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4-H families preparing for showtime

By Glenda McGaffee

For many kids, summer is about relaxing and letting time float by. But this is not the case for those involved in 4-H.

For 4-H kids, ranging in age from kindergarten to 19, summer is a busy time of year.

The Rock County Fair is set for July 29 through Aug. 1, so now is the time they're putting the final touches on their fair projects, starting planning for fair competitions and their schedules start filling up with pre-fair activities.

The Lee and Casey Westphal family includes 4-H members Joanna and McKenna. The girls will both be bringing five projects to the fair.

The girls will spend every day at the fair from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. to care for their horses. This year they will be bringing four horses. They will be responsible for feeding and watering the horses and cleaning their stalls.

The 4-H members work together and help each other with the work.

Members of 4-H work in the food stand with one of their parents, and older 4-H members work in the pop stop which sells pop and pizza.

The Westphal girls have traveled to the Minnesota State Fair every year since they were in the 7th grade.

The Blue Ribbon 4-H Club meets every month, except in July when members are busy preparing for the fair, in the Hills American Legion. Their leader is Cheryl Hartman.

Joanna is also involved in the Horseless Kid Program, which is held every Wednes-



Glenda McGaffee photo/0723 Westphal girls

Pictured are the Westphal girls with their horses. From left are 14-year-old Gold Digger, Joanna Westphal, 11-year-old Jasper, 18-year-old Joker, McKenna Westphal and 4-year-old Jagger. The horses are all mares and all will be going to the fair except Jagger. The girls said they enjoy riding horses on trails at Blue Mound State Park and Hardwick.

Joanna (left) and McKenna Westphal are pictured on July 19 with their 4-H projects for the Rock County Fair.

day in the summer months at 5 p.m. at the fairgrounds in Luverne. This program gives kids who don't have horses a chance to become involved with horses.

Joanna said, "Every kid should be in 4-H." McKenna feels 4-H has shaped them into the girls they are today.

The fair projects of the Westphal girls, along with dozens of other 4-H members, will be on display at the Rock County Fair July 29 through Aug. 1. Judging starts on Wednesday.



Fair Board ready for 2015 event

By Lori Sorenson

The 2015 Rock County Fair is set to begin next week with 4-H judging starting on Monday, July 27, and shows opening Wednesday, July 30.

Events and activities are set to continue through Saturday night, and Fair Board Secretary Lee Sells said this year's event is shaping up to be a crowd pleaser.

For one thing, he said there's an extra grandstand event, the Rock County Speedway Races, which will bring back the same mix of mini sprints and stock cars that were popular at the June 4 event at the fairgrounds.

In what's been dubbed the "Salute to Agriculture Night" in the grandstands, the races feature micro sprinters, hobby stock, a pure stock class and supercharger/front-wheel drive category.

Hot laps start at 7 p.m. for the evening that's sponsored by dozens of local businesses and organizations.

The added grandstand event meant that the annual Rock County Talent Show, which is the usual Thursday grandstand attraction, will be moved to the historic Palace Theatre on Main Street.

"That was always the backup location," Sells said about the venue change. So, he said, it won't be a difficult switch for fans and contestants to go to the

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Hills City Council approves \$29,450 water tower project

By Glenda McGaffee

Hills City Council members approved repairs to the inside of the water tower at their regular meeting held July 14.

Maguire Iron Inc., Sioux Falls, cleaned and inspected the water storage tank on May 12 and found the following repairs are needed on the inside:

- The complete interior of the city's water tower needs

to be sandblasted, which will include the hatches, roof and all railings.

- A complete prime coat of Thiemec Epoxy should be applied to all blasted surfaces following the manufacturers specifications.

- After that, a full finish coat will be applied to all surfaces in a different color to ensure complete coverage as per manufac-

ture specifications.

- After painting and curing is complete, the interior wet surfaces will be disinfected.

Total cost of the repairs is \$29,450.

A motion to approve the project was made by Alan Leenderts and seconded by Brad Berkhof.

Next year repairs on the exterior of the water tower will be completed.

In other business the City Council approved the following building permit requests:

- Tyler and Marissa Leuthold for a fence

- Stan Metzger to replace shingles on the house and garage and replace siding on the garage to match the house.

- Todd Holthaus to replace shingles with new asphalt shingles.

The council also:

- approved an LP contract proposal for 4,000 gallons of propane from Popkes Inc., Rock Rapids, Iowa.

- discussed street repair on South Central Avenue which was damaged in the ice storm in 2013.

Repairs will be covered by FEMA, which approved a time extension for all work to be completed and all expenses incurred by Nov. 30, 2015.

weather
REPORT



JULY 12 - JULY 18 WEATHER

High temperature for the week:	96	Rain amount for the week:	.40 inches
Low temperature for the week:	64	Moisture total for July:	1.57
Average temperature for the week:	79		

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obituary

Beatrice Goembel

Beatrice Alberta Goembel, 94, Luverne, died Saturday, July 18, 2015, at the Sanford Hospice Cottage in Luverne.

A funeral service was Tuesday, July 21, at Dingmann Funeral Home Luverne. Burial was at Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne.

Beatrice Brooks was born on Oct. 25, 1920, to Albert and Gesine (Rust) Brooks in Magnolia. She grew up in Magnolia and graduated from Magnolia High School in 1938.

Bea married Gordon Goembel. After their marriage the couple farmed near Kenneth until 1966. Bea and her children moved to Luverne. She worked as a home health aid for three years before she worked at the Luverne Hospital. She retired on Jan. 5, 1987.

She was a member of the United Methodist Church in Luverne. She enjoyed reading, embroidery work, playing cards and games, gardening, cooking and baking, puzzles, game shows and was an avid Minnesota Twins fan and loved Johnny Cash. She enjoyed many years of compan-



ionship with Paul Beyer and together they traveled throughout the United States.

Bea is survived by five children, Carolyn (Fred) Wilkens, Watertown, South Dakota, Bev (Ron) Schouwenburg, Hills, Gerry and Catherine; David Goembel (Barb), all of Mankato; and Cindy (Mike) Lemmer, Reno, Nevada; eight grandchildren, Angie (John) Reppe, Nikki (Tony) Fitzgerald, Jesse (Meghan) Wilkens, Justin Wilkens, Mark (Kelli) Schouwenburg, Steve Schouwenburg, Donny Lemmer and Shannon Lemmer; eight great-grandchildren, Tyler Robel, Carlie Reppe, Megan, Katelyn and Alli Schouwenburg, Owen Wilkens, Eva Fitzgerald and Emma Wilkens; two sisters, Esther Norberg, and Edna Brown, both of Arlington, South Dakota.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a special friend, Paul Beyer; a brother, Robert Brooks; and a sister, Mildred Klosterbuer.

Arrangements were by Dingmann Funeral Home of Luverne, www.dingmannandsons.com. (0723 F)



Glenda McGaffee photo/0723 new handicap swing

Just a swingin'

Pictured is Sophie Gehrke, 2 1/2, with her dad, Pete Gehrke, enjoying the new handicap swing at Jacobson Park in Hills on June 16. Sophie's mom, Melissa, said, "Sophie just loves it. It is very nice and fits her securely." The swing was made possible by a donation from New Vision Coop and the City of Hills. Another swing has been ordered and the city council is working on a plan for a handicap approach to the swing.

Trip down memory lane ... Remember 2005?

By Glenda McGaffee

The 125th anniversary of Hills and All School Reunion was held in June, and the Hills Crescent is traveling down memory lane to observe the landmark year.

This week's edition highlights the class of 2005.

The annual was dedicated to Steve Wiertzema who has been employed at Hills-Beaver Creek for 24 years. His duties are Dean of Students, Athletic Director, Head Coach of the Boys' Basketball Team and teaching business math.

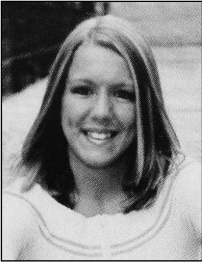
David Deragisch was the

superintendent and faculty members were Jody Ackerman, Rochelle McGill, Dan Ellingson, Tom Goehle, Robin Hoenke, Mary Peterson and Terri Richards.

Cooks were Cindy McGowan and Deb Fransman.

Hills-Beaver Creek High School Class of 2005 graduate Melinda Feucht Rubaniuk was asked the following questions:

What was the best lesson you



learned from school, not necessarily in academics?
Be friendly to everyone

What was your favorite school lunch?
Not necessarily lunch, but Shirley's cinnamon rolls.

What did you do right after high school?
Attended the University of Minnesota and got a Bachelor of Arts degree in Journalism and Mass Communication.

What was your proudest achievement after high school?
Moving to Seattle, Washington, by myself to explore opportunities in a new city.

Tell us what you're doing now, where you live and about yourself?
I have a husband (Andrei) who is from Eastern Europe and we have a son (Leo) who was just born this past March.

I work at the Amazon.com headquarters here in Seattle as a web developer. I work in the Fashion Category (Amazon.com/Fashion) with web designers and write the code that implements their designs, and is ultimately what customers see and interact with in their web browser.

I learned basic web programming in college as part of my journalism curriculum and took a few courses after college to further my skills.

My husband works at the Microsoft headquarters as a Software Engineer. He was part of the Xbox team for some time. We love the outdoors in the Pacific Northwest and get outside as much as we can.

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Glenda McGaffee photo/0723 Rogness trike

Mike Rogness created a homemade trike using a Chevy motor and transmission.

Rogness makes motorized trike from various auto parts

By Glenda McGaffee

Mike Rogness, rural Hills, is the proud owner of a blue homemade trike. The motor and transmission is from a Chevy. The rear end is from a Ford Mustang he narrowed down 14 inches.

Rogness started his project the summer of 2007 and completed it in 2010. He didn't ride his trike until 2011. The trike had to be inspected by the Motor Vehicle Department and approved for use on the road.



10 years ago (2005)

•Steen Mayor Mel Van Batavia received a check from the Luverne Eagles Club Monday night. With him are Joe Thiner, the Jimmy Durante Fund State Chairman, and Luverne Eagles President Ken Husen. The \$1,000 donation will go toward getting handicap accessible playground equipment in Steen.

20 years ago (1995)

•The H-BC-S Summer Recreation Program is winding down. With over 200 area youth participating, the season was a success according to coordinator Dean Gorder.

50 years ago (1965)

•Clarence Fransman is studying in Germany this summer. He received one of forty grants given to German teachers by the West Germany government.

75 years ago (1940)

•The U.S. Army has just recently opened a recruiting station at Worthington, and applications are now being accepted for all branches of the regular army.

100 years ago (1915)

•Complaints are being made to the Village Council of cattle being allowed to run at large and destroying gardens, and we wish to notify cattle owners permitting such negligence that their animals are liable to be taken up and held for fines on each offense.



Bemidji State

Brandon Bosch, Steen, was recently named to Bemidji State University dean's list for the Spring 2015 semester. To be eligible for the dean's list, students must be enrolled for at least 12 credit hours and earn a 3.5 GPA or higher.

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Close the Gate

By Nancy Kraayenhof

Failure to crop

I just spent the weekend at a small town gathering with some dear friends. There were burgers and hot dogs on the grill, a potluck, an amazing (choreographed to music!) fireworks display, a campfire and the usual family drama that happens when an extended family gets together.

The mother of the children who throw the party (now in their late 40s and 50s) was recently diagnosed with Alzheimer’s and had a bout with pneumonia, which resulted in a stay in the hospital. After much debate, the kids decided it was in her best interest to move Mom into an assisted living facility.

Shirley, though not physically very big, has always been a go-getter. A farmer’s wife, it became known early on in her life that it was her calling to take care of everything and everyone. After they retired from the farm, one by one from her husband, to all of the farm neighbors, to those who

went to her church, she hauled to doctor appointments and made as comfortable as she could until they passed on to Glory.

Now, with no one in dire need of her caring, what is left for her to do? The flower garden is not the same with no one to comment on its loveliness. So the goldfish need her? Perhaps, but they never really bonded with her. The cat couldn’t come along to the new apartment and even though Snicky is 15 years old and lived on Shirley’s lap in the rocking chair, in the new place she doesn’t seem to miss him or even know he is not there. She doesn’t recognize her own bedroom set but, thankfully, she still knows the children. It seems this too will go in time. Sadly, most likely sooner than later.

I remember when the movie “The Notebook” came out. For those of you who haven’t seen it, please do so as it is a treasure of a story about aging and love and memory

loss that everyone should have the opportunity to experience. Alzheimer’s will most likely touch each of our lives eventually, either personally or someone in our near circle. Recent statistics find one in nine Americans over the age of 65 years of age currently suffer with it and one third of those over 85 do. That’s a lot!

I think now of my own memories as I flip through old photographs of our children. Years ago I took a class in scrap booking, which seems just as popular today as it did back then. There are entire stores dedicated to selling the wares from the special acid free paper to all the embellishments you can add to the pages.

I bought a bunch of the scrapbooking gear and I tried, really I did, to follow the teacher’s instructions but cutting out the “unimportant” clutter of backgrounds in my photos was more than I could bear. Though the class was not graded, I surely would have received an ‘F’ if it was for

“failure to crop.”

Cropping is something I cannot do in my life with my photos or much anything else for that matter. I want to see that tree in the background of that print to remember that we planted it. To recall what size it was in reference to my children at that point in time; to remember its demise in a violent cross wind. To feel the tingle in my spine when I remember how frightened I was with three little children in that storm.

I cannot imagine a photo of my siblings and I at my Grandparents without the background of the long departed candy dish full of pink and white stale peppermints on top of the white plastic doily kept on the long gone shiny coffee table in front of the nylon looped tan sofa that refused to show any signs of wear.

I want to see the old oak staircase with the one spindle replaced with a broomstick because my uncle, as a child, got his head stuck through them.

I want to see the old garage with the sideways accordion sliding doors that never slide properly and remember the hours I spent in that now torn down and replaced garage with my father who is now in his 80’s.

I know the trend is to be “clutter-free” and I am even attempting to get there myself, with the exception of my photographs. They can live in their boxes and in their albums until I’ve gone on to Heaven.

What if the background clutter of my photos is the one thing that will someday help me remember the names that go with the smiling faces? Or even what they were smiling about? It is a chance I choose not to take.

I refuse to crop my photos of background clutter from the days of yore.

Someday they may help me close the gate and recall what I opened it for.

Cleverly disguised as a responsible adult, I’m Nancy Kraayenhof. ©2015.

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Valley Springs, S.D.
Ph. 605-757-6640
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First Presbyterian Church
201 S. 3rd St.
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Sunday, July 26: 10:30 a.m. Worship Service. 8 p.m. Outdoor Movie Night. Food at 8 p.m. and movie begins at dusk.

Steen Reformed Church
112 W. Church Ave. Steen
Ph. 855-2336
Thursday, July 23: 8 a.m. Bulletin deadline.
Thursday, July 23, through Tuesday, July 28: Reuben and Val on vacation.
Sunday, July 26: 9:30 a.m. Worship. Pulpit Supply: Wendell Brenneman. 6:30 p.m. RCYF; Junior RCYF Power Connection.
Wednesday, July 29: August calendar completed.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church
Interim Pastor Grant Fisher
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Thursday, July 23: 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Final day of Vacation Bible School.
Sunday, July 26: 9 a.m. Worship at Tuff Chapel. 10 a.m. Worship at Bethlehem.
Tuesday, July 28: 2:30 p.m. Tuff Home Bible Study. 3:15 p.m. Tuff Village Bible Study.
Wednesday, July 29: 9 a.m. Quilting.

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Tubb News

By Glenda McGaffee

Greetings from the Tuff Memorial Home.

Activities planned in the nursing home for July are:

- Friday, July 24: 2:30 p.m. Birthday party for residents observing their birthdays in July. Music by Paul and Vickie, Kullpepper Kounty, from Ellsworth.
- Wednesday, July 29: 2:30 p.m. Program by Betty Mann.
- Thursday, July 30: Burdell Rowe's birthday.

National Laundry Workers Week was observed July 12-18. Thanks to our laundry staff Judy De Noble, supervisor, Sandy Bush, Lori Rentschler, Thea Richard, Joanna Westphal, Megan Gehrke and McKenna Westphal.

Monday morning the activity, "Bake and Taste," took place in the activity room. A recipe for chocolate bars was shared by Toots Van Iperen. Here is the recipe along with the frosting.

Chocolate Bars

- 1 stick butter
- 1 cup water
- 1 1/2 cup oil
- 2 cups sugar
- 2 cups flour
- 1/4 cup cocoa
- 1 1/2 teaspoons soda
- 1/2 cup buttermilk
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 eggs, beaten

•Bring to boil butter, water and oil. Pour over and mix into sugar, flour and cocoa. Add 2 beaten eggs, the soda dissolved in buttermilk. Add vanilla and bake in jellyroll pan at 350 degrees for 15 to 20 minutes.

Frosting

- 1 stick butter
- 1/3 cup buttermilk
- 1 pound box powdered sugar
- 1/4 cup cocoa
- 1 teaspoon almond extract



Max Schuelke, at left, enjoys Fun In The Sun at the Tuff Memorial Home in Hills on Wednesday, July 15, while Isabel Wysong has fun on the water slide.



Glenda McGaffee photo/0723 fun in the sun Tuff Home



•Melt butter and buttermilk. Pour into and beat powdered sugar, cocoa and almond extract. Frost bars while hot.

Two residents observed their birthdays this week. Mariann Metzger celebrated her 95th birthday on July 13 and Norma

Jean Slegers celebrated her 85th birthday on July 14. We want to wish Mariann and Norma Jean a very happy birthday and hope they enjoyed their special day.

We would like to welcome Jim Metzger to room 1.

Fun in the Sun was Wednesday afternoon. Around 2:30 p.m.,

when the event was scheduled for outside, clouds came along with some raindrops forcing everyone to go inside.

The kids enjoyed playing volleyball, coloring and playing bean bag toss. After enjoying ice cream cones, the weather had improved and the kids went out-

side to play in the pools and water slide. Several residents also went outside to enjoy the fun.

Smile ...

Teacher: "Haven't you ever read Webster's Dictionary?"

Modern Youth: "No, I'm waiting until they make it into a movie."

community news

Card showers

Burdell Rowe will celebrate his 95th birthday on Thursday, July 30. Greetings may be sent to him at 500 E. 4th St., Apt. 2 Hills, MN 56138.

Meetings

TRIAD will meet at 10 a.m. Thursday, July 23, at the Sheriff's office.

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.

TOPS #698 Luverne (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meets for weigh-in at 8 a.m. every Thursday at Pizza Ranch in Luverne. The meeting follows at 8:30 a.m.

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.

Weight Watchers meets every Monday in First Presbyterian Church, Luverne. Weigh-in is from 5 to 5:30 p.m. and the meeting is from 5:30 to 6 p.m. Call 283-2576 with questions.

Tuff Home offers Story Time for area children in July

Residents of Tuff Memorial Home invite children in the community for Story Time from 10 to 10:30 a.m. every Friday through the month of July in the chapel.

There will be story time, crafts and refreshments. The

event is free, but adult supervision is required. Call the Activity Department at 962-3275 with questions.

Grace Lutheran blood drive set for July 27

The American Red Cross blood drive will be from 1 to 7 p.m. Monday, July 27, at Grace Lutheran Church in Luverne.

To set up an appointment or for more information, call Greta, 507-283-5064, Eileen at 507-283-8301 or go online to www.redcrossblood.org, enter sponsor code LuverneMN.

'Capture the Prairie' exhibit at the Carnegie

The Carnegie is currently featuring a display by photographer Deb Leilani Parks, including photos taken at Blue Mounds State Park by her "Capture the Prairie" photography class.

The exhibit is on display now until the end of July at the Carnegie Cultural Center in Luverne.

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