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Local producers could earn \$300 for ag water quality sign-up

By Mavis Fodness

A new statewide water quality program will give 10 Rock County farmers up to \$300 each if they become certified producers.

Successfully piloted since 2013 in three watersheds located in various parts of the state, the Minnesota Agricultural Water Quality Certification Program is now expanding statewide. The voluntary program is meant to accelerate adoption of on-farm conservation practices that protect the state's rivers and streams.

Danielle Evers is the certification specialist for the program in 11 southwest Minnesota counties.

Besides Rock County, she will also work with producers in Pipestone, Nobles, Murray, Cottonwood, Jackson, Lyon, Lincoln, Redwood, Yellow Medicine and Lac qui Parle counties.

Using \$300 as an incentive, Evers' job is to sign up 110 or more producers within her region by next month.

"It's a proactive approach to water quality issues," she said. "It's a great direction for the state to go."

Farmers who undergo the application process will receive \$100, whether or not they fully qualify for certification. The producer would receive an additional \$200 if they agree to work toward the certification requirements, Evers said.

The requirements are tailored to each producer.

"We go from field to field with them and evaluate their practices," she said.

Farmers who adopt certain best practices to minimize water pollution would be certified up to 10 years. They would also be deemed compliant with new water quality rules or laws during the certification period.

Because of the water quality practices already in place, a certified farmer is presumed to be contributing to the producer's share of any targeted reduction of water pollutants.

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Glenda McGaffee photo/0303 outside weather

Hello, sunshine

Enjoying the gorgeous spring day Saturday, Feb. 27, at Jacobson Park in Hills are (front, from left) Khloe Susie, Reagan Spath, Hadley Spath, Jackson Van Maanen and (back) Samantha Van Maanen. The temperature reached 53 degrees. Three residents of Hills reported seeing robins, Loren Nath and Ray Roning at their homes on Saturday, Feb. 20, and Ed Gehrke at the Tuff Village Monday, Feb. 22.

Hellerud retires from Tuff Home after 42 years

By Glenda McGaffee

At the age of 14 Jean Hellerud knew she wanted to be a nurse and work with the elderly.

"I was living in the nurses dorm in Mitchell, South Dakota, and wanted to work," Hellerud said. "They said since I was only 14 I would have to work in the kitchen, but I wanted to be a nurse. They let me and I worked in the geriatric wing, which was my favorite."

Hellerud completed her LPN training at St. Joseph's School of Nursing in Mitchell. She later received her R.N. degree.

Before working at Tuff, she was employed at Avera/McKenna Hospital and Luverne Medical Center.

John Nelson was the Tuff Home administrator who hired Hellerud, and Bernice Bennet was the director of nurses.

After her children were born, Hellerud quit. James Iverson, the administrator, asked if she would be interested in being the director of the



Glenda McGaffee photo/0218 Hellerud photo

Jean Hellerud, pictured in her home in Hills Monday, Feb. 8, retired from the Tuff Memorial Home after being employed there for 42 years.

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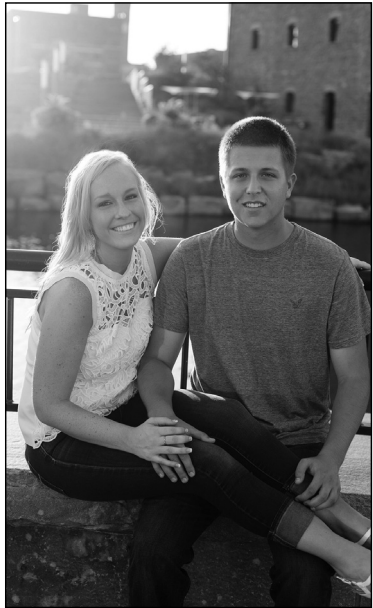


FEBRUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 27 WEATHER

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engagement



Macy Oldre and Caleb Ellingson

Bryce and Ellie Oldre, Luverne, and Dan and Linda Ellingson, Beaver Creek, announce the engagement of their children Macy Oldre, Luverne, and Caleb Ellingson, Beaver Creek.

Macy graduated from Luverne High School in 2010 and from Southwest Minnesota State University, Marshall, in 2014. She currently works at Sunny Days Preschool in Worthington.

Caleb graduated from Hills-Beaver Creek High School in 2010 and from Southwest Minnesota State University in 2014. He currently works at Exchange State Bank in Hills.

They are planning a July 30, 2016, wedding in Luverne.

obituaries

Burdell Rowe

Burdell W. Rowe, 95, Luverne, died Tuesday, Feb. 23, 2016, at Tuff Memorial Home in Hills.

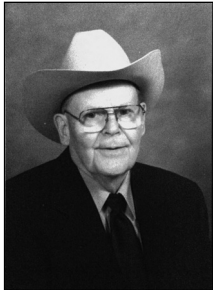
A funeral service was Saturday, Feb. 27, at St. Catherine Catholic Church in Luverne. Burial of cremains was at the St. Catherine Cemetery in Luverne.

Burdell Rowe was born July 30, 1920, to William Rowe Jr. and Rhoda (Larson) Rowe in Little Rock Township in Nobles County. He attended District 14 country school for eight years before attending Adrian Public School, where he graduated in 1939.

He was active in 4-H Club for many years. In 1939 he showed the Grand Champion colt at the Minnesota State Fair and was also the Grand Champion showman. He showed Belgian horses for many years before changing to the light horse breeds. Horses remained a very important part of his life and business, and he went on to show Quarter and Appaloosa horses. He was the first president of the Luverne Saddle Club, a member of the Southwest Trail Riders Association and initiated the Rock County 4-H Horse Project in 1963.

He married Alma Heitkamp Sept. 7, 1943, at St. Adrian Catholic Church in Adrian. Farming remained his business

until 1948 when he joined the auction and sale barn business with Lloyd Long in Luverne. He managed weekly livestock sales, farm auction, and monthly horse sales for many years. He was an active participant in horse shows for 50 years as competitor, judge and announcer.



He was an active member of St. Catherine Catholic Church in Luverne where he served as a funeral usher for several years following his retirement. He was an active member of the Luverne Senior Citizens and served on the board of directors. He volunteered at senior dining for 25 years. He enjoyed following his grandchildren's activities.

He is survived by his wife, Alma Rowe, Hills; a son, Joe (Carrie) Rowe, Sioux Falls, South Dakota; a daughter, Shirley (Bob) Vanden Hoek, Edina; six grandchildren, Christine (Joe) Wallraf, Paul (Melissa) Vanden Hoek, Kate (Jim) Glogowski, Mary (Bob) Taylor, Megan (Luke) Morrison and Kelly (Chris Peterson); 13 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Etoile (Dick) Nelson.

Arrangements were by Dingmann Funeral Home, dingmannandsons.com. (0303 F)

Esther Weber

Esther Emma Ruth Weber, 92, Luverne, died Monday, Feb. 22, 2016, at the Good Samaritan Society - Mary Jane Brown Home in Luverne.

A funeral service was Saturday, Feb. 27, at St. John Lutheran Church in Luverne. Burial followed at Trinity Lutheran Cemetery in rural Steen.

Esther Kitchenmaster was born July 19, 1923, to William and Sophia (Schoon) Kitchenmaster on the family farm west of Steen. She received her baptism on Aug. 12, 1923, at Trinity Lutheran Church near Steen. She grew up first on the farm and then in Steen and Luverne. Esther attended school in Hills and Luverne and received her education through the tenth grade. She was confirmed in her Lutheran faith on July 11, 1937, at St. John Lutheran Church in Luverne.

On November 28, 1948, Esther married William Weber at St. John Lutheran Church in Luverne. The couple made their home on the Weber farm in Clinton Township, Rock County, until September 1982, when they moved into Luverne. Along with being a homemaker and farmwife, Esther worked at Goeman's Grocery and Goehle restaurant in Steen and at the Luverne Bakery. She also raised and sold dressed poultry for many years. Later in life, she worked for Rock County Human Services doing light housework and stayed with

senior citizens in their own homes when needed. Her husband died Nov. 6, 2003. In January 2013 Esther became a resident at the Good Samaritan Society - Mary Jane Brown Home in Luverne.



Esther was a member of St. John Lutheran Church where she belonged to Circle and taught Sunday School for many years. She enjoyed crocheting, playing cards for fun, and flower and vegetable gardening. She especially enjoyed baking for her grandchildren.

She is survived by a son, William (Barbara) Weber of Luverne; a daughter-in-law, Shirley Weber of Luverne; six grandchildren, Beverly Weber (Gonzalo Serrano), Rebecca Weber (Clint Eichstadt), Lynette (Richard) Preiner, Christina (Christopher) Snow, Brian (Sara) Weber, and Will (Beth) Weber; four great-grandchildren, Isla Snow, Nolan Weber, William "Liam" Weber, and Emersen Snow; a sister-in-law, Mary Kitchenmaster of Luverne; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William; a son, Charles Weber; an infant grandchild; her parents; and five siblings, Clara Hildebrandt, Eli Kitchenmaster, William Kitchenmaster, an infant sister, and Wesley Kitchenmaster.

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Bernice Bartels

Bernice Bartels, 95, Hills, died Monday, Feb. 22, 2016, at Tuff Memorial Home in Hills.

A funeral service was Saturday, Feb. 27, at Steen Reformed Church in Steen. Burial followed at East Side Cemetery in Steen.

Bernice Van Malsen was born Feb. 28, 1920, to Otto and Minnie (Teunissen) Van Malsen in Steen. She attended school through the eighth grade in the Steen School. She married Louis Bartels on Dec. 2, 1938, in her parents' home. The couple moved to California after their marriage and worked on dairies. After a couple of years they moved back to the Hills area and started farming. In 1948 they moved to their farm west of Hills. Her husband died May 12, 2003. Bernice moved to an apartment in Hills and then to a Luverne apartment. She moved to the Tuff Home July 3, 2009.

Bernice enjoyed gardening, working with flowers, quilting, writing in her journal, volunteering at the local school, and in her later years she took up oil painting. She painted for many years, sharing her paintings with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She also enjoyed walking, even at the

Tuff Home. She was a baptized and lifelong member of Steen Reformed Church.



She is survived by her sons, John (Sharon) Bartels of Ashton, Iowa, Dale (Sue) Bartels of Beaver Creek, Dean (Janeane) Bartels of Brookings, South Dakota, and Randy (Suzanne) Bartels of Sloan, Iowa; 17 grandchildren; 42 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren; two sisters, Mona (Ray) Rozeboom of Rogers, and Florence (Pete) Schouwenburg of Buena Park, California; one brother, Otto Jr. (Evelyn) Van Malsen of Yorba Linda, California; and a sister-in-law, Jeanne Van Malsen of Hills; and many nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Bernice was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Lou; sisters Gertrude Feikema, June Beyenhof, and Evon Burdett; and brothers John, Jay, and Roger Van Malsen.

Arrangements were by Jurrens Funeral Home in Hills, www.jurrensfuneralhome.com. (0303 F)



10 years ago (2006)

•In his State of the Union Address, President Bush proposed funding more research into hydrogen-powered cars. Someday that technology might help to reduce our nation's dependence on foreign oil. However, it is still decades away from becoming a reality.

Meanwhile, at today's world price, our country will spend about \$220 billion next year to import foreign oil for gasoline.

Ethanol could replace much of that imported oil now. ...

The rest of the nation has been slow to learn from Minnesota's ethanol success. We are still the only state which requires every gallon of gasoline sold here to contain at least 10 percent ethanol. Nationwide, the use of ethanol is only about 3 percent that of gasoline.

25 years ago (1991)

•In continuation of their effort to "sell Hills-Beaver Creek" to state officials, Katherine Erickson and her Gifted and Talented eighth-grade students have accepted the challenge.

This challenge will be to create a video of "success stories" at H-BC. Six students and Erickson will compile the video according to Superintendent Bob Dell. ...

On February 11, Harnack stated that H-BC should not "just sit back and ... let it happen." He told the Board the local district needs to spread the good news at H-BC, a video being one way.

50 years ago (1966)

•The Hills Volunteer Fire Department is "back in school" the past couple of weeks, as they take another course in Firemanship Training, offered through the State Fire Marshal's office in cooperation with the University of Minnesota.

The course has been over a complete training for firemen, and Hills firemen have had con-

siderable training in firefighting as well as other protection of life and limb.

While a good share of the program is for towns much larger than Hills, local men agree that considerable information is valuable to them.

75 years ago (1941)

•A pretty hot discussion was generated in the House the past week over a bill which legalized bowling by minors. The point of the whole argument centered on an amendment to keep school children out of bowling alleys where beer or liquor were sold. The amendment lost. So municipalities will have to settle their own booze 'n bowlin' proposition.

Bowling is developing into quite a national sport for men, women and young folks, and until this law is put into effect, it is really illegal for minors to enter bowling alleys.

100 years ago (1916)

•Single-handed, Deputy Agent Charles Benson stopped three wagon loads of liquor just after they were driven across the line into "dry" territory, arrested seven men, confiscated three teams and wagons and smashed barrels, kegs, bottles and jugs containing hundreds of gallons of liquor valued at \$1,000.

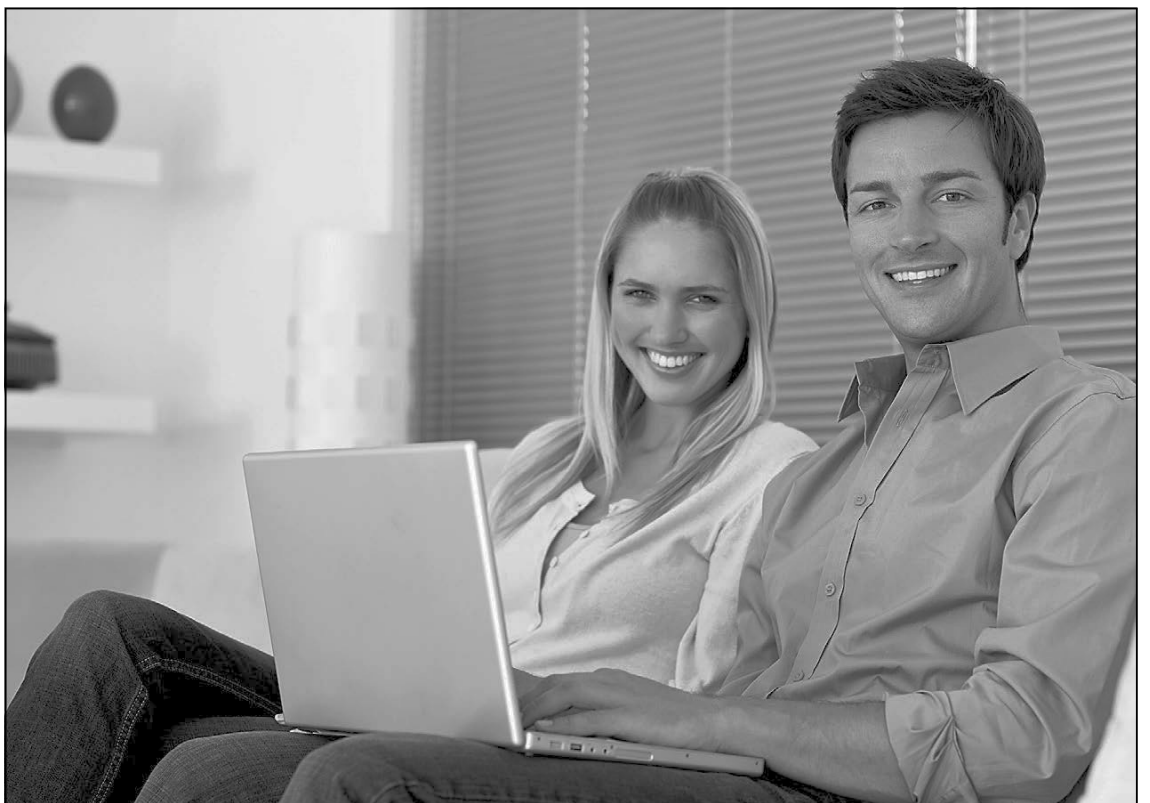
When the third wagon was stopped and Benson with drawn revolver commanded the driver and his companions to throw up their hands, one of the men fired point blank at him, but missed. The driver whipped up his horses and attempted to get away, but Benson grabbed the bit and hung on. He was thrown from side to side until the team was brought to a stand. In the meantime the man who fired the shot had leaped from the wagon and escaped.



Glenda McGaffee file/Math counts students

H-BC students participate in Math Works Competition

Junior high students from Hills-Beaver Creek participated in the Southwest Regional Math Works Competition in Marshall Thursday, Feb 4. Tyler Fick placed third in the individual competition and placed third in the Countdown Round. Thomas Dysthe took first place in alternate competition. Pictured is the H-BC Math Counts team (front, from left) Tyler Fick, Thomas Dysthe, (back row) Easton Harnack, Carter Roozenboom, Kailey Rozeboom, Jo-Hannah Ladd and Lauren Tatge. Not pictured is Allison LaRock.



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WEEKLY SPORTS NEWS

Wildcats upset H-BC girls in Saturday's quarterfinals

By John Rittenhouse

The Hills-Beaver Creek girls became a victim in an upset during the quarterfinal round of the South Section 3A Basketball Tournament Saturday in Worthington.

Although the Patriots and Heron Lake-Okabena split games during the regular season, H-BC inherited the favorite role based on its third seed compared with the sixth seed given to the Wildcats.

Ultimately, the game belonged to the underdogs.

The Wildcats outscored H-BC in both halves of the game to secure a 58-45 victory.

The Patriots end the season with a 16-8 record.

The game started in a positive way for H-BC as Avery Van Roekel canned a field goal 1:04 into the contest to give the Patriots a 4-0 cushion.

H-BC led by six (10-4) when Van Roekel drained a pair of charity shots at the 12:04 mark, but the Wildcats didn't blink.

HL-O dominated play over the next 11 minutes by putting together a 20-4 run to open a 24-14 advantage.

H-BC did trim the difference to six points (24-18) when Van Roekel converted a field goal with 16 seconds left in the first half, making it any team's game to win in the second stanza.

Van Roekel scored eight seconds into the second half to make it a 24-20 contest, but that proved to be as close as H-BC would come to catching the Wildcats.

HL-O assumed control of the contest with a 16-4 run that gave the Wildcats a 16-point (40-24) cushion at the 10:36 mark of the stanza.



John Rittenhouse photo/0303 hgb 12

Hills-Beaver Creek sophomore Makayla Wilhelmi releases a shot in front of Heron Lake-Okabena defender Ida Rogers-Ferguson during Saturday's tournament game in Worthington.

H-BC trimmed the difference to 12 points twice and trailed by nine (52-43) when Van Roekel buried a pair of free throws with 2:40 left to play.

The Wildcats thwarted the challenge by outscoring the Patriots 6-2 the rest of the game to win by 13.

Van Roekel netted 23 points to lead the Patriots in scoring.

Megan Gehrke led the Patriots with eight rebounds, three steals and three assists, while

Grace Bundesen snared five rebounds.

Box score
Tilstra 0 0 1-3 1, Spath 0 0 0-0 0, Lingen 0 0 2-2 2, Fick 0 1 0-0 3, Bundesen 1 0 4-5 6, Wysong 0 0 0-0 0, Wilhelmi 0 0 0-1 0, Gehrke 1 0 0-0 2, Van Roekel 7 1 6-6 23, Rozeboom 3 0 2-4 8.

Team statistics
H-BC: 14 of 64 field goals (22 percent), 15 of 21 free throws (71 percent), 24 rebounds, 14 turnovers.
HL-O: 21 of 51 field goals (41 percent), 14 of 25 free throws (56 percent), 40 rebounds, 16 turnovers.

MCC ousts Patriots in 3A South semifinals

By John Rittenhouse

The 2015-16 basketball season came to an end for the Hills-Beaver Creek Patriots during the semifinal round of the South Section 3A Tournament Feb. 23 in Worthington.

Fourth-seeded H-BC put up a good fight against No. 1 Murray County Central in the first half, but the second half belonged to the Rebels.

MCC outscored the Patriots 36-23 in the final 18 minutes of play to secure a 62-46 victory.

H-BC ends the season with a 12-14 record.

After falling behind 8-2 early in the game, the Patriots went on a 12-point run ending with a field goal from Cooper Vaughn to open a 14-8 lead at the 8:37 mark of the first half.

MCC canned three consecutive three-point shots to regain the lead at 17-14, but a 6-1 spurt capped by Stuart Plimpton give the Patriots a 20-19 edge with 3:07 left in the stanza.

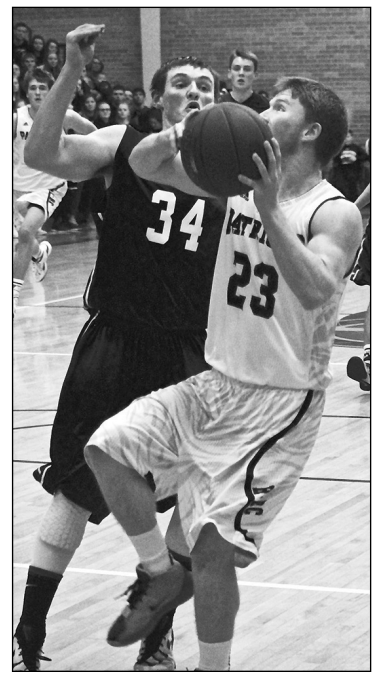
The Rebels outscored H-BC 7-3 the rest of the half to lead 26-23 at the break.

Zach Scholten converted a field goal 14 seconds into the second half to trim the difference to one (26-25), but the Patriots never did regain the lead in the stanza.

MCC went on a 15-4 run to open a 41-29 cushion before Preston Wilhelmi canned a three for H-BC to make it a nine-point (41-32) game with less than 11:30 remaining.

MCC, however, scored the next 12 points to open a commanding 53-32 lead with 5:46 left to play.

H-BC outscored the Rebels 14-9 the rest of the night and trailed by 16 (62-46) when Jed Burgers converted a field goal with 14.3 seconds left, but MCC was never



John Rittenhouse photo/0303 hbb 4

Hills-Beaver Creek senior Stuart Plimpton drives to the basket in front of Murray County Central defender Noah Lupkes during the South Section 3A semifinals in Worthington Feb. 23.

seriously challenged in the final six minutes.

Scholten (14 points and 11 rebounds), Vaughn (10 points, six assists and five steals) and Trenton Bass (10 points) led H-BC statistically.

Box score
Vaughn 5 0 0-2 10, Burgers 1 0 0-1 2, Vis 0 0 0-0 0, Plimpton 1 0 0-0 2, Bass 4 0 2-2 10, Wilhelmi 0 2 0-0 6, Kueter 1 0 0-0 2, Scholten 7 0 0-0 14, Forshey 0 0 0-4 0, Raymon 0 0 0-0 0.

Team statistics
H-BC: 21 of 50 field goals (42 percent), two of nine free throws (22 percent), 26 rebounds, 25 turnovers.
MCC: 23 of 48 field goals (48 percent), 12 of 17 free throws (71 percent), 30 rebounds, 10 turnovers.

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Also with this certification, producers would receive a priority status for any technical and financial assistance to implement practices that promote water quality.

Evers said area farmers concerned with water quality have been trying various production practices and may need to only change one or two things to become state certified. It is Evers' job to assist producers with those changes.

The desire to improve production agriculture began at an early age for Evers, who grew up in Windom and frequently visited and worked on her grandparents' farm.

Evers attended South Dakota State University in Brookings and sought a degree that would allow her to work directly with producers in the ag industry.

"Growing up around the farm, I always saw the impact (the ag industry) had on our family," she said. "I wanted to help."

For instance, Evers saw improved yields through plant breeding and genetics and how improved agronomy practices kept the family farm financially viable.

Evers graduated from SDSU in May 2015 with a degree in agronomy and a minor in pest management. Though she was interested in plant genetics, she didn't want to work in a laboratory environment.

"I wanted to have contact with people," she said. "I want to make a difference."

A job with the Cottonwood County Natural Resources Conservation Service introduced Evers to government programming that assists producers to improve the environment. She began with the state's new water quality program last month.

Evers is housed in the Pipestone County Soil and Water Conservation Office in Pipestone. She can be reached at 507-825-1199.

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therapy department.

"The hours were from 8-12, five days a week, and the therapy was done in the chapel," Hellerud said.

She had a number of different jobs at Tuff, including charge nurse and teaching Nurses Aide and Feeding Assistant classes to employees.

Hellerud said she's seen many changes through the years. "At this time there are many more regulations in the nursing home industry," she said. "A good change was getting rid of restraints, and the residents have more choices now."

Hellerud shared some of her favorite memories.

"Halloween was my favorite holiday and I enjoyed dressing in costume," she said.

"I loved working with the residents. I really enjoyed working with residents with dementia and

validating their feelings. Also working with skin issues of the residents."

Some of her co-workers shared memories.

"Halloween at Tuff was something Jean enjoyed — dressing up, and she always played the part whatever the costume," Carol Gehrke said.

"She was an excellent nurse — truly enjoyed her job. Making the residents feel good about themselves by promoting their dignity and self-worth. We still reminisce about the happy and sad times we shared working together over the last 40 years."

Judi Feucht said, "I enjoyed her sense of humor and her positive way of working with the residents."

In her retirement she plans on relaxing and spending time with her family. Jean and her husband, Bob, have three daughters, Kelli, Konnie and Amy, along with five grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.



Close the Gate
By *Nancy Kraayenhof*



Focus: the concentration of attention or energy on something.

On a writing forum I like to read on the Internet, there's an architect who is looking to design heavily soundproofed boxes, each the size of a small room, permitting "total focus and uninterrupted workflow" for people who want to really concentrate on something ... like a writer. A sort of deep work chamber ...

I want one.

Mark Twain wrote in a small shed on his farm that sat far enough away from the main house so that his family used to blow a horn to call him for meals. If I had one of these, maybe I could get more writing accomplished. Wait a second! At our house, I'm the cook! Darn. I can see a prob-

lem with this already.

Intense focus is a good thing, and with the constant threat of phone calls, text messages, social media and interruptions of all sorts, how does anyone find it? I can't pull a "Bill Gates" and spend weeks on end in rural isolation with only books for company. My boss would never stand for it.

This is the real world. I have a career that I love and that I work at for many hours each week. I have a wonderful husband to care for who also has a job and a working livestock farm to boot. We have investments that need attention and grandchildren and family we love to spend time with. Add laundry, shopping, cleaning, bookkeeping and a couple of hours for hobbies to help me unwind and — poof!

Week gone. How can anyone focus when the world is flying by in a blur?

News flash: Today's rewards and achievements don't go to those sitting on Facebook. The kudos go to those who build its code, using their focus to damage everyone else's.

Everywhere I go I see parents and everyone else with their noses buried in their phones at restaurant dinner tables, while their kids run amok in the park, while pushing strollers, etc. What is that important that it can't wait until your kids are napping or down for the night? Toddlers need 12 to 16 hours of sleep in a 24-hour period. Surely there's some time in that span where you can tweet.

Focus is the key. Whatever

we focus on is bound to expand whether it's our work or our children. It's deep thinking at work that will let you keep that job and feed those kids and it's focusing on your children when you're with them that is going to grow their personalities, their self-esteem and it screams to them that they are more important than anything on that electronic device.

Instead of taking breaks from distractions, I'm going to try to take breaks from focus. As the queen of multi-tasking in the Land of Busy, I'm going to attempt to do one thing at a time, giving it my complete attention. Instead of shutting off social media for an hour, I'm going to make "off" the default and check it at will, between tasks.

So I'm thinking, when am I going to find time for all this deep thinking? One more thing I've got to cram into my schedule! But perhaps by committing to focusing will reshape the rest of my time. I'll dash through shallow tasks faster, be more present in my home life and do away with time wasted switching between tasks. Maybe depth isn't at odds with a full life. Maybe it helps it along. I'm convinced. I'm going to give it a try.

I'll focus on closing the gate, deep thinking as I go.

I still want one of those clever soundproofed chambers though.

Cleverly Disguised as a Responsible Adult, I'm Nancy Kraayenhof. ©2016

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Bethlehem Lutheran Church
Interim Pastor Grant Fisher
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Ph. 962-3270
e-mail: bethlehmluth@alliancecom.net
Friday, March 4: 1:30 p.m. World Day of Prayer at Bethlehem Lutheran Church.
Sunday, March 6: 9 a.m. Communion at Tuff Chapel. 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship at Bethlehem.
Tuesday, March 8: 2:30 p.m. Bible Study at Tuff Home. 3:15 p.m. Bible Study at The Village.
Wednesday, March 9: 9 a.m. Quilting. 6 p.m. Meal served by Executive Committee. 7 p.m. Lent Service.

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Basketball tournament in Hills raises money for Community Education

Hills-Beaver Creek fifth-grade girls and boys participated in a basketball tournament Saturday, Feb. 6, at the high school gym in Hills. The event was a fundraiser for Community Education programs.

Submitted photo

Above: Pictured are the fifth-grade boys' basketball players (front, from left) Brock Harnack, Collin Schoneman, Bradyen Metzger, Cole Rozeboom, (back) Luke Fuerstenberg, Cody Moser, Alex Harris, Carter Abels, Deven Dysthe and Eli Taubert.

At right: Pictured are the fifth-grade girls (front) Sophia Van Surksum, (second row, from left) Ellynor Klosterbuer, Laura Roelfs, (third row) Olivia Bork, Taylor Huisman and Tyrae Goodface.



"Were off to see the wizard, the wonderful wizard of Oz."

Saturday night I attended the musical, "The Wizard of Oz," presented by the River Valley Players of Rock Rapids, Iowa, at the Foster Auditorium.

Members of the cast from the Crescent area included Dan Kroon, rural Steen, who portrayed Uncle Henry and the tin man, and Rebecca Rasmussen, vocal music instructor at H-BC, who played the Winkie General.

The talent in our area is amazing, and the entire cast and crew did a tremendous job — from Dorothy to the scare crow, the cowardly lion, the wicked witch of the north, the flying monkeys and Glinda the good witch.

I didn't remember Glinda, the good witch, which is surprising since my name is Glenda.

Some of you perhaps remember the Donatello family who owned the café in Hills at one time. They were a very interesting family who came from New York. When I introduced myself to them, their son said, "Oh, Glinda, the good witch."

Believe it or not, that was the first time I heard of Glinda, the good witch, in "The Wizard of Oz." So just remember, I'm Glinda, the good witch. (The spelling of my name is different, but it sounds the same.)

Here are some facts on the Wizard of Oz.

When M-G-M decided to produce a film musical version of L. Frank Baum's 1900 children's book, "The Wonderful Wizard of Oz," the studio's intention was for the film to have cross-generational appeal, appropriate for adults as well as children.

Today "The Wizard of Oz," with its enchanting story and memorable songs, has become a cherished tradition in millions of households. The film's groundbreaking musical score includes a number of unforget-

table classics and is considered one of the masterpieces in film music history.

Some of the musical numbers performed Saturday evening included "Over The Rainbow," "Ding, Dong, the Witch is Dead," "Yellow Brick Road," "We're Off to See the Wizard" and "If I Only Had a Brain."

The production had many memorable scenes but my favorite was when Dorothy clicked her red slippers three times and said, "There's no place like home, There's no place like home, There's no place like home, There's no place like home."

This week I have a couple of recipes I found in my mother's recipe file.

Seven-Up Salad

2 packages lemon gelatin
2 cups hot water
2 cups lemon/lime soda
1 small can crushed pineapple
2 large bananas
1 cup cut marshmallows

Mix first three ingredients and put in large cake pan to chill in a 9x13-inch pan.

Boil pineapple juice, 1 egg, 1/2 cup sugar and 2 teaspoons flour. Let cool. Then add 1 cup whipped cream. Pour over first mixture and chill until ready to serve.

Raisin Bars

1 cup brown sugar
1 1/4 cups flour
1 1/4 cups quick oatmeal
1 teaspoon soda
1 cup butter

Filling:

1 1/4 cups raisins
2 tablespoons flour
2/3 cup water
1/2 cup sugar

Mix dry ingredients. Melt butter and mix in until crumbly.

Boil filling ingredients until thick. Put half of the crumbly mixture in a 9x13 pan. Cover with raisin filling, then top with rest of crumbly mixture. Bake for 20 to 30 minutes at 325 degrees.

Alli LaRock performs in North Central Honors Choir

By Glenda McGaffee

Alli LaRock, a seventh-grader at Hills-Beaver Creek, was selected to participate in the North Central Honors Choir Thursday, Feb. 18, through Saturday, Feb. 20, in Sioux Falls.

Rebecca Rasmussen, vocal instructor at H-BC, worked with LaRock through the H-BC Choral Program to submit an audition to the American Choral Directors Association — North Central Region.

Participants were selected from Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin, Nebraska and Iowa consisting of seventh-, eighth- and ninth-graders.

LaRock was one of six Minnesota girls selected. There were 120 girls from the six states in the honors choir.



The event culminated with a group performance Saturday at the Great Hall of the Washington Pavilion in Sioux Falls.

The choir was under the direction of Vijah Singh, a professor of music at Central Washington University.

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Births

A girl, Nora Ann, weighing 7 pounds 10 ounces and 20 inches long, was born Thursday, Feb. 4, 2016, to Ben and Deanna Sheppard, Hills, at Avera/McKenna Hospital in Sioux Falls. The little miss joins four brothers: Jacob, 13, Riley, 11, Benjamin, 2, and Christopher, 2.

Meetings

Beaver Creek Township's monthly meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 3, with the Board of Audit at 8 p.m.

Blue Mound Area Theatre annual meeting will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 8, at The Blue-stem. The public is welcome.

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

Tickets available for 'Frog and Toad'

The historic Palace Theatre in Luverne will host the Green Earth Players' production of "Frog and Toad" the weekends of March 11-13 and 18-20. Box office for season tickets opened Feb. 29. Tickets are available to the general public as of March 1. For tickets call 507-283-4339.

Bank Nite movie 'Cinderella' at Palace

The free Bank Nite movie, Disney's "Cinderella," rated PG, will begin at 6 p.m. Thursday, March 3, at the Palace Theatre in Luverne. Sponsored by First Farmers & Merchants National Bank and Papik Motors, a free, family-friendly movie is shown on the first Thursday of every month as it was done for "Bank Nite" in the 1930s.

Defensive driving 8-hour class March 12

The Defensive Driving 8-Hour Class for those 55 and older who want to lower their car insurance premiums is offered from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturday, March 12. Fee is \$25 in advance or \$30 at the door. Call 507-283-4724 to register.

Rock County Area Youth Rally March 16 at ARC

Tom Henderson with Restoration Generation and Happy the Dog Ministries will be the featured guest at a youth rally from 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 16, at the American Reformed Church in Luverne. All area youth are invited to attend this event sponsored by the Rock County Area Church Youth Leaders.



Tubb News

By Shateen Lichter

Welcome to March! March is "Save your Vision" Month. Experts suggest scheduling regular eye exams and keeping your eyes healthy by eating fresh fruits and vegetables and getting a good night's sleep.

If you work at a computer, taking regular break intervals from your computer screen is suggested to reduce dry eye, eye strain and blurry vision.

March is also National Professional Social Work Month. Carol Gehrke has been Social Services Designee for three years and says her favorite part is "being an advocate for the residents." Thank you, Carol, for all you do.

Residents started Monday morning with Balloon Tennis and followed with bingo that afternoon. Tuesday brought Tai Chi and sing-along and Bible study with Pastor Fischer in the afternoon.

Our monthly birthday party was Wednesday afternoon. We greatly appreciated the musical entertainment by Ray Larson. The family of John Tilstra provided cake and ice cream, which was delicious. Thank you for your generosity.

Thursday morning started rather normal. It was bake and taste day. However, we received a rather interesting recipe request for this session: Spam. Really? Spam? Well, we are not usually ones to say no, so to the Tuff Memorial Home Cookbook we went. Glenda spotted her "award-winning" recipe, as she so fondly stated — Macaroni, Cheese and Spam Casserole. While prepping the dish, we discussed the many ways residents would cook Spam and the old cans with the key to open it. We also talked about its prevalence during World War II. What would a bake and taste session be without the tasting part? Many residents and staff came to sample the casserole. The verdict? Most enjoyed it! Dust off the Tuff Memorial Home cookbook and make this for supper tonight.

The ladies gathered Friday morning for manicures and lotion therapy. At every manicure session there seems to be a popular color. This week it was a glittery gold. If I remember correctly, Joan Boeve stated, "We have to do something dif-



Above: Catherine Fikse enjoys Macaroni Cheese and Spam Casserole.

Below: Deb Slegers suggested making a Spam recipe at this week's Bake and Taste event at the Tuff Home.



ferent every once in awhile!" and Henrietta Bajema worked hard to convince a few others to join in the fun. That afternoon residents gathered for Penny Ante, one of the top-rated activities here at the Tuff Home. The winner this week was Gladys VanWettering.

Looking ahead this week:
 Thursday, March 3: 2:30 p.m. Resident Right Bingo. 3 p.m. Social Work Social.
 Friday, March 4: 10 a.m. Book Mobile.
 Saturday, March 5: 1:30 p.m. Fling a Ring.
 Sunday, March 6: 9 a.m. Wor-

ship with Holy Communion.
 Monday, March 7: 2:30 p.m. Bingo.
 Tuesday, March 8: 2:30 p.m. Bible Study.
 Wednesday, March 9: 10 a.m. Penny Pitch. 2:20 p.m. Adopt A Grandparent.
 Our prayers and sympathy go to Burdell Rowe's family. We will miss his smile and the twinkle in his eye.
 Birthdays this week include Shateen Lichter on March 1.
 Remember, March is "Save your Vision" Month. Schedule your eye exam today!

Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Hills to host World Day of Prayer

By Glenda McGaffee

A World Day of Prayer service will be at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Hills at 1:30 p.m. Friday, March 4.

Special music will be provided by representatives of the Reformed Church of Steen and United Reformed Church of Hills.

An offering for Baskets of Promise will be accepted. The

Bethlehem Lutheran Church Women are joining Lutheran World Relief's Baskets of Promise campaign.

Attendees of the prayer service are asked to bring the following items: bars of soap, bath towels (dark colors), toothbrushes, combs and nail clippers.

World Day of Prayer services take place on the first

Friday of March every year. The theme this year is "Receive Children, Receive Me."

The women of Cuba are calling all women this year to explore the depths of God's love and accept the invitation to receive the realm of God as a little child.

The public is invited to attend and stay for refreshments and fellowship following the service.

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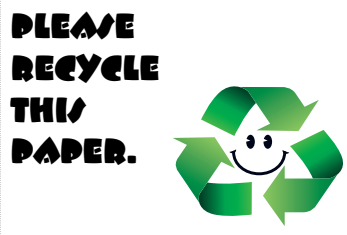
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