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## Board reviews school starts; hires special ed teacher

By Glenda McGaffee

Teachers and staff are preparing for the first day of class in the Hills-Beaver Creek School District.

Following is the schedule of events as they relate to the school calendar:

- Back-to-school packets may be picked up starting Monday, Aug. 10. Families with Beaver Creek, Garretson, Valley Springs and Luverne addresses can pick up packets at the elementary school in Beaver Creek. Packets for families with Hills and Steen addresses are available at the high school in Hills.

- Open house at the high school is Thursday, Aug. 20, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

- Seventh-grade parent meeting is at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 20, in the high school commons.

- First day of school for high school students is Monday, Aug. 24.

- Conferences for parents, teachers and students at Beaver Creek Elementary are Monday and Tuesday, Aug. 24 and Aug. 25.

- First day of elementary classes is Wednesday, Aug. 26.

### Full-time special ed teacher hired

School starting information was on the agenda at the Monday, July 27, Hills-Beaver Creek School Board meeting.

The board also approved hiring Nora Wysong as an elementary RTI/Special Needs teacher for the 2015-16 school year.

The board also:

- approved dairy and bakery product bids with Dean Foods and Bimbo Bakeries for the 2015-2016 school year.

- heard an update on building committee discussion about the old bus garage, health and safety, deferred maintenance and the 10-year plan and a playground resurfacing update.

- heard that carpet replacement has been completed at the elementary school in the administrative office area and special education area.

- noted that the next board meeting will be at 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 10. The meeting will begin with a walk-through in the elementary school and then proceed to the high school.



Mavis Fodness photo/0806 Fair Scarecrow Judging

## Fun at the Fair

Pleasant summer weather and a variety of events and activities attracted solid crowds to the Rock County Fairgrounds for the 2015 version of the event.

Participants and visitors from the Hills, Beaver Creek and Steen areas were spotted at the fairgrounds and pictured here.

At right, Hailey Moser enjoys a snow cone on the midway at the fair Thursday.

Lori Sorenson photo



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**Above,** Judge Carol Christopherson talks with the Blue Ribbon 4-H Club members about their scarecrow entry Wednesday afternoon during entry day for club and perishable item exhibits.

**At left,** Judge Scott Place talks with exhibitor Leif Tollefson of the Blue Ribbon Club about zucchini and cucumber plants he brought for his gardening exhibit.

Mavis Fodness photo



Lori Sorenson photos/0806 fair ice cream

Amy Kramer sells a Moose Tracks ice cream cup to Rex Metzger and his sons, Briggs and Brodie, in the Dairy Booth at the Rock County Fair Thursday.



Lori Sorenson photos/0806 fair motorcycle

Hadley (front) and Emery Vanderburg enjoy a motorcycle ride on the midway at the fairgrounds Thursday night. Their sister, Trinley (not pictured), was in the car behind them.

weather  
REPORT



### JULY 26 - AUGUST 1 WEATHER

High temperature for the week:	90	Rain amount for the week:	.76 inches
Low temperature for the week:	57	Moisture total for July:	2.33
Average temperature for the week:	75		

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# Tuff Memorial Home first opened August 3, 1960

By Glenda McGaffee

The story of the Tuff Memorial Home began in September of 1957 with the reading of the will of Gilbert Tuff.

Tuff was born in a sod house just four miles southwest of Hills, and he made his home in the Hills community for 79 years until his death on Aug. 8, 1957.

Tuff had his early schooling in a rural schoolhouse near his home.

In 1911 he entered into a farming partnership with his brother, Bernard. For a number of years, in addition to their regular farming practices, the brothers raised and sold seed corn.

The partnership arrangement continued until Bernard's death in 1934.

Gilbert Tuff then moved to Hills and lived with his sister-in-law, Alfrida (Bernard) Tuff, until his death in 1957 in the house located on the property where the nursing home is now.

Tuff took an active interest in community affairs, especially in the church, where he was a member of a number of boards and committees.

He was known to have contributed generously to the church, as well as to have provided help for individuals in the community. He is remembered as industrious, hardworking and a conservative farmer and businessman, who with his brother accumulated a number of pieces of real estate.

During the later years of the partnership, Bernard and Gilbert were known to have discussed what use they might put their property to. For a time they thought of constructing an institution in Sioux Falls for indigent men. They also thought of a place for homeless boys.



Pictured are members of the first board of directors of the Tuff Memorial Home in 1960. They are (front row, from left) the Rev. O. G. Salvesson, the Rev. E. W. Rossing, Hans Nordby, Pearl Hellie, (back) the Rev. Almon Brakke, Victor Sandager, Arthur Johnson and Nels Opheim.

After Bernard's death, Gilbert's final resolution was to build a home in Hills for older people.

The will of Gilbert Tuff left properties and funds to the Evangelical Lutheran Church, total assets of \$168,000, to be used toward building a home for the elderly in Hills. The will stipulated that the home must be built in two years or the funds would go elsewhere.

In his last will and testament, dated Jan. 15, 1957, he said, "I am concerned about the welfare of the aged, and I would like them to be cared for in a modern, well-equipped home in Hills."

To make the facility a

reality, he designated properties and funds worth \$168,000, which were used for the original construction. In addition, Tuff together with his sister-in-law, Alfrida, gave a city block of land, including their house, as a building site.

Groundbreaking for the construction of the 31-bed home began in July of 1959, and the Tuff Memorial Home, named in honor of its founder, opened with its first resident, Susan Menning from Edgerton, on Aug. 3, 1960.

Total cost of construction, architectural fees, furnishing, and equipment was approximately \$263,183.

### Finke legacy

Another important contributor to the nursing home was William F. Finke who was born March 16, 1874, in Mt. Horeb, Wisconsin, to Christian and Mary (Eikmeier) Finke. He was united in marriage to Mary C. (Paulsen) Finke on July 16, 1899.

Finke had various occupations that included farming, managing a grain elevator and hardware store, banking and brokering. He became a resident of the Tuff Home Sept. 15, 1960, and is a charter member.

Shortly after coming to the Tuff Home he gave a \$500 donation. In 1963 he announced a gift of his farm (which sold

for \$50,000) to be used for the construction of an expansion to the home.

Finke was a former businessman and farmer of Luverne and Hills area and had the satisfaction of turning the first soil Nov. 10, 1963, from his wheelchair for the addition built in memory of his late wife, Mary C. (Paulsen) Finke. Pictures of Mr. and Mrs. Finke are hanging in the northwest wing of the nursing home.

The new addition that cost approximately \$130,000 opened for use on Jan. 1, 1965, and increased the total capacity to 52.

### Donations pay down debt

In 1967 two major gifts were given to the Tuff Memorial Home to help reduce its building indebtedness.

The first was made by Henry John Schloetje of Boyden, Iowa, who willed \$60,000 to the Home.

Schloetje was little known in the Hills community, but on several occasions visited a good friend in the Tuff Home, William Holthusen, who was a resident for a number of years.

Schloetje was a boyhood immigrant from Germany and a lifetime farmer in Iowa.

The other major gift of \$28,433 was given by Nels O. Thompson of Valley Springs.

Thompson was a farmer who never married. He was a member of the First Lutheran Church of Valley Springs, where he sang in the church choir. He visited the home on several occasions and later his two sisters Nettie Bly and Emma Rye, both of Hills, became residents of Tuff.

His last will, dated June 6, 1961, provided that 50 percent of his estate should go to the nursing home in Hills. His gift to the Home amounted to \$28,433 and was applied on construction indebtedness.

### Tuff chapel dedicated 1973

In 1972 Alfrida Tuff, seeing the need for a permanent chapel, provided the Tuff Memorial Home with a cash gift to begin construction in the name of her late husband, Bernard Tuff. The Bernard Tuff Memorial Chapel was dedicated on Jan. 3, 1973.

### Other Tuff improvements through the years ...

•In 1988 an expansion project was started. It was decided the best location for the addition would be the west side of the kitchen, and it would include a new walk-in cooler and freezer; a larger food storage area; a new lounge, conference, and family meeting area; new office space for the director of nursing and the food service supervisor; a bathroom; and a new housekeeping room.

•In 1998 the Tuff Memorial Home added a new laundry, physical therapy and activity room. At the same time internal remodeling created a large beauty shop, a larger housekeeping room, a larger administrative area, a ward secretary office, an office for the social worker and a private office for the Director of Nurses.

The Tuff Memorial Home is a non-profit home of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, and the home corporation consists of nine Lutheran congregations in this area of Minnesota, Iowa and South Dakota.

Tuff Memorial Home provides intermediate-level long-term care and professional services for those who are no longer able to live in their own home due to age, physical disability or chronic illness.

Its goals are to provide a Christian home in a safe environment and rehabilitate residents physically and psychologically.

In next week's Crescent a history of the apartments and assisted living facility will be printed.

*Information for this story was compiled from historical data and scrapbooks from the Tuff Home, from the Hills Centennial Book and from the writer's own knowledge of the history of the Tuff Home.*

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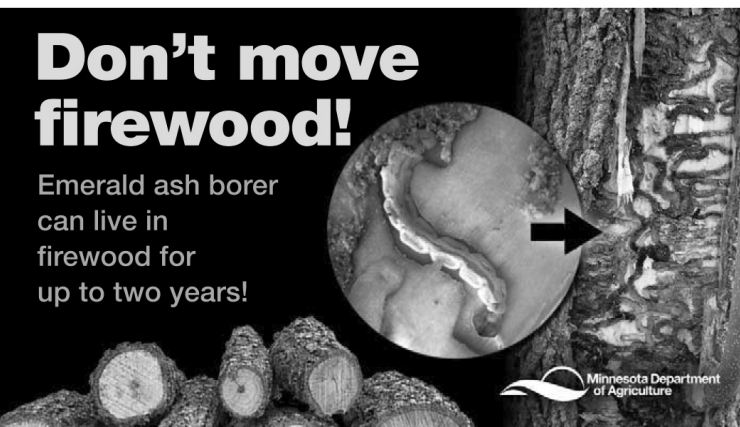
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## Blue Ribbon 4-H Club makes strong showing in horse arena at 2015 Rock County Fair

**Pictured above,** Kennedy Safar waits patiently for her turn in the horse arena Friday afternoon at the Rock County Fair.

**At right,** the Rock County Horse Project flag unfurrows in the gentle breeze Saturday morning during the singing of the National Anthem by 4-H'ers Thea Richards, Meranda Fick and Adam Fodness to open the games show. Pictured from left are Mary Christians, Brianna Duerr and Kennedy Safer.



Mavis Fodness photo/0806 Fair Flag

**At left,** horse project exhibitors (from left) Thea Richards, Andrea Severtson and Adam Fodness sing the National Anthem to open Friday's horse show at the Rock County Fair as show announcer Missy Fick and judge Joe Rowe watch from the announcer's stand. The trio repeated their singing performance for Saturday's game show.

Results from all of the 2015 Rock County Fair 4-H competition will be published next week in the Rock County Star Herald and online at [www.star-herald.com](http://www.star-herald.com), which also features dozens of photographs from all aspects of the fair.



### Peekin' in the Past

#### 10 years ago (2005)

•The Hills Fire Department debuted their new GMS Top Kick Saturday at a hog roast in Hills. The 1,900-gallon tanker, purchased equally by Martin Township and the city of Hills, sits on a 2005 chassis. The tanker was purchased and customized at Midwest Fire in Luverne.

#### 20 years ago (1995)

•The Tuff Memorial Home will be observing its 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary. In conjunction with this, a Pie and Ice Cream Social will be held on Sun., August 20, from 2-4 p.m.

#### 50 years ago (1965)

•The newly formed Hills-Beaver consolidated schools will open for the first time Tuesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>.

#### 75 years ago (1940)

•Reports from the various threshing rings in this community indicate that one of the best small grain crops in years is being harvested this summer. Yields are exceptionally large, and F.A. Dunn, manager of the local elevator, reports that the grain is of the best quality he has seen in many years.

#### 100 years ago (1915)

•The members of the Hills Concert Band are going to pull off a big stunt on August 17<sup>th</sup> that will draw big crowds for miles around. They have not arranged for a Barnum and Bailey circus, neither have they contracted for Hagenback's shows, but they are now working hard to bring attractions here that will please 'em all. There will be amusements for the young folks—music by the band during the day—speech by some prominent man—races—base ball game, etc., etc.

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Glenda McGaffee photo/0806 Swenson reunion

Descendants of Chuck and Cecelia Swenson gather for a reunion Saturday, July 18, at Jacobson Park in Hills.

## Ninety-seven Swenson descendants gather for reunion in Hills July 25

By Glenda McGaffee

The descendants of Chuck and Cecelia (Sehrs) Swenson gathered at Jacobson Park in Hills Saturday, July 25, for their fourth annual reunion.

Chuck and Cecelia Swenson were married in 1947 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Jasper.

The couple lived on a farm north of Beaver Creek where they raised their 10 children.

Their son, Vince, is married to former Hills resident Shelly Brown Swenson, and their son, Casey, and his wife, Linsey, and daughter, Rozlie, live in Hills.

The weekend gathering attracted 97 Swenson relatives. They came from as far away as California, Kansas, Michigan, South Dakota and Minneapolis.

Saturday mornings some of the descen-

dants participated in the annual 5K run, "crawl, walk or whatever." In the evening the family gathered for a potluck supper.

On Friday the relatives gathered at the original homestead where Vince and Shelly now live for their annual ride through the countryside on a flatbed pulled by a John Deere.

## Wetland conservation important on both the state and federal level

Conservation compliance is a two-step process, involving both federal and state compliance. In order to receive payments from USDA, compliance with the Highly Erodible Land (HEL) and Wetland Conservation (WC) provisions is required. It is therefore very important that you contact the FSA Office before breaking out additional cropland, including the clearing of land and the removal of trees, because an AD-1026 form needs to be completed specifying the area to be brought into production. These areas need to be evaluated by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to determine if a conservation plan is required, or if there are any wetlands in the area.

Producers are required to have a conservation plan in place on all highly erodible land (HEL) that they operate. As such, farmers with HEL determined soils should keep in mind the tillage, crop residue and rotational requirements that are specified in their conservation plan.

Furthermore, it is essential to notify the FSA Office prior to conducting any drainage project, including the tiling, draining, dredging, filling or leveling of a wetland or drainage ditch. This includes normal maintenance of existing drainage systems if NRCS has not previously evaluated the system.

As mentioned already, it is also very important to remember that the state of Minnesota regulates wetlands as well, separate from USDA. Under the Wetland Conservation Act Rules Chapter 8420, if you plan to conduct a drainage project involving the tiling, draining, dredging, filling or leveling of a wetland, or the performance of ditch maintenance or clean-out, you will also need to make an application at the Rock County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD)/Land Management Office (LMO). Although there may be some differences in what is allowed by USDA and by the state of Minnesota, overall the programs have the same requirements.

If you have requested a determination, and have not yet received one, we strongly encourage you to wait for the official determination before proceeding. If you do proceed, without advance approval and concurrence from both NRCS and SWCD/LMO, you are doing so at the risk of losing program eligibility and all federal payments, as well as being liable for additional action being taken by the state of Minnesota.

This is likely to make most producers think twice before deciding to go ahead with a drainage project without prior approval. No longer should you think that all that you stand to lose are federal benefits. Now you must also consider the fact that the state has the necessary legal backing to be able to force you to restore whatever it is that you drained or cleaned out without their concurrence.

Thus in summary, converting a wetland or planting on a converted wetland are considered to be very serious violations at both the state and federal level. It is therefore our goal to work with all our producers to eliminate these violations as much as possible in Rock County. In the case of wetlands, prevention is certainly better than the cure, because once a violation has occurred it is generally too late to avoid the potentially catastrophic consequences that are often associated with not obtaining prior approval. So please contact both FSA/NRCS and SWCD/LMO before you convert or drain anything.

# ANNUAL CARNIVAL

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All proceeds go to the Sunday School Department

## Sioux Valley Energy line work in progress

*Aug. 6 meeting to provide information for members*

Sioux Valley Energy is working through portions of Minnesota this summer converting some areas of underground cable to overhead line.

The decision to convert some sections of underground electric cable to overhead is based on accessibility, capacity, cost and longevity.

Overhead lines are typically more accessible for maintenance and are more cost effective. For larger capacity lines, underground cable is more than double the price of overhead line. Additionally, overhead line has twice the life expectancy of what underground cable has.

Much of Sioux Valley Energy's overhead electric lines have been in place for 60 to 70 years. Underground cable on the SVE system has been replaced twice during that same time period.

The Cooperative is planning a meeting in Edgerton on Thursday, Aug. 6, for members interested in learning more about underground to overhead conversion projects.

The meeting will be at 7 p.m. in the Tally Ho restaurant on Main Street in Edgerton.

Sioux Valley Energy, a Touchstone Energy Cooperative, is a member-owned utility providing reliable electric service at cost-based rates to over 22,000 homes, farms, businesses and industries in a seven-county area of east-central South Dakota and southwest Minnesota.

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*Close the Gate*  
By Nancy Kraayenhof

**Birds of a feather**

I miss my best friend. We met back in 1985 through the Mothers of Twins club in Sioux Falls. We are about the same age, both married. She had twin boys just like me and she did in-home day care also. We were truly birds of a feather and we became fast friends.

But now she has moved away. It will actually be four years in October that she and her husband moved to Yankton with one of their sons and his wife to take care of their children. They have their own place in the lower level of their son's home which was built and designed, brand spanking new, to their own specifications. It is beautiful, state of the art, on the golf course — and I miss her.

They sold their house here, got rid of all their household "stuff" except their clothes, picked up and moved. I'm still in shock. Your best friend is not supposed to leave you when you are in the second half of your life. It's just not right.

I am the same: busy with the day care and my multitude of other interests and she is miles away living a brand new life. I've got a hundred irons in the fire where she is barely toasting a marshmallow. My schedule is scribbled full in all different colors of ink on random scraps of paper and hers is calligraphic in glossy black on parchment. Our agendas are different, our paths never cross and I fear the inevitable will happen: We will grow apart.

Conventional wisdom leads me to believe we choose friends because of who they are. However, what attracts and binds friends, beginning with the shift from acquaintance to friend, is how often two people cross paths with each other. Typically, friends tend to be coworkers and people you see on a regular basis. I found (on the Internet so it must be factual) a study that, in a nutshell, found geographic proximity and race are greater factors of friends than

are common interests or family backgrounds.

I know from working with children these 30-some years that they prefer similar others as friends. Differences are bad for friendships. It causes conflict and creates circumstances. Before kids even head off to kindergarten they notice differences in competence, likability, social things and even aggressiveness. They gravitate toward those more like themselves. They figure out instinctively what adults need scientific studies to tell them: Birds of a feather really do flock together.

Severe lifestyle and geographic changes can lead even the closest of friends to drift apart and, in a sense, outgrow each other. After all, the glue that holds friendships together is similarities.

The first year after my friend had moved I was just totally annoyed. Was I going to be replaced? How dare she move on, up, sideways or anyway without me? I failed

to realize that while she was making new connections and doing different things, so was I.

I had to learn to share experiences by telling her about them and try not to be jealous while hearing about hers. Social media would help if she were computer savvy but, alas, she is not. We have to rely on actual phone calls! Can you believe that? Text messages work on occasion but I'm not very good at that. Where is my phone, by the way? Has anyone seen it? It is so much easier to locate my laptop.

I can't help but feel left behind. Like I'm out of breath and can't catch up. I want my grandchildren to know her. I want my husband and me to be able to go out to dinner with her and her husband without planning weeks in advance. I want to know her grands and I want them to know me not as some stranger but as who I am: Grandma's best friend.

Please excuse my whining.

I've been sick for more than three months now and I'm just plain tired of it. And I miss my friend. She would make fun of me drinking everything through a straw. She would tell me I look like Sylvester Stallone and ask if I'm practicing to be a gangster. She would poke fun at my speech but tell me it will get better one day. She, who knows me so well, could make me feel better.

Of course, I am confident our friendship is strong enough to survive the 100-mile gap between us and, who knows, perhaps her son will get transferred back here. In the meantime I'll go back to my crazy lifestyle. Heaven forbid on our next catch-up chat that I have nothing to talk about!

I'll close the gate and get on with life, but I'm missing my best friend,

Though she's far away on a different track, our friendship will transcend.

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

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Beaver Creek  
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Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship. 9:45 a.m. Sunday School.  
Third Wednesdays: 1:30 p.m. Deborah Circle.

**First Lutheran Church**  
300 Maple St.  
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Ray Heidenson, Pastor  
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**Palisade Lutheran Church**  
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**Ray Heidenson, Pastor**  
Friday, Aug. 7: TBD: Wedding rehearsal.  
Saturday, Aug. 8: TBD: Rollag wedding.  
Sunday, Aug. 9: 10:30 a.m. Worship Service.  
Thursday, Aug. 13: 8 p.m. Church Council meeting.

**Steen Reformed Church**  
112 W. Church Ave. Steen  
Ph. 855-2336  
Thursday, Aug. 6: 1:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study at Bethany Meadows.  
Sunday, Aug 9: 9:30 a.m. Worship; Pulpit Supply: Dave Mohlenkamp. 6:30 p.m. RCYF.  
Wednesday, Aug. 12: 6 to 8 p.m. Church Council.  
Thursday, Aug. 13: Volunteer Day at Thrift Store in Worthington.

**Bethlehem Lutheran Church**  
Interim Pastor Grant Fisher  
112 N. Main St., Hills  
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e-mail: bethlehmluth@alliancecom.net  
Thursday, Aug. 6: Interim meeting in Redwood Falls.  
Sunday, Aug. 9: 9 a.m. Worship at Tuff Chapel. 10 a.m. Worship at Bethlehem.  
Tuesday, Aug. 11: 2:30 p.m. Tuff Home Bible Study. 3:15 p.m. Tuff Village Bible Study.

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1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month: Fellowship dinner after Sunday School

## Sioux Valley acquires Alliant Energy's electric service territory in southern Minnesota

Sioux Valley Energy, with 11 other electric distribution cooperatives, wrote a new page in history today with the completion of the acquisition of Alliant Energy's electric service territory in southern Minnesota.

As a result, all southern Minnesota customers of Alliant Energy are now member-owners of their respective electric cooperative.

"It is a very unique situation for electric cooperatives to have the opportunity to purchase service territory from investor-owned utilities," said Tim McCarthy, general manager and CEO of Sioux Valley Energy.

"Further, it is the first time to our knowledge that several — we have 12 — electric cooperatives have banded together to acquire new service territory."

In 2013 the 12 cooperatives formed Southern Minnesota Energy Cooperative (SMEC) as the single point of contact for the purchase of electric service territory in southern Minnesota from Alliant Energy.

The more than two-year process of acquiring the territory involved receiving approvals from the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, Iowa Utilities Board and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

The acquisition transfers approximately 43,000 electric accounts to local electric cooperatives.

Sioux Valley Energy will add more than 800 new members to its current membership of 23,000.

Cities added to those Sioux Valley already serves are Ash Creek, Beaver Creek, Hills, Kanaranzi, Kenneth, Magnolia and Steen.

"We are excited to share the benefits of being a member of a cooperative with these new member-owners," McCarthy added.

"Our team of dedicated employees has been serving this area with reliable, affordable electricity for more than 70 years. We look forward to meeting and building relationships with these individuals, families and business owners."

All of the cooperatives' new member-owners were mailed a transition guide, letter and postcard with their cooperative's contact information.

Member-owners can expect to receive welcome material with all the essential information from their electric cooperative by mail. Member-owners with questions should contact their local cooperative at: Sioux Valley Energy: 1-800-234-1960 or siouxvalleyenergy.com

"It has been a win-win opportunity from the beginning," said McCarthy.

"For our new member-owners, they will receive high-quality service at lower rates than if Alliant Energy had continued to serve as their electric utility. For our legacy member-owners, this acquisition grows and increases the efficiency of each cooperative by spreading fixed costs over more member-owners."

McCarthy added that every participating electric cooperative has worked with exceptional diligence over the last two years to assure a smooth transition.

"We are ready to welcome our new member-owners," he said.



**By Glenda McGaffee**

The Tuff Memorial Home has been a large part of my life for the past 39 1/2 years.

In this week's issue of the Hills Crescent you will find an article about the history of the nursing home, which is celebrating its 55th anniversary this month.

The first resident, Susan Menning from Edgerton, was admitted on Aug. 3, 1960.

My first memory of the nursing home was in 1966 when my grandmother, Alice Wassenaar, was a resident. My family would visit her on Sunday evenings, and my brother Bob and I would go to the east lounge and watch "Bonanza" on the colored television. This was my first glimpse of a colored TV and I was in awe.

In January 1976 I received a phone call from a neighbor, Judy Jacobson, who was then activity director. She wanted to know if I would be interested in applying for a job in the Activity Department on a part-time basis. I decided to apply and interviewed with Jim Iverson, the administrator at that time. Several days later he called and said I had the job. I began working in the nursing home Jan. 15, 1976.

This was the beginning of my working experience in the nursing home. Thirty-nine years is a long time at one job, but I worked in various departments including activities, secretary/bookkeeper and social services.

The first administrator at Tuff was the Rev. E. W. Rossing. He was succeeded by John Nelson, Jim Iverson, Glenn Neve, Dana Dahlquist and the present administrator, Laura Preheim.

The nursing home was also where I met my husband Sam 34 years ago in January 1982. He was delivering products for The Paper Company and the rest is history.

The month of August is here. What do you love about this month? I love its sunshine and blue skies. Ice cream on a hot and sticky day and going on picnics. Eating gooey S'mores by a crackling fire before the long day is done. Be sure to enjoy and savor these days of summer.

This week I have recipes for a Root Beer Float Cake and Tropical Pops.

### Root Beer Float Cake

**Cake:**  
1 package yellow cake mix  
1 1/4 cups root beer (little less than a 12-ounce can)  
2 eggs  
1/4 cup vegetable oil

•To make the cake, combine all the ingredients and beat for 3 minutes. Bake in a 9x13-inch greased pan at 350 degrees for 30-35 minutes or until cake tests done. Let cool completely.

**Frosting:**  
1 packet (1/3 ounce) whipped topping mix (Dream Whip)  
1/2 cup cold root beer

•To make the frosting: beat the frosting ingredients until stiff peaks form. Frost the cake and chill until serving time. Yield: 20 servings

### Tropical Pops

1 1/2 cups pineapple chunks  
1 banana  
1 1/2 cups coconut milk  
1/2 teaspoon vanilla

•Combine all of the ingredients in a blender. Blend until smooth.

Pour into 3-ounce paper cups or Popsicle plastic molds. Freeze and enjoy. Yield: 6 popsicles or 18 small cups

### Update on the Ben Clare Church fundraiser for Rez Park

An additional amount of \$100 was received for the Hills Rez Park fundraiser, bringing the amount reported in last week's Hills Crescent for new restrooms in the park to \$1,459.39.

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**Dr. Michelle Nelson**





Activities planned for August at the nursing home are:

•Saturday, Aug. 8 - 9 a.m. manicures.

•Thursday, Aug. 13: 2:30 p.m. Bingo with ladies from the Jasper American Lutheran Church. The ladies will be providing the prizes and lunch.

•Friday, Aug. 14: 7 p.m. - Hymn-sing in the dining room with a group from the Apostolic Christian Church from Lester, Iowa.

•Monday, Aug. 17: Jim Leenderts' birthday.

•Wednesday, Aug. 19: 2:30 p.m. Back to School Fashion Show.

•Monday, Aug. 24: 8 a.m. Jesse James Boat Tour. Iris Fodness' birthday.

Staff celebrating birthdays this month are Deanna Hrdlicka, Aug. 5; Michelle Rang, Aug. 8; Judy Feucht, Aug. 13; Dylan Forshey, Aug. 15; Deb Remme, Aug. 16; and Laura Preheim, Aug. 21.

The Tuff Memorial Home will host a car show at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 25, in the front parking lot of the nursing home. If you are

interested in participating in the carshow, please contact Shateen in the Activity Department at 962-3275.

Wednesday afternoon Betty Mann presented a program on various types of tools. We want to express our thanks to her for being with us.

Burdell Rowe celebrated his 95th birthday on July 30. His wife Alma resides in Viste Manor Apartments.

Friday morning was our last day for our Story Time activity. We would like to thank the young children, parents and day care providers for attending this event.

A video titled "Farmland" was shown to the residents Friday afternoon. The video featured the Bakken family from rural Garretson, South Dakota.

#### Smile...

Lena: Ole, let's go jogging together.

Ole: How come?

Lena: Vell, because my doctor told me I could lose weight by working out with a dumbbell.

## community news

### Births

A girl, Hattie Rae, weighing 8 pounds, 1 ounce, 19 inches long, was born to **Matt and Justine Sandbulte**, Beaver Creek, on Monday, June 29, 2015, at Sanford Hospital in Luverne. She joins a sister, Emilee, 11/2. Grandparents are Jack and Jeane Leslie, Luverne, Gerrit Sandbulte, Beaver Creek, and Norinda Sandbulte, Garretson, South Dakota. Great-grandparents are Dolores Dreesen and Janice Sandbulte, both of Luverne, and Gerrit and Eunice Teunissen, Rock Valley, Iowa.

A boy, Teagan Leo, weighing 7 pounds, 12 ounces, 21 1/2 inches long, was born to **Halden and Erica Van Wyhe**, Hills, on Monday, July 20, 2015, at Sanford Hospital in Luverne. Grandparents are Ron and Kellie Thier, Adrian, and Howard and Heidi Van Wyhe, Hills. Great-grandparents are Joe and Elaine Scheidt, Adrian, Wayne and Hendrene Van Wyhe, Hills, and the late Leo and Joni Thier, William and Wilma Nibbelink and Jennie Van Wyhe.

### Meetings

**Rock County VFW** will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 11, at the Herreid Military Building. Contact Buck Underwood at 449-0632.

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

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

### Luverne schools open Aug. 24; schedules available online

Luverne High School/Middle School begins Monday, Aug. 24. Student schedules are available online as of Monday, Aug. 3, and in the school office Monday, Aug. 10. Schedule changes should be done before school starts.

The High School/Middle School Open House is from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 20. Student photos will be taken in the elementary school gym. Picture packets will be available on site.

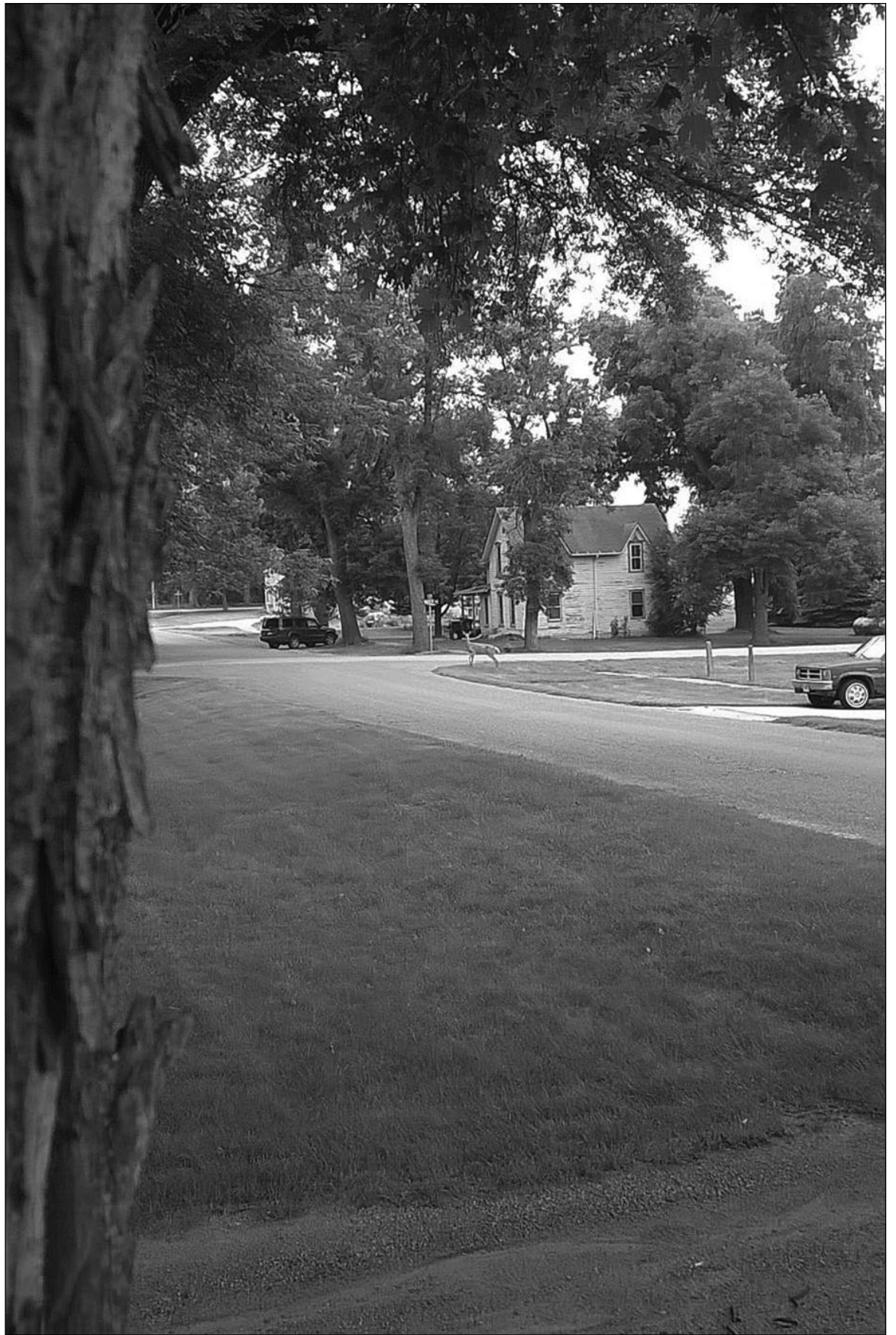
### Bank Nite movie Aug. 6

The free Bank Nite movie, "Home," will begin at 6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 6, 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. Last month's \$50 cash winner was Maggie VanderBurg.

### Women of Rock County Fine Arts show

Women of Rock County Fine Arts will show their new art work during the month of August at the Carnegie Cultural Center. The show includes work by Naidine Aanenson, Cindy Reverts, Kristen Peterson, Carol Ceynowa, Lois Young, Kathy Deuschle, Nan Kaufenberg, Judy Edenstrom, Mary Petersen, Lori Hallsrom and Kaia Nowatzki.



## Deer seen in town Monday morning, July 27

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