trevor Paulsen

Hills-Beaver Creek senior Tessa Klarenbeek: "I am thankful for family, friends, my comfy bed, sweat pants and my boyfriend, Stuart."



Tessa Klarenbeek

Hills-Beaver Creek senior Thea Richards: "I am thankful for Net Flex, Starbucks, family, Christmas and that I can do a head stand."



Thea Richards

Hills-Beaver Creek Superintendent Todd Holthaus: "I am thankful for the great school community, support of families and students that make our school and community great. I'm thankful for my Savior, Jesus Christ, and my family."

Hills-Beaver Creek High School secretary Starla Scholten: "I am thankful for where I am today. Good health, my family, God's faithfulness and blessings. Also my granddaughter and expected grandson."

Hills-Beaver Creek second-grade teacher Halden Van Wyhe: "I am thankful for my wife, Erica, son Teagan, pumpkin pie and Cool Whip, good friends, family and great second-graders. (no photo provided)"



Todd Holthaus



Starla Scholten

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Glenda McGaffee photo/1125 tuff Christmas party

Christmas party and staff appreciation

The Tuff Memorial Home and Tuff Village staff celebrated their annual staff Christmas party Friday, Nov. 13, at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Hills with a dinner catered by Tony's Catering. Awards for years of service were presented to employees of the Tuff Memorial Home by Administrator Laura Preheim and to Tuff Village staff by Mary Lemke, director of nurses. Pictured (from left) are Administrator Laura Preheim; Deanna Hrdlicka, 20 years; Nancy Herrin, 10 years; Marsha Jandl, 10 years; and Dylan Gehrke, 5 years. Others recognized for their years of service (not pictured) were Sharon Hoffman, 24 years; Judy DeNoble and Norma Van Wyhe, 26 years; Deb Bowman, 27 years; Stan Van Wyhe and Karen Cadotte, 28 years; Glenda McGaffee, 39 years; Jean Hellerud, 41 years; and Carol Gehrke, 43 years.

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H-BC students participate in honor choir activities



At left, several H-BC students participated in the Minnesota American Choral Directors Association Men's/Women's Festival at St. John's University in Collegeville Oct. 24. Pictured are (from left) Brandon Gray, Hannah Glidewell, Jenny Konz, Cheyenne Albers, Reanna Meyer and Josie Scholten. Not pictured is Mary-Frances Ladd. The mass choir was composed of about 355 high school students from across Minnesota and about 240 college students from Minnesota and South Dakota. The event culminated in a concert directed by various guest directors.

Glenda McGaffee photos/1126 honor choir

Pictured below, Jo-Hannah Ladd (left), Bryn Mongeau, Allison LaRock and Michaela Abels auditioned for the Minnesota American Choral Directors Association 7-8 Girls' Honor Choir. Mongeau and LaRock were accepted into the elite choir, which performed in concert Nov. 21 in Mahtomedi.

Allison LaRock (at right) was selected by audition for the North Central ACDA (American Choral Directors Association) honor choir. She is one of 120 singers selected from six states and will participate in a weekend rehearsal and concert in February 2016 in Sioux Falls.



Josie Scholten (at left) and (not pictured Mary-Frances Ladd). The girls auditioned for 9 – 10 women's and mixed choirs from Minnesota Choral Directors Association. Ladd was selected to participate in the choir.



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Tuff News

By Shateen Lichter

Happy Thanksgiving from the Tuff Memorial Home!

Residents began their week with bowling and bingo, followed by Tai Chi\Sing-A-Long and Bible study on Tuesday.

They gathered together Wednesday afternoon for the “We Are Thankful” program. They decorated Thankful Turkeys and wrote what they are thankful for. Many shared they are thankful for their families, their health, the staff at Tuff and for God’s mercies.

The Thankful Turkeys are hanging in the dining room during the week of Thanksgiving. Afterward, Harold Etrheim and his family celebrated his birthday with apple dump cake and ice cream for residents and staff. Thank you, Harold, for your generosity.

Several residents gathered together Thursday morning for Catholic services and others participated in Bake & Taste. This month’s recipe was pumpkin smoothies. While residents started out skeptical, they ended up wanting more! They would like to share the recipe with you.

Pumpkin Smoothies

1 cup milk
1/2 cup pumpkin puree
1/2 cup yogurt
1 tablespoon maple syrup

1/4 teaspoon cinnamon
Splash of vanilla
1 frozen banana

Add all ingredients together and blend until smooth. Serve and enjoy! (The residents recommend cutting the pumpkin puree measurement in half and doubling the yogurt.)

On Friday residents and staff gathered in the Activity Room for donuts to celebrate the first snow of the year. Afterward, they participated in Rubberbands and Finishing Lines. Finishing Lines is a new book to the Activity Department. It encourages residents to “finish the line” of a popular phrase, Bible verse, song or couple. For example, I read, “It’s Beginning to Look A Lot Like...?” and residents answered, “Christmas!”

Friday afternoon, while watching the snow fall outside, residents joined together for the Peanut Butter Lovers Program. The program included peanut trivia, a game and, of course, taste-testing.

Ten residents voted in favor of creamy peanut butter while seven preferred chunky peanut butter. They sampled two new peanut butter flavors: salted caramel and dark chocolate. They stated both were delicious.

Other goodies sampled were peanut butter cups, peanut butter M&Ms, scotcheroos (courtesy of the Dietary Department) and circus peanuts. Did you have a guess as to how many peanuts it takes to make a 12-ounce jar of peanut butter? The answer is 540!

Looking ahead this week:

• Thursday, Nov. 26: Happy Thanksgiving, No scheduled activities

• Friday, Nov. 27: 2:30 p.m. Thanksgiving Jingo

• Saturday, Nov. 28: 9:30 a.m. Sentimental Reflections Video

• Sunday, Nov. 29: 9 a.m. Worship

• Monday, Nov. 30: 2:30 p.m. Bingo

• Tuesday, Dec. 1: 2:30 p.m. Bible Study

• Wednesday, Dec. 2: 1:30 p.m. Resident Council

• Wednesday, Dec. 2: 2:20 p.m. Adopt A Grandparent

Residents and staff with birthdays this week are Pat Paulsen, Nov. 26, and Katelyn Roeman, Nov. 29.

The residents and staff at the Tuff Memorial Home wish you a very Happy Thanksgiving filled with safe travels, joyful conversations and plenty of delicious food!



Top: Winnie VanderVliet and Jean Van Malsen give pumpkin smoothies two thumbs up.

Bottom: Monday afternoon a group from the Apostolic Church in Lester brought each resident a goodie bag filled with puzzles, word finds, hard candies, pen, notepad and Kleenex. Here, Mariann Metzger opens her Thanksgiving gift from the Apostolic Church.

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Wednesday, Dec. 2: 7 p.m. Confirmation; Choir Practice.

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Friday, Nov. 27: 5 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal.
Saturday, Nov. 28: 4 p.m. Sandager/Goossens wedding.
Sunday, Nov. 29: 9 a.m. Worship at Tuff Chapel. No Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship at Bethlehem.
Tuesday, Dec. 1: 2:30 p.m. Bible Study at Tuff. 3:15 p.m. Bible Study at the Village.
Wednesday, Dec. 2: 9 a.m. Quilting. 7 p.m. Confirmation; Board meeting. 7:30 p.m. Grades 9-12 Youth Night. 8 p.m. Council meeting.
Thursday, Dec. 3: Interim Meeting at Redwood Falls.

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2015-16 Basketball



Members of the 2015-16 Hills-Beaver Creek boys' basketball team include (front row, from left) Trenton Bass, Stuart Plimpton, Drew Forshey, Cooper Vaughn, Jed Burgers, (back) Isaiah Vis, Dylan Forshey, Zach Scholten, Josh Kueter and Logan Leuthold.



The 2015-16 Hills-Beaver Creek High School girls' basketball team members include (front row, from left) Alexia Boltjes, Bailey Swan, Ana Hagen, Ela Hagen, (middle) Makayla Wilhelmi, Amber Bos, Madison Spath, Paige Tilstra, Mekayla Kolbrek, Grace Holthaus, (back) Grace Bundesen, Megan Gehrke, Sidney Fick, Kourtney Rozeboom, Jasmine Lingen, Avery Van Roekel and Avery Wysong.

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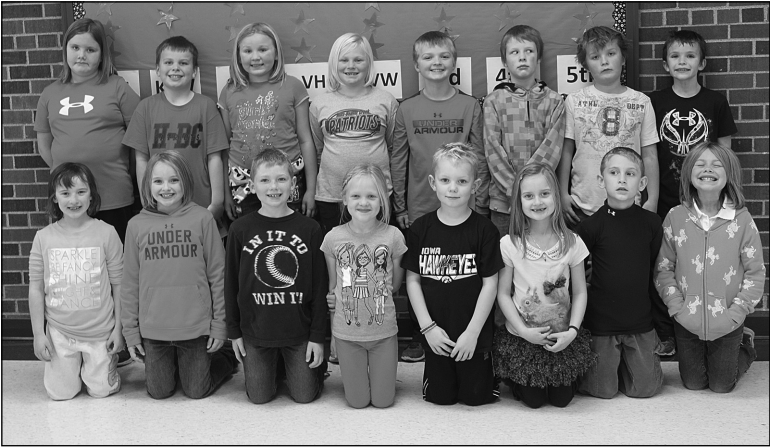
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Turkey: Dear Farmer, please don't eat me



Students in Diane VandenHoek’s H-BC second-grade class include (front, from left) Mya Erickson, Abbie Harris, Ethan Meinerts. Hadley Vanderburg, Quintice Susie, Tessa Clark-Crawford, Elliott Morris, Sarah Prohl, (back) Jayden Kueter, Jack Kruger, Talya Shanahan, Abby Hageman, Nate Van Maanen, Ziggy Nelson, Donavan Mess, Bode Kruger and (not pictured) Evan Gruis.

Mrs. VandenHoek's class

Dear Mr. Farmer,
Please do not eat me. I am very skinny. You can eat muffins and eggs for Tanksgivinge.
Ethan Meinerts

Dear Mr. Farmer,
Pleasedon’teatmebecauseI thoughtwe were friends. Plus you can eat a chicken for Thanksgiving. It would have tender white meat. And it’s more healthy. I bet your wife doesn’t want to eat me. I bet your children don’t want a dead turkey on the tabble on Thanksgiving day.
Donavan Mess

Dear Mr. Farmer,
Please don’t eat me. I will taste really bad and I don’t think your family will want to eat me. This is what you should eat for supper. You should eat some chicken noddle soup. Someone already wants me foa a pet.
Quintice Susie

Dear Mr. Farmer,
Please don’t eat me. I’m sick with the flu. Eat chicken instead. Chicken is more helthey and your kids will like chicken more. So will your wife and your family.
Jack Kruger

Dear Mr. Farmer,
Myfamily is sick and I am sick too. My waddle is fat and leaking. My claws are sharp and fat. I love to read books to the hores. I spit a lot. I eat rotten hay. You should eat a duck instead. The beak is yellow and I know your favorite color is yellow. Please do not eat me.
Abbie Harris

Dear Mr. Farmer,
Please don’t eat me. I ate bad food so you should eat something else. How about con. I hope you like corn because you are eating corn. I’m going to taste gross if you eat me.
Jayden Kueter

Dear Mr. Farmer,
Please don’t eat me! I’m really sour and fast. I’m as hot and spicy as a hot jalapeno. My family is from Antartica and I’m as cold as an Icicle. Have penut butter and jelly instead. I’m sure they wont mind gettingsmushed. Just don’t pick me!!!
Sarah Prohl

Dear Mr. Farmer,
Please oh please don’t eat me because I am really skinny and sick. I am a bad turkey. I ate some bad corn in a corn feild. I ate a wasp and its still alive. A snake bit me with its teeth. I am full of rocks. You should have chicken instead of turkey because chicken is better. You wouldn’t want to dress me.
Talya Mae Shanahan

Dear Mr. Farmer,
Do not cook me. I’m a sick little turkey. Please “oh” please do not kill me. Eat chicken and rice instead.
Bode Shad Kruger

Dear Mister Farmer,
Please please don’teatme. I’m sick and have a disease but you should pizza because it will taste beter and you don’t have to hunt and chase me.
Evan Gruis

Dear Mr. Farmer,
Please oh please don’t eat me. I don’t taste good. I am sick. I am skinny. I look like a pencil. I am so little. I am turning blue. You should eat scrambled eggs and toast for Thanksgiving instead. Eggs and toast are good together.
Abigail Hageman

Dear Mister Farmer,
Pleas don’t eat me! My family is going somewhere important and I need to go with my family. You should have pigs instead because you can make yummy food with pigs. There are a lot of pigs on farms. I also would run away fast.
Elliott Morris

Dear Mr. Farmer,
Please don’t eat me this year. I love my family and they love me too. Besides I have the chicken poxs or should I say turkey poxs. I taste like rotten eggs. That’s all I know. But don’t eat me. I’m begging you “please.” Eat scrambled eggs or “wait” don’t eat any thing on your farm! P.S I fell off my bike and hurt my face and head.
Hadley Vanderburg

Dear Mr. Farmer,
Please don’t eat me for

Thanksgiving dinner. So can you eat something else please? Can you just eat a big juicy steak just for me. My family is really sick so I might get sick. My family rolls in the mud. So you propably should not kill me.

Nate Van Maanen

Dear Mr. Farmer,
Oh please oh please do not eat me! I am to skinny to eat. I am hurt. I have a broken leg. I am really hurt so please do not eat me. I am limping and I have the chicken poxs. You would not eat a turkey with red spots. You should eat macaroni and cheese. It tastes better.
Mya Erickson

Dear Mrs. Farmer,
Please don’teatmebecause I just had surgery and I have to help my mom at her daycare and help my sistr. I wont eat the field corn maybe you shod have cow because they are meat.
Tessa Clark-Crawford

Please Mr. Farmer,
Don’t eat me. Someting is wrong with me I’m small and skinneye I’m am a baby and I am very sick. Have som pumpkin pie because it tastes better than my.
Ziggy Nelson

Mr. Van Wyhe's class

Dear Farmer,
You should not pick me because I don’t have good meat. I am very small and I am skinny. For Thanksgiving I will have really bad meat. If you come to get me I will run away very fast. Before I leave I will put a fake turkey in my cage.
Sincerely,
Gavyn Leuthold

Dear Farmmer,
Please do not pick me because I am too skinny and you would not have any food to eat with your family and friends. If you pick me I will be really wiggly and try to run away from you. Then I would scratch you with my claws and hit you with feathers. You would not like to get eaten would you? I would be really angry, mad, upset, and sad.
Sincerely,
Claire Knobloch

Dear Farmer,
You should not pick me because I am funny and always nice. You shoud not pick a nice turkey. A funny turkey always is funny and nice. I will peck at all of the poeple’s fingers because I’m funny. I have never been cooked before so I don’t want to get cooked.
Sincerely, Ella Sammons

Dear Farmer,
Don’t pick me because I’m too skinny. Also you won’t have any food for your family and friends. I will be wiggley and try to escape from the farm. If that doesn’t work out I will try to hide up in the hay loft in the barn. Just please don’t pick me.
Sincerely, Jamin Metzger



Students in Halden Van Wyhe’s H-BC second-grade class include (front, from left) Gavin Voss, Callum Bartels, Gavyn Leuthold, Tucker Holwell, Clayton Kellenberger, Claire Knobloch, Hadley Spath, Abby Olson, Caidence Ellis, (back) Henre Merson, Rachel Graves, Jamin Metzger, Micah Bush, Teagan Rainford, Ella Sammons, Isabel Wysong and Ally Birger

Dear Farmer,
Don’t eat me because I’m sick. I have no meat. I am skinny. I am not a good turkey to eat.
Sincerely, Clayton Kellenberger

Dear Farmer,
I don’t taste very good. I’m very small. I have a lot of feathers. It would take forever to take them off. I don’t have a lot of meat. I’m just a plane old turkey.
Sincerely, Micah Bush

Dear Farmer,
Please don’t pick me I am so skinny. Don’t touch me! I don’t want to be eaten! People wont like me. I am warning you! I am sticky and stinky. Please don’t eat me! I am begging you so much. I’ll run away so far that you will have to ride a plane to keep up with me!
Sincirily, Abigayl Jeanne Olson

Dear Farmer,
I don’t want you to pick me because I’m just a little turkey. My family will miss me. I want to be a mother. I want to lay eggs. I want to have a birthday.
Sincerely, Ally Birger

Dear Farmer,
Please don’t pick me because I do not want to get eaten and I would want to lay eggs. I would want to play and I would enjoy the outdoors. You should not pick the nice, cool, awesome ones because they are good. I would not let you take me!
Sincerely, Hadley Spath

Dear Farmer,
Please don’teatmebecause I am dirty, skinny and small too. I am noisy and my beak is strong to bite. I lay a lot of eggs. I would not pick me.
Teagan Rainford

Dear Farmer,
Please don’t pick me because I am rotten inside and I have no feathers. The feathers burnt off of me because I accidentally stepped in fire and I will taste burnt. I have a big turkey family. If you try to pick me we will chase you. We will

bring you to our cave.
Sincerely, Callum Bartels

Dear Farmer,
I do not want to be eaten. I have tickets to the Evanescense concert.

Sincerely, Caidence Ellis

Dear Farmer,
You don’t want me because I am only seven years old. I am too fast for you. I don’t know if you want me. I am red, white and brown and I hide very well.
Sincirily, Tucker Holwell

Dear Farmer,
Don’t pick me because I’m to thin. There are some turkeys that are way bigger than me. There are some medium turkeys and bigger ones I’m the most skinny of them all. I will hide until Thanksgiving is over.
Sincerely, Isabel Wysong

Dear Farmer,
Please don’tpickme. I don’t taest good. I taste like toenails and sewage. My meat is actually blud. I smell gross. My skin is fabric. Also I like mint ice cream.
Sincerly, Gavin Voss

Dear Farmer,
Don’t pick me I’m all dusty! Don’tpickme I have fleas! Don’t pickme I will bite your finger off!
Sincerely, Henre Merson

Dear Farmer,
Don’tpickme because I will peck you. It wont even be worth it to eat me because I will give a very small amount of meat. I will also tickle you with my tail feathers. Any way you souldn’t even pick a turkey. You can just eat ham.

Sinserlely, Rachel Graves

Dear Farmer,
Don’t pick me because I’m stinky and I will do any thing. I will be your friend if you do not pick me. I will also be nice to you all year.
Sincerely, Jacob Tiesler

Kindergartners write letters on how to cook turkey



Aspyn
Bartels



Becca
Beaner



Holden
Bennett



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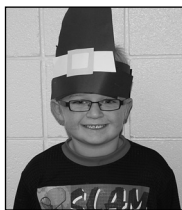
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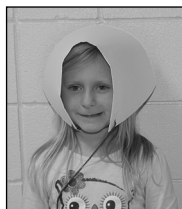
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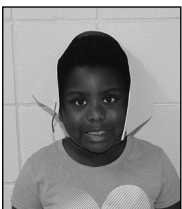
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Vanderburg



JaMarcus
Wright

Mrs. Wells' class

Aspyn Bartels – “Go to the grocery store and buy a turkey. Cut it open and put stuffing in it. Add salt and put it in the oven for 10 minutes. Then you are ready to cut it and eat it.”

Braxton Kaiser – “Buy a turkey at the store. Put salt, pepper, and butter all over it and bake it for one hour. Then it’s ready to eat.”

Adrik Harsma – First you have to kill the turkey. Then you stuff it up and cook it for 100 minutes, we like to cook it a long time because we like it burnt. We eat it and then we all go to bed.”

Lauren Vansurksun – “First you have to go to the store and buy a turkey. Then you put some water in the pan and bake the turkey for 10 minutes. Then you take it out and cut it up and eat it.”

Khloe Susie – “First you have to go to the grocery store and buy a turkey. Then you put it in a pot with water, salt, and pepper. You bake it in the oven for 20 minutes. Then you cut it up and eat it.”

Macey Heubrock – “First you buy the turkey at the store. Then you take it home, put stuffing in it and bake it for 10 minutes.”

Charlee Donth – “First you go to the store and buy a turkey. You take it home and bake it for 15 minutes. Then you cut it and blow on it and then you are ready to eat it.”

Karson Metzger – “First you kill the turkey, then you put it in the oven and bake it for 40 min-

utes. Then you set it on the table, weigh it, then you can eat it.”

Emmalee Holwell – “You go to the store and buy a turkey. Bring it home and bake it for 20 minutes. Then you are ready to eat it.”

Rocky Jiminez – “First you put your turkey in the microwave and warm it up. Then you put it in a pot with some salt and bake it for 15 minutes. Then you cut it up and eat it.”

Becca Beaner – “First you buy the turkey at the grocery store. Then you put butter on it and bake it for 10 minutes. Then you cut it up and eat it.”

Keaton Huisman: – “First you shoot the turkey and get all the feathers out of it. You put lots of butter, salt, and pepper on it and bake it for 30-60 minutes.

Norah Top – “First, you go to a farm and buy a turkey. Then you put it in a pot with pepper on it and bake it for 10 minutes. Then you take it out and you’re ready to eat it!”

Bristol Teune – “First you have to buy it from a store. Then you have to saw it and season it with salt and pepper. Put it in the oven and bake it for 20 minutes. Feel it to see if it’s warm and then you stuff it. Then you’re ready to eat it!”

Talon Miller – “Get the turkey from the grocery store. Put salt on it and cook it in the microwave for 30 minutes. Take it out and put pepper all over it. Then you are ready to eat it!”

Mrs. Fischer's class

Claire Boeve – I would get my turkey at the farm. Take off the feather stuff. Get the oven timer on and put the turkey in the oven for 60 minutes. Eat it at Thanksgiving with potatoes.

Max Sammons - I would catch it on the farm. Take the feathers off and put in the oven for 6 minutes at 15 degrees hot. Pull it out and butter it and flavors on the side of it and eat it. Serve it with a plate.

Haven Kerkhove-Brandt - I would get it in the forest and catch it with your hands. Don’t let go of it and bring it to the house. Put it in the oven for 15 minutes at 40 degrees. Put it with some stuff like salad, bread, and pumpkin. You eat it with chopsticks.

Holden Bennett - I would get it from the farm. Shoot it with a gun. Get the skin off with a knife. Then you put it in the oven for 30 minutes at 10 degrees. Eat it with knife. Put pepper on it.

Brodie Metzger - I would get it from the farm. Get it with an ax. You put it in the oven for 30 seconds at 10 degrees. Get it out and eat it with mashed potatoes and corn.

Ella Rheault – I would get it at the farm. Shoot it with a gun. Bring it home and bake it in the oven for 15 minutes at 18 degrees. Take it out of oven and eat it for thanksgiving.

Elijah Graves - I would go to a farm-ers house and catch it with a net. Bring it home. Put it in the oven for 100 seconds at 2,000 degrees. Put it on a plate and eat it with a spoon and sauce.

Ruby Susie – I would get my turkey from a garden. I would catch with a net. I would put it in the oven for 60 minutes at 30 degrees. Cut it with a knife and eat it with a fork and spoon.

Garrett Blank – I would go to the forest and catch him with a net. I would cook him on a grill for 15 minutes. Eat it with a fork and knife and serve with mashed potatoes.

Trinley Vanderburg – I would go to a farm and I’ll catch it with a farmer. We will cut it up and put in the oven for 50 minutes at 5 degrees. We eat it with a fork and spoon.

Lily Top – I would get my turkey at Target. We put it in the pan and put it in the oven for 60 seconds. We eat it with lettuce.

Sage DeBoer - I would get my turkey from the farm. The farmer would give it to us. Put it in the pan, turn the oven on, and put the turkey in the oven for a few minutes. Take it out of the oven and eat it with a fork.

Alli Schouwenburg – I would go get it at a farm. You will shoot it. Then bring it to your house and cook it in the microwave for 15 minutes. Eat it with a fork and a plate.

Raeanna Chesley – I would get my turkey at a store. Bring it home and put it the oven for 16 hours at 17 degrees. You get it out of the oven and cut it. Eat it with a knife and fork.

JaMarcus Wright – I would go to a farm and I would find the turkey and catch it. Bring it home and take all of the feathers and bake it for 5 minutes. Then we eat it with salt.

Hunter Holter – I would get it at a farm. I would kill it with a gun. Bring it home and put it in the oven for 14 seconds and 29 seconds. Then you eat it with silverware and plates.

community news

5K set for Nov. 28

The De-Light-Ful 5K Race/Walk or 1 Mile Walk will start at 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, at the Luverne Area Aquatics and Fit-

ness Center. Online registration is available at www.allsportcentral.com. Race day registration will begin at 5 p.m. at the Luverne Area Aquatics and Fitness Center.

Post race party/awards will follow the race at the Blue Mound Banquet Center. IV Play will be playing at the dance. Contact Dave at dduffy@rconnect.com or 507-920-3345 for details.

HCT auditions

Dec. 1 and Dec. 5

Auditions for HCT Dinner Theatre production of "Natalie Needs a Nightie" will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 1, and at 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, at the Legion Hall in Hills. "Natalie Needs a Nightie" will be performed in March 2016. Roles are for four males and three females 18 and older.

Volunteers needed for Salvation Army Kettle

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.

‘Home Alone’ Dec. 3

The free Bank Nite movie, "Home Alone," will begin at 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 3, at the Palace Theatre in Luverne, sponsored by First Farmers & Merchants National Bank and Papik Motors. A cash prize drawing will follow the movie. Must be present to win.



Whither—soever
By Glenda McGaffee

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Thanksgiving will be observed Thursday, Nov. 26, and Americans will be observing a custom that dates back to the earliest settlers.

A song I remember from grade school helps me remember the year the pilgrims came to America.

The beginning lyrics of the song are "The year 1620 the Pilgrims came over."

At the first Thanksgiving the settlers gave thanks for a bountiful harvest. What do you think the first pilgrims had for dinner? They would probably dine on wild turkey, wood pigeons, partridge or geese, nibble on dried cranberries and wheat bread. They would enjoy corn in various forms, parched or roasted and hoecake, Indian pudding made of cornmeal and molasses, and be glad the hogs head of molasses arrived in time to sweeten the Indian pudding.

They did not eat pumpkin pie because they did not know what to do with this vegetable they called pompion. The mince pies were made with venison and dried cherries instead of raisin and beef. They often enjoyed Thanksgiving dinner for three days. The event ended by joining in a hymn and hearing a prayer of thanksgiving to "Almighty God for all His blessings and His divine providence which saved the colony from drought and starvation.

Did you know the credit for this holiday really belongs to one woman, Mrs. Sarah J. Hale, who began to campaign for a thanksgiving day in 1827.

Why not try this Upside-Down Cranberry Cake.

Upside-Down Cranberry Cake

(You make the topping right in the cake pan, saving yourself cleanup.)

3/4 cup packed light brown sugar
2 tablespoons plus 1/4 cup butter, divided
3 cups fresh cranberries
1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
2 teaspoons baking powder
1/4 teaspoon salt
1 cup granulated sugar
2 egg yolks
1/2 cup fat-free milk
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
2 egg whites
1/4 teaspoon cream of tartar
2/3 cup sweetened whipped cream of frozen whipped topping, thawed
Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Heat a 9-inch round cake pan over medium heat; coat pan with cooking spray. (Note: Do not use a springform pan.) Add brown sugar and 2 tablespoons butter to pan, stirring until melted. Cook about 1 minute, stirring constantly. Remove from heat; arrange cranberries on top of brown sugar mixture.

Combine flour, baking powder and salt. Set aside.

Combine remaining 1/4 cup butter and granulated sugar in a large bowl; beat with an electric mixer on high speed until fluffy. Add egg yolks, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Add flour mixture and milk alternately to butter mixture, beginning and ending with flour mixture, and beating after each addition. Beat in vanilla.

In a separate bowl, beat egg whites and cream of tartar with mixer and clean beaters until stiff peaks form. Fold egg whites into batter; pour batter over cranberries in cake pan.

Bake 55 minutes or until wooden pick inserted in center comes out clean. Top each serving with whipped cream or topping. Serves 8.



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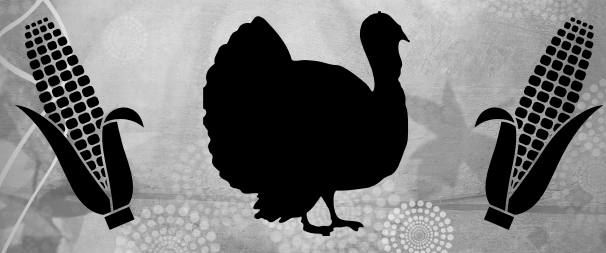
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All Hills city residents are invited to attend the public hearing of the City Council to express their opinions on the budget and on the proposed amount of 2016 property taxes. The hearing will be held on Tuesday, December 8th at 6:00 P.M. at the Hills City Office, 301 South Main Ave.

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