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Feedlot to expand within mile of Steen

By Mavis Fodness

Dennis and Benji Kellenberger will double the size of their swine operation within a mile of Steen city limits, thanks to Rock County Board approval on Sept. 8.

The father and son operation will increase their existing feedlot from 720 animal units to 1,440 just south of Steen in Section 32 of Clinton Township.

Because the expansion is greater than 1,000 animal units, the Kellenbergers were required to apply for a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit through the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency.

Eric Hartman, Rock County Land Management director, said a public hearing for the expansion was conducted Aug. 24, and no one showed up to oppose the expansion.

He said his office received a voice-mail message concerning possible negative impacts to a privately owned well in Steen. "The issue was addressed at the public hearing," Hartman told commissioners.

At the public hearing four measures were cited indicating the well would not be negatively impacted.

- A reinforced concrete manure storage pit under the building is planned and is deemed adequate to contain manure generated by the animals.

- Soils surrounding the building contain a high clay contents and will add additional protection to the ground water.

- The distance between the well in Steen and the proposed building is beyond the county setback requirement.

- Hydrogeology of the soils shows groundwater in the location of the feedlot is moving away from the city of Steen.

The Rock County Planning and Zoning Commission also recommended eight conditions to the Kellenbergers' conditional use permit, which commissioners also supported.

The conditions stipulated the proper handling of manure, the control of odor and the licensing requirements necessary to operate a feedlot in the county.



A total of 20 two-person teams participated in a beanbag tournament Sunday, Sept. 6, for the 17th annual Rez Fest in Hills.

Community celebrates annual Rez Fest in Hills



Glenda McGaffee photo/0917 rez fest
Travis Helgeson and his cousin Stacy Bush participate in the annual beanbag tournaments during Rez Fest at the Hills Rez Park on Sunday, Sept. 6.

At right, Alan Leenderts relaxes between rounds of play.



By Glenda McGaffee

The 17th annual Rez Fest began at the Hills Rez, Thursday, Aug. 27, and continued thru Sunday, Sept. 6.

A total of 20 two-person teams participated in a beanbag tournament Sunday, Sept. 6.

First-place winners this year were David Top and Alan Leenderts. Second place went to Brittany Fallon and Harvey Gehrke, and in third place were Dylan Gehrke and Lance Larson.

Event organizer Keith Elbers said, "There is a \$5 entry fee, and all the money is returned to the participants."

If players are lucky enough to hit the target four times in a row, their names are engraved on the beanbag boards.

A Bean Bag Tournament traveling trophy is passed from winner to winner each year.

Previous winners of the tournament are:
2007 - Kevin Martens and Jason Martens
2008 - Dylan Gehrke and Jason Martens
2009 - Kale Wiertzema and Jeff Wilsey
2010 - Kale Wiertzema and Dylan Gehrke
2011 - Lil Vinney Verhey and Alex Spronk
2012 - Brad Berkhof and Travis Broesder
2013 - Travis Broesder and Harvey Gehrke
2014 - Alan Leenderts and Harvey Gehrke

weather
REPORT



SEPTEMBER 6 - SEPTEMBER 12 WEATHER

High temperature for the week:	84	Rain amount for the week:	.76
Low temperature for the week:	43	Moisture total for September:	.85
Average temperature for the week:	67		

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community news

Card showers

Grace Boeve will celebrate her 90th birthday on Friday, Sept. 18. Greetings may be sent to her at 120 N. Spring St., Apt. #308 Luverne, MN 56156.

Open houses

Mae Top will celebrate her 90th birthday from 2:30 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 27, at the Tuff Village in Hills. Greetings may be sent to her at 301 County Rd. 6 #118 Hills, MN 56138.

Meetings

Thrivent Financial Board will meet at 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 17, at the Luverne Pizza Ranch.

MS Support Group meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 17, at Southwest Health and Human Services in Luverne. All persons with MS, family and friends are invited. For info call 283-2069 or 283-2964.

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.

Friends of the Library book sale Sept. 17-19

Friends of the Library annual book sale is from noon to 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 17; from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Sept. 18; and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19. Friends of the Library members are invited to shop from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 16.

Fall Story Hour events

Story Hour is open to pre-school children ages 4-5. Story Hour will be from 10 to 11 a.m. every Thursday from Sept. 17 until Nov. 19. Register your child by calling 449-5040.

Laptime Story Hour is open to ages birth-3 with an adult. No registration is required. Laptime Story Hour will be from 10:30 to 11 a.m. every Friday from Sept. 18 until Nov. 20.

Blood donation opportunities

•Community Blood Bank and Minnesota West Luverne will host a blood drive from 12:30 to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 22, at Minnesota West Luverne. Call 507-449-2767 for appointments or questions.

•American Red Cross will host a blood drive from 1 to 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 28, at Grace Lutheran Church in Luverne. Call 1-800-733-2767.

Food Ministry Sept. 17

The monthly food ministry, sponsored by New Life Celebration Church will be from 5 to 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 17, at the Luverne Senior Center. If you're having trouble putting food on the table, come for fresh produce, bread and meat. Children will be asked to wait outside.

Celebrate Palace 100th birthday Sept. 20

The public is invited to a 100th birthday celebration of Luverne's Palace Theatre at 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20, with the showing of a silent movie as well as other entertainment. Birthday treats will be served. The event is free, but freewill "birthday gifts" will be accepted for the upkeep of the Palace.

Optimist Club Kids Fishing Derby Sept. 20

Luverne Optimist Club Kids Fishing Derby (ages 5-15) will be from 3 to 6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20, at the Vets Home Pond in Luverne. Bring your own fishing pole and tackle or call ahead to reserve a pole. The event is free of charge. There will be hotdogs and beverages and prizes and drawings for the kids. Call 507-227-0681 or 507-220-5191. All children must be accompanied and supervised by an adult.



Submitted photo

Celebrating assisted living

Residents and staff of the Tuff Village and Vista Manor in Hills recently celebrated Assisted Living Week. Pictured are (front, from left) Maryann Ackerman, Joan DeJongh, Joanne Goehle, Nels Benson, Celine Klein, Grace Wassenaar, Alma Rowe, (middle) Jackie Reverts, Mae Top, Mary Quinn, Fran Sandager, Evelyn Stueven, Bertha Thompson, Wilfred Stueven, Gladys Van Wettering, Dorothy Thorin, (back) John Kuiken, Donna Sjaarda, Henrietta Haak, Leah Doorneweerd, Jeannette Top, Gwen Sells and Jerry Thorin.



Glenda McGaffee photo/0917 H-BC cooks

New cooks at H-BC

Pictured are the new cooks at Hills-Beaver Creek High School Wednesday, Sept. 9. From left are Donna Burgers, cook; Heather Harris, head cook, and Deb Hartz, cook.

school menu

Hills-Beaver Creek Elementary (K-12th grade):

Monday, Sept. 21: Hamburger, bun, baked beans, fruit, relishes.

Tuesday, Sept. 22: Roast beef and cheese sandwich, green beans, fruit, relishes.

Wednesday, Sept. 23: Grilled chicken breast, rice, corn, fruit, relishes.

Thursday, Sept. 24: Corn dogs, carrots, corn chips with salsa, fruit, relishes.

Friday, Sept. 25: Fish wedge, broccoli, bread, fruit, relishes.

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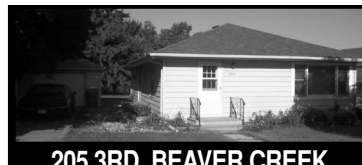
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Fall Junk Drop-off Site

Saturday, September 19

Junk items must be dropped-off at the City Shop located at 700 South Central Avenue from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM on Sat., Sept. 19th. Customers are responsible for unloading their own junk.

City employees will be on site only to assist if necessary.

Separate iron from other materials.

NO LP gas tanks – Tanks must be removed from gas grills.

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

NO recyclable materials.

NO construction materials - such as cement, bricks, sheetrock, plywood, lumber, railroad ties, pallets, etc.

NO weekly household garbage allowed in junk pick up.

No computer monitors, electronic materials (such as TV's, stereos, computer parts, etc.). No toxic or hazardous materials, fluorescent bulbs, oil, oil filters, tires, vehicle batteries – these items must be taken to the Rock County Transfer Station by APPOINTMENT ONLY – Call 283-8862, Ext. 3.

Junk items that absorb water – please keep dry to eliminate adding overall weight, which increases landfill tipping fees.

APPLIANCES WILL BE PICKED UP AT THE CURB

There is a \$15 fee for appliances, such as stoves, refrigerators, washers, dryers, freezers, microwaves, water heaters, water softeners, dehumidifiers, dishwashers, furnaces, air conditioners, garbage disposals, heat pumps, trash compactors, compressors, treadmills, etc. Doors on refrigerators and freezers must be secured shut. **Fees must be paid in advance at the City Office or drop payment in the utility drop box prior to junk date.**

FEES ARE NONREFUNDABLE!

school calendar

Hills-Beaver Creek School Calendar for Sept. 17-22

Thursday, Sept. 17:
Girls' volleyball at Westbrook-Walnut Grove.

Friday, Sept. 18:
Boys' football vs. GHEC at Granada.

Saturday, Sept. 19:
Seventh- and eighth-grade volleyball tournament in Edgerton.

Monday, Sept. 21:
Seventh- and eighth-grade JV football at SWU. Seventh- and eighth-grade volleyball vs. Ellsworth at home.

Tuesday, Sept. 22:
Volleyball at Luverne. Seventh- and eighth-grade volleyball vs. Adrian at home.



Glenda McGaffee photo/0917 6th graders at H-BC

Movin' on up ...

Pictured are the sixth-graders at Hills-Beaver Creek Friday, Sept. 11. The sixth-grade students say they are excited to be attending the secondary school in Hills. Superintendent Todd Holthaus said, "The sixth-graders have assimilated nicely into their new surroundings. They have been a pleasant addition." Sixth-grade teachers are Don Bosshart and Kale Wiertzema.

obituary

Elmer Metzger

Elmer August Metzger, 96, Larchwood, Iowa, died Friday, Sept. 11, 2015, at the Tuff Memorial Home in Hills.

A funeral service was Tuesday, Sept. 15, at the Apostolic Christian Church in Lester, Iowa. Burial was at the Apostolic Christian Church Cemetery in Lester.

Elmer Metzger was born Oct. 11, 1918, to Fred and Karoline (Knobloch) Metzger on a farm near Larchwood.

On Sept. 24, 1940, he married Mariann Moser in Rock Rapids, Iowa. He farmed north of Lester from 1940 to 1948. In 1948 they moved three miles north and one mile east of Larchwood, where he lived until 1992. In 1992 they moved to Lester, where they remained until he became a resident of Tuff Memorial Home in Hills.

He was a member of the Apostolic Christian Church of Lester and was a Sunday school teacher for 14 years. He had served on the Farmers Mutual Insurance board in Hull, Iowa, and Farmers Co-op Elevator board in Larchwood.

Elmer is survived by his wife,

Mariann Metzger, Hills; five sons, James (Lois) Metzger, Hills, Gary (Beth) Metzger, Larchwood, Ray (Kathy) Metzger, Brandon, South Dakota, Don (Pat) Metzger, Hills, and Arlyn (Nancy) Metzger, Larchwood; a son-in-law, Lynn "Butch" (Kathleen) Doorneweerd, Lester; 21 grandchildren; 33 great-grandchildren; a brother, Roy (Evelyn) Metzger, Bloomfield, Iowa; two sisters, Lydiann (Carl) Wyss and Pearlina Streitmatter,

all of Washington, Illinois; two brothers-in-law, Andy Mogler, Eureka, Illinois, and Russell Wuthrich, Bloomfield; three sisters-in-law, Alice Metzger, Alford, Iowa, Esty Metzger, Hills, and Donna Metzger, Rock Rapids, Iowa; and many relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a daughter, Marlys Doorneweerd; a grandson, James Metzger; a great-granddaughter, Kaylon Metzger; seven brothers and three sisters.

Arrangements were by Jurrens Funeral Home of Rock Rapids, www.jurrensfuneralhome.com.

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TUESDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 29 – SALE TIME 6:00 P.M.



DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY: The property consists of a very desirable approximately 40'x80' post frame steel covered structure with three 12'x12' roll up doors with automatic openers located on a 66.56'x105.59' lot. The property has been surveyed. The building is serviced by a 100 amp breaker box, and has 6 electric outlets spaced inside the building, and has 10 overhead lights. The entry is serviced by a 16'x 40' cement floor draper with the balance of the floor gravel. The building has a walk in door to the north, and has cement filled steel protector posts on each roll up door for door damage protection. The building has been very well maintained during the years, and has a nice appearance. The property consists of 7,014 square feet of land and is 0.16 acre. There is believed to be a drainage tile running through the property, and a tile drain easement will become part of the property records.

OPEN HOUSE SHOWINGS: Open house showings of the property will be between the hours of 5:00 P.M. and 6:00 P.M. on Wednesday evenings September 16 & 23.

ABBREVIATED LEGAL DESCRIPTION: A tract in Outlot 14 in County Auditors Plat of Hills Outlots to the Village of Hills, Minnesota.

TAXES: Taxes due & payable in 2015 will be prorated to the date of possession. Taxes due & payable in 2016 will be paid by the buyer. The property is currently tax exempt, and a new tax basis will be established by the Rock County, MN Assessor. Terms: A \$6,000. non-refundable down payment immediately after the auction. Buyer will be required to sign a Purchase Agreement immediately after the auction. Balance due & payable on or before October 29, 2015, when a Deed & updated Abstract of Title will be conveyed to the buyer. Sale sold subject to confirmation of the owner. Real Estate Licensees stipulate that they are representing the seller in this transaction. Announcements made at the auction take precedence over any and all advertising pertaining to this auction.

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WEEKLY SPORTS NEWS

Patriots sweep Panthers in non-conference play

By John Rittenhouse

The Hills-Beaver Creek volleyball team upped its record to 2-0 with a home win over Ellsworth Sept. 8.

The home-standing Patriots dominated the contest by outscoring the Panthers 75-31 during the evening.

H-BC secured 25-9, 25-12 and

25-10 wins.

Avery Van Roekel (10 kills and five blocks) and Sidney Fick (nine kills and four aces) served in productive nights for the Patriots.

Mekayla Kolbrek charted 20 set assists and Avery Wysong chipped in eight kills to the winning cause.

Girls win twice in Iowa event

By John Rittenhouse

The Hills-Beaver Creek volleyball team slipped below the .500 mark for the first time this season after competing at the Central Lyon Tournament Saturday in Rock Rapids, Iowa.

The Patriots played six matches at the event and compiled a 2-4 record.

H-BC won two of the first three matches but ended the day dropping three consecutive contests.

After taking a three-set loss (21-17, 18-21, 6-15) from Harris-Lake Park to open the tournament, the Patriots bounced back to defeat Newell-Fonda and Ellsworth.

H-BC topped N-F in three sets (21-4, 13-21, 15-11) as well as Ellsworth (15-21, 21-13, 15-8).

The Patriots dropped their next two matches in straight sets to George-Little Rock (6-21, 15-21) and Central Lyon (13-21, 12-21).

West Sioux topped H-BC 11-21, 21-17, 13-15 in the finale.

Patriot coach Susan Bork said Avery Van Roekel played well in every aspect during the tournament.

The coach said Olivia Richards had a great day and that Jasmine Lingen did some good things in the front row.

The 4-5 Patriots play in Westbrook Thursday.

E-Gals spoil H-BC's RRC debut

By John Rittenhouse

The Hills-Beaver Creek Patriots fell from volleyball's unbeaten ranks Thursday in Hills.

Taking on Southwest Christian in the Red Rock Conference debut for both teams, the Patriots came out on the short end of a 3-1 decision.

SWC drew first blood by securing a 25-21 win in the opening set, but H-BC bounced

back to nail down a 25-16 victory in the second set.

The E-Gals claimed the third and fourth sets by 25-16 and 25-12 tallies to take the match.

Avery Van Roekel led H-BC with nine kills and seven blocks during the match.

Olivia Richards chipped in five kills and three blocks, while Jasmine Lingen added five kills.

Football team falls for first time

By John Rittenhouse

Hills-Beaver Creek's three-win run to open the 2015 football season came to an end Friday in Hills.

Entertaining Mountain Lake Area in a key district clash, the Patriots scored late in the second quarter to sport a 20-18 edge at the intermission.

MLA, however, made a few key defensive stops during a scoreless third quarter and scored 14 unanswered points in the fourth quarter to secure a 32-20 victory.

The loss was a tough one for the Patriots, who played the game without leading rusher Isaiah Vis (knee injury).

"I'm not saying we would have won this game with Vis, but not having him out there hurt because he does a lot of different things for us," said H-BC coach Rex Metzger.

"Our kids played hard. We just had a few untimely turnovers and made a few mistakes."

H-BC registered a touchdown late in a tightly contested first half to sport a two-point edge at the break.

Facing an 18-12 deficit, H-BC's Cooper Vaughn returned a punt 25 yards to the MLA 33-yard line in the final minutes of the third quarter.

Trenton Bass scored on a seven-yard run five plays later, and a successful conversion pass from Zach Scholten to Bass gave the Patriots a 20-18 lead they would take into the second half.

The Patriots squandered two opportunities to extend their lead in the third quarter.

H-BC moved the ball to MLA's 25-yard line with the opening possession of the third quarter, but the threat ended with a lost fumble.



John Rittenhouse photo/0917 hfb 3

Sophomore Trenton Bass ran for 43 yards and hauled in five pass receptions during Friday's home loss to MLA.

H-BC's second possession of the half started in MLA territory and ended with an interception.

"We had some chances to take the momentum in the third quarter, but we didn't take advantage of them," Metzger said.

The Wolverines did convert with a pair of scoring opportunities in the fourth quarter to settle the issue.

MLA quarterback Levi Stoesz tossed a 13-yard touchdown pass to Chris Boyd to give the visitors a 24-20 lead early in the final stanza.

Boyd iced the win for the Wolverines with a three-yard touchdown run with less than three minutes left in the game. Stoesz, who tossed three touchdown passes in the game, hooked up with Christian Hampel for a successful conversion pass following the final touchdown.

Both teams had their moments in the first half.

MLA led 6-0 when Stoesz fired a 38-yard touchdown pass to Boyd on the third play of the Wolverines' second offensive possession.

The Patriots countered with an eight-play, 60-yard drive to knot the score at six when Scholten tossed a 16-yard touchdown pass to Drew Forshey at the 4:08 mark of the opening stanza.

MLA's Weston Osland intercepted a pass on the

Wolverines' 28 as the first quarter progressed, setting up a 71-yard touchdown run by Stoesz two plays later that gave MLA a 12-6 cushion with 26 seconds remaining in the first quarter.

H-BC answered the challenge again by mounting a nine-play 74-yard drive with its next possession.

The drive ended with Scholten firing a 23-yard touchdown pass to Vaughn to knot the score at 12 with 8:51 left in the first half.

MLA moved in front 18-12 late in the second quarter at the end of a three-play possession capped by a 46-yard touchdown pass from Stoesz to Isaac Glassic.

H-BC takes on 2-2 Granada-Huntley-East Chain Friday in Granada.

Team statistics

H-BC: 105 rushing yards, 208 passing yards, 313 total yards, eight first downs, five penalties for 27 yards, three turnovers.
MLA: 269 rushing yards, 106 passing yards, 375 total yards, 13 first downs, seven penalties for 60 yards, one turnover.

Individual statistics

Rushing: Stuart Plimpton 20-93, Bass 6-24, Scholten 3-minus 12.
Passing: Scholten 18-29 for 208 yards.
Receiving: Vaughn 10-127, Bass 5-43, Forshey 2-25, Plimpton 1-3.
Defense: Bass six tackles, Dylan Forshey three tackles, Dean Fuerstenberg three tackles, Plimpton 13 tackles, Jed Burgers five tackles, Michael Taubert five tackles, Logan Leuthold 12 tackles, Drew Forshey 10 tackles, Jesse Elbers one tackle and one fumble recovery.

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Close the Gate

By Nancy Kraayenhof

Fear

Last week I wrote about the trouble I have with disappointment. Well, this week I've thrown disappointment under the bus, and I find myself standing toe to toe, looking into the eyes of some very real fears.

I am not a fraidy-cat by any means. I'm not superstitious, don't put any stock in horoscopes and am pretty much phobia free.

When I was young, I was scared to death of spiders almost to the point of being paralyzed. I'm not sure what caused my unrealistic dread of such small creatures, but when I finally realized that I was way bigger than they are and thus pretty much in command of any situation where they appeared, my fear went away. I still don't like the creepy eight-legged critters, but I'm not afraid. Dislike is a very distant cousin of fear.

I don't really like heights, but if I have to climb the lad-

der to clean out the gutters or for whatever reason, I do it. A couple of years back I noticed a valley on my house roof had accumulated quite a large dam of sticks. Afraid a good rain could have water backing up under the shingles, the dam had to be removed so (ta-tadah!) Nancy to the rescue.

I climbed the ladder with confidence, knowing it would only take a couple of minutes and I would be safely back on the ground. I shakily crawled onto the roof, and as my last foot left the ladder, I must have given a little push off and the stupid ladder tipped over. It clattered loudly to the ground and bounced a couple of times like a large, clumsy aluminum pole vaulter's pole.

Disgusted, I cleared out the sticks, cussed out the blasted home maintenance tasks and looked around for options to get down. No vines around for a daring Tarzan swing to the ground, no neighbors in sight, no sign of Superman in

the sky, no cell phone in my pocket: nothing to do but wait. I was too chicken to belly crawl around and clean out the gutters even though they might have needed it. The angle of the roof is not that steep. Probably a typical 3 or 4:12 pitch, but while I don't know much about roofs, I am quite familiar with gravity, and it is not my friend.

I'm not sure how long it was (seemed long) but finally a boy of about 10 or so appeared at the playground next door. I hollered, got his attention and offered him \$2 to set my ladder back up, which he was more than happy to do. After I timidly worked my way down and paid the hero his due, I must admit I took a bit of a guilt trip over having offered him such a paltry amount. Seemed pretty cheap for my release from roof captivity, but the boy seemed quite satisfied as he headed off toward the neighborhood gas station. It could, quite possibly, have been about the best

value I have ever gotten out of two bucks. I've decided I'm not going to climb on any roofs any more, but just because I choose not to, does not mean I'm afraid.

The dark doesn't bother me either. Sure, I prefer enough light to see, but I know there is nothing out there in the dark that isn't there during the day ... except maybe a mountain lion, but he's probably afraid of humans so I don't need to be afraid of him. There is, however, the danger of tripping over the sneaky wayward tongue of one of our many wagons that lie in the shadow of the grass that the hubster feels compelled to move all the time for no reason whatsoever. A flashlight is a darn handy gadget if you've got the patience to find it if the grandkids didn't put it back where it belongs after the last game of flashlight tag and if the batteries are, hence, not dead. Annoyed, yes. Afraid, no. Though I harbor no real

fears for myself, I do have fears for others. I fear for the safety of my loved ones. I fear for their health. I fear for their ability to adapt. I fear for their happiness.

We're all getting older and I've been forced to do some thinking about it lately. Drives me crazy how fast things change. I sleep well and I dream the sweet dreams of health and youth for the hubster and myself but lately it all seems to disappear when I wake up. I know there's nothing to be afraid of, even when the changes come, because the Lord has a plan for us. Now all we have to do is figure out what it is.

When unexpected trouble comes along and leaves the gate open wide,

We'll close the darn thing somehow with our Lord right by our side.

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

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Sunday, Sept. 20: 9 a.m. Worship at Tuff Chapel. 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Communion at Bethlehem.
Tuesday, Sept. 22: 2:30 p.m. Tuff Home Bible Study. 3:15 p.m. Tuff Village Bible Study.
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Tubb News

By Shateen Lichter



Shateen Lichter photos/0917 tuff news photos
Ann Tilstra and Jim Leenderts are all smiles.

Hello again from the Tuff Memorial Home.

September is Happy Aging Month. Did any of you get moving last week? What did you do to stay social?

I decided to buy myself a pedometer and track my steps at work. I found out I walked between 6-7 miles each day!

This week's tips are No. 3: Bulk up! Dedicate to eating more servings of beans and other high-fiber foods for your digestive health; No. 4: Add some spice! Sometimes medications can dull taste buds. Add some herbs and spice to your meals to help; No. 5: Stay balanced! Have you ever tried yoga

or Tai Chi? Start with adding some light stretching to your morning. Our residents do tai chi every Tuesday morning, so please join us.

While it was a short week with the Labor Day holiday, great times were to be had.

Cletus Globberisch joined us from New Ulm with his concertina music on Wednesday. We appreciated a time of polka music and light humor from him. Later that afternoon, residents made "Full of Smiles" jars for the staff at Tuff.

Residents took old mason jars and decorated them with ribbon. Then they wrote out, decorated and cut slips of paper with encouraging phrases, such as, "We appreciate you!" and "Be the best you today!" The slips of paper were placed into the jars and set in various spots of the facility for staff.

On Thursday morning, residents made O Henry! bars for afternoon coffee. They shared their favorite recipes, including marble cake, as well as any "oops!" moments they had while cooking or baking. One resident mentioned there were too many to share!

We were blessed Friday morning with patriotic music from T.R. Mader of Wyoming. We greatly appreciated his message and music. Residents worked on yarn wreaths Friday afternoon. After some finishing touches, these will make beautiful fall door

decorations. Residents gathered for the Lester hymn-sing Friday night. Thank you to the individuals who come to our facility to make this happen.

Looking ahead this week:

- Thursday, Sept. 17: Outing to zoo. 2:30 p.m. Bingo.

- Friday, Sept. 18: 2:30 p.m. Men's Den\Gal Pals.

- Saturday, Sept. 19: 1:30 p.m. You Lucky Dog!

- Sunday, Sept. 20: 9 a.m. Worship.

- Monday, Sept. 21: 10 a.m. Pumpkin bowling.

- Tuesday, Sept. 22: 2:30 p.m. Bible trivia.

- Wednesday, Sept. 23: Breakfast at the casino. 2:30 p.m. Apple Day bake-off.

On Wednesday, Sept. 23, we will be having an Apple Day bake-off! If anyone is interested in bringing their baked apple goods for judging, please contact Shateen in activities at 962-3275 by Monday, Sept. 21, to register.

Resident birthdays this week include Henrietta DeJongh, Sept. 18, and Pat Benson, Sept. 23. Staff birthdays include Dylan Gerhke, Sept. 19, and Candace Foote, Sept. 23.

The Tuff Memorial Home would like to extend its sympathies to the family of Elmer Metzger, who died Friday, Sept. 11. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Which happy aging tip will you implement this week? Have a great week, everyone!

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peekin' in the past

10 years ago (2005)

- A buyer approached the Hills City Council Tuesday with interest in a Main Street property.

Rod Verhey told Council members he'd like to purchase the commercial lot on the west side of Main Street between Donatello's Café and Around the Clock Fitness and Tanning LLC.

20 years ago (1995)

- Gregg Bosch has always enjoyed winning. Whether it was on the football field for H-BC, on the basketball court for Northwestern College in Orange City or on the mound for one of several fast pitch softball teams across the nation, he has strived to win.

His recent induction into the Iowa Fast Pitch Softball Hall of Fame is a solid indication that Bosch has done his share of winning. When he finished playing on an open level in 1990, he had a lifetime pitching record of 1067-261.

50 years ago (1965)

- The Hills Christian School, which has been in session now for the past two weeks, has an en-

rollment of forty-two students. Some students come from near Valley Springs and Beaver Creek.

75 years ago (1940)

- A fire alarm last Tuesday afternoon called volunteers to the Ed Larson farm southeast of town where a grass fire threatened to spread to dangerous proportions. A weed fire at the John Top farm got out of control and spread into a slough adjoining the Larson farm.

100 years ago (1915)

- Next Tuesday evening an "All Over the State Campaign Day" meeting — a "temperance rally" — will be held in Finke's hall. A fine program is being prepared consisting of short talks by five prominent men of our community.

- A number of our business men have been discussing the advantages of graveling the main business section in Hills, and putting a crossing from the Tuthill yards to the new furniture store, likewise a crossing in the middle of the main block, near Ruud's hotel.



Whither soever

By Glenda McGaffee

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Grandparents Day was observed Sunday, Sept. 13.

National Grandparents Day was founded by Marion McQuade from West Virginia. Her goal for the day was to encourage grandchildren to learn about their heritage from their grandparents. It was first observed in West Virginia in 1973.

In 1979 President Carter proclaimed the first Sunday after Labor Day each year to be National Grandparents Day. September was selected to signify the autumn years of people's lives. McQuade wanted this day to be celebrated with the whole family-multi-generations.

Her goal was threefold:

- to honor grandparents.
- to give grandparents an opportunity to show love for their children's children.
- to help children become aware of the strength, information and guidance older people can offer.

The forget-me-not flower is the official flower for National Grandparents Day.

I never had the privilege of knowing my maternal or paternal grandfathers, because they both passed away when I was 3. I did know my grandmothers and have fond memories of spending time with them.

My maternal grandmother was Kate Korthals VanDen Oever, and my paternal grandmother was Alice Sanders Wassenaar.

My grandmother Kate was born Feb. 15, 1896, on a farm between Ireton and Sioux Center, Iowa. In 1915 she married Herman Mulder, who died of influenza on Dec. 28, 1918, during the flu epidemic.

My grandmother was left a widow with three young children, John, Gertrude and Jeanette.

On Feb. 21, 1921, she married my grandfather, John Van Den Oever, who was 39 years old. Together they had seven more children, all girls: Cynthia, Henrietta (my mother), Catherine, Wilmina, Joan, Evelyn and LaVonne.

My grandmother was an extraordinary lady who could drive a car, which I thought was wonderful, because my mother never drove.

Grandma would come to Minnesota to visit a week or more. Her car was a maroon 1949 Plymouth, and I recall my brother, Bob, yelling, "Get off the farmyard! Grandma is coming up the driveway."

Grandma played piano by ear and sewed dresses out of feed sacks for her girls when they were young.

She was able to attend my wedding in 1982, and I have fond memories of that occasion. She passed away on March 30, 1985, at the age of 89.

My paternal grandmother was Alice Sanders Wassenaar who was born in Holland Jan. 30, 1885.

She married my grandfather Gerrit Wassenaar on March 2, 1905, and they were the parents of five children: Lena Hommes,



This a picture of my grandmothers, Kate VanDenOever (left) and Alice Wassenaar.

William (Bill), Nell DeNoble, Christina Jongerius and my father, George.

I have fond memories of visiting my grandmother in her home in Steen at 230 West Church Avenue, the home now owned by Laurie David and her husband.

My grandmother made the best sugar cookies in the world. Rick Scholten was a neighbor of my grandmother and would visit with his dog. Grandma would always give a cookie to his dog.

Since Grandma lived close to the church we attended, the Steen Reformed Church, we visited her after church. I remember her serving food on pretty orange dishes.

My grandma spent the last years of her life in the Tuff Memorial Home. That was my first experience with the Tuff Memorial Home, and it must have left a good impression since I have spent almost the last 40 years there.

I remember when my grandma was a patient in the Luverne Community Hospital. In those days children could not visit patients in the hospital so I spent a lot of time in the waiting room at the old hospital in Luverne. I remember my parents bringing me fruit or treats she had received.

I remember the day Grandma died, March 31, 1968. It was a Sunday afternoon and I was visiting a friend, Connie Schouwenburg, daughter of Don and Phyllis Schouwenburg. They lived on 109 5th Street, the home now owned by Doug and Pam Hoogeveen. My dad talked to Don and he took me home. I don't remember the funeral or anything else.

In closing, here is a story in honor of Grandparents Day.

An elderly woman had just returned to her home from an evening of church services when an intruder startled her.

She caught the man in the act of robbing her home of her valuables and yelled, "Stop! Acts 2:38." The burglar stopped in his tracks.

The woman calmly called the police and explained what she had done.

As the officer cuffed the man to take him in, he asked the burglar, "Why did you just stand

there? All the lady did was yell scripture to you."

"Scripture?" replied the burglar. "I thought she said she had an ax and two 38's."

I made this recipe for my husband, Sam, and myself Saturday night. This is a low-fat, low-calorie main dish. As a bonus the colorful red cabbage provides a good source of vitamin C.

Pork Chops with Cabbage and Apples

Ingredients:

6 cups shredded red cabbage (about 1/2 pound)

1/2 cup Kraft Lite Raspberry Vinaigrette Dressing

6 boneless pork chops (1 1/2 pound), 3/4 inch thick

1 package Shake 'N Bake Panko Seasoned Coating Mix

2 red apples cut into wedges

Heat oven to 400 degrees. Place cabbage in 13x9-inch baking dish sprayed with cooking spray; drizzle with dressing.

Coat chops with coating mix as directed on package; place on baking sheet sprayed with cooking spray.

Bake chops and cabbage 30 minutes or until chops are done (145 degrees) and cabbage is tender, stirring apples into cabbage mixture after 15 minutes. Remove from oven. Let chops stand 3 minutes before serving with cabbage mixture.

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