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Chickens allowed in Beaver Creek city

By Mavis Fodness

The raising and keeping of chickens inside the city limits of Beaver Creek is now permissible, thanks to the efforts of one of its citizens.

Aaron Blank appeared at a recent city council meeting inquiring about housing a small number of chickens within city limits and collecting their eggs for his family's own consumption.

Prior to Blank's request, raising chickens within city limits was prohibited.

Councilor Pat Bender worked with Blank to craft the four-page resolution to allow up to five hens in a backyard coop. Council members passed the resolution at their Wednesday, April 13, meeting.

"At first I was totally against it," Bender admitted. "I thought we were opening a can of worms."

When a second inquiry about keeping a few chickens in town for egg production surfaced, Bender changed her mind, thanks to Blank's research.

"I don't see any downfalls," Benders said.

Blank said he became interested in raising eggs for his family due to his frequent trips to an area farm for three dozen eggs.

Blank's wife, Anita, operates a day care and eggs are used daily for breakfasts and the making of baked goods. He also sees the birds as consumers of the family's leftover meal scraps.

Research into an ordinance specifically for Beaver Creek (pop. 294) wasn't easy since he couldn't find any cities of its small size that allow chicken coops and runs within their cities.

Blank said he tailored information from city ordinances whose population is more than a 1,000 times larger than Beaver Creek.

Key elements for the raising of chickens in Beaver Creek are as follows:

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Photos by Glenda McGaffee

'Shine Bright Like a Diamond'

Hills-Beaver Creek High School students enjoyed their prom Friday, April 22, at the Hugo Goehle gym in Hills under the theme, "Shine Bright Like A Diamond." Pictured here, Dean Fuerstenberg and Grace Holthaus are master and mistress of ceremonies for H-BC's prom. See the Hills Crescent pages 6-7 for more color photographs of H-BC's 2016 prom.



Glenda McGaffee photo/0428 Beaver Bar owners

Pictured are the owners of Up The Dam Creek Bar in Beaver Creek (from left) Earl Vanden Bussche, Marci Lee and Wade Hofer.

Up The Dam Creek opens in Beaver Creek

By Glenda McGaffee

The town of Beaver Creek has been without a bar since Oct. 1, 2015.

On Thursday, April 14, the bar reopened under new management and a new name.

Up The Dam Creek is the new name, and Marci Lee, Valley Springs, South Dakota, Earl Vanden Bussche, Beaver Creek, and Wade Hofer, Valley Springs, are the owners.

Due to plumbing problems, the opening of the bar was delayed several months.

The bar will open at 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and Friday and Saturday the hours are 10 a.m. to 1 a.m. Pizza and microwave sandwiches are available.

The owners are working on a new logo for the bar and would appreciate suggestions from the community.

weather
REPORT



APRIL 17 - APRIL 23 WEATHER

High temperature for the week:	77	Rain amount for the week:	1.87 in
Low temperature for the week:	34	Rain total for April:	2.40 in
Average temperature for the week:	57		

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TXT4Life service reaching teens, saving lives

By Lori Sorenson

Saving a life could be as simple as a text message.

A team of local professionals is working to get the message out about TXT4Life, a suicide prevention resource that uses texting as a way for those in crisis to seek help anonymously.

Because youth are most at risk for suicide (the second leading cause of death among 15- to 24-year-olds), it's designed to respond to their most-used method of communication.

"Teens were not getting connected to crisis services by phone calls," said Amber Nase, regional TXT4Life coordinator for Southwestern Mental Health Center.

"Calling and talking directly to someone can be difficult, so texting may be easier and more comfortable for teens reaching out for help."

The service is free, confidential and anonymous, and it's available anytime, day or night.

And it's not just for youth.

"Anyone can use it, regardless of their age or location," said Nase, whose work covers Rock, Nobles, Pipestone, Cottonwood and Jackson counties.

Here's how it works:

When individuals text the word "life" to 6122, they are connected with trained counselors who can listen, provide tools and resources and help them get to a safe place, both emotionally and physically.

In 2013, the first year it was offered, the program handled 3,480 text sessions in the five-county southwest Minnesota area. In 2014 there were 5,658 and last year there were 10,000.

"The numbers are kind of shocking," said Scott Johnson, di-

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— Amber Nase, regional TXT4Life coordinator for Southwestern Mental Health Center.

rector of the Southwestern Mental Health Center in Luverne. "When Amber goes out and presents, we start getting texts. It's getting used."

He said the biggest challenge is sharing information about TXT4Life with those who could be helped by it.

"We're still losing people; the folks who are isolated and don't reach out are the most at risk," Johnson said. "One of the important things is to get the word out."

That's why the Southwestern Mental Health Center applied for — and received — a

Suicide prevention text/page 8



Glenda McGaffee photo/0421 Macijack

Pamper Me Ladies Day

Leanne Macijack displays her handcrafted jewelry at the Pamper Me Ladies Day in Hills Saturday, April 9, at Valocity Studios on Main Street. She was one of several vendors who participated in the event. Others include Boutique on Broadway, Tastefully Simple - Deanna Smith, Young Living - Alisha VanderWal, Mary Kay - Heather Schoneman, and Jamberry - Valerie Meinerts, event organizer and owner of Valocity Studios. Meinerts said she plans to have another Pamper Me Ladies Day in a couple of months.

community news

Meetings

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.

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.

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Ecumenical breakfast

First Presbyterian Church of Luverne will host an ecumenical breakfast at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 4. All area women are invited. Speaker will be Deb Rieck on "Proof of Romans 8:28."

Bank Nite movie

'Inside Out' at Palace
The free Bank Nite movie, Disney Pixar's "Inside Out," rated PG, will begin at 6 p.m. Thursday, May 5, 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. A cash prize drawing will follow the movie. Must be present to win.

'DNA Geneology 101' offered May 5

Greg Gropel, a member of the Ostfriesland Geneology Society of America, will offer "DNA Geneology 101" at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 5, in the Luverne Community Ed classroom, CE802. Gropel will share his findings about DNA basics on types of tests, names of testing companies, cost factors and how DNA can be used to determine ethnicity, ancestors migration patterns and to discover lost cousins. Call 283-4724 to register.

Afternoon Escape at Palace April 28

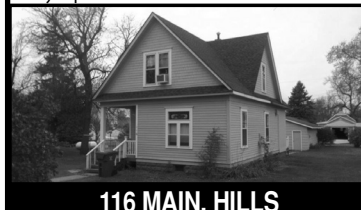
Thanks to sponsors Pizza Ranch and Hartquist Funeral Home, the Palace Theatre in Luverne will show "Spotlight," the true story of how the Boston Globe uncovered the massive scandal of child molestation and cover-up within the local Catholic Archdiocese. The movie begins at 2 p.m. Thursday, April 28. Admission is \$5.

Relay caregiver nominations and team registrations

The Rock County Relay for Life Committee will accept team registrations until May 1 for the June 10 Relay for Life at the Luverne City Park. Community members are also encouraged to nominate a caregiver to be honored at Relay for Life. Nomination forms are available at Mercie Domagala's office at American Family Insurance on West Main Street or mdomagal@amfam.com. Nominations are due by May 1. Call 507-734-2174



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school news

Morningside College initiates Taubert into Phi Eta Sigma

Carey Taubert, Hills-Beaver Creek High School, was initiated into Phi Eta Sigma, the nation's oldest and largest honor society for first-year college and university students in all disciplines. Membership in the Morningside chapter is open to full-time freshman men who earn a grade point average of 3.5 or better.

school menu

Hills-Beaver Creek Public Schools Lunch Menu:

Monday, May 2: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes with gravy, corn, peaches, dinner roll.

Tuesday, May 3: Chicken-fried steak, peas, pears, bread.

Wednesday, May 4: French toast sticks with syrup, sausage patty, orange juice, carrots.

Thursday, May 5: Chicken patty on a bun, baked beans, mixed fruit.

Friday, May 6: Italian dunkers with marinara sauce, green beans, tropical fruit.



Glenda McGaffee photo/0421 water pipe repair

Water leak leaves Hills without water for two hours

Hills Public Works Supervisor Eric Harnack and Stuart Leuthold of Leuthold Plumbing, Heating and Electric repair water pipe damage Friday evening, April 15. The town of Hills was without water for approximately two hours. The water leak was in front of the Tim and Wendy Buss home at East 4th Street.

Gravel extraction permit granted despite proximity to private well

Permit for dog kennel granted without any public objections

By Mavis Fodness

A Rock County resident's worry over his drinking water quality prompted Rock County Commissioners to review a recent gravel extraction request.

At the Tuesday, April 19, County Board meeting, two motions were made to grant conditional use permits to Reker Construction & Aggregate LLC of Adrian.

Reker requested renewal of the five-year gravel extraction permit in Section 26 of Clinton Township.

The first motion to grant the permit lapsed for the lack of a second.

After a break, Commissioner Stan Williamson made the motion again to grant the permit based on the recommendations of the Rock County Planning and Zoning Commission and the county attorney.

Commissioners unanimously granted Reker the gravel extraction permit.

Hearing April 11 draws citizen concerns

The Planning and Zoning Commission conducted a public hearing on Reker's permit request and one other request on April 11.

In the public hearing for Reker Construction's conditional

use permit, Hartman told commissioners that adjacent property owner Brad Bos raised 13 issues relating to the extraction permit.

Last year Bos drilled a new 40-foot well to supply drinking water to his home. The new well is located on the northeast corner of his farm and 300 feet from the southernmost border of the extraction area.

Current permit conditions require a pit to operate 500 feet from a private dwelling. Reker's request meets that requirement.

"I am not against the excavation of gravel," Bos said at the commissioners meeting. "I am just trying to protect my well."

Williamson, who is a representative on the planning and zoning commission, said each of Bos' concerns was addressed at the public hearing.

Three of the issues — placing of a berm between the well and gravel pit, extraction below the waterline, and holding the pit operator liable for well contamination — garnered the most discussion.

The three issues were also discussed at the commissioners meeting after County Administrator Kyle Oldre read a letter from Bos about his drinking water concerns.

County Attorney Don Klosterbuer said the commis-

sioners couldn't deny the permit based solely on its proximity to a private well.

He said gravel extraction doesn't place nitrates in the ground and there is no information supporting that gravel extraction below the water table increases or decreases nitrate infiltration.

"Having worked with rural water for many years, I can tell you water problems are seldom single sourced. It is a very active aquifer — it flows through there pretty good," Klosterbuer said. "Quite honestly, nitrates are going to almost always be related to agricultural practices."

If the well does become contaminated, however, it is the well owner's responsibility to investigate the cause, Klosterbuer said. If the source is pinpointed to one source such as gravel extraction, the operation is shut down immediately and the permit is revoked per existing regulations.

"In that respect the domestic well has protection because of its high priority," he said.

Because the topography is relatively flat where the extraction would take place in proximity to Bos' farm, the building of a berm between the well area and the gravel extraction could impede water from flowing naturally to the Rock River.

Mitch Reker with Reker construction said he doesn't intend to contaminate a well.

"But I also know from the time I was 4 years old, we had to go to my grandmother's house and haul water because our well was contaminated and there wasn't a gravel pit within three miles of us but there were a lot of cornfields," he said.

Dog kennel permit granted

Planning and Zoning Director Eric Hartman said no public comment was received on Vernon and Gloria Brouwer's application to operate a small-scale dog kennel and dog breeding operation in Section 4 of Rosedell Township.

Commissioners unanimously granted the conditional use permit.

Beaver Creek chickens from 1

•Only chickens are permitted; no other poultry or fowl are allowed.

•A permit is required annually from the city.

•Application requires three documents. These include a building permit, a written consent from neighbors, and the permit itself. All paperwork must be completed and the fee paid before the council acts on any requests.

•Coops and runs must be farther than 15 feet from the property line.

•Manure must be disposed of in a timely manner.

•Chickens must be secured inside a coop from sunset to sunrise each day.

•It is a misdemeanor offense for a resident who is found in violation of the city ordinance.

CITY OF HILLS Flushing Water Mains

The City of Hills will be flushing water mains during the month of May, which may cause loss of pressure. If rusty water occurs, residents should flush faucets prior to using water for drinking, cooking or laundry.



WEEKLY SPORTS NEWS

Track teams place seventh at Fulda Invitational

By John Rittenhouse

The Hills-Beaver Creek track teams participated at the Fulda Invitational in Slayton April 19.

Competing in a 12-squad field, the Patriot boys scored 26.5 points to place seventh in the team standings led by Pipestone (157).

The Patriot girls tallied 33.2 points to finish seventh out of 10 teams in a field led by Pipestone (148.2 points).

Drew Forshey and Zach Scholten turned in second-place finishes individually to provide the highlights of the meet for the H-BC boys.

Forshey completed the 110-meter hurdles in 18.51 to place second, while Scholten tossed the shot put 39-10 to finish second.



Forshey

Grace Bundesen turned in the top effort for the Patriot girls by earning a share of second place after clearing 4-8 in the high jump.

Here is a look at the rest of H-BC's point-earning efforts during the meet.

H-BC girls

Third place: Kourtney Rozeboom, shot, 29-10; 400 relay (Madison Spath, Bundesen, Sidney Fick and Sadie Fuerstenberg), 55.99; 800 relay (Soath, Bundesen, Fick and Hunter Harvey), 1:59.96; 1,600 relay (Spath, Josie Bartels, Bundesen and Fick), 4:30.31.
Fourth place: Rozeboom, discus, 85-9.
Sixth place: Fick, long jump, 13-8.

H-BC boys

Third place: Trenton Bass, triple jump, 36-3 1/2.
Fifth place: Scholten, discus, 104-10; 400 relay (Hunter Bork, Forshey, Nick Kiers and Jax Wysong), 49.54.
Sixth place: Forshey, high jump, 5-2.
Seventh place: Bass, long jump, 17-2.
Eighth place: Bork, 100, 26.81; 1,600



John Rittenhouse photo/0428 hbc 10

Hills-Beaver Creek senior Stuart Plimpton follows the flight of the ball after completing a drive on the second tee box at Meadow Acres Country Club near Larchwood, Iowa.

Patriots roll to win over SWC-E during home match at MACC

By John Rittenhouse

The Hills-Beaver Creek golf team upped its record to 5-2 by posting a 203-228 victory over Edgerton-Southwest Christian April 19.

The Patriots were the hosts of the meet that was staged at

Meadow Acres Country Club near Larchwood, Iowa.

H-BC played like the home team as its three lowest scorers matched or bettered the top effort turned in by an E-SWC player.

Stuart Plimpton fired a nine-over-par 45 to earn medalist

honors for H-BC.

Trevor Paulsen, Preston Maassen and Dylan Taubert contributed 49-, 54- and 55-stroke rounds to the winning team tally, while Thomas Dysthe carded a 57 without influencing the scoring. Derek Feyled E-SWC with a 54.

H-BC boys tame HL-O Wildcats Thursday

By John Rittenhouse

The Hills-Beaver Creek boys' golf team upped its record to 6-2 with a victory in Iowa Thursday.

Hosting their second consecutive meet at Meadow Acres Country Club near Larchwood, the Patriots squared off against Heron Lake-Okabena.

H-BC turned in a commanding effort by besting the Wildcats 193-247.

Stuart Plimpton led the Patriots to their 54-shot victory by

registering a seven-over-par 43 to secure medalist honors.

Trevor Paulsen, Preston Maassen and Dylan Taubert contributed respective 47-, 51- and 52-stroke rounds to the winning team tally.

Thomas Dysthe shot a 56 without impacting the scoring.

Ben Sheldahl led the Wildcats with a 52.

H-BC competes at the Fulda Triangular Thursday.



John Rittenhouse photo/0428 hbc 6

Preston Maassen fired a 51 during Thursday's win over HL-O at Meadow Acres Country Club.

ASSESSMENT NOTICE

The Board of Appeal and Equalization for Hills will meet at 6:30 P.M., on Tuesday, the 10th day of May 2016, at Hills City Hall. The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued and classified by the assessor.

If you believe the value or classification is incorrect, please contact the assessor's office to discuss your concerns. If you disagree with the valuation or classification after discussing it with your assessor, you may appear before the local board of appeal and equalization. The board will review your assessments and may make corrections as needed. Generally, you must appeal to the local board before appealing to the county board of appeal and equalization.

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Close the Gate
By Nancy Kraayenhof

Finals

It's time for finals for students across the globe. Looking for insight to writing term paper and answering essay questions, an eighth-grader asked me recently how I write my columns.

Since I have been writing this particular newspaper column for 9 1/2 years or so ... perhaps I may, by now, have a bit of insight into writing. Perhaps. Hmmm. I could become a favorite of teens the world over if I could share a secret or two, but I could also become a favorite by loaning them the keys to my Mustang.

I'll go with the secrets.

The most important thing for students to remember about writing is that you can't write if you can't read. Libraries are all but obsolete, and schools have computer labs connected to the Internet where teens can

pretend to do research while actually browsing pics of other hot teens. They practice typing by posting things like, "OMG, R U bored 2?" and "What R U doing?" Read, read, read. There is no substitute.

Next, learn how to spell and use punctuation. Nothing is more distracting to a reader as the lack or overuse of punctuation, errors in grammar and poor spelling. (I cringe at the lack of priority of this in people every time I read Facebook.) Lucky for you, word processing programs have this delightful feature called "Spell Check", which has been improving term paper grades by at least one letter and causing a severe decrease in the sales of red pencils. Sadly, computers are downright stupid when it comes to word play and literary devices, so you still can't sleep through English class.

Then you must learn to write complete words and sentences. It may very well seem obvious, but it is amazing how many people don't get it. Practice. Write a lot. Blogging is very popular and you don't have to worry about being able to write well ... the true meaning of blogging is writings by a lot of people who don't know how to write.

There is another tool out there for you: Thesaurus. It used to be a cool top-secret manual known only to creative writers, the FBI, the CIA, etc. But now they are actually on cool computers and everyone can use the cool feature. If you find yourself using the same cool adjectives (those words that describe a noun) over and over, try replacing some of your cool adjectives with other cool words.

Work on your tone or attitude of the narrator. It's not

something you download to your cell like a ringtone. When you write frequently and creatively, you begin to develop your own style that is like an appendage to your individual personality. Don't try to write like someone else.

If you want to write humor, use literary devices like hyperbole or exaggeration to create effect.

Writers of humor are given more leeway or creative license with the truth than other journalists like reporters; exaggerations should always be completely obvious and never be used to attempt to fool the reader.

If you actually have an English book, dust it off, open it up and study similes, metaphors, personification and other delectable literary devices that your teacher went over the day you were gone. Conclusions are im-

portant, too. Leave your reader with a smile. An unexpected ending can be just like the punch line of a joke, and every teacher appreciates a little levity.

Keep your articles (or term papers) short and concise. I don't know if teachers still ask for "X amount of pages" or for a minimum number of words, but your teacher has most likely seen and read it all, so forget about the redundancy (repeating to use up words) and the run-ons. My editor believes you can say everything you have to say in 650 words or less.

I'll close the gate now, so all my advice can slowly soak into your head.

I'm over my limit, so the rest of my wisdom doesn't even need to be said.

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

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Bill Bates, Pastor
Sundays: 9 a.m. Worship. 10 a.m. Fellowship. 10:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages.

Valley Springs Reformed Church
701 Sunnyside Ave.
Valley Springs, S.D.
Ph. 605-757-6640
Norman Bouwens, Pastor
Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship. 10:45 a.m. Sunday School.

First Presbyterian Church
201 S. 3rd St. P.O. Box 73
Beaver Creek
Ph. 673-2428
Email: lori.1stpc@centurylink.net
Worship Leaders Michael Blank and Andy Anderson
Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship. 9:45 a.m. Sunday School.
Third Thursday: Deborah Circle.

First Lutheran Church
300 Maple St.
Valley Springs, S.D.
Ph. 605-757-6662
firstpalisade@alliancecom.net
Ray Heidenson, Pastor
Sunday, May 1: 9:30 a.m. Sunday school. 10:30 a.m. Worship with Communion. 11:30 a.m. Fellowship Dinner.

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211 121st St.

Garretson, S.D.
Ph. 507-597-6257
firstpalisade@alliancecom.net
Ray Heidenson, Pastor
Thursday, April 28: 1:30 p.m. WELCA Regular Meeting.
Sunday, May 1: 9 a.m. Worship with Communion. 10 a.m. Sunday School.
Thursday, May 5: 8 p.m. Church Council Meeting.

Steen Reformed Church
112 W. Church Ave. Steen
Ph. 855-2336
Reuben Sinnema
Youth Pastor
Sunday, May 1: 9:30 a.m. Worship. Sunday School follows Worship. 6:30 p.m. RCYF.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church
Interim Pastor Grant Fisher
112 N. Main St., Hills
Ph. 962-3270
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Sunday, May 1: 9 a.m. Worship at Tuff Chapel. 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship at Bethlehem.
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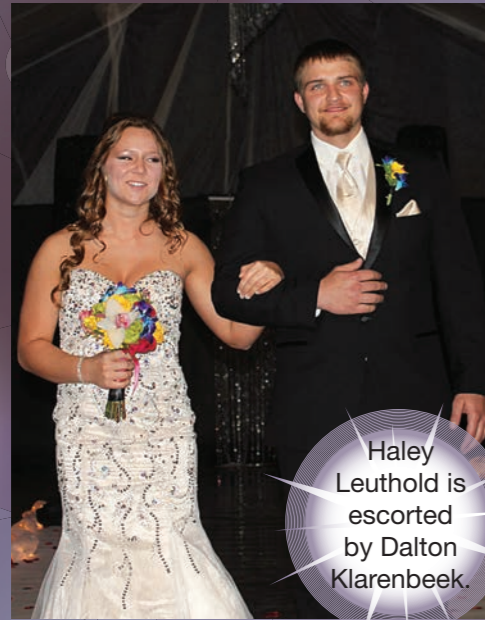
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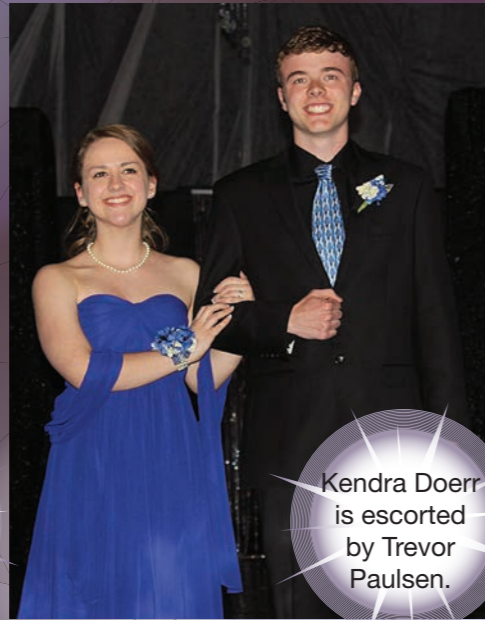
Shine Bright Like a Diamond

Photos by Glenda McGaffee

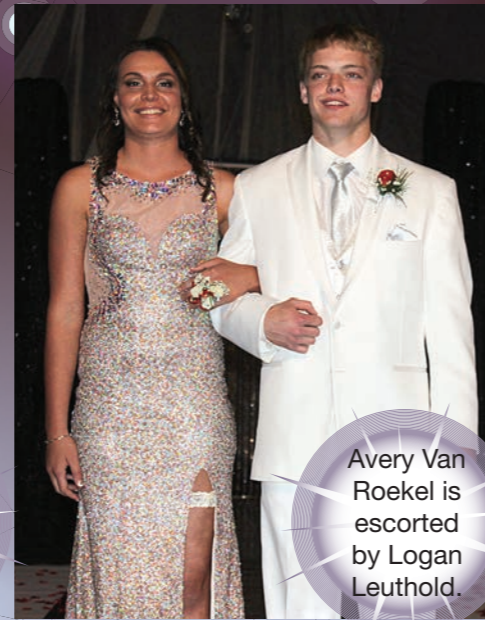
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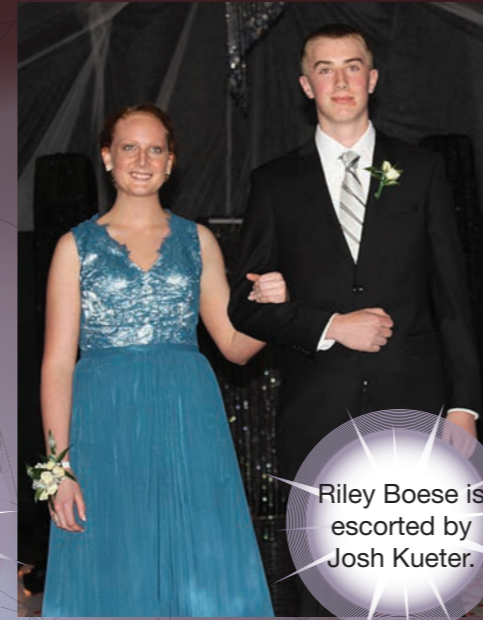
Haley Leuthold is escorted by Dalton Klarenbeek.



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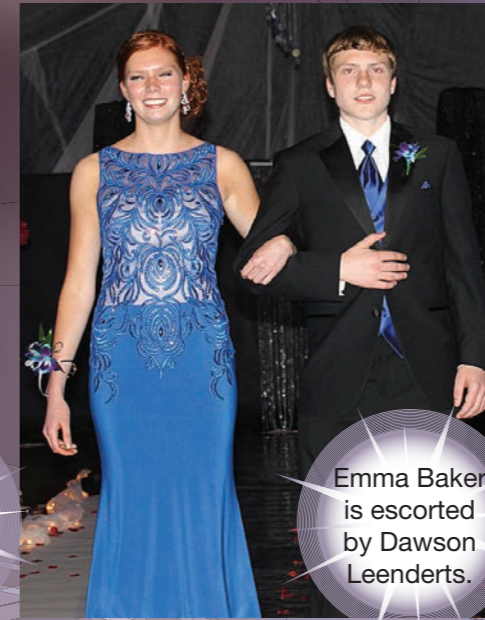
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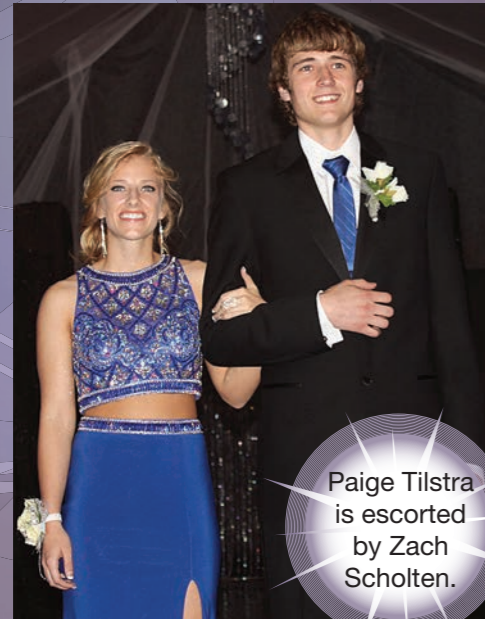
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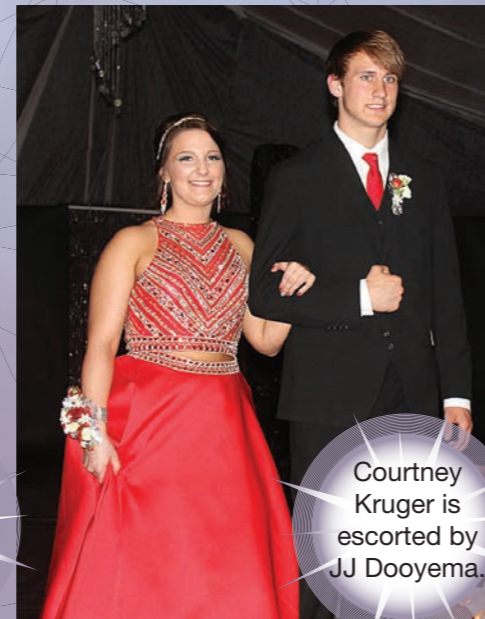
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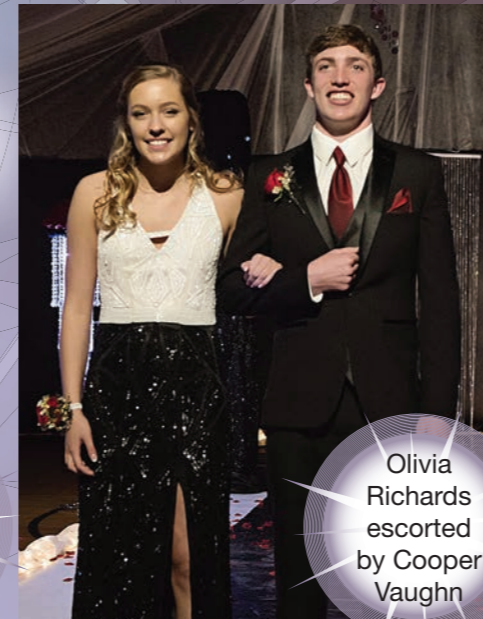
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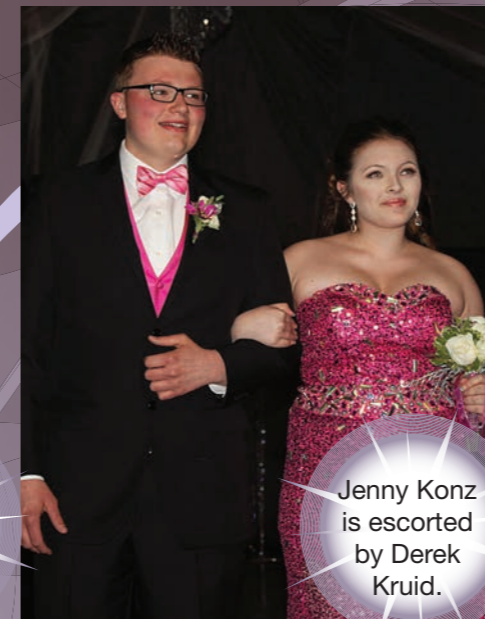
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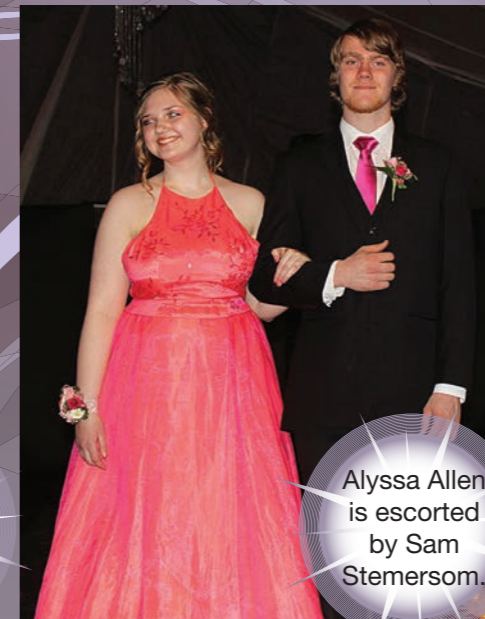
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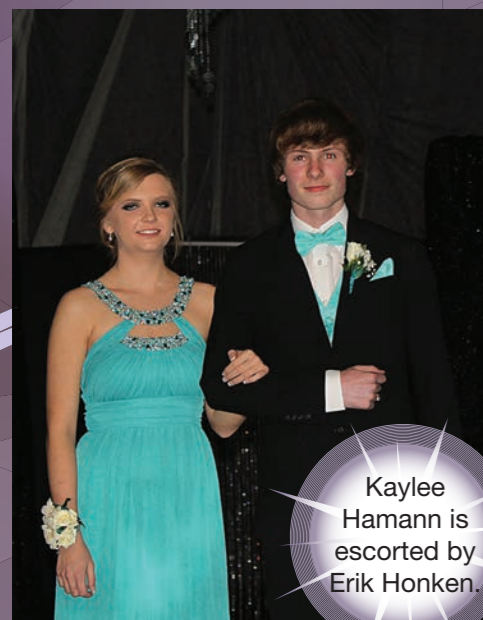
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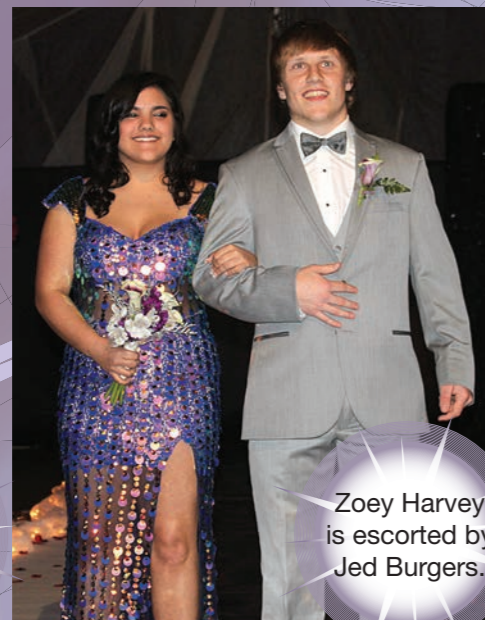
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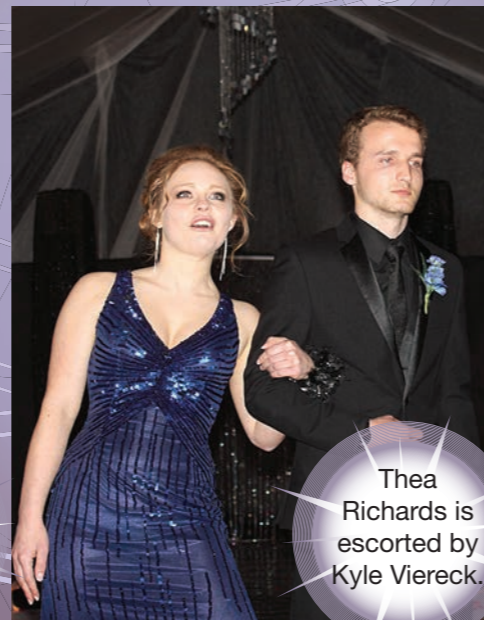
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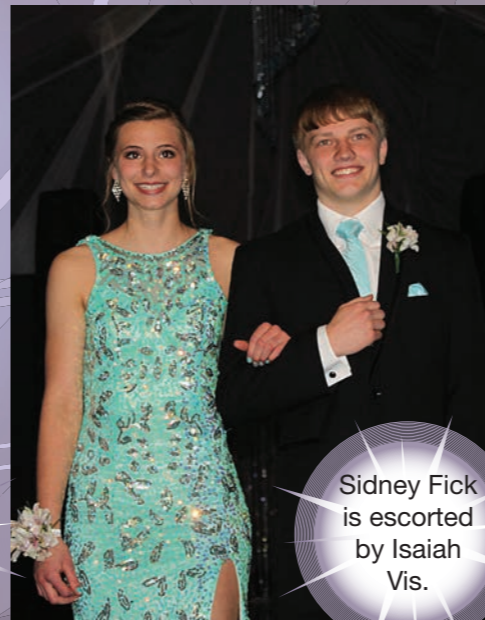
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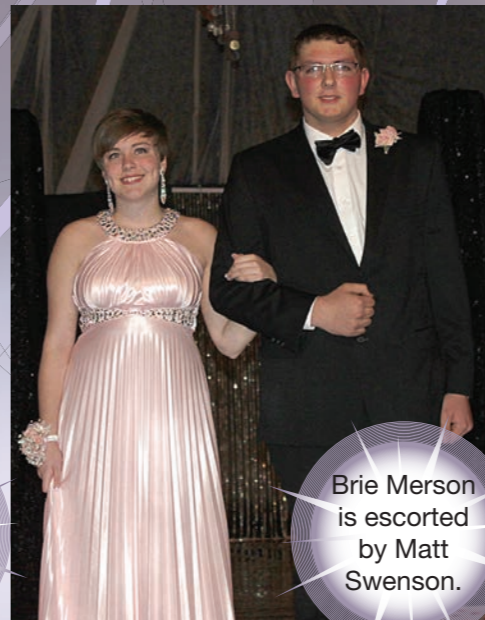
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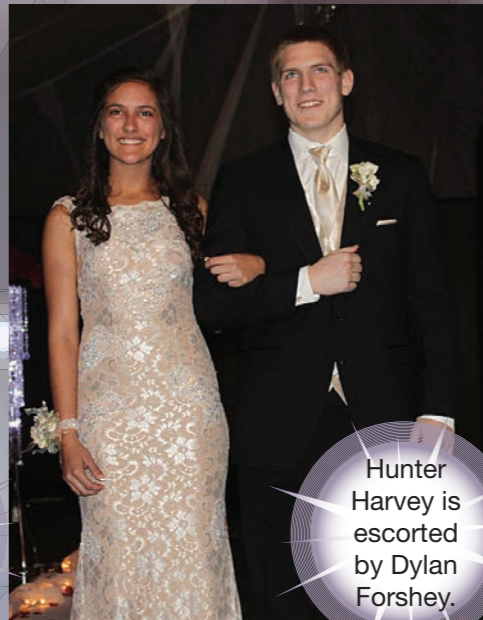
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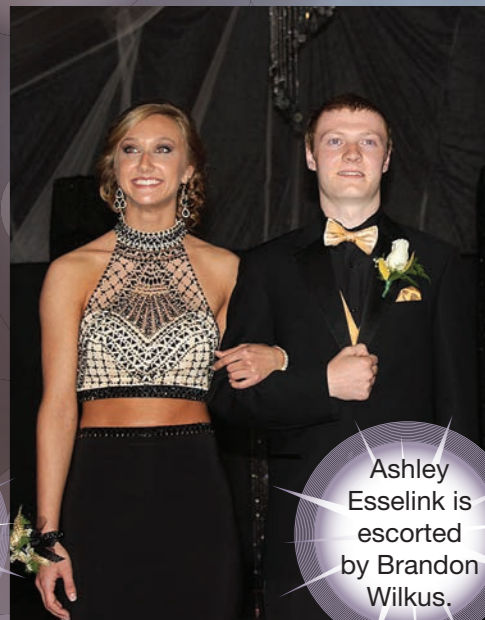
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Tuff News

By Shateen Lichter

Greeting from the Tuff Memorial Home.

The week started with Dip & Swish exercises followed by bingo in the afternoon. Tuesday's Bible study was led by Cena Mae Tilstra. We appreciated her message and willingness to lead our group. Book Club met that afternoon.

On Wednesday morning residents gathered for Penny Pitch, a new and quick favorite activity. Everyone was a winner this week; however, Henrietta Huenink was the big winner. Prizes included movie theater candy, Cracker Jacks, word finds and a couple of "gag prizes" that could be redeemed for better prizes at the end.

Students from HBC joined us for Adopt a Grandparent Wednesday afternoon. They helped us create and design "pet rocks" for our indoor plants and outdoor gardens. In addition to the pet rocks, they also worked on turning yellow and red golf balls into bumble bees and lady bugs. Big googly eyes were the finishing touch on this fun project. Next month will be the final two meetings of Adopt a Grandparent for this year. We are very grateful for the success of this program and thank everyone who made these memorable opportunities possible.

After much anticipation, Thursday finally arrived and a group of us attended the El Riad Shrine Circus in Sioux Falls. Complete with hotdogs, popcorn and cotton candy, the circus did not disappoint. Betty Nath clowned around and Bernice Aukes could not believe the trainer kissed a camel! Jim Leenderts, a veteran attendee of the circus, said, "That was the best one yet!" Winnie VanderVliet was even interviewed on KDLT! It was a great experience once again and we look forward to next year. We would like to thank our volunteers who joined us and made the whole outing run smoothly: Ron Feucht, Jerry Feucht, Jasmyn Dysthe, Marilyn Long and Orlie Aukes. Bingo and Catholic services were Thursday afternoon at the Tuff Home.

On Friday residents gathered for Balloon Bat and Mind Games. Happy Stitchers met afterward and worked on personal projects. Gal Pals and Men's Den met that afternoon. Saturday morning Glenda Mc-



Above: Winnie VanderVliet (left), Marilyn Long and Shirley Honken wait for the circus to start.

Right: Henrietta Bajema enjoys a handful of cotton candy.



Gaffee's piano students performed their recital pieces. We all enjoyed their performance.

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:
Thursday, April 28: 10 a.m. Bake and Taste: Blueberry Pie.
Friday, April 29: 2:30 p.m. Monthly Birthday Party with Bruce Dysthe.

Saturday, April 30: 1:30 p.m. Bean Bag Toss.

Sunday, May 1: 9 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion.

Monday, May 2: 2:30 p.m. Bingo.

Tuesday, May 3: 2:30 p.m.

Bible Study.

Wednesday, May 4: 2 p.m. Resident Council.

Staff birthdays this week include Samantha Koedam, April 27, Alex Dysthe, April

28, and Abbie Bakker and Jessica Hovaldt, April 30. Bonnie Hengeveld's birthday was April 23.

We hope you have a great week!

Text service for suicide prevention/continued from page 2

grant through Canvas Health to fund Nase's half-time job, which is to spread the word about TXT4Life.

She visits with schools, organizations, hospitals, law enforcement, crisis centers and other groups. She also sets up booths at area events, like the recent home show in Luverne and at the Rock County Fair.

The service is available in 39 Minnesota Counties and will be expanded to the rest of Greater Minnesota as funding allows.

Nase said her presentations are most effective in small settings like school health classes.

"We talk about who could be at risk — really, anyone could be at risk — and we have them take out their phones and enter the text number," Nase said.

Johnson pointed out that no one is immune from mental health problems.

"It's an equal opportunity illness. It can affect anyone at any time," he said. "Serious mental health conditions can be severely disabling at times and sometimes life-threatening."

It's important to intervene before a condition is left untreated for too long, and Johnson said 85 percent of people respond well to treatment, whether it's medication or therapy or both.

So far, the majority (58 percent) of TXT4Life sessions have been with females between the ages of 12-17. The primary issues were suicide (22 percent), mental health (21 percent) and relationships (12 percent).

"We mostly help people who are contemplating suicide," Johnson said. "They may be feeling hopeless or helpless, or they may have lost a job or lost a loved one."

In addition to promoting TXT4Life, Nase talks about local resources that are available.

For example, SWMH has a mobile crisis team of mental health professionals that can respond to emergencies — on site if need be. The Mobile Crisis Hotline number is 1-800-642-1525.

Often the help comes via certified on-call professionals who listen to problems and steer people toward resources in their communities.

"They could potentially save a life," Nase said.

"When people come up to me and say they used the program, when I learn that it impacted even one person, it's rewarding to me."

Johnson said, "It does save lives. We have intervened in life-threatening situations and it's rewarding.... These are real things that cause people real distress, and they need help."

Sometimes people check back in later to say how they're doing. "I've had help since the last time I've texted in," was one message that came in on April 8, 2015. "I'm getting treatment, and I want to thank you for saving my life."

To learn more about TXT4Life, see www.txt4life.org.

For more information about mental health services in southwest Minnesota, see www.swmh.org.

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Students who performed at the Tuff Memorial Home Saturday, April 23, include (front, from left) Erica Metzger, Erica Knapp, Claire Knobloch, Marae Gerber, Mia Bakker, Robbyn Feucht, Reed Feucht, (back) Glenda McGaffee, Mazzi Moore, Avril Susie, Olivia Susie, Angie Knapp and Darcy Alons.

By Glenda McGaffee

Have you ever thought about what the world would be like without music?

The famous Albert Schweitzer, who was a musician, philosopher and physician said, "There are two means of refuge from the miseries of life: Music and Cats."

Well, I don't agree with his thoughts about cats, but I do agree about music.

Music is great therapy for the young and old. Music therapy is the use of music to gain physical and emotional healing and wellness. A person can also reduce stress by listening to relaxing music.

Music has power especially for individuals with Alzheimer's disease. It can spark compelling outcomes even in the very late stages of the disease.

One of my favorite things to do is play piano, and every week I get to share my love of music with my piano students. Life is a like a piano. What you get out of it depends on how you play it.

Last weekend my students performed at the Tuff Village and Tuff Memorial Home. They did a fantastic job and I was very proud of them.

When life gives you lemons why not try these delicious recipes with the flavor of lemon to brighten your day.

This was a favorite salad of my mom, Henrietta Wassenaar.



Some of Glenda McGaffee's piano students performed at the Tuff Village Sunday, April 17. Pictured from left are Tara Paulsen, Ava Warner, Taylor Gehrke, Bristol Teune, McGaffee, Jaci Stubbe, Brooklyn Meyer and Benjamin Meyer. Not pictured are Whitney and Lanae Elbers.

Seven-Up Salad
 2 packages lemon gelatin
 2 cups hot water
 2 cups 7-Up (lemon-lime soda)
 2 large bananas
 1 No. 2 can crushed pineapple, drained (save juice)
 1 cup cut marshmallows
 Dissolve gelatin in hot water; add other ingredients. Put in a

9x13-inch pan and chill.
Topping:
 Pineapple juice
 1 egg
 1/2 cup sugar
 2 tablespoons flour
 1 cup whipped cream
 Boil juice, egg, sugar and flour. Let cool. Add whipped cream. Pour over layer in cake

pan and chill until ready to serve.
Lemon Chiffon Cake
 7 large eggs, separated
 2 cups all-purpose flour
 1 1/2 cups sugar
 3 teaspoons baking powder
 1 teaspoon salt
 3/4 cup water
 1/2 cup canola oil

4 teaspoons grated lemon peel
 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
 1/2 teaspoon cream of tartar
Frosting:
 1/3 cup butter, softened
 3 cups confectioners' sugar
 4 1/2 teaspoons grated lemon peel
 1/4 cup lemon juice
 Dash of salt

Place egg whites in a large bowl; let stand at room temperature 30 minutes. Preheat oven to 325 degrees.

Sift flour, sugar, baking powder and salt together twice; place in another large bowl. Whisk egg yolks, water, oil, lemon peel and vanilla until smooth. Add to flour mixture; beat until well blended.

Add cream of tartar to the egg whites; with clean beaters, beat on medium until stiff but not dry. Fold a fourth of the whites into batter, then fold in remaining whites.

Gently spoon the batter into an ungreased 10-inch tube pan. Cut through the batter with a knife to remove air pockets. Bake on lowest oven rack at 325 degrees for 50-55 minutes or until the top springs back when lightly touched. Immediately invert pan; cool in pan about 1 hour.

Run a knife around sides and center tube of pan. Remove cake to a serving plate.

In a small bowl, combine the frosting ingredients; beat until smooth. Spread over cake.



Glenda McGaffee photo/0428 H-BC FFA officers

On Monday, April 18, the Hills-Beaver Creek chapter of Future Farmers of America announced their officers for the 2016-17 school year. The officers are (from left) Dustin Teune, parliamentarian; Logan Leuthold, president; Dawson Leenderts, historian; Isaiah Vis, sentinel; Hunter Harvey, reporter; Jasmine Lingen, treasurer; Hailey Leuthold, vice president; and Kirsten Kooistra, secretary.

FFA students honored at annual banquet Monday, April 18

By Glenda McGaffee

Hills-Beaver Creek Future Farmers of America hosted its annual awards banquet at the H-BC High School in Hills Monday, April 18. FFA president Hailey Leuthold presided over the event.

Guests and members of FFA were served a buffet-style meal prepared and served by Tony's Catering. The meat was provided by Rock County Pork Producers.

Following the meal, FFA members

shared information about their individual projects throughout the past year. Student reports included expenses and net profits on raising cattle, sheep and pigs. A slideshow accompanied the presentations.

Leuthold presented \$1,500 checks to McCrossan Boys Ranch and Feeding America. The money was raised in part from the annual FFA corn drive.

Officer and FFA instructor Tom Sandager handed out the awards:

- Josh Rheault received the Honorary Chapter Farmer Award.

- Arlyn and Melanie Tilstra and Clarence and Margie Langhout were honored with the Placement in Agriculture Award for their assistance to Cory Tilstra.

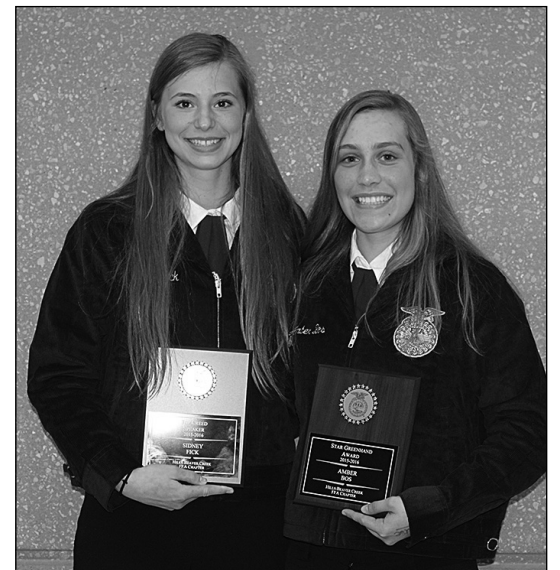
- Freshman Grace Bundesen was presented a plaque for having the highest sale in fruits last fall during the FFA fall fruit fundraiser.

- Star Greenhand Award went to Amber Bos.

- Top Creed Speaker is Sidney Fick.
- Star Chapter Farmer is Logan Leuthold.

The ceremony ended with the installation of the new officers.

The 2015-16 FFA officers are Logan Leuthold, president; Hailey Leuthold, vice president; Kirsten Kooistra, secretary; Jasmine Lingen, treasurer; Hunter Harvey, reporter; Isaiah Vis, sentinel; Dustin Teune, parliamentarian; and Dawson Leenderts, historian.



Clockwise from top left:

Glenda McGaffee photo/0428 Leuthold

Logan Leuthold received the Star Chapter Farmer award.

Glenda McGaffee photo/0428 Tilstra

Placement in Agriculture award was presented to Arlyn and Melanie Tilstra and Clarence and Margie Langhout. Pictured are (from left) Arlyn Tilstra, Melanie Tilstra and son Cory Tilstra.

Glenda McGaffee photo/0428 Fick and Bos

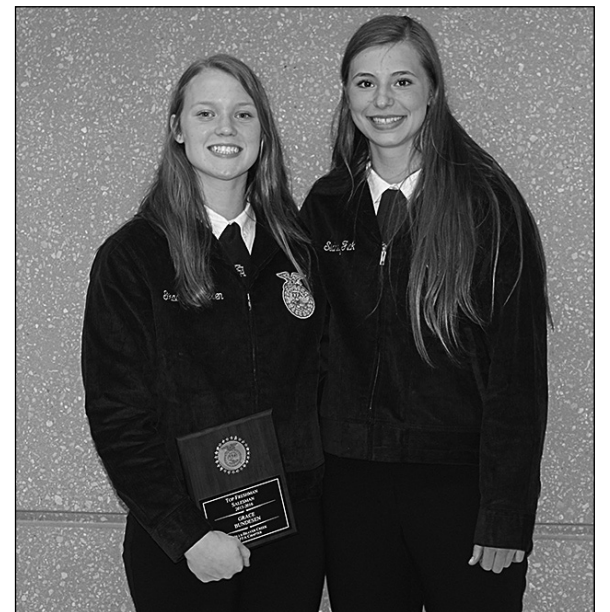
Sidney Fick received the award for Top Creed Speaker, and Amber Bos was presented with the Star Greenhand award.

Glenda McGaffee photo/0428 Bundesen

Top freshman salesman Grace Bundesen is pictured with Sidney Fick.

Glenda McGaffee photo/0428 Rheault

Josh Rheault received the award for Honorary Chapter Farmer.





Peekin' in the Past

10 years ago (2006)

•Hills-Beaver Creek was among 22 Minnesota school districts recognized as academic "outperformers" by Standard & Poor's School Evaluation Service.

To be identified as an "outperformer," a district must consistently outperform demographically similar school districts.

Standard & Poor's, an independent research company, found that 332 school districts in Minnesota had sufficient data for analysis. Of the 349 districts, 22 or 6.6 percent outperformed similar school districts in reading and math proficiency for consecutive years.

25 years ago (1991)

•On Tuesday, April 16, at

8:23 a.m., a concerned person called in a report of two young males stranded on the road that may have been in need of assistance.

The Rock County Sheriff's Department responded immediately to County Road 17, located one mile east of Highway 23. There they discovered two juvenile males in a vehicle that didn't belong to them. The juveniles had taken the 1981 Pontiac Phoenix, owned by Darla Hansen, Luverne, sometime on April 15. ...

The boys, ages 15 and 16, were taken to the Minnehaha County Juvenile Court Center, Sioux Falls, where they were held until their court appearance on April 17 in Rock County Court. The 15-year-old boy is from Yankton, S.D., and the 16-year-old is a resident of Rock

County. Charges are pending.

50 years ago (1966)

•Interstate Power Co. proved themselves to be as always, good hosts again last Thursday, when they took nearly thirty businessmen from Hills, Lester, Steen and Beaver Creek to their Fox Lake plant at Sherburn. A chartered bus was used to take the trip.

The group boarded the bus at Hills at 12:30 and drove to Fox Lake for the tour. Manager Al Hanson of the Fox Lake power plant gave a brief discussion about how the plant worked and then proceeded to take the group through, as did Interstate Power Co. employees from Hills.

75 years ago (1941)

•A recent bulletin from Washington, D.C. states that the War Department plans to enroll between 500,000 and 600,000 civilian volunteers to cooperate with the Army in a nationwide network to warn against air attack. Groups such as the American Legion, its women's auxiliaries, the Coast Guard, forest fire wardens, weather observers, and the CCC will be included in the network.

100 years ago (1916)

•Valley Springs went dry by a big majority Tuesday. The town is quite heavily in debt and some of the citizens thought it would be a good idea to have a municipal saloon, being carried away by the report of the immense profits made

by the cities where they have municipal saloons. But when they began to think of the evils that would follow the saloon and would be taken from the more legitimate channels of trade they began to see that it would not pay. The farmers trading there also objected very strongly. The commercial club called a meeting where the matter was thoroughly discussed, and every business man, The News understands, went on record as being opposed to the municipal saloon. They organized and made a hard fight, with the result that there were 70 votes cast against the saloon and only 25 for it. This factory of the dries is so decisive that it is not probably the saloon question will ever come to a vote again in Valley Springs.



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Lois Leuthold
Clerk
(4-28, 5-5)

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\$19.13 - \$21.52, DOQ. Grant funding is for 3-5 years with possible period extensions.

To obtain a job description and an application for this position, please access the Rock County website at co.rock.mn.us/employment.html or contact Rock County Administrator's office at 507-283-5065 or email susan.skattum@co.rock.mn.us. Office hours are from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

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- **Application Deadline:** Position open until filled.
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- **Apply To:** Superintendent, Todd Holthaus, Hills-Beaver Creek Jr./Sr. High School, PO Box 547, 301 N Summit Ave, Hills, MN 56138. Or via email: t.holthaus@isd671.net
Please send; letter of application, copy of teaching license, college transcripts and three (3) current letters of reference.
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