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## Crescent editor is 'Educator for a day'

## By Glenda McGaffee

H-BC Elementary Principal Jason Phelps approached me a couple of weeks ago and asked if I would be an Educator for a Day during National Education Week Nov. 16- 20.

I pondered his question and after some thought said, "Yes. It sounds like a fun and exciting experience."

When I was younger, I thought my life-long profession would be a teacher. Living on a farm and having siblings who were older, I spent a lot of time playing by myself, and playing teacher was a fun pastime.

It would also give me a taste of what my youngest daughter, Samantha, experiences every day as a special education teacher in Marshall.

Principal Phelps informed me I would be teaching the third-grade class and accepting the responsibility of teacher Angie Blosmo. State regulations require the teacher to be present in the classroom with me.

I entered the classroom with anticipation of what my day would be. The students were told the day before they would have a substitute teacher. As the students entered the room, I recognized a number of them as some were my piano students.

Blosmo had the schedule printed out for me, and I was in charge of the 29 students.

I decided to begin the day the way I remember back many years ago when I was a thirdgrader in the Hills Elementary School and my teacher was Jean Hanson.

I thought Mrs. Hanson was the kindest teacher I ever had and have fond memories of her classroom. So we started the morning by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. The students stood with their hands

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## Hills celebrates holiday Appreciation Day

Monday, Dec. 7, was Hills Appreciation Day at the American Legion Hall in Hills. The event was sponsored by Helping Build Communities Stronger and the businesses in the Hills, Beaver Creek and Steen area. Annette Elbers, representative for HBCS, said about 320 people attended the event. Santa Claus also made an appearance.

Pictured are representatives of the area businesses and HBCS who assisted with the event. They are (front, from left) Annette Elbers, Connie Wiertzema, Aaron Erickson, Kris Frerk, Santa Claus, JoAnn Roemen, (back) Keith Elbers, Bob Walraven, Shirley Flanagan, Mary Rauk, Marcy Fogarty, Laura Weinacht and Trista Bosch.

## County Board tables sheriff request for more deputies

By Mavis Fodness
The decision to add up to two full-time deputies to the Rock County Sheriff's Office was put on hold until next year.

At theirDec. 1 meeting, commissioners tabled any increases to the sheriff's office budget for 2016. The topic will be addressed again during budget talks for 2017.

In October Sheriff Evan Verbrugge asked for a $\$ 30,000$ increase in next year's departmental budget.

The monies would have paid for the annual software and service of computers for the computer-aided dispatch (CAD)
system yet to be installed in his department's squad cars.

Last week the sheriff's department received a one-time $\$ 30,000$ grant from the state's CourtTechnology Fund Advisory Board.

For several years the commissioners have considered funding the installation and hardware for the CAD system.

The system allows deputies to access network information in the squad cars that traditionally is relayed by dispatch personnel to the officers. The CAD system would also allow officers to com would also allow officers to com plete reports in the field.

The CAD system costs more
than $\$ 200,000$.
Verbrugge has also applied for an in-squad computer grant Thegrantshavebecome available in response to implementing the CAD system statewide by July 2016.
"The courts are getting away from paper," Verbrugge explained.

Commissioners along with Verbrugge supported adding ad ditional sheriff deputies instead of the CAD for 2016

The CAD system is seen as streamlining an officer's paperwork responsibilities; however a more immediate concern is reducing overtime expenditures
versus reducing an officer's workload.
"If you break it down - all shifts, 10 people - not counting Evan ... it's less than one call per shift on average," said County Administrator Kyle Oldre.

The Sheriff's Office averages 4,000 hours in overtime for a yearly average cost of $\$ 130,000$. The extra hours primarily cover the shift openings created by vacations, sick leaves or officer trainings.

Part-time deputies have been used to cover shift openings, but many have left for

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over their hearts and recited the words, "I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

I decided to eat lunch with the students and enjoyed the meal with my second-grade neighbor, Isabell Wysong. I love visiting with kids and listening to their perspectives on life.

I asked Blosmo if students still learn the art of cursive writing, which is something I recall learning in third grade. She informed me third-graders have their first encounter with Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment testing, so emphasis is placed on reading and math. I recalled how some of the residents in the nursing home where I'm also employed have some of the most beautiful writing touches.

Something that amazed me throughout the day was how teachers have to teach all levels of students in one classroom. Just imagine if a doctor, lawyer or dentist had 28 people in his office at one time, all of whom had different needs, and some of whom didn't want to be there and were causing trouble, and the doctor, lawyer or dentist, without assistance had to treat them all with professional excellence for nine months. He might then have some conception of the classroom teacher's job.

These students in the classroom are the future - a future with the potential for good or bad.

In the spirit of gratitude and


Educator for a Day Glenda McGaffee is pictured with the third-grade class at H-BC Elementary in Beaver Creek Thursday, Nov. 17.
appreciation we should thank our teachers not only during National Education Week but every day.

I learned firsthand the
amount of time and patience every teacher devotes to his or her classroom, to the students' parents and mostly to the students themselves.

Teachers are teachers 24/7 and it's one of a handful of jobs that are more than a job. Teaching is more like a lifestyle.

Teachers can refer to them-

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selves as teachers, all of the time, every day, all day. There is a saying that "those who can't do, teach," yet really teach ers have to be prepared to do many things - teach students, educate and advise parents and students to nurture, create, listen, comfort and learn.

Teachers do not choose this job to get rich or famous. They choose this job because they love it and the kids. Teachers know that the sacrifices they have made, money they have spent and hours dedicated outside the building are molding the younger generation to grow up to do big things.

## school menu

Hills-Beaver Creek Public Schools Lunch Menu:

Monday,Dec. 7:Tater tot hotdish, green beans, mixed fruit, bread.

Tuesday,Dec.8:Chicken patty on a bun, glazed carrots, pineapple.

Wednesday, Dec. 9: Pulled pork sandwiches, baked beans, pears, bread.

Thursday, Dec. 10: Chicken and rice hotdish, peas, mandarin oranges, bread.

Friday, Dec. 11: Taco haystacks, creamed corn, peaches, bread.

## Meet Your Neighbor - Bruce Bolte



By Glenda McGaffee
BB's Brush Works is the name of Bruce Bolte's ceramic business located in the basement of his home on 409 Josephine Avenue in Hills.

This fall Bolte attended craft shows at Holy Cross and St. Lamberts Church in Sioux Falls and Grand Falls Casino near Larchwood, Iowa. The most popular wares he sells are for Halloween and Christmas

Bolte attributes his love of creating ceramic and pottery items to his mother, Inga Bolte, who enjoyed doing crafts.

Bolte said, "I enjoyed art class creating pottery and ceramic items in high school. I took classes at Minnie's Mud Hut in Luverne in the late 1970s and '80s. When the family had her estate sale, I purchased some of her supplies."

The definition of ceramics is "things made from materials which are permanently changed when heated." For example, clay has chemically bonded water in it, which will cause it to slake down (disintegrate) when a dried clay object is put in water.

Bolte buys some of his greenway already molded but makes a number of the molds himself because of cost factors. He has a kiln that is a thermally insulated chamber type of oven that produces temperatures hot enough to complete the process of hardening, drying or chemically changing his projects.

Once heated (fired) to between 660 degrees and 1470 degrees, the clay is converted to ceramic and will never dissolve again.

The word "ceramics" is derived from the ancient Greek word keramos, which referred to potter's clay and the objects made from it



BB's Brush Works is the name of Bruce Bolte's ceramic business located in the basement of his home on 409 Josephine Avenue in Hills.

When Bolte places his ceramic items in a kiln, the clay goes from a soft totally fragile substance to one that is rock hard and can withstand water, wind and time. He bakes the items for nearly six hours.

When asked how long it takes to make an item, Bolte said, "It depends on the proj ect. A snowman, for example,
may take three days." He prefers using a dry brush instead of glazing. He enjoys the tiny tinkering work on the items - for example, the eyes, which he says are very important.

Bolte won a Reserve Champion Ribbon at the Rock County Fair and a trophy at the WA-MI DAK Ceramics Asso-
 this auction. w/ chairs; Wicker rocking
rocking chair; Plant stand; wood stove. MUCH MORE YET TO BE DISCOVERED. Canning supplies; General household items

TERMS: Cash or good check,

## Keith Elber

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full-time positions after com pleting the necessary training and working on their own for a couple of months.
"We have done that 14 times in nine years," Verbrugge said.

The cost for one full-time deputy, a squad car and equipment is estimated between $\$ 80,000$ and $\$ 100,000$.

The additional full-time deputies could save on overtime hours but would not eliminate the overtime expenses completely, Verbrugge said.

Chairman Ron Boyenga recommended tabling a decision on hiring deputies until next year, after the state's 2016 legislative session is completed
"Next year there are some proposals before the Legislature that could give us a fair amount of extra funding," Boyenga said.

The Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC) is advocating for $\$ 30$ million in additional support in county program aid. Under the proposal all 87 Minnesota counties would receive $\$ 350,000$ in tax base equalization aid

Because the equalization is based on land values, Rock County wasn't previously eligible for this tax base aid due to its high land values.

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## Girls win opener

## By John Rittenhouse

The Hills-Beaver Creek girls basketball team experienced a successful2015-16debutwhen the Patriots traveled to TylerThursday.
Taking on the Russell-TylerRuthton Knights on their home floor, the Patriots outscored the hosts in both halves of the game to secure a 76-63 victory.
H-BC led by 11 points (34-23) at the intermission before using a 42-40 scoring edge in the second half to clinch a 13 -point win.
Avery Van Roekel (29 points, 16 rebounds, four steals and three assists) Sidney Fick (12 points and three assists) and Kourtney Rozeboom (11 points, seven rebounds and three steals) paced $\mathrm{H}-\mathrm{BC}$ statistically.
Grace Bundesen added seven rebounds and three steals to the winning cause, while Jasmine Lingen added four steals.
H-BChostsSouthwestChristian Friday.

## Box score

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## Team statistic

H-BC: 27 of 43 field goals ( 63 percent), 20 of 34 free throws ( 59 percent), 46 rebounds, R-T-R: field goals not available, six of 19 free throws ( 32 percent), 25 rebounds, 40 turnovers.

## Eagles upend H-BC in home opener

## By John Rittenhouse

A late rally by the Hills-Beaver Creekboys' basketballteamwent unrewarded Dec. 1 when the Patriots made their home debut against Southwest Christian.
After falling behind 35-29 in the first half, $\mathrm{H}-\mathrm{BC}$ battled back to knot the score at 56 late in the game.
SWC's Levi Vander Woude hit an eight-foot shot with 15 seconds remaining to give the Patriots a 58-56 lead, and H-BC was unable to knot the score in the final seconds of a two-point loss.
Zach Scholten (17 points and
six rebounds) and Isaiah Vis (11 points, five rebounds, four steals and four assists) turned in productive nights for the hosts. Trenton Bass recorded four assists and Drew Forshey came up with three steals for $\mathrm{H}-\mathrm{BC}$.

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## Team statistics

H-BC: 23 of 56 field goals ( 41 percent) eight of 10 free throws ( 80 percent), 22 SWC: 17 of 50 field goals ( 34 percent), 15 o 30 free throws ( 50 percent), 23 rebounds, 30 free throws
13 turnovers.

## Panthers stun boys

## By John Rittenhous

The Hills-Beaver Creek boys' basketball team dropped its third consecutive game to start the season Friday in Ellsworth. Hampered by a cold night of shooting from the field (26 percent), the Patriots were outscored in both halves of the game during a 67-53 loss to the Panthers.
Ellsworth led 29-24 at the intermission before outscoring the Patriots $38-29$ in the second half to win by 14 points.
Stuart Plimpton (14 points, 11 rebounds and three assists) and Zach Scholten (14 points and 10 rebounds) paced $\mathrm{H}-\mathrm{BC}$ offensively.
DrewForsheyled the Patriots with 12 rebounds, whileCooper Vaughn registered four steals and Isaiah Vis three assists.
The 0-3 Patriots host Heron Lake-Okabena Thursday.

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H-BC: 18 of 68 field goal 3C: 18 of 68 field goals ( 26 percent), 3 of 16 free throws ( 81 percent), 49 Ellsworth: 22 of 34
percent), 18 of 29 free throws ( 62 percent), 37 rebounds, 13 turnovers.

# Rock County Children's Fair <br> "Visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus" 



## Thursday, December 17 <br> 5:00-7:00 PM

Luverne Elementary School Commons
FREE Admission FREE Activities
for Rock County
children ages 0 to 6 years with their families

Interactive children's activities!
Find out about services available in our county for families and their children while children enjoy the activities.

Call 283-4724 for questions. This activity brought to you by the Rock County Early Childhood Initiative (EC1) and programs that serve children and families.


Mina Sjaarda, Sean Elbers and Weston Kellenberger are all smiles during the Adopt A Grandparent visit last week at the Tuff Home.


Merry Christmas from the Tuff Memorial Home! The trees are up and decorated, lights twinkle in the dining room and sounds echo from the first caroling group - our home is officially ready for Christmas.

I would like to continue the mini-series on gift-giving to your loved one in a care facility. Sometimes money and gift certificates are the easiest gifts to give, yet are still meaningful to the recipient.

GiftIdeaNo.3:BeautySalon Certificate. One of the highlights of our week is the beauty salon. Giving a gift certificate is a simple but meaningful gift. Arrangements can be made at Valocity Studios.

Gift No. 4: Outing Funds With the suggestion list for outings growing longer, giving the gift of funds for an outing is a special way of creating memoable opportunities.

Gift Idea No. 5: Magazine subscriptions are another great idea.

Residents greeted Decemberwith Tai ChilSing-alongand Bible study with Pastor Fischer on Tuesday. What a joy it is to hear the familiar Christmas hymns return.


Winnie VanderVliet decorates the Christmas tree with care at the Tuff Memorial Home in Hills.

Residents remained in the chapelTuesday afternoon to decorate the chapel Christmas tree The combination of red and gold decorations brings elegance to the chapelthis Christmas season

Wednesday morning was spent decorating the Christmas tree in the activity room. Purple and gold accents and bulbs complete the tree. We cannot decide if the theme of the tree is Viking or royalty, but either wayitbring Christmas spirit to the room.

The second group for Adopt-A-Grandparent joined us that afternoon. It was wonderful to hear the kids' questions through the session. I overheard Harold Etrheim share his after-schoo chore list and compared it to the chores that Oliver, Daniel and Andrew have to do.

Thursdaymorning a group of residents enjoyed lotion therapy and the Happy Stitchers group met. Happy Stitchers is open to those who enjoy knitting, crocheting, embroidering, sewing etc. We enjoysharing ourcurrent projects and tips with each other

As if we were not already in the Christmas spirit, "HO-HO HO" filled the dining room as residents played CLAUS Bingo that afternoon. Several residents remained after coffee to help dec orate the dining room Christmas
tree, which illuminates beautiful blues and silvers - perfect for a long Minnesota winter.

Friday morning residents gathered for a favorite activity that comes once a year - decorating Christmas cookies. A new entertainer, David Peterson, sang classic country and Christmas songs Friday afternoon. And to top off a great day, the delightfully decorated Christmas cookies were served for coffee.

Looking ahead this week:
-Thursday, Dec. 10: 2:30 p.m. CLAUS Bingo.
-Friday, Dec. 11: 2:30 p.m. Ugly Sweater Contest.
-Saturday, Dec.12: 9 a.m. manicures.
-Sunday, Dec. 13: 9 a.m. Worship.
-Monday, Dec. 14: 2:30 p.m. CLAUS Bingo.
-Tuesday, Dec. 15: 2:30 p.m. Bible Study.
-Wednesday, Dec. 16: 10 a.m. Music with Troy Mader.

Resident and staff birthdays this week include Dan Brower, Dec. 6; Charlotte Korthals, Dec. 12; Riley Boese, Dec. 13; and McKayla Kramer, Dec. 14.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Donna Gallant and her family as she resides at the Hospice Cottage in Luverne.

Have a great week!

Close the gate
By Kancy Kraaryenhof

I've lost it
Ilose things. Well, notreally lose, I guess the word is more like misplace. I do this periodically with all sorts of things and I am absolutely frantic until I find them.

I am constantly reading everything I can get my hands on about dementia and losing one's mind because that is how I feel - doomed to a life of mindless wandering around, leaving a trail of lost stuff like breadcrumbs in a forest.

There is something that actually exists called cognitive biases. A cognitive bias is a mistake we make because of a hole in our thinking. It's a sort of mental blind spot; a lot of the time we don't even know we're doing it, but once we become aware of such a bias, we can either just chalk it up to what it is and live with it, or we can make the conscious choice to do what we can to avoid making the same mistake over and over again expecting differentresults, which is actually the definition of insanity.

There are hundreds of lifehacks (the new word for sugges-
tions on how to do things better/ easier) about how to avoid losing things and also on how to find lost items. Some of these ideas, when consistently implemented, can act as guardrails to keep you on track if you are like me - a constant loser of things.
uuPutitin the same placeall the time. Keys goon the keyhook by the door. Cell phone right to the charger on the kitchen counter, etc.

Iknowyou're supposed to do this. If I had the where-with-all or the brains to make it a habit in the first place, I wouldn't be losing my stuff and having to look up life-hacks about how to not lose your stuff.
uuUse crazy, really bizarre memory associations. Create a totally ridiculous mental picture of your item and the place you left it. Use some of the age-old (yet proven) elements of substitution, multiplication, action or violence, out of proportion or (best option) off color.

If I can't remember where I put my stuff, how in the heck am I supposed to remember a short fictional story I have to make up on the spot about where I put it?

I don't get it.
uuBefore bed, take off your jewelryand putitinto the proper place in ice cube trays to keep it tangle-free and coordinated.

Ice cube trays? I didn't like them when they were full of ice and I had to whack them on the counter to get the ice out. I've had an automatic icemaker for the past 23 years, and I'll be darned if I'm going to go out and BUY ice cube trays to put my jewelry in. That's just demented.
uuIfyou are prone toleaving your grocery list at home, take a picture of it with your phone or take pictures of empty boxes or cartons as you go to document what you need from the store

Great idea but I'm one of those people who misplaces their cell phone on an hourly basis. It just doesn't fit in the back pocket of my jeans. If I put it in the front pocket ofmy sweatshirt, I inevitably get hot and take off the sweatshirt and forget to take the phone out. It would be handy to put it in the same place all the tim,e but I am never in that place when itrings. Grocerylists are the least of my worries.
uuLose your reading glass
es? Buy one of the fashionable necklaces with the ring on them specifically for holding you glasses when you're not wearing them.

My job and swingy jewelry don't jive so my glasses typically live on top of my head like a headband. Between my readers and my sunnies, I think there is actually a permanent dent in my head where they sit. They help keep my fly-aways in check, and I think, are quite comely and sporty-looking. Theydo, however, fly across the room when I do a cartwheel, but that doesn't happen a lotso it is an acceptablerisk. Besides.. readingglasses are only a dollar, right?
uuWhen you lose something, go back and look where you have found it before when you have lost it.

Hmmm. If I had the mental capacity to recall things like that, I probably wouldn't be the big loser of things that I am. Besides, if I found it in the same place all the time wouldn't that be the same as putting it in the same place all the time and just forgetting where that place is?
uuDon't panic; be logical;
try to remember whereyou were the last time you had it.

My car keys? I was driving My cell phone? I was using it, it was in my hand and I wasn't driving. Good advice but not really applicable to the two things I lose the most
uuAnd the number one way to remember where you pu something is to tell someone to remind you of where you put it.

I work with small children so I cannot see this working there and at home the hubster's memory is almostas badasmine. I guess I could maybe remember better where I put things if I told him and then made a specific crazy image in my mind of how I looked when I told him where I put whatever, but these days I have trouble picturing my normal self so I don't think a crazed look would be bizarre enough to jog my memory. Too close to reality.

I'lllife-hackmywaythrough life, forever tempting fate,

I am forever losing things but I always close the gate.

Cleverly Disguised as a Responsible Adult, I'm Nancy Kraayenhof. ©2015


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Sunday, Dec. 13:9 a.m. WELCA Ladies Cookie Wrap. 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship Service. 11 a.m. WELCA Annual Meting

Tuesday, Dec. 15: 7 p.m. Church Council meeting.
Wednesday, Dec. 16: 7 p.m. Confirmation; choir practice at First Lutheran.

## Palisade Lutheran Church

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Wednesday, Dec. 16: 7 p.m. Confirmation at First Lutheran.

## Steen Reformed Church <br> 112 W. Church Ave. Steen



Reuben Sinnema
Youth Pastor
Sunday, Dec. 13: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 11 a.m. Sunday School. 6:30 p.m. RCYF

## Bethlehem Lutheran Church <br> Interim Pastor Grant Fisher

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e-mail: bethlehemluth@alliance com.net Saturday, Dec. 12: Youth Group helping with Down Syndrome Christmas party in Brandon.

Sunday, Dec. 13:9 a.m. Worship at TuffChapel; Christmas Program Practice. 10:30 a.m. Worship at Bethlehem. 7 p.m. Grades 6-8 Youth Night.

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

Wednesday, Dec. 16:9 a.m. Quilting. 7 p.m. Confirmation; Circle of Hope. 7:30 p.m. Grades 9-12 Youth Night.

## Hills United Reformed Church <br> 410 E. Central Ave., Hills <br> Office Ph. 962-3254 <br> e-mail: hillsurc@alliancecom.net <br> Alan Camarigg, Pastor

Sundays: 9:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Worship Services. Sunday School and Catechism after morning worship.
$1^{\text {st }}$ Sunday of each month: Fellowship dinner after Sunday School

Whither soever
By glenda Mcgabbee

## events

## Meetings

BeaverCreekTownshipwill meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 10 , at the township hall.

Sound CascadeSweet Adeline Chorus rehearses at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Prairie Creek, 4400 W. Creekside Dr., Sioux Falls. Call 507-597-6288.

## Carnegie extends

## holiday hours

The Carnegie Cultural Center is hostingits annual Festival of Trees on North Freeman Avenue and will be open from noon to 4 p.m. Wednesday through Satur day until Christmas.

## Christmas at the

Palace Dec. 12
Christmas at the Palace will be at 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12, at the Historic Palace Theatre in Luverne. Admission is $\$ 12$ for advanced reserved tickets available at the Palace Theatre Box Office 507-283-4339 (open Monday-Friday from 1-5 p.m.)

## CoffeeBreak meets

## Tuesdays

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.

## 80 +/- Acres of Prime Clinton Twp, Rock Co. MN. Farmland <br> PUBLIC AUCTION <br> \section*{Thursday December 17, 2015 Sale Time 10:00 am}

 More Information, Maps \& Land Data at www.elbersauction.com Location of Land: From Steen Corner on Highway 270 go 1 Mile East or from High way 75 \& Highway 270 go 2 miles West on Highway 270. Land will be sold at the farm corner of Highway $270 \& 110$ Ave. Watch for Auction Signs.LEGAL DESCRIPTION: West $1 / 2$ of NW $1 / 4$, Section-28, Twp-101N, Range 45W, Clinton Township, Rock Co. MN.
GENERAL DESCRIPTION: This is a very productive $80+/$-acre tract that consists of 76.06 acres of tillable acres and 3.94 acres of roadway and ditches. According to Rock Co. Assessors Office this tract has a CER rating of 96.23 . Tract does no contain a wetland. Predominate soil types are Splitrock silty clay loam, Whitewoo silty clay loam and Marcus silty clay loam.
CORN/SOYBEAN BASE \& YIELD: The corn base on this tract is 38.2 acres with a PLC Yield of 1176 bu. Soybean base of 37.7 acres with A PLC Yield of 47 bu.
TAXES: Current Real Estate Taxes are $\$ 3630.00$. Taxes reflect Non Homeste TAXES: Current Real Estate Taxes are $\$ 3630$
status. Taxes will pro-rated to date of possession
POSSESSION: Land will be available for the 2016 crop year with possession given on March 1, 2016
TERMS: $15 \%$ down (non-refundable) immediately after auction. Buyer will be required to sign a purchase agreement at time of auction with the balance due and payable on or before February 1, 2016 when a clear and marketable abstract of title and warranty deed will be delivered to the buyer. Elbers Auction Service represents the sellers only in this transaction. Property is sold being offered "AS IS" with no warranty given or implied as to the condition or use of property. This
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by visiting website at www.elbersauction.com
AUCTIONEERS NOTE: It is a pleasure for us to offer this very attractive tract of farmland for the Teunis Tuene Family and this is an excellent opportunity to purchase a very highly productive tract of farmland that would be a great addition
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Teunis \& Nellie Teune Family Trust, Owner Douglas E. Eisma, Attorney for seller Ellers Auction Service
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## $\cdots$ Peekin in the past

10 years ago (2005)
-Students who attended H-BC's Little Patriot Academy Preschool performed several Christmas selections at their holiday concert on Tuesday. The students wore holiday hats they created in class and sang 12 selections.

## 20 years ago (1995)

Senior cheerleaders Heather Van Wyhe, Jenny Chesley, Laressa Sandstede, and Teresa Bly were awarded Coca-Cola's Unsung Hero Award last week. The cheerleaders were nominated by Dan Ellingson and Steve Wiertzema.

## 50 years ago (1965)

-TheCommercial Club of Hillsheld its annual meeting Monday evening. 57 members and their wives were present.

Don Toms will serve as president for 1996 and Gerald Hakk will be vice president.

## 75 years ago (1940)

"Melody Comes To Town," an all-Hollywood production, will be the main feature at the free show to be given in the Hills school next Saturday afternoon, at the annual John Deere day, sponsored by Sjolseth's Implements.

A special invitation is extended to the farmers of this territory to attend the program.

## 100 years ago (1915)

-The deal was closed last week whereby Nelson \& Halverson, the local garage men, sold their building and equipment to Ralph Anderson and E. J. Flessner, both from near Ben Clare, S.D. Pos session will be given March $1^{\text {st }}$.

Mr. Ralph Anderson, member of the new firm, needs no intro duction to our readers, as he lived in and around Hills all his life being the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Anderson.


## Improvements continue on Main Street building

The building on the corner of Main Street and $2^{\text {nd }}$ Avenue in Hills continues to show improvement. Chris Gannon, who recently purchased the building, is currently removing the tin siding on the building and restoring the brick. Gannon, who owns and operates Transmissions Specialists, plans to do automotive transmission work on specialty sport cars, possibly employing local people. Gannon gutted the inside of the building and is continuing with his plans to preserve the historic structure. This photograph was taken Monday, Dec. 7.


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| Minnesota Department of | Division of School Finance <br> 1500 Highway 36 West <br> Eoseville, MN 55113-4266 | DISTRICT REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES |
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| BUDGET FOR FY 2015 AND FY 2016 |  |  |

GENERAL INFORMATION: Minnesota Statutes, section 123B.10, requires that every school board shall publish the subject data of this report.

| District Name: | HILLS-BEAVER CREEK |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | District Number: 671 |  |  |  |
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| FUND | FY 2015 BEGINNING FUND BALANCES |  | FY 2015 ACTUAL REVENUES AND TRANSFERS IN |  | FY 2015 ACTUAL EXPENDITURES AND TRANSFERS OUT |  | JUNE 30, 2015 ACTUAL FUND BALANCES |  | FY 2016 BUDGET revenues and TRANSFERS IN |  | FY 2016 BUDGET EXPENDITURES AND TRANSFERS OUT |  | JUNE 30, 2016 PROJECTED FUND BALANCES |  |
| General Fund/Restricted | \$ | 701,128 | \$ | 369,850 | \$ | 401,701 | \$ | 669,277 | \$ | 317,387 | \$ | 316,706 | \$ | 669,958 |
| General Fund/Other | \$ | 159,097 | \$ | 3,444,683 | \$ | 2,830,874 | \$ | 772,906 | \$ | 3,396,526 | \$ | 3,263,213 | \$ | 906,219 |
| Food Service Fund | \$ |  | \$ | 171,854 | \$ | 180,936 | \$ | $(9,082)$ | \$ | 153,300 | \$ | 170,665 | \$ | $(26,447)$ |
| Community Service Fund | \$ | 40,353 | \$ | 90,178 | \$ | 103,087 | \$ | 27,444 | \$ | 74,011 | \$ | 80,809 | \$ | 20,646 |
| Building Construction Fund | \$ |  | \$ | 101,018 | \$ | 92,355 | \$ | 8,663 | \$ | - | \$ | 6,645 | \$ | 2,018 |
| Debt Service Fund | \$ | 117,721 | \$ | 785,820 | \$ | 853,202 | \$ | 50,339 | \$ | 792,185 | \$ | 744,000 | \$ | 98,524 |
| Trust Fund | \$ | - | \$ | - | \$ | - | \$ | - | \$ | - | \$ | - | \$ | - |
| Internal Service Fund | \$ | - |  |  |  |  | \$ | - |  |  |  |  | \$ | - |
| * OPEB Revocable Trust Fund | \$ | - | \$ | - | \$ |  | \$ | - | \$ | - | \$ | - | \$ | - |
| OPEB Irrevocable Trust Fund | \$ | - | \$ | - | \$ |  | \$ | - | \$ | - | \$ | - | \$ | - |
| OPEB Debt Service Fund | \$ | - | \$ | - | \$ | - | \$ | - | \$ | - | \$ | - | \$ | - |
| TOTAL - ALL FUNDS | \$ | 1,018,299 | \$ | 4,963,403 | \$ | 4,462,155 | \$ | 1,519,547 | \$ | 4,733,409 | \$ | 4,582,038 | \$ | 1,670,918 |
| LONG-TERM DEBT | \$ | - |  |  | CURRENT STATUTORY OPERATING DEBT PER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION $123 B .81$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Outstanding July 1, 2014 | \$ | 10,900,000 |  |  | AMOUNT OF GENERAL FUND DEFICIT, IF ANY, IN EXCESS OF 2.5\% OF EXPENDITURES 06/30/2015 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Plus: New Issues | \$ | 99,000 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Less: Redemeed Issues | \$ | 449,000 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Outstanding June 30, 2015 | \$ | 10,550,000 |  |  | COST PER STUDENT - AVERAGE DAILY MEMBERSHIP (ADM) 06/30/2015 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| SHORT-TERM DEBT |  |  |  |  | TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES |  |  |  |  |  | \$ |  |  | 3,269,206.00 |
| Certificates of Indebtedness | \$ | - |  |  | FY 2015 TOTAL ADM SERVED + TUITIONED OUT ADM + ADJUSTEDEXTENDED ADM |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 348.21 |
| Other Short-Term Indebtedness | \$ | - |  |  | FY 2015 OPERATING COST PER ADM |  |  |  |  |  | \$ |  |  | 9,388.60 |

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Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB)
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To obtain a full job description and an application for this position, please visist county's web site at http://www. co.rock.mn.us/employment.html or contact the Rock County Administrator's office at 507-283-5065. Office hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. An Equal Opportunity Employer


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