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## H-BC Board accepts resignation of vocal/music teacher Rebecca Rasmussen

By Glenda McGaffee

The Hills-Beaver Creek School Board accepted the resignation of vocal/music teacher Rebecca Rasmussen at their April 11 meeting.

Rasmussen has been H-BC vocal/music teacher for the past three years. Her resignation is effective at the end of the 2015-16 school year.

"I am personally sad at the loss of Mrs. Rasmussen," said School Board member Amie Fick. "She has helped build confidence in the students participating and has impacted them in a positive way."

Due to increased enrollment the board:

- approved adding part-time positions in the seventh- and eighth-grade English, mathematics, social studies and science.

- approved adding hours for physical education, health, and DAPE teacher Darin DeBoer.

- approved teaching overload for Jeanette Vanden Hoek for the 2016-17 school year per the master agreement at a cost of \$2,250.

- approved hiring a temporary paraprofessional position at the elementary school.

### In action items the board:

- accepted an anonymous donation of \$200 for elementary library use.

- approved an agreement with the Tri State Buffalos to use the varsity football field on dates requested.

- approved an agreement with ABC-Automatic Building Controls to install digital dialers at the elementary school and digital dialers and a fire control panel at the Hugo Goehle Gymnasium/Locker Room and alarm monitoring at both sites.

H-BC prom is set for April 22.

The next H-BC School Board meeting is Monday, April 25.



Glenda McGaffee photo/0421 Hills water tower

Pictured is an employee of Maguire Iron in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, painting the Hills water tower Friday, April 15. The company is repairing, cleaning and painting the water tower. The project will take approximately two weeks.

## Hills City Council approves building permits

By Glenda McGaffee

At the Tuesday, April 12, Hills City Council meeting, the following building permits were approved:

- storage shed and patio or deck to Dylan and Heather Klar-enbeek, 606 Elizabeth Avenue.

- a fence for Kelli Hellerud at 125 South Water Avenue.

- a chain link fence and repairs to shingles for Jean Hellerud at 200 Summit Avenue.

- gutters, shingles and siding to Louanne Brinkhous at 601 Josephine Avenue.

- driveway replacement and new cement patio for Jerry Ackerman at 208 Elizabeth Ave.

- a 12-by-12-foot patio for Lois Leuthold at 500 Josephine Avenue.

- removal of a portion of a fence on 610 South Central Avenue due to sale of the school's bus barn.

### In other business the council:

- approved residential development in Park View 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Addition recently purchased by the Hills EDA.

- discussed Hills Friendship Days June 11-13. The city of Hills will have a parade entry.

- gave approval for the Hills Bar to host a street dance and block off the street from the Hills Bar proceeding north to Main Avenue and Second Street. The dance will be from 9 p.m. to midnight June 11.

- approved the El Riad Shrine to use the baseball field for a private Shriners event on June 11.

- approved donating \$1,000 for inflatables during Hills Friendship Days.

- approved a request from Helping Build Community Stronger Club to have a fireworks event at Hills Rez Park either Saturday, July 2, or Saturday, July 9.

## National Volunteer Week observed at H-BC April 10-16

By Glenda McGaffee

National Volunteer Week was observed April 10-16 in Hills-Beaver Creek schools, and volunteers play an important role in the district, according to Superintendent, Todd Holthaus.

"I am so pleased to have the volunteers that give of their time and efforts to help make H-BC school great," he said. "Our volunteers are the best."

Brenda Plimpton, elementary school secretary, said school volunteers come in many different forms.

"The H-BC District is pleased to have so many members of the community partner with us," she said.

"We are thankful for the time and talent invested to benefit our students."

She said volunteers help out in concessions, grilling food at events, as ticket/admission workers at events, in the classroom, lunchroom, office and library helpers, coaches, referees, PTO members, Girls On the Run leaders and more.

Sue Bartels and Linda Olivier volunteer Monday and Wednesday mornings at the elementary school. Bartels has been a volunteer for the past 10 years and Olivier the past two years.

The ladies assist in kindergarten through third grades laminating documents, making copies and helping with

Volunteers recognized at school/see page 3

weather  
REPORT



### APRIL 10 - APRIL 16 WEATHER

High temperature for the week:	78	Rain amount for the week:	0.04 in
Low temperature for the week:	23	Rain total for April:	0.53 in
Average temperature for the week:	55		

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## obituaries

### Henrietta De Jongh

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

A funeral service was Friday, April 15, at Steen Reformed Church in Steen. Burial followed at Eastside Cemetery near Steen.

Henrietta "Etta" DeJongh was born Sept. 18, 1928, to Henry and Wilhemina (Mouw) Fikse on the family farm in Lyon County, Iowa, south of Steen. She attended country school through the eighth grade and helped on the family farm.

On Feb. 18, 1947, Etta married Harvey DeJongh at her parents' home north of Steen. The couple farmed for over forty years in Rock County, living southeast of Luverne and north of Beaver Creek. In 1992 they moved to a home in Hills. They enjoyed listening to southern gospel music and traveled across the U.S. and overseas. Her husband died in 2008.

Etta loved to visit and interact with people. Beginning in the late 1980s she was employed part time at the Mary Jane Brown Home in Luverne. Her 16-year tenure in the activities department produced deep friendships, lots of laughter and many good memories. She retired at age 79.

Etta was a lifelong member of the Reformed Church of Steen. She devoted her life to church activities, serving as a leader for the Girls League, Youth Group and Reformed Church Women (RCW). Etta was passionate about The Bible League, where she served as a "Key Lady" for 25 years and coordinated volunteers to serve at their Bible For Missions Thrift Center in Worthington.



Etta also volunteered at Center of Hope, served as a 4-H leader for many years, and was a charter member of the Clintonaires Extension Club.

Etta lived at Tuff Memorial Home in Hills from August 2012 until her death.

She is survived by four children, Ethanie (Ed) Schmidt of Tracy, Nancy (Rich) Van Heerde of Sioux Falls,

South Dakota, Ronald (Vicki) DeJongh of Chanhassen, and Patty (Dave) Morris of Fridley; ten grandchildren, Michael (Jacqueline) Schmidt of Gaylord, Kelly (Sarah) Schmidt of New Ulm, Steve (Christy) Van Heerde of Estelline, South Dakota, Beth Van Heerde of Sioux Falls, Kasey Jo (Durel) Carstensen of Lake Crystal, Brian Van Heerde of Plymouth, and Autumn Blatz, Sydney DeJongh, Bowe Blatz, and Rayna DeJongh, all of Chanhassen; eight great-grandchildren, Aubree, Kate and Britta Schmidt, Conley and Devon Carstensen, and Riley, Leah and Bailey Van Heerde; four sisters-in-law: Bertha Fikse of Woodstock, Christina (Toots) Van Iperen of Luverne, Gert DeJongh of Edgerton, and Betty DeJongh of Rock Rapids; a brother-in-law, Norman DeJongh of Luverne; and many other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Harvey; three infant children, Conley Gene, Mary Lynn and Connie Mae; a granddaughter Miranda Jo Morris, and three siblings, Dick Fikse, Dena Umland and Andy Fikse.

Arrangements were through Jurrens Funeral Home in Hills, www.jurrensfuneralhome.com (0421 F)

### Robert Kirsch

World War II veteran Robert M. Kirsch passed away peacefully at the Tuff Memorial Home

in Hills on Monday, March 28, 2016, at 91 years of age. Family visitation will be Friday, April 1, at Jurrens Funeral Home in Hills from 4-8 p.m. A memorial service was held at Bethlehem Lutheran Church on Saturday, April 2, 2016, at 11 a.m. Private family interment with full military honors will take place before the memorial service.

Robert Maurice Kirsch was born October 14, 1924, to Adolph and Amanda (Hagen) Kirsch at their home in Hills, Minnesota. He was raised and educated in Hills, graduating from Hills High School in 1942.

In February 1943 he enlisted in the U.S. Army. He went through basic training at Camp Wallace, Texas, and radio school in Kansas City, Missouri. After being stationed stateside in Texas and Oklahoma, he was deployed to Manila, Philippines, near the end of World War II. His duties included guarding a motor pool and when his unit was deactivated he was sent south of Manila to guard Japanese prisoners of war. He was honorably discharged in March 1946 and returned to Hills. Following his discharge he worked for the Great Northern Railroad

and Minneapolis Gas Company. His life's work as an electrician began at McClure Electric in Luverne and he worked as a journeyman electrician and plumber for Nuffer Hardware in Hills from 1948 to 1968. From 1968 until his retirement in 1986, Bob worked for Interstate Power Company in Hills and Heron Lake as a lineman and service rep. Upon retirement Bob and Twila moved to Sioux Falls and then back to Hills in 1991.

Robert married Betty Jane Block on February 8, 1948. To this union five children were born. Betty died in 1959 at the early age of 30. For the next 8 years Bob raised his five children with the help of the Block family, the Hagen family and the village of Hills. On June 17, 1967, Bob married Twila (Kraetsch) Jauert and adopted her two daughters. Bob always felt blessed to have found the love of his life, Twila.

Bob was a lifelong member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church, having served on the church council and cemetery board. He was a member of the American Legion Post 399 for 71 years. As an active member of the Hills community, Bob had served with the Hills Fire Department, the Hills City Council and as mayor of Hills for a short time. He was always proud of his Norwegian

heritage and every May 17th he would observe Syttende Mai (Norwegian Constitution Day) by proudly flying his Norwegian flag.

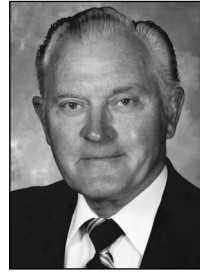
Bob took up golf in his retirement and enjoyed that activity with his wife and friends for many years. During the winter months, Bob and Twila enjoyed the warmer weather of southern Texas for a number of years. They enjoyed traveling to many parts of the US and Mexico visiting family, their children, grandchildren and friends.

He is survived by his wife of nearly 49 years, Twila, his four daughters, Barbara (Ron) Koch, Bismarck, North Dakota; Becky (John) Fallenstein, Rosarita, Mexico; Debra (Luke) Mathias, Starbuck; Cynthia Kirsch Pohlman, Hills; and two sons, Brian Kirsch, Sioux Falls, South Dakota; Barry (Jane) Kirsch, Riverside, Iowa. He was a loving grandpa to 18 grandchildren and 17 (soon to be 18) great-grandchildren.

Robert was preceded in death by his first wife, Betty Jane; hisson, Robert Mark, his parents, Adolph and Amanda, his only brother, Jean Paul and an infant sister, Berniece Mary.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be given to Bethlehem Lutheran Church or the Tuff Memorial Home in Hills, Minnesota.

(0407 V)



## death notice

### John Crawford

John Leslie Crawford, 91, Luverne, formerly of Beaver Creek, died Saturday, April 16, 2016, at the Sanford Luverne Hospice Cottage. A funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. today, Thursday, April 21, at the First Presbyterian Church in Beaver Creek. Burial will follow in the Beaver Creek Cemetery. Visitation was from 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, April 20, at Hartquist Funeral Home in Luverne. Arrangements are by Hartquist Funeral Home of Luverne, www.hartquistfuneral.com (0421 DN)

## community news

### Meetings

**Helping Build Communities Stronger** will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 26, in the Hills Legion Club rooms. The group will work on finalizing Friendship Days weekend activities. The event is scheduled for June 10-12.

**MS Support 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.

### Tuff 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."

### 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.

### Virtual Dementia

Twenty-minute virtual dementia tours will be from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, April 22, in the Community Education Room at school. The tours will allow participants to experience what it is like to have dementia (as seen on ABC News). This is not meant for those with dementia). Call 283-4724 to schedule a tour.

### Community meal

The United Methodist Church, Luverne, will host the fourth Wednesday free community meal Wednesday, April 27. Serving begins at 5:30 p.m.

### Relay nominations and registrations

The Rock County Relay for Life Committee will accept team registrations until May 1 for the June 10 event. Community members are also encouraged to nominate a caregiver to be honored. Call 507-734-2174 at mdomagal@amfam.com for nomination forms due May 1.

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## COMMUNITY INFORMATIONAL MEETING

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## Thursday, April 21

## 7 p.m.

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The topic will be  
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## Volunteers/continued from page 1

other duties to assist the teachers.

"The H-BC Elementary school is very fortunate to have two wonderful volunteers, Sue Bartels and Linda Olivier," said Shelly Fischer, kindergarten teacher at H-BC.

"We enjoy seeing their smiles and helpful ways every week. We couldn't do many of our fun projects without them. Our appreciation goes beyond words."

Pictured at right are volunteers and kindergarten students (front, from left) Ella Rheault, Ruby Susie, Lily Top, AnnMarie Wiersema, Trinley Vanderburg, (middle row) Raeanna Chesley, Haven Kerkhove-Brandt, Claire Boeve, Sage DeBoer, Alli Schouwenburg, Macey Heubrock, (back) volunteer Sue Bartels, JaMarcus Wright, Max Sammons, Elijah Graves, Hunter Holter, Garrett Blank, Brodie Metzger, Holden Bennett and volunteer Linda Olivier.



Glenda McGaffee photo/0421 volunteers and students



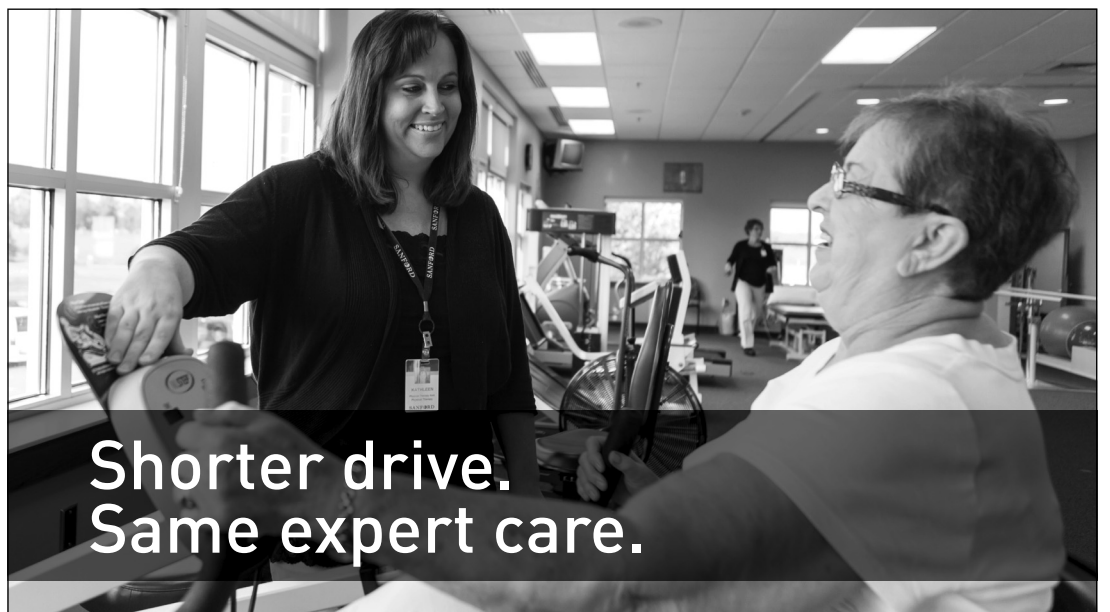
Glenda McGaffee photos/0421 Bork benefit

## Benefit event raises nearly \$26,000

The Stacey Bork benefit event Saturday, April 16, in the Hills American Legion raised nearly \$26,000. Bork is fighting a chronic disease that affects his organs and can cause organ failure.

Pictured at right are the Bork family members at the benefit for Stacey Bork at the Hills American Legion, Saturday, April 16, are (front, from left) Gunnar, Stacey, (back) Hunter, Lisa and Olivia.

Pictured below Grace Bundesen (left), Bailey Swan, Marilyn Nelson and Amy Susie help get bidders signed up at the benefit auction.



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ALTITUDE



**10 years ago (2006)**

•The Hills-Beaver Creek Partners in Prevention group continue to create new and inventive ways to inform students about making healthy life decisions.

The group was started two years ago by student adviser and H-BC health nurse Lois Leenders. The students work closely with the PIP program in Luverne. ...

**25 years ago (1991)**

•Roger Carlson, County Executive Director of the Rock County ASCS Office, announces a new conservation practice available for cost-share assistance to Rock County farmers. A no-Till Systems practice has recently been approved to be added to the Agricultural Conservation Program docket.

The purpose of the No-Till Systems practice is to encourage new producers to try this method of farming. The benefits, in addition to conserving energy, will be to protect the soil from wind and water erosion and reduce pollution from animal waste, sediment and chemically contaminated runoff.

**50 years ago (1966)**

•Stan Gyberg, DHIA Supervisor, reports that the Andy Rozeboom herd near Steen had an average of 43.4 pounds of butterfat per cow for the month of February to lead all herds in the Rock County Association. Second place went to William Galagan near Kenneth with 42.3, third was Ray Hansen with 41.9, fourth was

Benson Brothers with 41.1, Jake Bruyness had fifth place with 38.9, and Morris Van Peurse had 38.6.

**75 years ago (1941)**

•The \$40,000 public school building at Inwood, Ia. was completely destroyed by fire Sunday, the origin of which is still a mystery. Some believe the blaze was started from defective wiring, others say it was caused from lightning, and still others contend that an explosion of chemicals in the school's laboratory could have been responsible. The fire was discovered shortly after the noon hour and help was called from neighboring towns to help fight the blaze. Over 65,000 gallons of water were pumped on the fire to no avail, and by 4:00 o'clock that afternoon the roof caved in and the west wall was down. \$64,200.00 in insurance was carried by the school district.

**100 years ago (1916)**

•Yes, sir, there is not a business house in Hills that is not putting on improvements right along, and it only goes to show that this town is coming to the front, not in leaps and bounds, but a good steady pull.

There are many reasons for the improvements in the business houses and the upbuilding of the resident section - our churches, school, light plant, co-operative creamery, a live commercial club, and last but not least, eight mail trains every day. Does the above look like Hills is among the dead or dying towns? We guess not!



**Patriots compete in Luverne**

By John Rittenhouse

The Hills-Beaver Creek track teams turned in solid showings at the Cardinal Relays in Luverne April 12.

The Patriots produced a combined three meet championships and placed second in one event at a competitive meet.

The H-BC boys landed two event titles and placed second in one event to highlight a 71-point performance as a team.

H-BC placed fourth in an 11-team field that was led by Pipestone, which registered 148 points.

Zach Scholten and Isaiah Vis claimed meet titles for H-BC.

Scholten cleared 6-2 to win the high jump, while Vis covered 19-1 3/4 to take top honors in the long jump.

Vis also ran a leg with H-BC's 400-meter relay, which placed second in 48.49.

Hunter Bork, Drew Forshey and Nick Kiers teamed up with Vis in the relay.



John Rittenhouse photo/0421 hbc track 1

Hills-Beaver Creek's Trenton Bass keeps pace with an Edgerton-Southwest Christian athlete during the 400-meter dash at the Cardinal Relays in Luverne April 12. The H-BC boys placed fourth and the girls seventh in team competition.

The H-BC girls scored 31 points to place seventh in a 10-team field led by Luverne, which compiled 206.33 points.

Grace Bundesen turned in the girls' top effort by clearing 4-8 to win the high jump.

Here is a look at the rest of H-BC's point-producing efforts during the Cardinal Relays.

**H-BC boys**  
Third place: Vis, 100, 12.47; Forshey, high jump, 5-6; 1,600 relay (Kiers, Luke LaRock, Vis and Jax Wysong), 3:52.04.  
Fourth place: Forshey, 110 hurdles, 18.29;

Scholten, discus, 104-9.  
Fifth place: Scholten, shot, 40-0; Trenton Bass, triple jump, 35-9 1/2.  
Seventh place: Wysong, 100, 12.7; Dean Fuerstenberg, 400, 59.37.  
Eighth place: Bass, 400, 1:00.03; Logan Leuthold, discus, 97-5.

**H-BC girls**  
Third place: 800 relay (Paige Tilstra, Bundesen, Sidney Fick and Madison Spath), 1:57.54; 1,600 relay (Spath, Tilstra, Bundesen and Fick), 4:30.04.  
Fourth place: 400 relay (Tilstra, Bundesen, Fick and Spath), 55.26.  
Seventh place: Kourtney Rozeboom, shot, 28-4.  
Eighth place: Tilstra, triple jump, 27-3 1/2; Fick, long jump, 13-3 1/2.

**school menu**

**Hills-Beaver Creek Public Schools Lunch Menu:**

- Monday, April 25:** Grilled chicken breast with rice, broccoli, peaches, dinner roll.
- Tuesday, April 26:** Chicken bowtie hotdish, peas, applesauce, bread.
- Wednesday, April 27:** Super nachos, green beans, pears, bread.
- Thursday, April 28:** Hamburger on a bun, corn, mandarin oranges.
- Friday, April 29:** Hot dog on a bun, sweet potato fries, pineapple.

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**Linksters top incomplete Raiders**

By John Rittenhouse

The Hills-Beaver Creek boys' golf team posted their fourth win of the season Thursday in Fulda.

The victory came easy for the Patriots, who were pitted against an incomplete Fulda

squad that couldn't produce a team tally.

Stuart Plimpton secured medalist honors for the 4-2 Patriots by firing a 39.

Trevor Paulsen shot a 51 for H-BC, while Preston Maassen and Dylon Taubert added

52s to H-BC's 195-stroke team tally.

Justin Dierks shot a 45 for the incomplete Raiders.

H-BC hosts Heron Lake-Okabena Thursday in Larchwood, Iowa.

**Dragons even score with H-BC golfers**

By John Rittenhouse

The Hills-Beaver Creek boys' golf team couldn't match the success they experienced at the Adrian Area Country Club to open the season.

One week after sweeping a triangular at the course on April 5,

the Patriots returned to the site to take on the Dragons on April 12.

The Dragons evened the score with the Patriots by saddling H-BC with a 199-243 setback.

Stuart Plimpton led H-BC with a 46, while Preston Maassen, Dylon Taubert and Trevor Paulsen

added respective 61-, 66- and 70-stroke rounds to the team tally.

Cooper Vaughn and Noah Hellerud shot 76- and 79-stroke rounds without impacting the scoring.

Ryan Elias collected medalist honors for Adrian by firing a 40.

**Scholten, Vis place second in Pipestone**

By John Rittenhouse

The Hills-Beaver Creek track teams traveled to Pipestone Saturday to mix it up at the Pipestone Invitational.

The H-BC boys turned in a pair of second-place performances to highlight the appearance at the meet.

Zach Scholten cleared 6-0 to place second in the high jump, while Isaiah Vis covered 18-10 1/4 to finish second in the long jump.

Kourtney Rozeboom and Grace Bundesen turned in the top efforts for the Patriot girls.

Rozeboom finished fourth in the shot put with a distance of 31-2, while Bundesen cleared 4-6 to place fourth in the high jump.

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

**H-BC boys**  
Third place: 400 relay (Hunter Bork, Nick Kiers, Jed Burgers and Vis), 49.54.  
Fourth place: Trenton Bass, triple jump, 36-7 1/2.  
Sixth place: Vis, 100, 12.48; Scholten, shot,

39-1; 800 relay (Bass, Luke LaRock, Dean Fuerstenberg and Jax Wysong), 1:42.92; 1,600 relay (Kiers, LaRock, Burgers and Wysong), 3:55.44.  
Seventh place: Scholten, discus, 106-8; Burgers, long jump, 17-11 1/2.  
Eighth place: Easton Harnack, triple jump, 34-3 1/2.

**H-BC girls**  
Fifth place: Paige Tilstra, triple jump, 30-1 1/2; 400 relay (Madison Spath, Bundesen, Sidney Fick and Tilstra), 55.16; 800 relay (Spath, Bundesen, Fick and Tilstra), 1:56.15.  
Seventh place: Fick, long jump, 14-3.  
Eighth place: Fick, triple jump, 28-8 1/2.



*Close the Gate*  
By Nancy Kraayenhof

**Criminal**

Way back in 2007 (has it been THAT long?!), my husband's father passed away peacefully in his sleep. After the evening of the visitation, the eight children sat around and reminisced about Dad and his farming days. I never knew him when he farmed but I wish I had. I sat alongside, listening and chuckling right along, wishing I had known those days of this man I knew so little of.

What I didn't know is that my soul absorbed some of those memories, and they came out early the next morning as a poem to be read at his funeral.

"Close the Gate" poem was published in my weekly column then and was in Grit in 2009 and <SHAZAM!> it was

on the Internet.

Since that day I have received email requests from all over the world for its printing on funeral programs. I haven't kept track, but it's in the hundreds and I am honored every time someone takes the time and makes the effort to contact me. I always grant permission for such use, and it warms my heart to think that part of my soul has reached out and gently touched the mourning souls of others.

A while back, a company from St. Paul contacted me about printing and framing my poem for wholesale to art and gift shops. We struck a royalty agreement, I approved the proof and <SHAZAM again!> this tiny part of my very soul is for sale on Amazon, Wayfair and even Walmart websites

and is even on the wall of Crossroads in Sioux Falls.

I am a writer. It's what I do. Always have. Probably always will. Something in my heart and soul overflows and needs to be poured out in written form, or I may very well explode and that would not be pretty. I've written a ton of drivel, some comedy, a few informational pieces, a bit of drama, a tragedy or two and lots of miscellaneous stuff. Every writing, good and bad, is a part of me.

Now I don't know how real artists feel about their art, but I am possessive of my writings. I did have the honor of corresponding with Ron Tramner, author of the very famous "Broken Chain" poem and I know he feels the same. I like to see these minute bits of me

in print. I love having people read them and I certainly don't mind making a dollar or two because of them.

Mr. Tramner suggested I Google my poem once in awhile to see if anyone is using it inappropriately. This week I came across a gal who owns a flower and gift shop in Iowa that is selling my "Close the Gate" poem on handmade signs and in vinyl lettering on tiles. This is not an ignorant teenager used to pirating movies and images off the web; this is a grown businesswoman who knows better.

If you want to hand letter my poem on your living room wall or copy it down and carry it around in your wallet or use it to honor a farmer who's passed on to Glory, then fine. I'm delighted. But use a piece of my soul to try to make money

without my permission and... well... you don't want to poke that bear.

It's called copyright infringement and it's against the law. Such disputes are usually resolved through direct negotiation, a notice and takedown process, litigation in civil court or prosecution by the criminal justice system because it's stealing.

People who do this sort of thing have serious ethical problems. They don't respect the artist, are just out for the all-mighty buck and not willing to share it in the form of royalties.

Shame on you, Sarah. You've made this bear roar, Cease and desist and shut the front door!

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firstpalisade@alliancecom.net  
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Thursday, April 28: 1:30 p.m. WELCA Regular Meeting.

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Ph. 962-3270  
e-mail: bethlehempluth@alliancecom.net  
Sunday, April 24: 9 a.m. Worship at Tuff Chapel. 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship at Bethlehem.  
Tuesday, April 26: 2:30 p.m. Bible Study at Tuff Home. 3:15 p.m. Bible Study at The Village.  
Wednesday, April 27: 9 a.m. Quilting. 6:30 p.m. Confirmation for grades 8-9.

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# Tuff News

By Shateen Lichter

It was busy at the Tuff Home this week as we celebrated Volunteer Appreciation on Wednesday.

Spring colors were bursting throughout the dining room as volunteers filed in for an afternoon of magical entertainment.

After opening speeches from Administrator Alex Dys-the and Judi Feucht, activity assistant, we welcomed Jason Krull, local magician from Valley Springs, South Dakota. He performed several card tricks, proved that Jennie Brower, as well as the rest of the volunteers, can read much better than I can (I am still embarrassed by this) and even went head to head with Dick Smook on who could bend a fork using only their breath and their mind. Residents and volunteers engaged in discussion while appreciating his performance. Chocolate and strawberry brownie sundaes were served afterward.

The Tuff Memorial Home greatly appreciates the volunteers who give of their time to make the days special and meaningful for the residents. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Shateen Lichter at 962.3275 or email at slichter@tuffmemorialhome.com.

Thursday morning Serena Gutnik, director at Rock County Community Library, led Whoga. We enjoyed having her join us and lead this exercise class and hope to have her back again soon.

After a month of patient waiting, the Tuff Country Store opened on Friday afternoon. Once again the Tuff Country



Mariann Metzger shops the Tuff Country Store on Friday.

Store was a success this month. Hot items included women's clothing, quilts, lap blankets, makeup, snacks and candy.

It could not have been done without the support of our staff and community. We would like to thank Marie Walraven, Lois Nelson, Shirley Hoogeveen, Gwen Bodewitz, Kathy Jasper, Greg and Dianna Spath, Mary Crawford, Amy and Jerrien DeBoer, Alma Rowe, Carol Gehrke, Bonnie Hengeveld, Kaysha Blomgren, the Apostolic Church, Twila Kirsch, Judy DeNoble and other anonymous donors for their contributions to the Country Store this month.

The Tuff Country Store is in need of face powder, face lotion, women's short sleeve tops, mascara, quilts, room sprays, small cans of pop, chips, movie theater box candy, nylons, fingernail polish, and picks/combs.

Looking ahead this week:

- Wednesday, April 20: 2:20 p.m. Adopt A Grandparent.
- Thursday, April 21: 10

a.m. Shrine Circus Outing. 2:30 p.m. Catholic Services; 2:30 p.m. bingo.

Friday, April 22: 2:30 p.m. Men's Den & Gal Pals.

Saturday, April 23: 10 a.m. Piano Recital.

• Sunday, April 24: 9 a.m. Worship.

Monday, April 25: 2:30 p.m. Bingo.

Tuesday, April 26: 3:30 p.m. Hangman.

• Wednesday, April 27: 2:30 p.m. Baseball. 3 p.m. Administrative Assistant Social

Next Wednesday, April 27, is Administrative Professionals Day, and we would like to recognize Pat Paulsen and the many tasks she completes for the Tuff Memorial Home. Pat has been at the Tuff Home for 13 years. She says her favorite part is when residents stop by her office window to visit.

Thank you, Pat, for your dedication.

Staff birthdays this week include Shari Blied, April 22; Ellie Meester, April 24; and Samantha Koedam, April 27.

We hope you have a great week!

## CITY OF HILLS - CITY RESIDENTS ONLY!!! CURBSIDE SPRING JUNK PICK UP SATURDAY, MAY 14<sup>TH</sup>

There is a \$15 fee for appliances, such as stoves, refrigerators, washers, dryers, freezers, microwaves, water heaters, water softeners, dehumidifiers, dishwashers, furnaces, air conditioners, garbage disposals, heat pumps, trash compactors, compressors, treadmills, etc.

**Doors on refrigerators & freezers must be secured shut. APPLIANCE FEES must be paid in advance at the City Office or drop payment in the utility drop box prior to junk day. FEES ARE NONREFUNDABLE!**  
**DO NOT USE GARBAGE OR RECYCLING CARTS FOR JUNK PICK-UP.**

Separate iron from other materials.

Remove valves from LP gas grill tanks.

NO leaves, grass, branches, these items can be taken to the City's compost pile.

NO recyclable materials.

NO cement, No bricks, No sheet rock, No railroad ties, No pallets, No siding, No shingles, No lumber, No construction material.

**Junk items that absorb water — please keep inside until pick-up date to eliminate adding overall weight, which increases landfill tipping fees.**

NO weekly household garbage allowed in junk pick up.

NO computer monitors, No electronic materials (such as TV's, stereos, computer parts, etc.), No toxic or hazardous materials, No fluorescent bulbs, No oil, No oil filters, No tires, No vehicle batteries — these items must be taken to the Rock County Transfer Station by

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# Whither-soever

By Glenda McGaffee

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All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small, All things wise and wonderful, The Lord God made them all.

Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings, He made their glowing colors, He made their tiny wings.

The rich man in his castle, the poor man at his gate, God made them, high or lowly, And ordered their estate.

The purple-headed mountain, the river running by, The sunset and the morning, that brightens up the sky;

The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun, The ripe fruits in the garden, He made them every one.

The tall trees in the green-wood, the meadows where we play, The rushes by the water We gather every day;

He gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell, How great is God Almighty, who has made all things well.

This is one of my favorite poems written by Cecil Frances Alexander and was the inspiration to many people including authors James Herriot and Jan and Mike Berenstain.

Have you ever read books written by James Herriot? Herriot, whose real name was James Alfred "Alf" Wright, was a British veterinary surgeon and writer who used his many years of experiences as a veterinary surgeon to write a series of books about animals and their owners. He is best known for his semi-autobiographical works, beginning with "All Creatures Great and Small" in 1972 followed by "All Things Bright and Beautiful" and "All Things Wise and Wonderful."

Alice Severtson, the director of nurses at the Tuff Memorial Home in the 1970s, introduced

me to Herriot's books.

Recently I was shopping with my daughter Samantha at Teacher's Helper in Sioux Falls and discovered the book written by Jan and Mike Berenstain titled "All Things Bright and Beautiful." The book is about the Sunday school teacher, Missus Ursula, who takes her Sunday school class on a nature walk to appreciate God's bright and beautiful creation.

It is not hard to imagine how the poem "All Things Bright and Beautiful" written by Cecil Frances Alexander inspired so many people.

### Asparagus

Did you know asparagus is available February through late June and the peak season is April through May?

Asparagus has a slender, light green stalk with a tightly closed bud at the top.

Asparagus is most often served cooked as a side dish but can be enjoyed raw on vegetable platters.

Store unwashed asparagus in a sealed plastic bag in the refrigerator crisper drawer for up to four days.

There are more ways than just steaming and grilling asparagus. Try this versatile fresh ingredient in appetizers, breakfast dishes, dips, pasta salads and stir fries.

### Asparagus Beef Stir-Fry

1 pound beef tenderloin roast, cubed

1 green onion, sliced

1/2 teaspoon salt

1/4 teaspoon pepper

1 tablespoon canola oil

2 garlic cloves, minced

1 pound fresh asparagus, trimmed and cut into 2-inch pieces.

1/2 pound sliced fresh mushrooms

1/4 cup butter, cubed

1 tablespoon reduced-sodium soy sauce

1 1/2 teaspoons lemon juice

Hot cooked rice

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In a wok or large skillet, stir-fry the beef, onion, salt and pepper in oil for 3 to 5 minutes. Add garlic; cook 1 minute longer. Remove and keep warm.

In the same pan, stir-fry asparagus and mushrooms in butter until asparagus is tender. Return beef mixture to the pan. Stir in soy sauce and lemon juice; heat through. Serve with rice.

Yield: 4 servings.

### Crunchy Asparagus Medley

1 1/2 pounds, fresh asparagus, cut into 2-inch pieces

1 cup thinly sliced celery  
2 cans (8 ounces, each) sliced water chestnuts, drained

1/4 cup slivered almonds, toasted

2 tablespoons soy sauce  
2 tablespoons butter

In a large saucepan, cook the asparagus and celery in a 1/2 inch of water for 3 to 5 minutes or until crisp-tender; drain.

Stir in the water chestnuts, almonds, soy sauce and butter; heat through.

Yield: 8 to 10 servings

## legals

### Beaver Creek Resolution 2016-3

The Beaver Creek City Council approved Resolution 2016-3 which was an amendment to the City of Beaver Creek animal ordinance allowing chickens within city limits. The full ordinance amendment is available for review at the clerk's office.

/s/ Jane Blank, MCMC  
City Clerk/Treasurer

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### H-BC School Board meets March 28

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Minutes

March 28, 2016

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

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

Chairman Fransman called the meeting to order.

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

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

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

Motion by Fick, second by Leuthold, and carried to approve the bills.

Motion by LaRock, second by Fick, and carried to approve the Student Accounts. Motion by Moser, second by Kueter, and carried to approve the 2016-2017 School Year service contract with SW/WC Services Cooperative

Motion by Gehrke, second by LaRock, and carried to approve SW/WC Staff Development Plan and Contract for the 2016-2017 school year.

Motion by Fick, second by Kueter, and carried to approve a contract with American Fence Company for repair and moving of the southeast corner of the football field fence.

Personnel Items:

Motion by Leuthold, second by LaRock, and carried to approve hiring Chris Haak as Band/Music Instructor beginning the 2016-2017 school year.

Motion by Moser, second by LaRock and carried to approve the resignation of Robin Schuelke, Secondary Math Instructor and Math League/Math Counts Advisor effective at the end of the 2015-2016 school year.

Patriot Pride:

Artist in Residence: Mural Viewing

District Non-Action Items:

Community Education Committee update from 3/17/16.

Personnel committee discussion/report on staffing recommendations for 2016-2017 school year.

Mr. Phelps presented the Elementary Report.

Mr. Holthaus presented the Secondary / Superintendent report.

Legislative Report – Board Member LaRock

Dates to Remember:

April 11 Regular Board Meeting

April 18 FFA Banquet

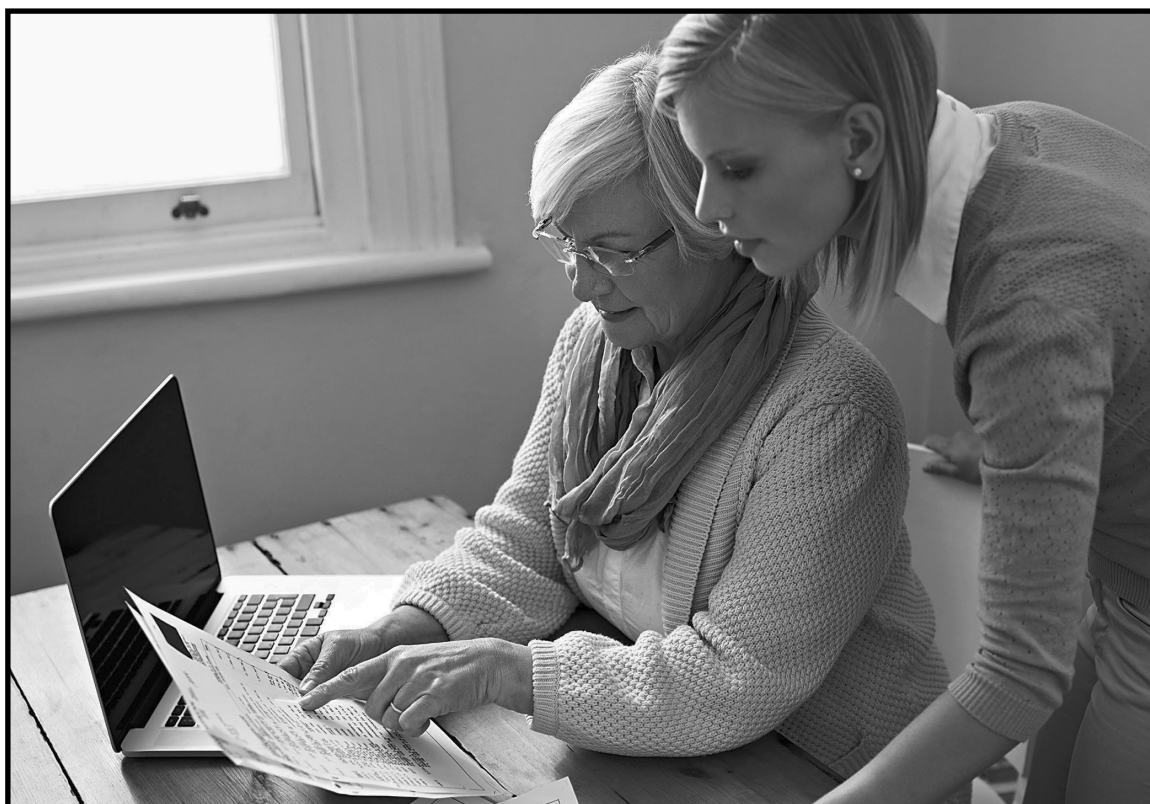
April 25 Regular Board Meeting

Agenda Items for Next Meeting:

Recommendations for position discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Lois Leuthold, Clerk  
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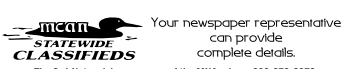
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