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Hills gears up for Friendship Days set for June 10-12

By Glenda McGaffee

The city of Hills and its residents and visitors will observe Friendship Days June 10-12.

The local organization Helping Build Communities Stronger is planning the event.

This year the parade will begin at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, June 11, and the Shriners from Sioux Falls will be participating.

Activities on Friday, June 10, include a four-person Best Ball Golf Tournament at the Larchwood Golf Course and Border League softball games at the Hills Softball Field in Hills.

Contact Trista Bosch, 962-3212, to register for the golf tournament.

Teams playing in the Border League softball games include Hills, Beaver Creek, Steen and Rock Rapids. Games will start at 6:30 p.m. Contact Tyler Bush, 962-3006.

Several activities are planned for Saturday, June 13:

•FFA Alumni Pancake Breakfast at the Hills American Legion from 7 to 9 a.m.

•5K Run/Walk for all ages. If interested contact Jodi Harnack.

•Beanbag Tournament. Participants must be 16 and older. If interested contact Alan Leenderts or Keith Elbers.

•The annual Friendship Days Parade at 10:30 a.m. Floats and parade entries can be registered by contacting Marilyn Nelson at dewey@allicancecom.net

•Truck/Semi show. If interested, contact Greg Leenderts.

•Kiddie Tractor Pull
•Saturday activities in the park and softball field: kids' activities at the softball field and train and Ferris wheel.

•Saturday evening steak supper on Main Street, Hills; Beaver Creek PTO movies at Jacobson Park with time to be

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Glenda McGaffee photo/0414 baskets of promise ladies

Ladies of the community assemble Basket of Promise kits Wednesday, April 6, at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Hills. Pictured are (from left) LN Metzler, Sandy Fejfar, Peggy Goettsch, Lois Nelson and Jan Solberg.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church of Hills donates items for Lutheran World Relief kits

By Glenda McGaffee

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled." — Matthew 5:6

The congregation of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church of Hills this past Lenten season participated in the Lutheran World Relief Basket of Promise appeal.

During the Lenten season members of the congregation donated items to form LWR personal care kits that help impoverished people stay healthy in life's

most challenging situations.

Ladies in the area who attended the Women's World Day of Prayer service at the church March 4 also were asked to bring items for the project.

Items included in the personal care kits include one lightweight bath-size towel, two bath-size bars of soap, one adult size toothbrush, a comb and nail clipper.

When natural disaster strikes or political conflict flares, families often have

little chance to gather their belongings before fleeing the danger.

They arrive in a refugee camp, or other place of safety, scared, vulnerable and dirty from travel.

According to LWR, the simple items included in a personal care kit allow them to "wash away dirt and sweat with the fresh scent of soap and the softness of a towel, reminders of someone's care and concern for them in their plight."

County grants New Vision Co-op 10-year abatement; five years for Martin Township

Township concerned about road improvement

By Mavis Fodness

Rock County Commissioners and Martin Township officials granted the tax abatement request from New Vision Co-op at a joint public hearing April 5.

In a 3-2 vote, commissioners approved not collecting New Vision's portion of property taxes (\$5,222 annually) on the co-op's proposed expansion project over the next 10 years. Commissioners

Ron Boyenga and Ken Hoime were in favor of a five-year agreement and voted against the 10-year abatement.

Martin Township officials unanimously approved to forgo their tax portion (\$2,164 annually) but only for a five-year period. (Township clerk Doug Bos was not at the meeting.)

No abatement was requested from the Hills-Beaver

Creek School District.

During the public hearing one person voiced opposition toward granting another tax abatement to New Vision.

Rock County resident Gloria Rolfs said New Vision received an abatement of \$18,500 annually five years ago to construct the new \$16 million feed mill facility near Magnolia.

"I feel it is a little above and

beyond asking taxpayers of Rock County for another abatement for an additional 10 years," Rolfs said.

According to the first 2011 abatement agreement, New Vision promised to staff the new facility with 13 employees within the five-year abatement period.

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weather
REPORT



APRIL 3 - APRIL 9 WEATHER

High temperature for the week:	76	Rain amount for the week:	0.19 in
Low temperature for the week:	18	Rain total for April:	0.49 in
Average temperature for the week:	43		

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obituaries

Roger Gehrke

Roger Emil Gehrke, 72, Beaver Creek, died Friday, April 8, 2016, at Sanford Medical Center in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

A funeral service was Monday, April 11, at the First Presbyterian Church in Beaver Creek. Burial followed at Beaver Creek Cemetery.

Roger Gehrke was born Feb. 26, 1944, to Edward and Anna (Christiansen) Gehrke in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. He was raised on the family farm northwest of Beaver Creek. Roger was baptized and confirmed at St. John Lutheran Church in Luverne. He attended Beaver Creek High School through the eleventh grade and then went to work full time in the family farming operation. Roger served his country in the United States National Guard.

On Aug. 18, 1979, Roger married Debra Ossenfort at St. John Lutheran Church in Luverne. The couple first made their home on an acreage northwest of Beaver Creek. In 1982 Roger left farming, and the family moved into town. He first worked for Cenex Harvest States, serving the Sioux Falls and Luverne territories. He later drove truck at Skelgas. Roger then worked for a short time as a meat inspector at



MidPack before taking a job at Gold-n-Plump as a process worker. He retired from full-time work in 2006 and began working part time at the Adrian rest area, westbound side, on I-90 until his health would no longer allow

him to do so.

Roger was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Beaver Creek. In his younger years he enjoyed deer hunting with his family and friends. He also enjoyed camping, fishing, and playing pinochle and Smear. He could often be found tinkering in his garage. Roger loved vegetable gardening and was well-known for the tomatoes and onions that he grew. Most of all, Roger loved spending time with his two grandsons.

Roger is survived by his wife, Deb; a son, Chris (Elaine) Gehrke, Sioux Falls; two grandsons, Devin and Cameron; two brothers, Eddie (Carol) Gehrke, Hills, and Carl (Teresa) Gehrke, Beaver Creek; and other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Warren and Stanley Gehrke.

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

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Henrietta De Jongh

Henrietta "Etta" De Jongh, 87, Hills, died Saturday, April 9, 2016, at the Tuff Memorial Home in Hills.

A funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday, April 15, at Steen Reformed Church in Steen. Burial will follow at Eastside

Cemetery near Steen. Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. Thursday, April 14, at the Steen Reformed Church in Steen with the family present throughout.

Funeral arrangements are through Jurrens Funeral Home in Hills, www.jurrensfuneralhome.com

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Glenda McGaffee photo/0414 Volunteer Week

This week, April 10-16, is National Volunteer Week

National Volunteer Week is this week, April 10-16, and volunteers play an important role in the community of Hills. Hills Home Delivered Meals are delivered to people in the community Monday through Saturday. The meals are prepared by the staff of the Tuff Memorial Home and delivered by volunteers.



Pictured in the photograph above (from left) are Tuff Memorial Home dietary employee Sandy Feucht and Hills Home Delivered Meals volunteer Ron Feucht.

Pictured in the photograph at left (from left) are volunteer Ron Feucht and Ray Roning receiving his meal Tuesday, April 5.

Conservation projects triple in county

By Mavis Fodness

The Rock County Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors more than tripled its annual number of cost-share agreements in a matter of

minutes on Monday.

Generally the five-member group approves six agreements per year to install a variety of conservation practices that protect and improve water quality by controlling soil erosion and reducing sedimentation on an annual basis.

Monday's special meeting was scheduled to keep the projects moving forward.

The larger-than-normal number of projects is due to a two-year flood relief package Rock County received last year.

The monies will be used to repair cropland damaged by the heavy rains and flooding in 2014. Rock County was one of 17 Minnesota counties to receive relief funds through the state's Disaster Recovery

Assistance Program.

Monday's 19 approved projects join 13 others that received the go-ahead from the board to repair grass waterways, stream banks, terraces and basins.

The grant paid 90 to 100 percent of the projects' estimated costs.

Phase 1 of the grant allotted \$165,000 to the county with \$1.068 million in the second phase. Grant dollars from a possible third phase have not yet been released.

Repair estimates range from \$3,680 for stream bank repairs to \$91,151 to repair a grass waterway.

Rock County currently has about \$378,000 in unallocated flood relief dollars with more than 100 pending applications.

County officials estimate Rock County suffered \$4.8 million in agricultural flood damage in 2014.



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H-BC High School Honor Roll

Quarter 3

A Honor Roll

Seniors: Tessa Klarenbeek, Trevor Paulsen, Stuart Plimpton, Thea Richards.

Juniors: Alyssa Allen, Riley Boese, Jed Burgers, Courtney Kruger, Haley Leuthold, Logan Leuthold, Isaiah Vis.

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

Freshmen: Caitlyn Allen, Sidney Fick, Seth Glidewell, Nicholas Kiers, Garrett Raymon, Josie Scholten, Bailey Swan.

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

Seventh Grade: Jessup Dunn, Thomas Dysthe, Hannah Fick, Ethan Gray, Abby Knobloch, Allison Larock, Taryn Rauk, Joshua Swenson, Lauren Tatge,

Jacey Vanden Hoek, Austin Wilhelmi.

Quarter 3

B Honor Roll

Seniors: Andrew Forshey, Trenton Kracht, Cooper Vaughn.

Juniors: Emma Baker, Justice Dunn, Ashley Esselink, Mekayla Kolbrek, Jasmine Lingen, Brieanne Merson, Zachary Scholten, Avery Van Roekel.

Sophomores: Dean Fuerstenberg, Megan Gehrke, Brandon Gray, Courtney Page, Kourtney Rozeboom, Avery Wysong.

Freshmen: Hunter Bork, Amber Bos, Grace Bundesen, Luke Larock, Madison Spath, Preston Wilhelmi.

Eighth Grade: Joslyn Birger, Easton Harnack, Kyle Kueter.

Seventh Grade: Annie Bos, Erika Dysthe, Dillon Englert, Calvin Erickson, Tory Knobloch, Abigail Olson, Jacob Sheppard, Brandon Taubert, Gavin Wysong, Zander Wysong.



Hello from the Tuff Memorial Home.

Our week began with Balloon Tennis and Five Alive focused on introductions and sharing stories of growing up, family and occupations. Reminiscing time is not only beneficial and therapeutic, it is quite educational. Those who have had the privilege to visit with the residents here at Tuff Memorial have walked away with many suggestions regarding baking and cooking recipes as well as how things were done "in the good ole' days."

Our Bake & Taste group met Wednesday morning and made fudge brownies for lunch Wednesday afternoon. Before enjoying the scrumptious brownies, residents worked on putting together the appreciation gifts for volunteers. Residents also celebrated the Birthday of the Twinkie on Wednesday afternoon.

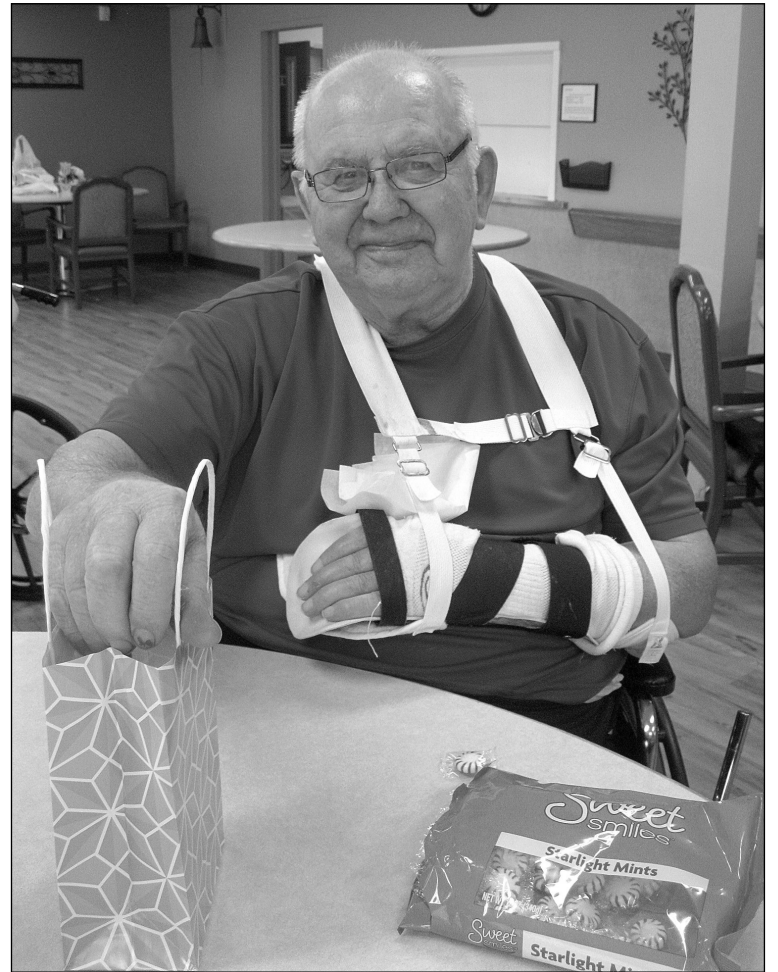
Volunteer Appreciation was Wednesday afternoon. The theme this year is "Volunteers are the Roots of Strong Communities." Our program included a magician and lunch. An informational meeting for current volunteers was at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday in the chapel.

Memorial services for Bob Kirsch and Mildred Keunen were Thursday morning. We appreciated the presence of their family members as residents and staff gathered to say goodbye to our dear friends.

Bingo and Rummikub followed that afternoon. The Rummikub session was quite fun, as I learned several Dutch words that afternoon.

The Bookmobile was here Friday morning and residents gathered for a facility favorite, Penny Ante. The Lester hymn-sing was that evening.

Residents enjoyed manicures



Jim Leenderts helps put volunteer gifts together for Volunteer Appreciation Day at the Tuff Home Wednesday, April 13.

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announced; and a street dance from 9 p.m. to midnight.

Sunday will feature a fishing derby sponsored by the Beaver Creek Sportmen's Club at the Hills Rez with a time to be announced.

Helping Build Communities Stronger will meet Tuesday, April 26, in the Hills American Legion Clubrooms to finalize Friendship Days weekend festivities.

school menu

Hills-Beaver Creek Public Schools Lunch Menu:

Monday, April 18: Chicken and rice hotdish, glazed carrots, pears, bread.

Tuesday, April 19: Barbecue on a bun, broccoli, pineapple.

Wednesday, April 20: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, corn, peaches, dinner roll.

Thursday, April 21: Ham and cheese on a bun, carrots with ranch dressing, mixed fruit.

Friday, April 22: Cook's choice entrée, peas, tropical fruit.

and a pet visit from Wylie on Saturday.

Looking ahead this week:

Thursday, April 14: 10 a.m. Whoga with Serena.

Friday, April 15: 2 p.m. Tuff Country Store.

Saturday, April 16: 10 a.m. Piano Recital.

Sunday, April 17: 9 a.m. Worship.

Monday, April 18: 2:30 p.m. Bingo.

Tuesday, April 19: 3:30 p.m. Book Club.

Wednesday, April 20: 2:20 p.m. Adopt A Grandparent.

We would like to welcome Louise Strehle to the Tuff Memorial Home. We look forward to getting to know her.

Our condolences to the family of Etta DeJongh, who passed on Saturday. We will greatly miss her kind heart and gracious spirit.

Staff birthdays this week include Josey Puetz, April 11.

We hope you all have a great week!

Part IV: June Kroon reminisces about great-grandparents

Editor's Note: This is Part IV of A Reminiscence of the Jen Willem De Roos Family, 1816 - 1908.

The following information is from the article found in the Orange City, Iowa, Advisor newspaper. Jen Willem De Roos was June Kroon's great-grandfather.

The story continues with J.W. and his family living in America in 1899.

The correspondence has lessened.

December 1899: J.W. asks that we write once, otherwise little news.

July 1900: Jouke Mulder writes at the request of J.W. to say that mother, Akke, after several strokes, passed away on the 4th.

May 1901: a letter from Jouke and Taekje — "Father (J.W.) has moved in with us - he is still pretty well - walks from chair to couch - lays, sits, sleeps, reads, smokes. Jouke would like to see Friesland again but at present that will not be possible."

Feb. 13, 1902: Oepke writes from Hull that "father died Sunday at 85 years old and was mentally alert right to the end. Mother and father have suffered many losses but with Tackje they received good care. Their possessions, 80 acres of land, the house and furniture at Sioux Center worth about \$6000 were left by will to the three daughters of his last marriage, Trijintje, Taekje and Anna. Brother Jan also died, completely wasted away. He died in Dakota. We (myself, brother Willem, Wm v.d. Kooi, and Gossen DeBoer) live near Hull - the three sisters live near Sioux Center."

Further Oepke writes about their progress. He has a farm of 222 acres, brought for \$31. He would not sell now for \$75. He lives in a house that cost \$1,200 to build. Sister Dieuwke has diabetes.

Jan. 3, 1906: Jouke Mulder writes, "He would like to see Friesland again. He has a farm of 240 acres, last year 100 acres of

corn, 40 acres of wheat, 50 acres of oats, one acre of potatoes and the rest hay and pasture. Last year we milked 12 cows - people are glad to buy the butter that my wife makes. We have six work horses, two ponies, five young horses, 26 sows and six boars.

March 2, 1907: Jouke Mulder writes, "Our grandson 9 months old, died Feb. 1. On March 1, Hubert and Anna moved - they brought a farm last year. Land is getting expensive, horses sometimes getting \$200. Cream brings a fat price - hogs highest prices (we have 100) - 50 ready for market - weigh about 300 pounds. My wife talks over the phone every day with Reimke - phone costs \$12 a year. There are farmers who have built their own lines - even cheaper. In Sioux City there are three stone churches. We get papers and letters delivered to the house now - last year we had to walk a 1/4 mile.

Next week the conclusion of A Reminiscence of the Jan Willem De Roos Family.

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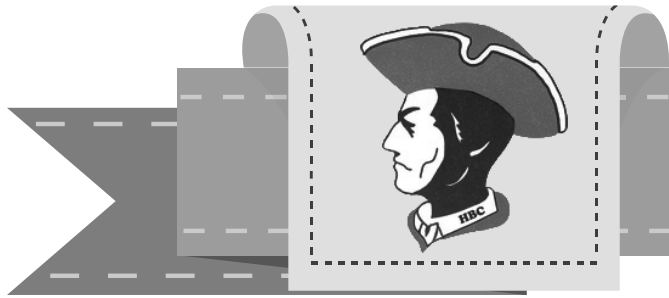
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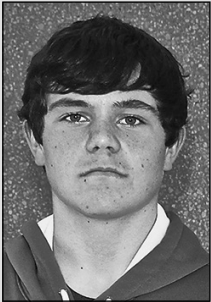
Golfers open slate by sweeping field at event in Adrian

By John Rittenhouse

The Hills-Beaver Creek boys' golf team got off to a strong start in the 2016 season by sweeping the field at a triangular meet in Adrian April 15.

H-BC turned in a 195-stroke effort to easily defeat Southwest Christian-Edgerton (228) and Adrian (230).

Preston Maassen led the charge for H-BC by firing a



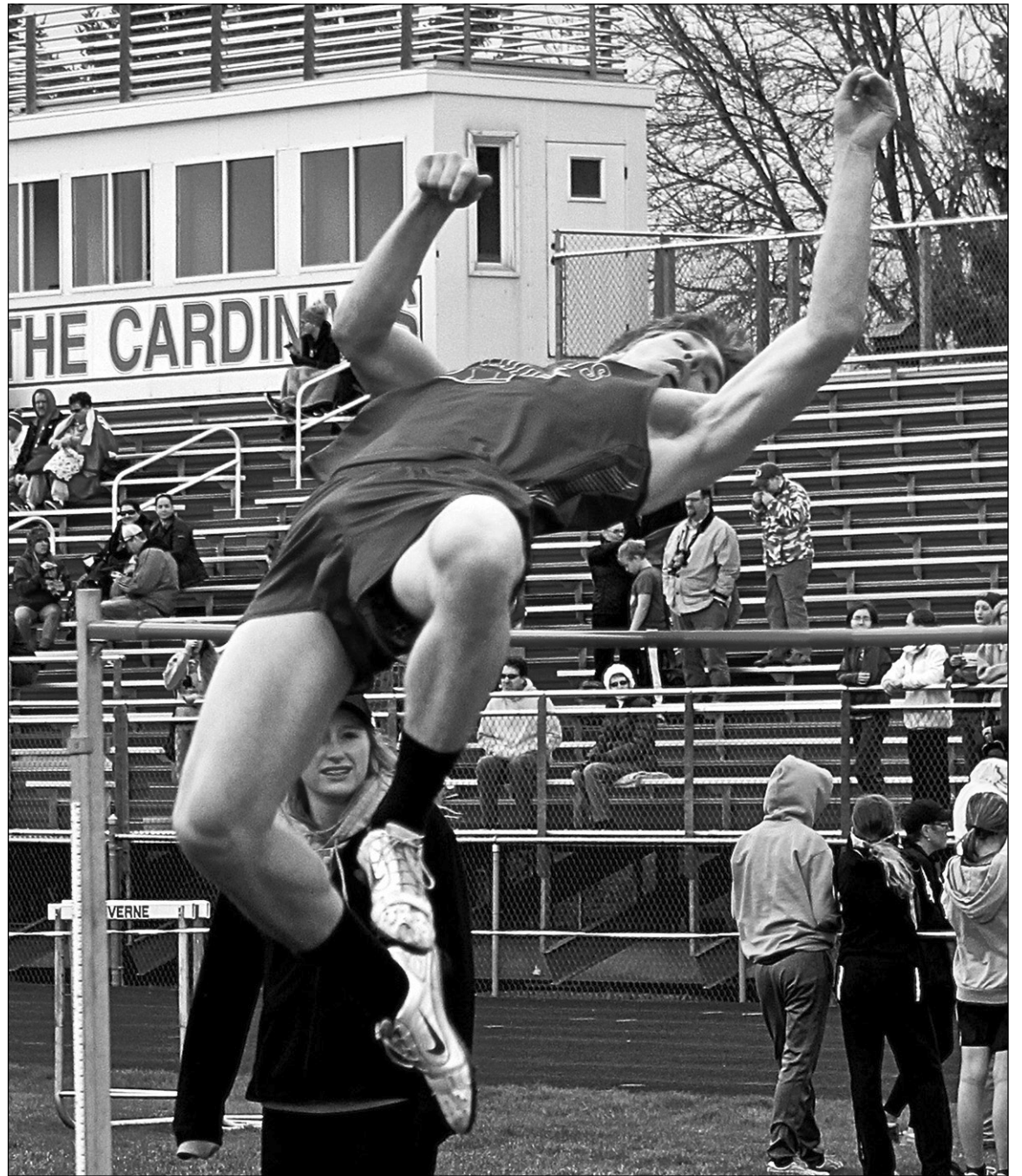
Maassen

nine-over-par 45 to earn medalist honors.

Stuart Plimpton, Trevor Paulsen and Dylan Taubert contributed respective 46-, 49- and 55-stroke rounds to the winning effort.

Trey Huisken led Southwest Christian-Edgerton with a 53, while Brady Henning

paced the Adrian Dragons with a 55.



John Rittenhouse photo/0414 hbc track 1

Hills-Beaver Creek senior Drew Forshey placed eighth in the high jump after clearing 5-4 during the Luverne Invitational April 5. The meet was H-BC's outdoor opener.

Hills-Beaver Creek ISD #671

EXCESS PROPERTY FOR SALE

The Hills -Beaver Creek ISD #671 Board of Education has designated the following items as excess property and directed the Superintendent to place items up for sale:

- Approximately 150 cubic yards of fill located at 301 N Summit Ave, Hills, MN
- 775 building bricks (4' X 4" X 12") leftover from the building of the 2010 Jr./Sr. High School

Items for Sale Description and terms:

Approximately 150 cubic yards of fill:

- Fill is located at 301 N Summit Ave.
- Cost of transport of fill is responsibility of winning quote.
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775 building bricks:

- 775 building bricks in two different colors - dark brown and beige.
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- Transport of bricks from district site must occur within seven (7) business days from notification that individual was awarded bricks.
- All or none. Individual must take all of bricks. The district will not parcel this item.
- Perspective buyers may inspect the bricks by appointment.

Please call Chris Harnack, Building and Ground - ph 507-962-3240 x24

Procedure: Individuals desiring to provide a quote for one or more of the above listed items may request a quote form from Glenda Kuehl, Business Manager at: g.kuehl@isd671.net, or interested individuals may stop by the District Office at 301 N Summit Ave, Hills, MN 56138 between 8 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Quote submittal deadline 3 p.m. CST on Friday, April 22. Quotes must either be mailed to Glenda Kuehl, HBC Schools, PO Box 547, Hills, MN 56138 or may be hand-delivered to 301 N Summit Ave, Hills, MN 56138, Door #1. Quotes will be opened at a public Board meeting on Monday, April 25, 2016. Quotes submitted after the deadline will not be considered. The School District reserves the right to accept or reject any or all quotations in whole or part and reserves the right to waive any formalities without cause and without explanation to any bidders.

Patriots win three titles April 5

By John Rittenhouse

The Hills-Beaver Creek boys' track team turned in a solid outing during its outdoor debut in Luverne April 5.

One week after opening the season with an indoor meet in Vermillion, South Dakota, the Patriots tested their talents in the elements at the Luverne Invitational.

The event turned into a good one for the boys, who captured three meet championships and placed second in one event.

Isaiah Vis and Zach Scholten captured individual titles for H-BC.

Vis won the 100-meter dash in 12.36, while Scholten cleared 6-2

to win the high jump.

Vis also ran a leg with H-BC's 400-meter relay, which produced the winning time of 48.79.

Dean Fuerstenberg, Drew Forshey and Jed Burgers teamed up with Vis.

Vis also placed second in the long jump with a distance of 18-10 ³/₄.

The H-BC girls competed in Luverne without registering a first- or second-place finish.

Grace Bundesen turned in the top effort for the girls by finishing third in the high jump after clearing 4-6.

Here is a look at the rest of H-BC's top eight finishes at the Luverne invite.

H-BC boys
Third place: Forshey, 110 hurdles, 19-2.
Fourth place: Scholten, discus, 109-6;
 800 relay (Burgers, Forshey, Scholten and Vis), 1:43.61.
Fifth place: Scholten, shot, 38-6; Trenton Bass, triple jump, 36-1; 1,600 relay (Dawson Leenderts, Jax Wysong, Luke LaRock and Hunter Bork), 51.7.
Sixth place: Bork, 100, 12.81.
Seventh place: Easton Harnack, 300 hurdles, 51.32; 400 relay (Bork, Harnack, Caleb Zomer and Wysong), 51.57.
Eighth place: Forshey, high jump, 5-4; Logan Leuthold, discus, 96-0; 400 relay (Jacob Wingert, Bass, LaRock and Raymond), 51.7.

H-BC girls
Fourth place: 800 relay (Sadie Fuerstenberg, Bundesen, Sidney Fick and Madison Spath), 1:59.29.
Fifth place: 400 relay (Fuerstenberg, Bundesen, Fick and Spath), 56.18.
Sixth place: Josie Bartels, 800, 2:51.66.
Seventh place: Spath, 100, 14.34; Kourtney Rozeboom, shot, 27-3; Rozeboom, discus, 78-8.
Eighth place: Bartels, 1,600, 6:31.54.

By John Rittenhouse

The Hills-Beaver Creek boys' golf team hosted a triangular meet Monday at Meadow Acres Country Club near Larchwood, Iowa.

H-BC entertained both Westbrook-Walnut Grove and Red Rock Central on a cool and windy

afternoon.

The Patriots ended up breaking even with a 221-stroke tally.

W-WG captured the team title with 197 strokes.

RRC capped the field with 230 strokes.

Dylon Taubert set the pace for H-BC by carding a 52.

Stuart Plimpton, Trevor Paulsen and Preston Maassen shot respective 54-, 56- and 59-stroke rounds for the Patriots.

W-WG's Cole Bunting led all players with a 47.

Max Miller paced RRC with a 51.

The Patriots play in Fulda Thursday.

H-BC hosts triangular at Meadow Acres Monday



Close the Gate
By Nancy Kraayenhof

Why do you suppose people hear random voices in sounds generated by nearly anything, interpret window stains as human figures, see faces in nature or find conspiracies in the daily newspaper? Our brain and senses are prepared to configure sights, sounds and random patterns according to what we know.

Folks who believe in UFOs see faces on Mars. Religious people see the Virgin Mary on the side of a building. Paranormalists (if that's what they're called) hear dead people speaking to them through the static on the radio. Conspiracy types think 9/11 was an inside job by the Bush administration. Is there a deeper cause for why people believe such weird things? No offense. I believe

there is something randomly special about the tendency to find meaningful patterns in meaningless noise.

I recall from back in my college psychology days that science views such patternicity, if that's a word, as an error in cognition. According to them, there are two types of errors. One is believing something is real when it's not or finding a nonexistent pattern, and the other is not believing something is real when it is.

I disagree on the error theory and argue that our brains are belief machines that can connect the dots and create meaning out of a pattern we think we see. Sometimes A is connected to B and sometimes it's not, but when it is, we can learn something valuable from it. Sometimes

we can see something at just the right moment to give us the hope we need to venture forth, but unfortunately other times we can see things that scare the pants off us, discouraging growth and adventure.

Where is the part of the brain that detects bologna and is able to distinguish between true and false patterns? Which patterns are harmless and which are not?

I have the type of brain that looks for patterns wherever I go. I'm not paranoid about it, I don't obsess about it and I don't find many ... but I look. I've never seen anything scary or odd and probably every pattern I've ever found is random and coincidental BUT ...

As I have communicated over the past six months, the hubster and I have been having

some health troubles. We are doing quite well and thank God every day for the healing we have experienced. Our prayers are heard and some events that have transpired are nothing short of modern day miracles.

We recently attended a service at the Steen Reformed Church, a church that I have been in many, many times. At this particular service, on this particular day and time, there, on the left side of the south brick wall, behind the altar, as clear as day, was a heart pattern that I have never seen before. I couldn't take my eyes off those twenty-seven bricks. It was like one of those crazy Magic Eye puzzles that you have to cross your eyes and look through to see, yet there it was just as plain as day and it was exactly what I

needed to see at that moment, in that space, with that person.

Now you can call me nuts and I can guarantee that every person who reads this is going to look and, if you see it, too, please let me know, but as surely as I'm sitting here today, it was there. I wish I'd have taken a picture. Maybe the lighting was just right or the angle or a combination of factors or maybe it was just what God wanted me to see. Whatever the case, I'm renewed and inspired because of it.

I'll close the gate and admit that sometimes our mind and eyes can play tricks,

But I found an immense measure of hope in a heart made by twenty-seven bricks.

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

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firstpalisade@alliancecom.net
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Tuesday, April 19: 7 p.m. Church Council Meeting.
Wednesday, April 20: 7 p.m. Choir.

Palisade Lutheran Church
211 121st St.
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Steen Reformed Church
112 W. Church Ave. Steen
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Reuben Sinnema
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Thursday, April 14: Volunteer Day at Thrift Store in Worthington.
Sunday, April 17: 9:30 a.m. Worship. Sunday School follows
Worship. 6 p.m. Evening Service. 6:30 p.m. RCYF.
Monday, April 18: 7 p.m. Elders Meeting. 8 p.m. Consistory Meeting.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church
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Sunday, April 17: 9 a.m. Worship at Tuff Chapel. 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Communion at Bethlehem.
Tuesday, April 19: 2:30 p.m. Bible Study at Tuff Home. 3:15 p.m. Bible Study at The Village.
Wednesday, April 20: 9 a.m. Quilting. 2 p.m. Joint Circles meet in Garden Room at Tuff Village. 6:30 p.m. Confirmation for grades 8-9. 7 p.m. Circle of Hope at home of Marilyn Nelson.

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community news

Meetings

Beaver Creek Township will have their monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 14, at the township hall.

MSSupport Group will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 21, at Southwest Health and Human Services in Luverne. All persons with MS, family and friends are invited. Call 283-2069 or 283-2964 with questions.

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.

Al-Anon meets at 6:30 p.m. Thursdays in the Buffalo Ridge Meeting Room (lower level) at the Sanford Medical Center in Luverne. Call Stephanie at 449-1246.

Narcotics Anonymous meets at 7 p.m. Fridays in the

basement of St. Catherine Catholic Rectory, 203 E. Brown St., Luverne. Use east door. Call Shawn at 507-220-3180.

Alcoholics Anonymous meets at 8 p.m. Wednesdays and Saturdays in the Rock County Community Library. Call 605-321-4324.

Brandon area Al-Anon meets at 8 p.m. Monday and Thursday evenings and at 11 a.m. Saturdays at 209 Elm Street (behind VFW) in Brandon, S.D. Call 605-215-9947 with questions.

Road restrictions end April 15

The ending date for spring weight road restrictions is Friday, April 15, on all Rock County roadways. Contact Rock County Highway Engineer Mark Sehr at 507-283-5010 with questions.

St. Catherine hosts sex trafficking program April 14

St. Catherine's and St. Mary's are partnering to offer a program to address sex trafficking in Minnesota. The event begins at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 14, at St. Catherine Catholic Church in Luverne with a play, "Bottom," followed by a panel discussion. The program is open and free to the public and is recommended for ages 13+ due to strong language and honest content.

Luverne's 'Spring Loaded' Show set for April 16

The Luverne Spring Loaded Home, Health and Living Show is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 4

p.m. Saturday, April 16, at the Blue Mound Banquet Center, the Palace Theatre and at local businesses. The event includes free samples, discounts and demonstrations. Local businesses will be putting on free seminars at the historic Palace Theatre from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information call the Luverne Area Chamber at 507-283-4061 or visit www.luvernechamber.com.

Puppeteers at library April 16

The Rock County Community Library will host Jim Oliver with Puppeteer Productions at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, April 16.

The puppet show, "Bedtime," is a silly story of how Grandma and Grandpa try to get the grandkids to go to sleep.

The event is sponsored by

Friends of the Library in recognition of National Library Week and is free and open to the public.

Tuff informational meeting April 21

Tuff Assisted Living Facility will host a community informational meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 21, at the Tuff Village dining room. The topic will be "Who We Are and What We Do."

Monthly Food Ministry April 21

The Monthly Food Ministry, sponsored by New Life Celebration Church, will be from 5 to 6 p.m. Thursday, April 21, at the Luverne Senior Center. If you're having trouble putting food on the table, come for fresh produce, bread and meat.



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10 years ago (2006)

•Midwest Wireless representative Andy Bobrytzke appeared before the Beaver Creek City Council Tuesday hoping to find a solution to the cell phone problem in the area.

In December the council denied a building permit submitted by Midwest Wireless. The company had wanted to construct a 180-foot cell tower and a smaller structure on land adjacent to Rauk's Convenience Store front lot to the east. ...

At Tuesday's meeting the council and Bobrytzke looked at the possibility of building on a piece of property located south of the Beaver Creek Golf Course between the frontage road and the interstate.

25 years ago (1991)

•How do you get a baseball field?

That's the question which 17 interested parents and players addressed Thursday night in Hills.

To date, a site for the baseball field has been donated, however, funds are needed to finance the project. In March The Hills-Beaver Creek Board of Education agreed to donate land on the football field with the stipulation the baseball field would not alter the football field.

An estimated \$2,000 is needed to build an adequate field for the first year. But, along with the \$2,000, a large amount of volunteer labor will also be required.

50 years ago (1966)

•Miss Nicolette Howard, foreign exchange student from New Zealand, will be guest speaker at the Hills-Beaver Creek P.T.A. meeting on Monday, April 18 at 8 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Beaver Creek school. In addition to her spoken presentation, Nicolette will perform a folk dance from her native country.

Miss Howard is in this country for one year, studying at

the Luverne High School under the sponsorship of the American Field Service. She is living with the Elmer Piepgras family at Luverne.

75 years ago (1941)

•The deal was closed last week whereby Walter Peterson sold his grocery store to Samuel Henderson, of Colton, S.D. The stock was invoiced Monday, and Mr. Henderson took possession yesterday. ...

Mr. Henderson has had previous experience in the grocery business, and will be assisted by his wife and daughter Jewel. The Crescent welcomes this new family to Hills, and wishes them much success. We also regret seeing the Peterson family leave our business circle, and hope they will find some other enterprise here so that they will continue to make their home here.

100 years ago (1916)

•A recent investigation of the relative merits of parallel and staggered arrangement of street lamps is most interesting, since it discloses that from an ornamental viewpoint the former is preferable while, from a utilitarian viewpoint, the latter is preferable under certain conditions. By parallel arrangement is meant the placing of lamps so that they come opposite each other, while staggered arrangement means that the lamps on one side of a street are placed so as to come half way between those on the opposite side. In general, the staggered arrangement furnishes more uniform illumination. However, where the street width is not much greater than the distance between lamp standards, the parallel arrangement is preferable. In instances where the street width is considerably greater than the spacing of the lamps, the staggered arrangement will give the best results.

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Tribute to Henrietta Wassenaar May 1, 1923, to April 16, 2015.

The Broken Chain

We little knew that morning that God was going to call your name.

In life we loved you dearly, in death we do the same.

It broke our hearts to lose you; you did not go alone;

For part of us went with you, the day God called you home.

You left us peaceful memories. Your love is still our guide;

Though we cannot see you, you are always at our side.

Our family chain is broken, and nothing seems the same;

But as God calls us one by one, the chain will link again.

These words are on a plaque I received from my co-workers at the Tuff Memorial Home in memory of my mother, Henrietta Wassenaar.

My mom passed away April 16, 2015, at the age of 91 years,

11 months and 15 days.

My mom always said she didn't need a mansion on earth; she had one waiting in heaven. I miss her every day.

Last night I had a dream about my mom. She was wheeling herself down the hall in the Tuff Memorial Home where she lived for almost eleven years. I gave her a hug, and she smiled at me. I said, "Mom what are you doing here?" She replied, "Just looking things over."

Here is a poem reminding us that our mom is always with us.

Your mother is always with you.

She's the whisper of the leaves as you walk down the street.

She's the smell of certain foods you remember. Flowers you pick. The fragrance of life itself.

She's the cool hand on your brow when you're not feeling well.

She's your breath in the air



Pictured are (front) Henrietta Wassenaar (back, left) LaVonne Kroese, Evelyn Rens, Catherine De Witt and Joan Boeve.



Henrietta Wassenaar

on a cold winter's day.

She's the sound of the rain that lulls your sleep. The colors of a rainbow.

She's Christmas morning. Your mother lives inside your laughter.

She's the place you came from. Your first home, and she's the map you follow with every step you take.

She's your first love. Your first best friend. Even your first enemy.

But nothing on earth can separate you, not time, not space, not even death.

My mother was an excellent cook and was featured as the Cook of the Week in the May 1998 issue of the Sioux Falls Argus Leader.

This week I am featuring some of my mom's favorite recipes.

Pork and Bean Bread

- 1 cup raisins
- 1 cup boiling water
- 3 eggs, beaten
- 2 cups sugar
- 1 cup vegetable oil
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 15-ounce can pork and beans
- 3 cups flour
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 cup chopped nuts
- Add raisins to boiling water and set aside.
- Mash beans with a fork in a large bowl until very smooth. Add sugar, eggs, oil and vanilla. Mix well.

Sift together dry ingredients and fold in. Drain raisins and fold in with chopped nuts. Spoon batter into three greased and floured loaf pans. Bake at 325 degrees for 50 to 60 minutes or until a knife inserted in the center comes out clean.

Rhubarb Cream Pie

- 3 eggs
- 2 tablespoons flour
- 3/4 cup flour
- 1/2 cup half and half
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 to 3 cups chopped rhubarb
- 9-inch unbaked pie shell
- Beat together eggs, cream, flour, vanilla and sugar. Add rhubarb. Stir and pour into pie crust. Bake at 375 degrees until knife inserted in pie comes out clean, about 30 minutes.

Tax abatement/cont. from page 1

New Vision's Chief Executive Officer Frank McDowell answered questions at the public hearing and provided a business update on the Magnolia facility.

"We have 23 full-time employees. We have two job openings," he said. "We have 60 percent more employees than we committed to and we did it in less than half the time we committed to... you have a good partner here ... we do stuff right."

In the Hills expansion plan, New Vision proposes expanding its current 10-person workforce to 16 within three years.

Unlike the Magnolia facility abatement, the Hills' tax abatement is only on the expansion projects: a new 1.2 million bushel grain bin and 9,300-ton fertilizer plant. Cost of the expansion is estimated at \$9.2 million.

The co-op would continue to pay taxes on its existing facilities. The county would continue

to receive \$7,600 annually and the township would receive \$3,178 according to the company's 2016 tax statement.

The Magnolia abatement, which expires in 2017, increased employment opportunities in the county as well as increasing the local cash grain market and adding value to area agricultural products via livestock feed.

The added market value to the county's industrial properties is viewed as a way to lessen the tax burden on the county's agricultural land base.

"Anytime you can look to actual physical structures and commerce within the county to help share some of that tax burden, it's a smart way to go," said Commissioner Jody Reisch.

While the county is delaying some of its revenue for 10 years, Martin Township delayed its revenue for only five years due to planned upgrades and additional maintenance to 41st Street.

Currently 41st Street from County Road 53 to the Hills terminal is a gravel, seasonal 10-ton road. Because materials to and from the new fertilizer plant and grain bin will be transported by semitrailers, township officials are looking to upgrade six-tenths of a mile of 41st Street to a paved, year-round 10-ton road.

Currently, a bill has been introduced in the Minnesota Legislature for \$350,000 to Martin Township for completion of the road project with state funds instead of local dollars.

Local legislators Sen. Bill Weber and Rep. Joe Schomacker co-authored legislation in mid-March.

County Administrator Kyle Oldre assisted Martin Township officials in applying for the allocation.

"They are fairly optimistic that they will be able to land that," he said.

ASSESSMENT NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That the Board of Appeal and Equalization of the City of **Beaver Creek** in Rock County, Minnesota, will meet at the Office of the Clerk in the said city at **7:00 P.M., on Wednesday, the 20th day of April, 2016**. The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether taxable property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued and classified by the assessor, and to determine whether corrections should be made.

If you believe the value or classification is incorrect, please contact the assessor's office at 507-283-5022 to discuss your concerns. If you still are not satisfied with the valuation or classification after discussing it with your assessor, you may appear before the local board of appeal and equalization. The board shall review the valuation, classification, or both, if necessary, and shall correct as needed. Generally, an appearance before your local board of appeal and equalization is required by law before an appeal can be taken to the Rock County Board of Appeal and Equalization.

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