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Blizzard cripples region

By Lori Sorenson

Schools across the tri-state region closed classes for the day Tuesday, Feb. 2, ahead of the heavily forecast blizzard that started in Nebraska and Iowa and moved northward through southern Minnesota.

Five to 8 inches of snow were predicted for Rock County and southwest Minnesota, and as the Star Herald went to press Tuesday, snow had begun to fall.

Icy flakes sliced sideways through the air as gusty winds nearing 40 mph swept snow across roadways, limiting visibility.

Lt. Matt Sorenson of the Minnesota State Patrol said various state agencies had begun to discuss the possibility of closing major arteries through District 7, which encompasses more than a dozen counties in southwest Minnesota.

"They take into consideration a multitude of factors, including commerce," Sorenson said.

"Milk trucks and grocery trucks and newspaper delivery trucks are all affected when roads close, so these things are taken into consideration, as well as the safety of the motoring public."

The District 7 engineer is ultimately responsible for road closures, which in this district would mean I-90, Highway 75 and Highway 23.

Physical barriers prevent traffic from entering the interstate, and flashing lights in Luverne and Pipestone warn motorists that roadways are closed.

Sorenson said it's rare that the state closes highways for blowing snow, but once drifts start building up to the point where plows can't stay ahead of them, that's when closures are considered.

"And it's not that we decide to close the roads and then close them; it's a process whereby we

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Glenda McGaffee photo/0204 Kuntze

Chuck Kuntze is pictured in his flower shop, Flowerama, in Sioux Falls Friday, Jan. 29.

Meet your neighbor, Chuck Kuntze

By Glenda McGaffee

Chuck Kuntze and his wife, Sandie, reside at 508 Josephine Avenue in Hills and own Flowerama in Sioux Falls.

Before moving to Hills in 2004, Kuntze was a public accountant in Colorado Springs, Colorado, and owned a bookstore in Faribault.

One day Kuntze was driving through Hills and saw lots for sale south of Jacobson Park. He contacted realtor Keith Elbers, and, he said, the rest is history.

Kuntze has owned Flowerama at 41st and Marion Road in Sioux Falls since December of 2003.

His wife and his son Mike also work at the store.

Flowerama specializes in roses.

"I don't buy flowers from the wholesalers," he said. "I purchase them directly from the farmers in Columbia, Equator,

Costa Rica, Holland, Oregon and Florida, just to name a few."

After purchasing Flowerama, Kuntze and his wife trained for one month at the corporate office in Waterloo, Iowa.

The training included the concept of greeting customers within the first 20 seconds of entering the store.

With Valentine's Day approaching, the staff at the floral shop will increase from six to 14, and they will help customers carry purchases to their cars.

"The door doesn't close on Feb. 14. We probably have around 800 customers on Valentine's Day," Kuntze said.

"Every item in my store has somebody's name on it. Last year the night before Valentine's Day I looked in our storage area and thought I would never sell all the inventory. But the next day in the evening the storage area was empty."



weather
REPORT



JANUARY 24 - JANUARY 30 WEATHER

High temperature for the week:	32	Snow amount for the week:	0 in
Low temperature for the week:	10	Snow total for January:	6.20 in
Average temperature for the week:	29		

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Tubb News

By Shateen Lichter

Welcome to February! February is American Heart Month and on Friday, Feb. 5th, the American Heart Association encourages people to wear red to show support for women who have been affected by cardiovascular disease. Actually, let's wear red every Friday this month to show our support!

The Tuff Memorial Home would like to give a big shout out to the Dietary Department as they celebrate Pride in Food Service Week Feb. 1-5. Thank you for all you do for our facilities, community and for making the BEST cookies in the tri-state area.

Residents finished out January with Bean Bag Toss Monday morning, followed by bingo in the afternoon. If anyone is interested in being a volunteer for bingo, please contact Shateen in the Activity Department.

Tuesday morning residents met for Tai Chi exercises and a sing-along.

Mr. Wiertsema's class joined us Wednesday afternoon for Adopt-A-Grandparent. Residents and students gathered around the tables for You Lucky Dog, a dice game. This has been a great experience for both groups. I often hear, "That went by too fast," and "I wish they could stay longer," after the students leave. We are so grateful for the school working with the home to create these memorable opportunities.

Everyone kept busy Thursday with Whoga\Mind Games



Nathan Kruid, Ty Bundesen and Brayden Mirth play You Lucky Dog with John Tilstra and Etta DeJongh during Adopt a Grandparent Wednesday afternoon.

and Happy Stitchers in the morning. Thursday afternoon brought bingo, followed by a birthday social for Ann Tilstra. Thank you, Ann, and your family, for celebrating your birthday with us. Students from Hills Chris-

tian joined us Friday morning for Rubberbands and State Capitol trivia. That afternoon Jack Williamson, of Flandreau, helped us celebrate the monthly birthday party by singing gospel songs and hymns. We always look forward

to his performance.

Looking ahead this week:

Thursday, Feb. 4: 2:30 p.m. Heart Bingo.

Friday, Feb. 5: 10 a.m. Bookmobile. 2:30 p.m. Football toss and tailgate party.

Saturday, Feb. 6: 9:30 a.m. Sunshine Wagon.

Sunday, Feb. 7: 9 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion.

Monday, Feb. 8: 10 a.m. Balloon Tennis

Tuesday, Feb. 9: 2:30 p.m. Bible Study.

Wednesday, Feb. 10: 2:30 p.m. Tuff Country Store.

We would like to welcome Estelle Luethold and Catherine Fiske to the Tuff Memorial Home.

Tuff Country Store needs include small bags of chips\ Cheetos, embroidery supplies, blush and nail polish. Our Tuff Country Store will be opening next week. If you are interested in volunteering to help as a Resident Shopper, please contact the Activity Department at 962-3275. This would be about a one-hour time commitment.

The Tuff Memorial Home is currently looking for volunteers in the following areas: bingo assistant, manicures, one-to-one visitor and resident shopper. Please contact Shateen in the Activity Department if you are interested in volunteering.

Resident birthdays this week include Deb Slegers, Feb. 4. Staff birthdays this week include Danielle Fick, Feb. 3, and Alexis Birger, Feb. 9.

We would like to welcome Joan Boeve to the Tuff Memorial Home.

We hope you have a great first week of February, and remember to wear red on Friday.

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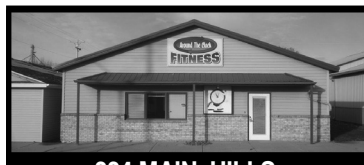
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in the past

10 years ago (2006)

•Administration and staff at the Tuff Memorial Home in Hills were given something new to



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celebrate last week. The nursing home was recognized as one of the top in the state.

The Minnesota Nursing Home Report Card is the first of its kind in the nation, and this is the first year Minnesota has used it...

Tuff received 33 out of 40 stars. The home rated above average in six of the eight categories.

25 years ago (1991)

•The cause for celebration (in Luverne) was the announcement that \$4.1 million in federal funds has been awarded to begin construction of the Southwest Minnesota Veterans Nursing Home in Luverne.

50 years ago (1966)

•Dr. C. W. Larsen will become an associate of Drs. Dykstra and Collins, veterinarians serving this area. Dr. Larsen graduated from the Iowa State University in 1965 and has been in general practice in Spencer since that time.

75 years ago (1941)

•The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Hills Cooperative Creamery association came off as per schedule last Saturday afternoon, with about the same average attendance as in former years, in spite of the

promised threatening storm and icy roads. ...

Last year the production was 1,340,000 pounds of butter and the year's business footed up to \$389,503.15. ...

Of the total butter made, 1,207,618 lbs. were sold on the New York market, 27,957 sold locally, and 104,423 lbs. exchanged for cream and consumed by patrons.

100 years ago (1916)

•It's rather early for moving time, still John Finke broke the ice last Monday by moving into the swell new home on the East side. Olaf Hagen comes next on the list by moving into the house vacated by the Finkes and Henry Schell-house will move into the home vacated by Mr. Hagen March 1st, having bought the place a year ago from A. A. Anderson.

•Mel Hoar had the misfortune to sprain his ankle last Sunday afternoon while making a jump on his skis on the Nels Iverson farm. He was hauled part way home on a toboggan, when they met Edw. Smedsrud, who was driving to town and gave them a ride. The sprain is very painful and will no doubt keep our "Juice Man" pretty close to the house for a few days.

H-BC students create large self-portraits

By Glenda McGaffee

Hills-Beaver Creek seventh-graders in Mary Petersen's art class are learning how to enlarge an image of themselves using a grid.

This method of enlarging has been used by artists for centuries.

Petersen shared the following information:

"To make the project more fun, the students could make a funny face if desired when I snapped the shutter.

"The students were given the black and white 4-by-6-inch photos. Next came using rulers and yardsticks to grid the photo with one-inch squares. The final copy paper was gridded with 3-inch squares to enlarge the 4-by-6-inch photo to fit the 12-by-18-inch paper.

"After completing the grid on both the photo

and drawing paper comes drawing what you see in each individual square in the photo with the corresponding square on the 12-by-18-inch paper. It becomes evident right away if a student isn't concentrating while using the grid. The students were reminded to look at where shapes start and end in each square to get things right.

"Once all of the necessary lines are drawn out, students paint the portrait. They choose either blue or red as their main color, plus they can use white and black. A monochromatic (one color) scheme is used to force students to see value changes in their black and white photo.

"All in all, most students have success with getting a good resemblance and matching values to the photo."



Glenda McGaffee photo/0204 art students

H-BC art students are pictured Wednesday, Jan. 27, with their completed portraits. They are (from left) Carter Roozenboom, Abby Knobloch, Annie Bos and Adrienne Boltjes.

People in the news



Exchange State Bank of Hills hires Metzger

The Exchange State Bank of Hills welcomes new employee Amanda Metzger, who transferred from the Exchange State Bank of Luverne.

Metzger, who began her duties in Hills Jan. 1, resides in Hills with her husband, Stan, and their 2-year-old son, Bryce.

school calendar

Hills-Beaver Creek School Calendar for Feb. 4-Feb. 9

Thursday, Feb. 4: Seventh- and eighth-grade boys' basketball against Ellsworth.

Friday, Feb. 5: Girls' basketball at home vs. Garretson. Boys' basketball at Westbrook-Walnut Grove.

Saturday, Feb. 6: Boys' basketball at home against Garretson.

Monday, Feb. 8: Girls' basketball at Southwest Christian in Edgerton.

Tuesday, Feb. 9: Boys' basketball at Southwest Christian in Edgerton.

Eighth-grade girls' and boys' basketball tournament at Red Rock Central.

births

A girl, Briar Marjorie, weighing 8 pounds, 14 ounces, 21 1/2 inches long, was born Thursday, Jan. 21, to **Jarid and Anna Hoogendoorn**, Hills, at Avera/McK-ennan, Sioux Falls, South Dakota. She joins two sisters, Alli and Molly. Grandparents are Dawne Heintzman, Hills, Randy and Brenda Beyer, Hills, and Doug Heintzman, Watertown, South Dakota. Great-grandparents are Jake and Kathy Hoogendoorn,

Hills, and Gladyce Nyhof, Sioux Center, Iowa.

A boy, Colton Jon, weighing 9 pounds, 6 ounces, 21 inches long, was born Wednesday, Jan. 20, to **Devin and Michelle De Boer**, Laural, Montana. Grandparents are Lloyd and Marilyn De Boer, Beaver Creek, and Candis Thompson, Red Lodge, Montana. Great-grandparents are John and Gen Vis, Chandler, and Marion Anderson, Red Lodge, Montana.

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WEEKLY SPORTS NEWS



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Hills-Beaver Creek freshman guard Madison Spath drives past an opponent during a recent conference game in Hills. The Patriots defeated W-WG in a home league game Friday.

Patriots down W-WG Friday

By John Rittenhouse

The Hills-Beaver Creek girls' basketball team put an end to a two-game skid when the Patriots entertained Westbrook-Walnut Grove Friday in Hills.

H-BC outscored the Chargers in both halves of the contest to sweep the annual season series between the teams.

The Patriots led 33-21 after 18 minutes of play and outscored

W-WG 36-20 in the second half to complete a 69-41 victory.

Sidney Fick (23 points and three assists), Grace Bundesen (13 points and 10 rebounds) and Avery Van Roekel (10 points, seven rebounds and three assists) played key roles in the win for H-BC.

Kourtney Rozeboom collected eight rebounds and Jasmine Lingen registered four assists

for the 12-5 Patriots, who host Garretson, South Dakota, Friday.

Box score
 Bos 0 0 0-0, Tilstra 0 0 2-2, Spath 1 0 3-4 5, Lingen 2 0 0-0, Fick 5 2 7-23, Bundesen 4 0 5-6 13, Wysong 0 1 2-2 5, Wilhelmi 0 0 0-0 0, Gehrke 0 0 0-1 0, Van Roekel 4 0 2-2 10, Rozeboom 3 0 1-3 7.

Team statistics
 H-BC: 22 of 60 field goals (37 percent), 22 of 27 free throws (81 percent), 40 rebounds, 16 turnovers.
 W-WG: 13 of 58 field goals (22 percent), 13 of 20 free throws (65 percent), 25 rebounds, 15 turnovers.

Rebels flex muscles in Hills Monday

By John Rittenhouse

The Hills-Beaver Creek boys' basketball team challenged the top team in the Red Rock Conference Monday in Hills.

League unbeaten Murray County Central paid a visit to H-BC and left town after capturing an 81-66 victory.

MCC set the stage for the win by rolling to a 43-29 lead in the first half.

The Rebels used a 38-37 scoring edge in the second half to clinch their 15-point conquest.

Cooper Vaughn (19 points and five rebounds) and Isaiah Vis (10

points) led H-BC offensively.

Zach Scholten pulled down five rebounds and blocked five shots, while Josh Kueter and Preston Wilhelmi charted three assists each.

The 8-11 Patriots play in Westbrook Friday before hosting Garretson Saturday.

Box score
 Vaughn 2 3 6-9 19, Burgers 1 0 0-0 2, Vis 5 0 0-3 10, Plimpton 1 0 5-6 7, Bass 3 0 0-0 6, Wilhelmi 2 0 4-4 8, Kueter 1 1 0-0 5, Scholten 2 0 5-7 9.

Team statistics
 H-BC: 25 rebounds and 15 turnovers.
 MCC: 50 rebounds and 19 turnovers.

Arrows pull away from H-BC in second half

By John Rittenhouse

The Hills-Beaver Creek girls' basketball team lost its second consecutive game when the Patriots entertained Pipestone Thursday.

H-BC was in a position to pull out a victory when it trailed the Arrows by one point (27-26) after 18 minutes of play.

Pipestone, however, outscored the Patriots 25-17 in the second half to secure a 52-43 victory.

Grace Bundesen (13 points, nine rebounds and three assists), Sidney Fick (13 points and five

rebounds) and Avery Van Roekel (10 points) turned in positive efforts for the Patriots.

Kourtney Rozeboom added nine rebounds to the cause.

Box score
 Bos 0 0 0-0 0, Tilstra 0 0 2-2 2, Spath 1 0 0-1 2, Lingen 1 0 0-2, Fick 5 0 3-4 13, Bundesen 3 1 4-6 13, Wysong 0 0 0-0 0, Van Roekel 3 0 4-6 10, Rozeboom 0 0 1-4 1.

Team statistics
 H-BC: 14 field goals made, 14 of 23 free throws (61 percent), 32 rebounds, 30 turnovers.
 Pipestone 17 of 49 field goals (35 percent), 18 of 28 free throws (64 percent), 27 rebounds, 17 turnovers.

Boys record league win in Okabena Thursday

By John Rittenhouse

The Hills-Beaver Creek boys' basketball team collected its eighth Red Rock Conference win of the season Thursday in Okabena.

Taking on Heron Lake-Okabena on its home floor, the Patriots outscored the Wildcats in both halves of a 69-34 victory.

H-BC sported a 33-21 advantage at the intermission before using a 36-13 scoring cushion in the second half to complete a 35-point win.

Zach Scholten (24 points and 10 rebounds) Stuart Plimpton (16 points) and Trenton Bass (10 points, four steals and three

assists) played well in the win for H-BC.

Cooper Vaughn (three steals and three assists), Preston Wilhelmi (four steals) and Jed Burgers (three assists) also made key contributions to the winning effort.

Box score
 Vaughn 0 0 0-0 0, Burgers 1 1 1-2 6, Vis 0 0 0-0 0, Leuthold 0 0 0-0 0, Plimpton 5 0 6-7 16, Bass 3 0 4-6 10, Wilhelmi 0 1 0-0 3, Kueter 2 0 0-0 4, Scholten 9 0 6-11 24, Dr. Forshey 1 0 4-6 6.

Team statistics
 H-BC: 23 of 43 field goals (53 percent), 21 of 32 free throws (66 percent), 27 rebounds, 19 turnovers.
 HL-O: 13 of 41 field goals (32 percent), six of 11 free throws (55 percent), 31 rebounds, 20 turnovers.

Wildcats snap girls' four-game run

By John Rittenhouse

A run of four consecutive wins came to an end for the Hills-Beaver Creek girls' basketball team when the Patriots entertained Heron Lake-Okabena Jan. 26 in Hills.

With the visiting Wildcats dominating the boards (35-17 advantage in rebounding) to set

the stage, HL-O outscored the Patriots in both halves of a 43-33 victory.

HL-O sported a 15-13 scoring edge in the first half before putting the game away with a 28-20 scoring cushion in the second stanza.

Avery Van Roekel tossed in

a team-high 16 points for the Patriots.

Grace Bundesen turned in a six-rebounds, three-steals effort for H-BC, which received three steals from Jasmine Lingen.

Box score
 Bos 0 0 0-0 0, Tilstra 0 0 0-0 0, Spath 0 0 0-0 0, Lingen 1 0 0-2, Fick 0 2 2-28, Bundesen 1 1 0-2 5, Wysong 0 0 0-0 0, Wilhelmi 0 0 0-0 0, Gehrke 0 0 0-0 0, Van Roekel 7 0 2-4 16, Rozeboom 1 0 0-0 2.

Team statistics
 H-BC: 13 of 45 field goals (29 percent), four of eight free throws (50 percent), 17 rebounds, 12 turnovers.
 HL-O: 19 of 42 field goals (45 percent), five of 10 free throws (50 percent), 35 rebounds, 18 turnovers.

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Jim Brandenburg, Walter Mondale keynote MNA Convention

Governor Dayton backs off on buffer strip requirement

By Lori Sorenson

Luverne native Jim Brandenburg was the keynote speaker during the Thursday, Jan. 28, luncheon at the Minnesota Newspaper Association's 149th Annual Convention.

Brandenburg traveled the globe for over three decades as a photographer with National Geographic Magazine and he has done assignment work and has been published in numerous national and international publications.

In his address to newspaper people in the audience, he referred often to his roots in Rock County and shared dozens of images from the Blue Mounds State Park and Touch the Sky Prairie northwest of Luverne.

Brandenburg spoke about his passion to preserve native prairies and stop the open hunts on wolves — both, he said, are misunderstood and misrepresented elements of nature. Through his photographs, he said he hoped to

educate the world. "I've often wondered, do my photographs make a difference?" he said Thursday. "It really makes me smile to think I may have made a difference."

He also spoke about his Nature365 project and offered a glimpse of current projects in the works about to be released.

Brandenburg's work can be seen on his web page www.jimbrandenburg.com, by visiting the Brandenburg Gallery located in Ely, Minnesota, or the non-profit gallery in Luverne, Minnesota, benefiting the Brandenburg Prairie Foundation: www.brandenburgprairiefoundation.org.

The luncheon keynote speaker on Friday was former Vice President Walter Mondale.

"What a great institution this is," he said to the audience of newspaper people. "... editors, publishers advertising sales people, other elements that make Minnesota newspa-

pers work." Mondale's record of public service includes Vice President of the United States, U.S. Ambassador to Japan, U.S. Senator, and Attorney General for the State of Minnesota. He was also the Democratic Party's nominee for president in 1984.

"I want to talk to you today about two or three problems that bother me as an observer," he said, later in his speech addressing "harsh, rigid, unbending rhetoric and seeming paralysis of public life" and also environmental crises.

He talked about the news media's role in shaping discussion about issues.

"One of the encouraging parts about any serious predicaments we encounter in Minnesota, we have these editors, reporters and newspapers out there ... speaking up for good sense in America," he told the audience of Minnesota

newspaper people.

"All the more reason we should celebrate the role that you're playing across Minnesota. ... You are there reporting the important news in your communities, and for that I salute you."

Friday's luncheon was also attended by Gov. Mark Dayton, Lieutenant Gov. Tina Smith, Minnesota Auditor Rebecca Otto, Minnesota Attorney General Lori Swanson and Secretary of State Steve Simon.

Gov. Dayton briefly addressed the crowd prior to Mondale's speech, telling journalists he would continue to support public notices being published in newspapers — as opposed to allowing public bodies to post them on websites only.

He also used his opportunity at a captive audience of newspaper people to express his disappointment at the recent turn of events for his buffer strip legislation.

"People need to hear from

people like me through people like you that water is no longer abundantly safe and available," Dayton said, singling out streams and rivers in south and southwest Minnesota in particular.

A contentious aspect of his plan requires vegetative buffer strips to protect water from agricultural runoff and erosion. Responding to pushback from farm interest groups, Dayton announced last week that he would no longer press to have privately owned ditches affected by the plan.

But Dayton expressed his dismay at Friday's MNA luncheon.

"It is private effluent that affects public water," he said. "I'm just astonished that there's this fierce opposition to protecting water. ... Because it's private ground, we should allow dumping of whatever they want into public water supplies."

He again urged Minnesota newspapers to keep the issue of protecting water in their headlines.



Jim Brandenburg



Walter Mondale

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Wednesday, Feb. 10: 5:30-6:30 p.m. LYO Baked Spaghetti Fundraiser Supper prior to Lenten service at Palisade Lutheran Church at 7 p.m.

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Wednesday, Feb. 10: 5:30-6:30 p.m. LYO Baked Spaghetti Fundraiser Supper. 7 p.m. Ash Wednesday service.
Thursday, Feb. 11: 7:30 p.m. Church Council meeting.

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Sunday, Feb. 7: 9 a.m. Communion at Tuff Chapel. 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Communion at Bethlehem.
Tuesday, Feb. 9: 10:30 a.m. Text Study. 2:30 p.m. Bible Study at Tuff Home. 3:15 p.m. Bible Study at Village.
Wednesday, Feb. 10: 7 p.m. Ash Wednesday service; Church Boards. 8 p.m. Church Council. Confirmation students attend Worship Service.

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H-BC students participate in spelling bee

Fifth- and sixth-grade students at Hills-Beaver Creek were challenged to a spelling bee last week in the elementary school. Students were asked to spell 20 words from the National Spelling Bee list. Two students, Liam Raymon and Austin Allen, tied for the school championship by spelling 18 out of 20 words correctly. The students will participate in the regional spelling bee in Worthington April 12. Pictured are (front, from left) Leif Tollefson, fifth grade; Austin Allen, sixth grade; (back) sixth-graders Mackenzie Voss, Tara Paulsen (alternate), Liam Raymon and Oliver Deelstra.

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By Glenda McGaffee

This week I have some special treats to make for Valentine's Day. The recipe for Caramel Stuffed Krispie Treats was shared by my friend Diana Buffington.

Caramel Stuffed Krispie Treats

Caramel filling:
 14-ounce package caramel bits
 1 can (14 ounces) sweetened condensed milk
 1/2 cup butter
Krispie layer:
 12 tablespoons butter, divided in half
 10 cups Rice Krispie cereal, divided in half
 10 cups mini marshmallows, divided: 4 cups, 4 cups and 2 cups
 Grease a 9x13-inch pan and set aside.

In a large microwave safe bowl combine caramel bits, sweetened condensed milk and 1/2 cup butter. Microwave on high in 1-minute increments, stirring after each, until caramels are melted, approximately 3-4 minutes.

Stir until smooth and set aside.
 Take 6 tablespoons butter and 4 cups marshmallows. Heat in microwave for 1 minute, stir, and repeat if necessary in 20-second increments until marshmallows are melted. Stir until butter and marshmallows are combined.

Pour 5 cups Krispie Rice Cereal into marshmallow mixture; stir until coated. Press into the bottom of prepared pan.

Pour caramel over Krispie layer and then sprinkle 2 cups mini marshmallows on top of that.

Refrigerate for 20 minutes until caramel has set.

When caramel has set, repeat the krispie layer with remaining ingredients. Press final krispie layer on top of caramel.

Spray a piece of parchment or wax paper lightly with cooking spray and press the krispies lightly and evenly into pan.

Let krispies set up for at least 2 hours before cutting into squares. The caramel layer takes a bit of time to set up.

Makes 24 bars.

Marshmallow Hats

1 package chocolate bits or chocolate chips

1 small package shredded coconut

30 large marshmallows
 Melt chocolate in microwave. Add shredded coconut. Put marshmallows in dish. Dip whole marshmallows in chocolate then coat with coconut. Put on wax paper. When all marshmallows are done, refrigerate just to set chocolate, about 10 minutes.





Quilt show underway at Carnegie

The quilts created by the Blue Mound Quilters are currently on display at the Carnegie Cultural Center through Feb. 6. The Carnegie is open from 1 to 4 p.m. Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays.

Bank Nite movie 'Woodlawn' at Palace Feb. 4

The free Bank Nite movie, "Woodlawn," rated PG, will begin at 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 4, at the Palace Theatre in Luverne.

A cash prize drawing will follow the movie. Must be present to win.

Hospice Charity Dinner tickets on sale Feb. 8

Tickets to the annual Hospice Charity Dinner and Auction set for April 23 will go on sale Monday, Feb. 8, at the hospice office at 211 E. Main Street in Luverne or by calling 507-283-1805. (VISA or Master Card is accepted.)

Free tax help available at library

Volunteers through AARP will provide free tax services at the Rock County Community Library in Luverne starting Feb. 8. Call the library, 449-5040, to make an appointment.

Appointments are required. Evening appointments are also available. Bring Social Security cards to appointments.

The service is free for any private individual with a simple tax format. It's not for commercial, farming or investment taxes.



Glenda McGaffee photo/0204 Math counts students

Junior high H-BC students compete in math competition

Junior high students from Hills-Beaver Creek will participate in the Math Counts competition Thursday, Feb. 4, at Southwest Minnesota State University in Marshall. Students who will be competing are (front, from left) Tyler Fick (eighth grade, second place), Thomas Dysthe (seventh grade, alternate); (back row) Easton Harnack (eighth grade, third place), Carter Roozenboom (seventh grade, alternate tied for fourth place), Kailey Rozeboom (eighth grade, alternate tied for fifth place), Jo-Hannah Ladd (eighth grade, alternate tied for fifth place) and Lauren Tatge (seventh grade, tied for first place). Not pictured is Allison LaRock (seventh grade, tied for first place). The eight students placed at the local competition Friday, Jan. 22 at H-BC.



Hills-Beaver Creek Public Schools Lunch Menu:

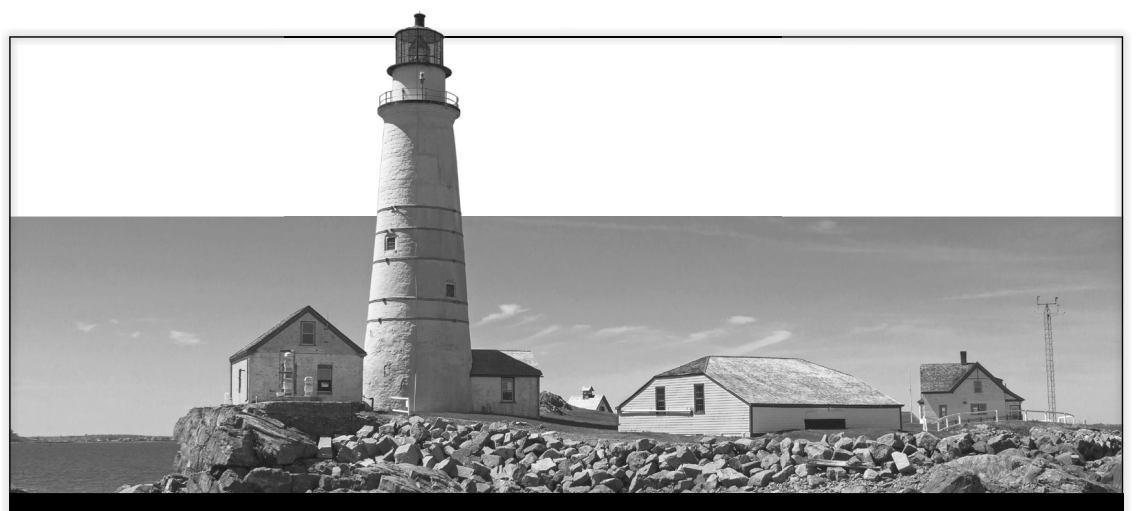
Monday, Feb. 8: Scalloped potatoes with ham, glazed carrots, fruit, bread.

Tuesday, Feb. 9: Corn dog, chips with salsa, baked beans, fruit.

Wednesday, Feb. 10: Fish wedge, green beans, fruit, dinner roll.

Thursday, Feb. 11: Chicken patty on a bun, baked beans, fruit.

Friday, Feb. 12: Italian dunkers with marinara sauce, corn, fruit.



Hospice Charity Dinner and Auction

Saturday, April 23
Blue Mound Banquet Center, Luverne, MN

Ticket sales begin February 8

Tickets: \$50
Sponsor Tables of 8: \$550

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**H-BC School Board
meets Jan. 11**

Hills Beaver Creek Dist. 671
Minutes
January 11, 2016

The Hills-Beaver Creek School Board met for its semi-monthly meeting at 7:00 pm in the High School Conference Room.

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

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Fransman.

Visitors to the meeting were Glenda McGaffee (Hills Crescent) and Shari Doerr.

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

Nomination by Leuthold for Harley Fransman as Chairman of the School Board.

As no other nominations were brought forth, nominations ceased and Fransman was declared Chairman.

Nomination by LaRock for Arlyn Gehrke as Vice-Chairman of the School Board.

As no other nominations were brought forth, nominations ceased and Gehrke was declared Vice-Chairman.

Nomination by Kueter for Lois Leuthold as Clerk of the School Board. As no other nominations were brought forth, nominations ceased and Leuthold was declared Clerk.

Nomination by Gehrke for Jim Kueter as Treasurer of the School Board. As no other nominations were brought forth, nominations ceased and Kueter was declared Treasurer.

Committee Appointments for Board Chair Fransman:

Committee	Chairperson	Member	Member
Personnel/Negotiations/Budget	Fransman	Gehrke	Leuthold
Building/Grounds (Rock Co Liaison)	Kueter	Fick	Fransman
Transportation	Gehrke	Kueter	Moser
MSHSL	Kueter		LaRock
Policy	Leuthold	Moser	LaRock
Safety	Kueter	LaRock	Fick
Curriculum	Gehrke	Leuthold	Moser
Grad Stds/Stf Dev/Contin Ed	Leuthold		
Gifted and Talented	Fick		
Community Ed	Moser		
Legislation	LaRock		
Teachers Administration Board	Fransman	Leuthold	

Motion by LaRock, second by Gehrke, and carried to designate district depository as the Exchange State Bank, Hills, MN.

Motion by Moser, second by Kueter, and carried to designate the Hills Crescent as the District's Official newspaper.

Motion by Gehrke, second by LaRock, and carried to designate the district office entrance #1 (301 N Summit Ave, Hills, MN) as the official location for the posting of notice of all district meetings and announcements.

Motion by Leuthold, second by LaRock, and carried to set the 2nd and 4th

Mondays at 7:00 pm in the High School Conference Room for Board Meetings.

Motion by Kueter, second by Gehrke, and carried to assign Knutson Flynn and Deans PA as the district's legal counsel.

Motion by Leuthold, second by Kueter, and carried to assign Bonander Lachlan M Law Office for local legal matters.

Motion by LaRock, second by Gehrke, and carried to assign Superintendent and Board Chairperson as authorized to seek assistance for district legal matters with assigned legal counsel.

Motion by LaRock, second by Leuthold, and carried to authorize the Treasurer to pay bills.

Motion by Gehrke, second by Leuthold, and carried to authorized the Superintendent and Business Office to perform the duties of Treasurer.

Motion by LaRock, second by Moser, and carried to authorize the Business Manager and Superintendent to make wire transfers for district bond payments.

Motion by Gehrke, second by LaRock, and carried to approve resolution directing the Superintendent to make recommendations for adjustments in curriculum, programs, and staff for the 2016-17 school year. A roll call vote was taken: All present voted yes. Resolution attached.

Motion by Kueter, second by Leuthold, and carried to authorize the Superintendent to contract for goods and services.

Motion by Moser, second by LaRock, and carried to authorize the Dean of Students and High School Secretary to sign checks on the student activities account.

Motion by Leuthold, second by Gehrke, and carried to authorize the Business Manager and Dean of Students to sign checks on the Imprest account.

Motion by Kueter, second by LaRock, and carried to fix Board Member compensation per meeting pay at \$50.00 per meeting.

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

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

Motion by Moser, second by LaRock, and carried to approve recommended changes to the Junior High Vocal Music programming for the remainder of the school year on a trial basis.

Motion by Leuthold, send by Kueter, and carried to approve entering into an agreement with Southwest Health and Human Services for School Social Worker funding.

Motion by Moser, second by Gehrke, and carried to approve Family Medical Leave Request for teacher Kala Bush on or around March 11, 2016.

Motion by Leuthold, second by Gehrke, and carried to approve hiring Darin DeBoer as pm van route driver.

Motion by LaRock, second by Moser, and carried to approve accepting Scott Harnack's resignation from Summer Community Education Coordinator.

Patriot Pride:

Paraprofessional Recognition Week January 11 - 15.

Barb Bos, Shari Doerr, Sarah Engelkes, Brianna Leuthold, Lexi Moore, Sherry Paulsen, Amanda Rozeboom, Mavis Schmidt, Amy Spykerboer.

Mr. Phelps presented the Elementary Report

Mr. Holthaus presented the Superintendent/Secondary report.

Dates to Remember:

January 18 No School, Teacher In-service

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Lois Leuthold, Clerk

**Blizzard/cont.
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put out the announcement that it will be happening, and give people a chance to get where they're going," he said.

"We alert towns along the closed roads so they can prepare for motorists who will need places to stay."

At the Rock County Highway Department, county plows continue to clear roads until visibility is too limited. "If they can't see, they don't risk their lives and others on the road," said Eric Woodley, engineering technician at the highway department.

"If they can see at all, they try to at least get out late afternoon to clear roads for end of the day commuters."

Among other closures Tuesday, the DNR's open house to discuss the Blue Mounds State Park dam was postponed to Feb. 9. It will be from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Luverne Elementary School.

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