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Glenda McGaffee photo/0824 H-BC scarves

Pictured Thursday, Aug. 20, at the high school open house are (from left) Donna Burgers, Zach Wagenaar, Alli LaRock, Marilyn Nelson and Glenda Kuehl selling Spirit Scarves. The scarves are sold as a fundraiser benefitting H-BC students.

## ‘Spirit Scarves’ to benefit H-BC students

By Glenda McGaffee

Glenda Kuehl and Marilyn Nelson have been gathering in Nelson’s home every Friday evening since February to make red, white and blue Hills-Beaver Creek “Spirit Scarves.”

Nelson said, “Glenda is 90 percent responsible for the scarves and I am 3 percent. We want the people in the community to purchase the scarves to show their support for H-BC. The scarves are crocheted, knitted or loomed. We are also making some infinity ones.”

The Spirit Scarves sell for \$15 and \$20 dollars and can be purchased at home football games. The first H-BC home football game is Friday, Aug. 28.

All proceeds will be used to support the students of H-BC.

## Hills-Beaver Creek welcomes new teachers for 2015-16

By Glenda McGaffee

The Hills-Beaver Creek School District welcomes three new teachers to its staff for the 2015-16 school year.

Tom Sandager is the new high school agriculture instructor and FFA adviser.

Sandager graduated from Minnesota State University in Mankato and for the past five years has been an elementary instructor in Adrian teaching second and fourth grade.

Sandager grew up in the Hills area and lives on a farm west of Hills.

Megan Klumper is the new English teacher for grades 7 -12. Klumper graduated from Southwest Minnesota State University in Marshall.

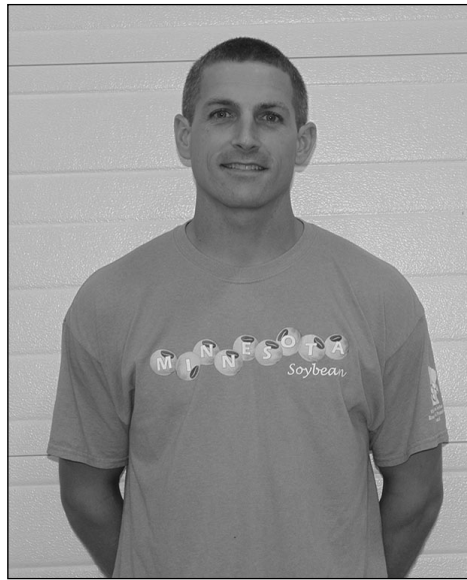
She is originally from Winner, South Dakota, and taught nine years at R/T/R in Tyler and one year at GHEC in Granada. Klumper and her husband, Matthew, live in Sioux Falls.

Kelli Yonkovich, a first-year teacher, takes on the position of special education teacher for grades 6-12. She



Megan Klumper, 7-12 English teacher

is originally from Blue Earth. Yonkovich has a bachelor’s degree from Winona State University.



Tom Sandager, agriculture instructor and FFA adviser

Her parents live in Blue Earth where her dad is a farmer and her mom works in human resources for a retail company.



Kelli Yonkovich, 6-12 special education

She has an older sister, Christi, who lives in Blaine and an older brother who lives in Hastings.

weather  
REPORT



### AUGUST 16 - AUGUST 22 WEATHER

High temperature for the week:	84	Rain amount for the week:	3.01
Low temperature for the week:	47	Moisture total for July:	3.71
Average temperature for the week:	68		

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# Stuevens observe 60th wedding anniversary with open house Sunday, Aug. 30

By Glenda McGaffee

Wilfred and Evelyn Stueven will observe their 60th wedding anniversary with an open house from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 30, at the Tuff Village in Hills.

They were united in marriage Sept. 2, 1955, at Peace Lutheran Church in Rock Rapids, Iowa. Evelyn wore a white wedding gown purchased in Worthington.

Wilfred grew up on a farm near George, Iowa, and Evelyn on a farm near Hills.

With a twinkle in his eye Wilfred said, "I found her at a dime store, and like Christopher Columbus, took a chance."

Evelyn worked at Renfro Variety Store in Luverne. Wilfred's friends Larine and Walter Oeding informed him of the attractive young lady who worked

at the store, and he decided to meet her. He purchased a cookie sheet and also found his wife.

After their marriage they lived on farms near George and Rock Rapids, Iowa, and Pipestone. When Evelyn's father, Eli Kitchenmaster, died in 1968, they moved to a farm near Hills where they resided until retiring in 1988 and moving to Luverne.

In 2012 they moved to the Tuff Village where Wilfred spends his time painting pictures by number and Evelyn enjoys crocheting.

Their children, Harlan and Sue Stueven, Hills, Paul and Marlene Stueven, Fairmont, and Marlene and Joe Quincey, George, Iowa, will host the anniversary open house.



Whither soever  
By Glenda McGaffee

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This week I'd like to share two recipes with you.

## Apple Cinnamon Bread

1/3 cup brown sugar (not packed)  
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
2/3 cup white sugar  
1/2 cup butter, softened  
2 eggs  
1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract  
1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour  
1 3/4 teaspoons baking powder  
1/2 cup milk  
1 apple, peeled and chopped  
Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Grease and flour a 9x5-inch loaf pan. Mix brown sugar and cinnamon together in a bowl and set aside.

Beat white sugar and butter together in a bowl using an electric mixer, until smooth and creamy. Beat in eggs, 1 at a time, until incor-

porated; add vanilla extract.

Combine flour and baking powder together in another bowl; stir into creamed butter mixture. Mix milk into batter until smooth. Pour half the batter into the prepared loaf pan.

Next add half the apples and half the brown sugar cinnamon mixture. Lightly pat apple mixture into batter. Pour the remaining batter over apple layer, top with remaining apples and add more brown sugar/cinnamon mixture. Lightly pat apples into batter; swirl brown sugar mixture through apples using a finger or spoon.

Bake in the preheated oven until a toothpick inserted in the center of the loaf comes out clean, 30 to 40 minutes.

For an end of the summer treat or after school snack try these delicious Mini Corndog Muffins. For an extra dose of summery picnic goodness serve with a side of baked beans.

## Mini Corndog Muffins

1 package Jiffy Corn Muffin Mix  
1 egg  
1/3 cup milk  
3-4 hot dogs (can use 3 bun length dogs)

Nonstick cooking spray  
Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Generously coat cups of mini muffin pan with nonstick cooking spray and set aside.

Prepare corn muffin mix as instructed on box; whisk together egg and milk and stir in dry muffin mix until incorporated and still slightly lumpy. Allow to rest for 5 minutes. Cut hot dogs into 1-inch pieces.

Using a #40 ice/cream cookie scoop (or a tablespoon measure), place one scoop/dollop into each mini muffin cup until no batter remains. Place one hot dog section in the middle of each filled muffin cup. Bake for 10 minutes. Remove, run a knife around the edge of the mini cups to loosen them and turn out. Enjoy your homemade mini corn dog bites immediately!



peekin'  
in the past

## 10 years ago (2005)

•Hills-Beaver Creek School Board members toured district school buildings during Monday's meeting.

A tour of the H-BC high school building primarily focused on the damage and subsequent repairs from a leaky roof.

## 20 years ago (1995)

•An offer is on the table, and the Hills City Council is ready to sell.

Kelly Demuth of Hills approached the council during their August 22 meeting and offered \$13,000 for the municipal liquor store. The council decided to sell the store this spring, after the business failed to show a profit for a number of consecutive years.

## 50 years ago (1965)

•A fire, which broke out about 7 a.m. Tuesday, completely destroyed the Ash Creek store in the little ghost town, east of Hills and Steen.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert DePauw owned and operated the place and lived there with their

children. While the place was a total loss, fortunately, none of its occupants were injured.

## 75 years ago (1940)

•Three hundred persons attended the annual picnic of the Van Maanen Holland family held in Terrace park in Sioux Falls last Thursday. In 1882 three brothers came to America from Holland and the persons attending were all descendants of these three and one cousin. Those present from Hills and neighboring towns were: Mr. and Mrs. Frank Berghorst, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Berghorst, John Berghorst of Hills; H.J. Berghorst and family of Beaver Creek; Joe Berghorst and family, Ed Berghorst and family of Hull, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Dooyema and family of Edgerton.

## 100 years ago (1915)

•A. Gordon sold his blacksmith tools and good will to Milo Delap of Valley Springs last Monday afternoon. The new blacksmith is an old-timer at the business and we hope he will enjoy a good rushing business.

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## Tubb News

By Shateen Lichter

Hello from the Tuff Memorial Home!

This week the facility has been experiencing a GI illness and while some activities have been cancelled or rescheduled, fun was still to be had by many.

Bingo was canceled on Monday but the family of Jim Leenderts blessed the facility with delicious cakes to celebrate. Cake and ice cream was brought around to resident rooms and appreciated by all. Tuesday afternoon Glenda picked up the book reading activity and read two more chapters from "The Secret" by Beverly Lewis.

On Wednesday the Karaoke Krooner, Marlin Olson, was here and sang the favorites from the '50s and '60s. Residents were not afraid to do the twist! Later Wednesday afternoon the residents joined together and shared memories of their days in school. They remembered having bread, sandwiches, cookies and cake, and sometimes fruit for lunch. They also shared stories about games they played and even if they got in trouble! One resident remembered a boy in her class picking on her, so she took his lunch pail and hid it behind the outhouse!

Thursday morning three residents enjoyed breakfast at the casino and all were thankful to have Bingo that afternoon. On Friday morning the craft group met and worked on tying fleece blankets to donate to a birthing center. Residents enjoyed this activity. If anyone had extra fleece remnants and would like to bring them to the facility, please contact Shateen in the activities department.

Friday afternoon residents and staff joined together for a Lays Potato Chip tasting. This summer Lays has put together four new potato chip flavors: New York Reuben, southern biscuits and gravy, West Coast truffle fries and Greentown Gyro. Residents and staff tasted each flavor and ranked them from 1-10. The winner? Southern biscuits and gravy! Residents felt the chip did not really taste like biscuits and gravy, but were still delicious. Stan Van Wyhe, maintenance director, stated, "Doesn't taste too bad!" In last place was the West Coast Truffle Fries. Their



The Tuff Memorial Home residents and staff have chosen Southern Biscuits and Gravy as their favorite flavor of Lays Potato Chips. Pictured are (front, left) Florence Javers, Jim Leenderts, Glenda McGaffee, Toots Van Iperen, Etta DeJongh, Amy DeBoer, (middle row), Deb Slegers, Jerrien DeBoer, Lucille Gangestad, Burdell Rowe, Bernice Aukes, John Tilstra, (back) Pearl Sundem, Dan Brower, Alma Rowe, Ann Tilstra, Brooke Van Wettering and Autumn Olson.

vote will be shared with Lays.

Events for the next week:

- Thursday, Aug. 27: 10 a.m. Bake and taste.

- Friday, Aug. 28: 2:30 p.m.

Monthly birthday party.

- Saturday, Aug. 29: 1:30 p.m.

Bean bag toss.

- Monday, Aug. 31: 2:30 p.m.

Bingo.

- Wednesday, Sept. 2: 10 a.m. Giant marbles. 2 p.m. Resident council meeting.

John Tilstra and Phyllis Schweitzer returned from the hospital this week.

We extend our prayers for quick healing for Rosa Sandstede who is in the hospital.

Iris Fodness will celebrate her birthday Monday, Aug. 24, and Bryce Smiens will celebrate his birthday Monday, Aug. 31.

You know the saying, the older you get, the wiser you become, so go grab a bag of Lay's Southern Biscuits and Gravy and see if you agree with us here at Tuff Memorial Home!



Tuff activities director Shateen Lichter does the twist with Esther VandeHoef, while Diane Thompson laughs.



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# Close the Gate

By Nancy Kraayenhof

### My mom heart

My mom heart is broken. Three of my day care children are headed off to other adventures. Danielyn, who was back for the summer, is so ready to start the first grade in Lennox. Sam and Makson, both of whom I've had for years, are dashing off to kindergarten at two different Sioux Falls schools. I won't be able to see any of them after school because of the distance, but perhaps school holidays can bring them back into my arms.

Three of the grandchildren, whom we have had the utmost pleasure of spending a great deal of time with this summer both at daycare and at Grandpa's farm, are darting off to school in Baltic. They took turns spending the night with us pretty much all summer long and it was a genuine blessing. Gage (can it be true?) is a fifth-grader this year. Kai-den will tackle and enjoy third grade, and Holly, with her four front teeth missing, will dance and spin her way into the first

grade. They are making the transition from the large numbers of the Harrisburg school system to the much smaller one, and they will blossom and shine there. They are the types of children who would do well anywhere, though.

And, by far, the biggest break in my mom heart is Jonathan, a former day care child, all grown up and 24 years old, who went off to Heaven on Friday, Aug. 21, as a result of a rollover accident on the interstate. He wasn't wearing his seat belt, was ejected from the car and passed away a short time later in the hospital.

Thirty years of doing day care in December and this is the first of my day care children that I have lost. Sure, I've wept sending them off to school with my selfish desire to keep them little and with me forever. Yes, I've silently threatened to put bricks on their heads to keep them from growing up, but it doesn't work.

I've prayed. I've wished

on stars. I've even tried to strike up deals with God in my self-serving thoughts of keeping them all tucked under my wings like a mother hen. Just for a little while longer? Please? They're too little to be scooting off out of my sight.

They should be out there in my yard or in the tree house or sitting in the sandbox or looking for bugs under the bug board by the back shed.

They should be baking cookies with me and arguing about who gets to lick the beaters. They should be sitting at the craft table cutting, coloring, gluing, glittering and creating masterpieces and memories.

They should be setting up restaurants in the living room and building forts out of card tables and blankets. They should be donning their capes and masks and transforming instantly into Super Heroes out to rid the world of injustice and evil.

They should be surrounding me as I read our favorite

book, "The Bear," and shouting out the next word when I pause.

They should be accompanying me on walks to rummage sales, the playground next door, the park down the street and the flea-market-type used furniture store down the street. They should be counting the blossoms on our miniature pumpkin vine and anticipating how many little pumpkins we are going to have. They should be singing our nani kaki song to the babies.

And now one of my little chickens has gone off to glory.

It's hard. It sucks. It breaks my mom heart every time one of my borrowed babies heads down that growing up road, and I wonder just how many times this old heart can take it. How many hundreds of tears have silently rolled down these cheeks as I send them on their way with a false smile, tremulous encouraging words and a tight hug that never wants to let go? And now there's one I

won't see again until I get to heaven myself.

And my mom heart is shattered for his mother, Lori, who became my fast friend many years ago when I started watching her children. A mother should never have to bury her child. It is injustice at its height. It is a true crime. I cannot even fathom her pain. My mom heart is about to burst with anger. I sob deeply and uncontrollably for her loss because, even though she will meet her son again on the other side, that doesn't lessen the throbbing anguish right now.

And my mom heart mourns the loss of a brother and only sibling for Amber. It's just not fair.

I'll close the gate on my selfish wishes as we cling to one another. What could feel more pain on earth than the broken heart of a mother?

*Cleverly disguised as a Responsible Adult, I'm Nancy Kraayenhof. ©2015*

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Sunday, Aug. 30: 9 a.m. Worship at Tuff Chapel.  
10 a.m. Worship at Bethlehem.  
Tuesday, Sept. 1: 2:30 p.m. Tuff Home Bible  
Study. 3:15 p.m. Tuff Village Bible Study.  
Wednesday, Aug. 2: 9 a.m. Quilting. 7 p.m.  
Board meeting. 8 p.m. Council meeting.  
Thursday, Sept 3: 5:30 to 7 p.m. Santana  
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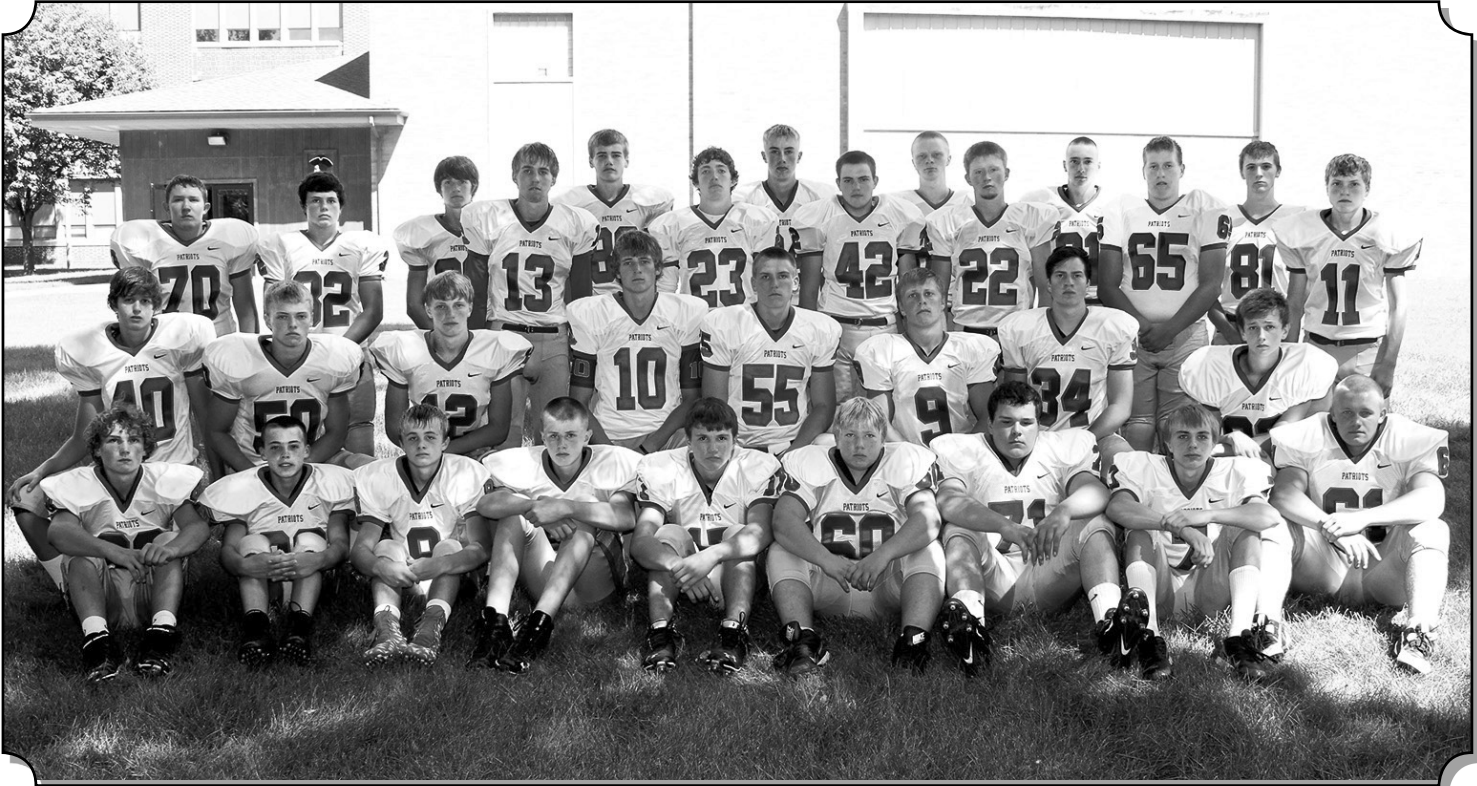
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John Rittenhouse photo/0827 hbc volleyball team  
Twelve athletes open the season on the roster of the 2015 Hills-Beaver Creek High School volleyball team. Team members include (front row, from left) Olivia Richards, Avery Wysong, Paige Tilstra, Thea Richards, Mekayla Kolbrek, Courtney Kruger, (back) Tessa Klarenbeek, Avery Van Roekel, Jasmine Lingen, Sidney Fick, Ashley Esselinkand Payton Kelderman.



John Rittenhouse photo/0827 hbc football team  
The 2015 Hills-Beaver Creek football team includes (front row, from left) Luke LaRock, Hunter Bork, Easton Harnack, Kyle Kueter, Bailey Susie, Noah Hellerud, George Merson, Nick Kiers, Garrett Raymon, (middle) Jax Wysong, Logan Leuthold, Isaiah Vis, Zach Scholten, Dylan Forshey, Jed Burgers, Michael Taubert, Wyatt Westrum, (back) Trenton Bass, Drew Forshey, Dylan Taubert, Cooper Vaughn, Josh Kueter, Trenton Kracht, Jacob Wingert, Stuart Plimpton, Dean Fuerstenberg, Jesse Elbers, Dylan Thieszen and Dawson Leenderts.



Thea Richards



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## 2015 SENIOR ATHLETES



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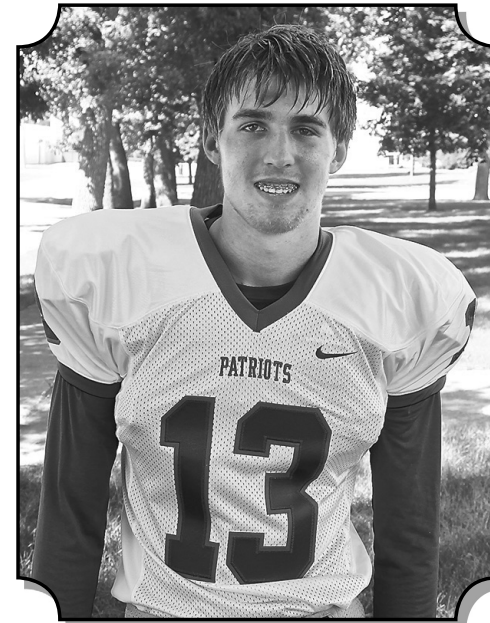
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# Beaver Creek Presbyterian Church celebrates 50 years



The Beaver Creek Presbyterian Church celebrated 50 years in its present location Aug. 22 and 23.

**At left:** Al Ver Burg, pastor from 1998 to 2001, and Sara Hagna, pastor from 1992 to 1998, spoke during an outdoor worship service Sunday, Aug. 23, with members, past members, family and friends in attendance. A catered meal was served following the worship service.

**Below, top:** Tess Van Maanen, Hills, rides a horse Saturday at the anniversary celebration. The horses were provided by Dawn and Joni Vander Beek from Edgerton and are part of the Rock County 4-H Horse program.

**Below, middle:** Reagan Gangestad, Luverne, is pictured having her face painted by Andrew Blank Saturday, Aug. 22, at the Beaver Creek Presbyterian Church celebration.

**Below, bottom:** Jackson Van Maanen, Hills, slides down the jumping castle inflatable Saturday at the Beaver Creek Presbyterian Church celebration.

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# Gevo, Butamax end patent dispute

*Agree to share role in developing  
markets for bio-based isobutanol;  
settlement ends all litigation*

By Lori Sorenson

Gevo Inc. and Butamax Advanced Biofuels have agreed to share patents and licensure on bio-based isobutanol, ending years of litigation between the two companies.

The agreement, which creates a new development relationship between the two companies, means that isobutanol production will increase at the Luverne plant (formerly Agri-Energy Ethanol Plant).

"We actually have been running IBA in limited campaigns this year. In fact, we just finished one," said Gevo CEO Patrick Gruber.

"The fermentation technology is working well. We will be turning our attention to establishing continuous IBA production at Luverne now that this is behind us. We need to install some more equipment at the plant, like a distillation column."

According to company statements released Monday, the new relationship between Gevo and Butamax is aimed at leveraging each other's strengths and accelerating development of competitive supply for bio-based isobutanol.

The cross-license agreement grants both parties patent licenses to all fields for isobutanol and is structured to develop sustainable isobutanol markets.

The license will be royalty-bearing for Butamax in certain fields and royalty-bearing for Gevo in other fields.

There are also a number of fields that are royalty-free for both companies. Both parties can sell up to 30 million gallons per year royalty-free into any field.

## Butamax to lead development for road fuel

Butamax (a joint venture between BP and DuPont) will take the lead role in developing the market for isobutanol as an on-road gasoline blendstock.

This will include progressing ongoing programs to gain required EPA approvals for mainstream use of 16 percent isobutanol as a gasoline blend component.

Butamax has also conducted joint research with Underwriters Laboratories,

which has demonstrated that these blends can be used safely in fuel storage and dispensing equipment.

This could clear the way for state government agencies to approve dispensing biobutanol-gasoline fuel blends in the United States.

## Gevo to lead development for jet fuel market

In parallel, Gevo will lead development of the jet fuel market.

Gevo has been producing and selling alcohol-to-jet fuel (ATJ) derived from isobutanol since 2011.

To date, Gevo's ATJ has been produced at its demo biorefinery in Silsbee, Texas, using isobutanol produced at its Luverne, Minnesota, fermentation facility.

The company has successfully flown test flights with the U.S. Air Force, U.S. Army and U.S. Navy and now expects to secure the MIL-SPEC certification (JP-8 and JP-5) enabling bids on future renewable jet fuel by the Defense Logistics Agency.

Gevo also intends to begin test flights with the commercial aviation industry, including Alaska Airlines, following receipt of ASTM International certification, expected before the end of 2015.

While Butamax and Gevo have cross-licensed all of their patents for making and using isobutanol, both parties will have their own biocatalyst and process technologies.

"We are very pleased to have reached this amicable and fair settlement. Setting up the marketing relationships, as we have done, brings to bear the capabilities of each of the companies," Gruber said.

"We very much look forward to developing a very large, growing and profitable isobutanol market in conjunction with Butamax."

Paul Beckwith, Butamax CEO, agreed.

"The aim of these agreements is to accelerate development of markets for bio-based isobutanol," Beckwith said.

"This will create exciting opportunities for ethanol producers to expand their businesses by becoming isobutanol producers, at the same time enabling the most competitive isobutanol supply for customers."



## Name the graduates of 1936

This photo of the Hills High School class of 1936 was submitted by Ron Feucht, whose mother, Ruby Sexe Feucht, was a graduate. She is pictured on the far right column, third one up from the bottom. Other students identified include Pearl Roning Sundem at the top, just left of the word "Hills," Opal Rye Nelson in the far right column, second one up from the bottom, and Clara Brovold Rentschler in the bottom row, second from the left. Can you identify anyone else in this photo? If you can, contact the Hills Crescent editor, Glenda McGaffee, at glendasam2000@yahoo.com.

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Glenda McGaffee photo/0824 bikers from Denmark  
Paul Klitnaes (left) and Jasper Eliassen, bikers from Denmark traveling across America, are pictured here at the Hills Rez Wednesday, August 12.

# Bikers from Denmark stop at Hills Rez

By Glenda McGaffee

Jasper Eliassen, 49, and Paul Klitnaes, 47, both from Denmark, are biking across America from New York to California. They stopped in Hills Tuesday, Aug. 11, and dined at Hidden Hills Tavern and Café and camped at the Hills Rez.

The bikers left Denmark on July 9 and plan to reach their West Coast destination by the end of September after almost 2 1/2 months of traveling. They average around 60 to 70 miles a day. They do not like to travel the interstate highways, preferring the back roads of America.

They are touring the United States on bikes made by Trek in Wisconsin and purchased in Denmark. The bikes are modified old mountain bikes. Klitnaes said, "I put racks on the back to balance. You have to make sure you have the right gears for traveling."

When asked why they wanted to bike across America, Eliassen said, "It is every person's dream in Denmark

to bike across America. It has been my dream since I was 15 years of age."

Klitnaes said, "I wanted to experience the epic ride to cross America. Leon McCarron, an Irish writer, wrote the book, 'The Road Headed West.' Lewis and Clark went east to west, so that is why we are traveling in the same direction."

Eliassen said, "We have met so many kind and helpful people. One evening in LaCrosse, Wisconsin, a group invited us to join them for a picnic and we had a wonderful evening."

Klitnaes said, "In Denmark it takes three years for them to be friendly."

English is taught in Denmark's schools starting in the third grade.

Solar-charged cell phones enable Eliassen to visit with his wife in Denmark daily.

Eliassen is a physical therapist and works for the county. Klitnaes is an author of educational books, a translator, and teaches English and German in the high school.

# MPCA seeks comments on proposed hog feedlot expansion in Nobles County

Hog producer Curt Schilling is proposing to expand his feedlot production from a 2,400-head finishing facility by adding a second 2,400-head barn, for a total of 4,800 finishing hogs.

Schilling proposes to store manure in reinforced concrete storage pits below the new barn, similar to the existing barn.

Following a manure-management plan, he will pump the manure in the fall and inject it into cropland for use as fertilizer.

Schilling's manure-application sites are in Grand Prairie Township in Nobles County or Kanaranzi Township in Rock County.

As required by state rules, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) prepared an Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) on the proposed expansion.

The public may submit written comments on the Schilling feedlot expansion EAW until 4:30 p.m. Sept. 16, 2015.

A National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System/State Disposal System (NPDES/SDS) general permit

for construction and operation of both the existing and new feedlot facilities is on public notice concurrently.

State agencies use the EAW to help decide whether a more complete Environmental Impact Statement is needed.

The EAW covers site location details, nearby resources and other elements, including wells, soil types, water use, manure management, air and odor emissions, and traffic.

The worksheet for this project may be seen on the MPCA's Public Notices webpage. It's also available by calling Beth Tegdesch at 651-757-2100.

Written comments should be sent by email to Kevin Kain at [kevin.kain@state.mn.us](mailto:kevin.kain@state.mn.us) or mailed to Kevin Kain, MPCA, 520 Lafayette Road N., Saint Paul, MN 55155-4194.

On Aug. 19, 2015, the MPCA posted the draft NPDES/SDS permit on its Public Notices webpage at <http://www.pca.state.mn.us/yrwc6a9>.

Written comments on the NPDES/SDS permit should be sent to George Schwint (phone 320-894-5866) by email at [george.schwint@state.mn.us](mailto:george.schwint@state.mn.us) or mailed to George Schwint, MPCA, 1601 E. Hwy. 12, Willmar, MN 56201.

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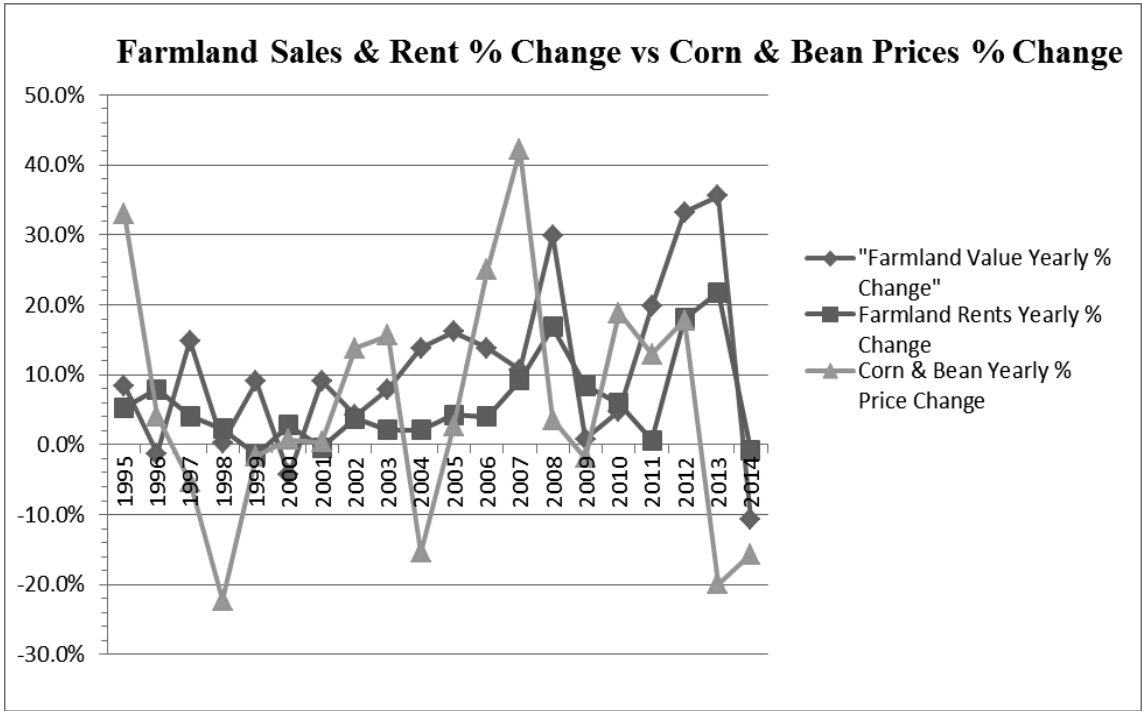
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# What is relationship between grain prices and land values, rents?

By David Bau, Extension Educator, University of Minnesota Extension Service

I receive many questions daily about land rents and land values and what direction they are going in the near future and long term. Corn and soybean prices have fallen from record highs in recent years to a level that presents a challenge for farmers to generate a profit. I thought I would try to put together a chart that correlates the relationship between these three items.

I put together a list of average farmland values in southwest Minnesota from 1994 thru 2014, average southern Minnesota cropland cash rental rates, and average prices received by farmers for corn and soybeans sold each year. Next I took the percentage yearly change for each and compared the results to each other in Table 1 below.

The average change in land values is indicated by diamonds, the average change in farmland rental rates is indicated by squares and the average change in corn and soybean prices is indicated by triangles. (see the table)

From 1994 to 1995 all three had increases in values, with corn and soybean prices increasing

by an average of 32.9 percent, while farmland sales prices increased by 8.4 percent and farmland rental rates by 5.3 percent. In 1996 farmland sales prices declined by 1.3 percent while corn and soybean prices increased by 4.1 percent and rents by 7.9 percent.

In the last 20 years, there were seven years where corn and soybean prices were negative, while farmland sale prices and farmland rental rates were in negative territory three years. Is there anything to learn from the chart?

There is a trend between all three, with corn and soybean prices the most volatile, followed by farmland values and with farmland rents more stable. There is definitely a year or two lag in the reaction of farmland sales and rental rates following the direction in corn and soybean prices.

From 2013 to 2014 farmland sales declined by 10.7 percent and farmland rents declined by .9 percent while corn and soybean prices declined by 15.7 percent. With corn and soybean prices in negative territory, this should indicate lower farmland sale prices and lower farmland rental rates unless prices go up dramatically in the near future.

## FSA offers grain loans for harvested crop production

### Grain loans

Short-term financing is available by obtaining low interest (currently 1.25 percent) commodity loans for harvested production from crops such as corn, soybeans and small grains. A nine-month Marketing Assistance Loan (MAL) provides financing that allows producers to store production on the farm or in a warehouse, for marketing at a later date.

MALs are available from harvest through to the specific commodity's final loan availability date. Producers must share in the risk of producing the crop, maintain beneficial interest in the crop, and maintain both the quantity and quality of the loan collateral while it is under loan.

The Rock County loan rates for 2015 are \$1.83 for corn, \$4.88 for soybeans, \$1.78 for barley, \$1.41 for oats and \$3.13 for wheat.

A producer who is eligible to obtain a loan, but agrees to forgo the loan, may obtain a Loan Deficiency Payment (LDP) if such a payment is available. To be considered eligible for an LDP, producers must have a CCC-633EZ, Page 1 form on file at the FSA Office before losing beneficial interest in the crop. Pages 2, 3 or 4 of the form must

be submitted when payment is requested.

To initiate a loan application, please stop in at the FSA Office and complete the necessary paperwork, so that we can conduct a lien search. For this year again, we will also need to make a copy of your driver's license. A lien waiver will need to be obtained from all who have a mortgage on the crop being offered as security for the loan. This step can, however be completed prior to loan application.

In order to receive a loan on warehouse stored grain, warehouse receipts are required to be submitted to the FSA Office, along with proof that storage has been paid. Remember to have the receipts made in increments that suit your marketing plan, since the repayment of an entire receipt is required at any one time.

The quantity of a farm-stored loan can be based on either an FSA measurement of the commodity (for which the producer is responsible for all applicable costs), or it can be based on the producer's certification of the amount. Thus, it is important to know the dimensions of all applicable structures when making a loan application. In the case of both options, the producer can

take out a loan on 100 percent of the commodity. Livestock feeders are also eligible for loans on high moisture grain and processed grain. Please contact the office for more information on these options.

Loan payments will be issued by direct deposit, unless a lienholder requests to have a joint check issued to both the producer and the lienholder. Please plan ahead, since it will take two to three business days to receive a payment by direct deposit and at least a week to receive a payment by check.

Prior to removing the loan collateral from a bin, the producer must either pay off the loan, or request and receive authority from FSA to move the collateral. Authority must also be obtained to move the loan collateral to another bin, unless the new bin to which the collateral is being moved is listed on the Farm Storage Note and Security Agreement for that loan. Finally, if loan collateral is going to be fed, the loan must be repaid before the grain is removed from the bin.

For more information on MALs, producers should contact the Rock County FSA Office at 283-2369 ext.2.

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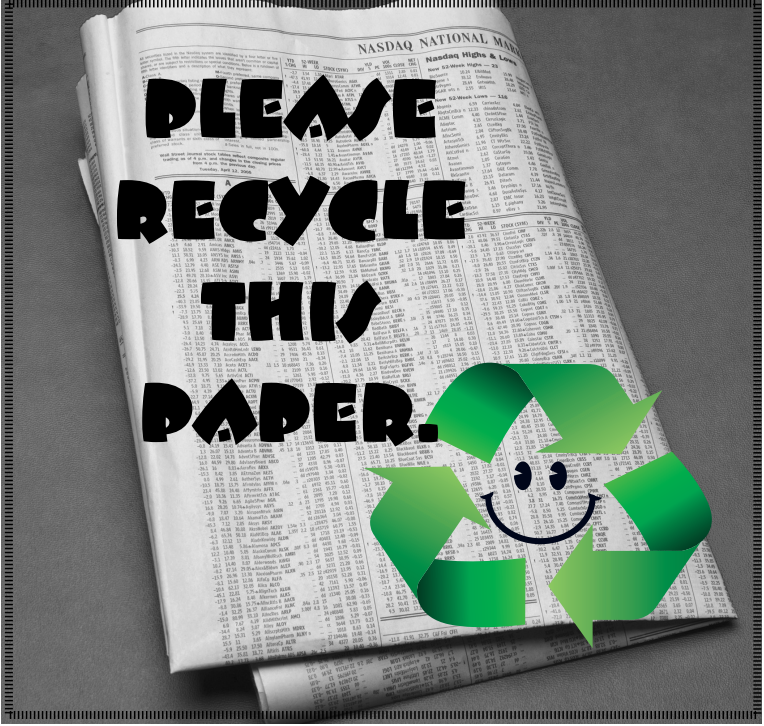
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