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Beaver Bar to close Oct. 1

By Glenda McGaffee

The Beaver Bar at the corner of North 3rd Avenue and East First Avenue in Beaver Creek will close Oct. 1.

Bar owner Shad Kruger said circumstances in the business and in his family life prompted the decision.

"My liquor license, workmen's compensation insurance, along with my city and county licenses expire Oct. 1, and I am not going to renew them," Kruger said.

"If these were not due, I would not close at this time. I am just too busy with my family and construction business. Different groups have been looking at purchasing the bar, so I hope it will be sold."

Kruger purchased the bar from the city of Beaver Creek 17 years ago in 1998.

Enrollment increases in **H-BC schools** for years 2015-16

By Glenda McGaffee

Student enrollment appears to be increasing in Hills-Beaver Creek

That's according to discussion at the Sept. 14 H-BC School Board

Elementary principal Jason Phelps reported at the board meeting that enrollment numbers were up from last year.

Total enrollment this year is 215 in grades K-6 compared with 205 last year.

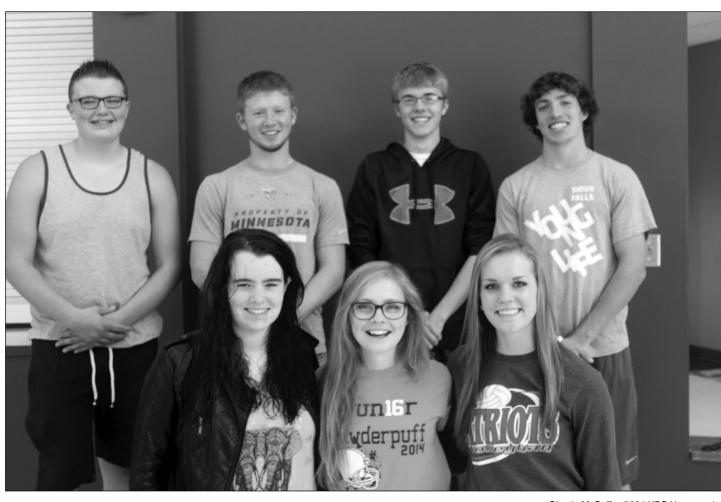
In the high school, Superintendent Todd Holthaus reported an increase from 140 to 148.

The Little Pates Preschool started with a total of 40 students.

In personnel matters the board

•van drivers Ron Rauk, Chris Harnack, Ron Feucht and Lisa Durst;

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Glenda McGaffee/0924 HBC Homecoming

Candidates for this year's Hills-Beaver Creek Homecoming are queen candidates (front, left) Hannah Glidewell, Thea Richards and Tessa Klarenbeek; (back, left) Master of Ceremonies Derek Kruid and king candidates Stuart Plimpton, Trevor Paulsen and Cooper Vaughn. The weeklong festivities kick off with the coronation ceremony at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 28, in the high school and will end with the Homecoming football game at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 2, against Nicollet.

Hills-Beaver Creek celebrates Homecoming next week

By Glenda McGaffee

Students at Hills-Beaver Creek High School are preparing for Homecoming festivities next week starting with coronation at 6:30 p.m. (please note the change in time) at the high school.

Homecoming Week activities at the high school include:

- •Monday, Sept. 28: Injury Day; 6:30 p.m. Homecoming Coronation.
- •Tuesday, Sept. 29: Nerd Day; seventh, eighth and JV football vs. Edgerton

at home; volleyball vs. RRC at home.

- •Wednesday, Sept. 30: Hick Day.
- •Thursday, Oct. 1: Twin/Duo Day.

•Friday, Oct. 2: Red, White and Blue Day; 2:30 p.m. Homecoming Parade; 5:30 p.m. tailgate supper; 7 p.m. Homecoming football game.

Immediately following the parade, PTO will host inflatables at the baseball field in Hills until 6:30 p.m. for all preschool and elementary students along with their families.

This year there will be seven different activities along with concessions. There will also be new H-BC Patriot apparel for sale. Grades 4 and younger must be accompanied by an adult.

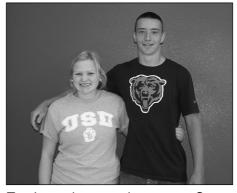
At 5:30 p.m. Friday the H-BC junior class will sponsor a tailgate supper of mesquite chicken breast, chips and pop for \$6.

At 7 p.m. is the football game between H-BC and Nicollet.

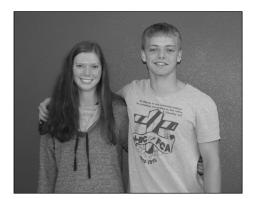
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Ninth-grade Homecoming attendants are Sidney Fick and Luke LaRock.



Tenth-grade attendants are Grace Holthaus and Dean Fuerstenberg.



Eleventh-grade attendants are Emma Baker and Logan Leuthold.

weather **REPORT**



SEPTEMBER 13 - SEPTEMBER 19 WEATHER

High temperature for the week: Low temperature for the week: Average temperature for the week: Rain amount for the week: Moisture total for September: 1.02

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obituaries

Carolyn De Boer

Carolyn De Boer, 56, Beaver Creek, died Wednesday, Sept. 16, 2015, at Sanford Medical Center in Luverne.

A funeral service was Saturday, Sept. 19, at First Presbyterian Church in Beaver Creek. Burial of cremains was at Beaver Creek Cemetery with full military rites presented by Dell Hogan American Legion

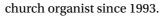
Post #123 and Rock County VFW Post #2757.

Carolyn Vis was born Feb. 13, 1959, to John G. and Nelvina (Lolkus) Vis in Chandler. Carolyn attended the Chandler Christian Grade School and graduated from Chandler-Lake Wilson High School. She later attended Southeast Area Vo Tech. She served in the U.S. Army National Guard from 1977 to 1980.

On Feb. 8, 1980, Carolyn married Lyle De Boer at the American Reformed Church in Luverne. After their marriage the couple lived in Beaver Creek.

Carolyn worked in various occupations including nurse's aid, warehousing, manufacturing and bookkeeping.

She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Beaver Creek since 1992. She served as a Sunday school teacher, session member and on other committees. Carolyn also served as the



She was a member of the Beaver Creek City Council and was currently serving as mayor. She enjoyed attending auctions, reading, fishing, baking, flowers and gardening.

Carolyn is survived by her husband, Lyle De Boer, Beaver Creek; three children, Paul (Amber) De Boer, Sioux Falls,

South Dakota, Kristy (Darrin) Trower, Sherman, South Dakota, and Lyle "Bud" Jr. (Jody) De Boer, Hills; six grandchildren, Preston, Caitlyn, Mataya and Blaine Trower, and Sage and Londyn De Boer; her father and stepmother, John (Gen) Vis, Chandler; two sisters, Char De Groot, Luverne, and Marilyn (Lloyd) De Boer, Beaver Creek; a brother-in-law, Darrell (Rita) De Boer, Beaver Creek; and two stepsiblings, Glenda (Greg) Tuenissen, Denver, Colorado, and Don (Deb) Buys, Chandler.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Nelvina Vis; a sister, Darlene Vis; her mother- and father-in-law, Peter and Augusta De Boer; and a brother-in-law, Larry De Groot.

Arrangements are by Dingmann Funeral Home of Luverne, dingmannandsons.com.

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Wilfred Stueven

Wilfred Fritz Stueven, 90, Luverne, died Wednesday, Sept. 16, 2015, at Sanford Medical Center in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

A funeral service was Saturday, Sept. 19, at St. John Lutheran Church in Luverne with burial at Trinity Lutheran Cemetery near Steen.

Wilfred Stueven was born April 8, 1925, to August and Betty (Bahlke) Stueven in Sioux County, Iowa. He was baptized on April 26, 1925, and was confirmed at St. John Lutheran Church in Boyden, Iowa. He grew up on the farm and attended country school and parochial school. Following his education Wilfred began his career in agriculture. In 1946 he was drafted into the U.S. Army and served in the Quarter Master Corps. Following his honorable discharge in July 1947, Wilfred went back to farming in the George, Iowa, area.

On Sept. 2, 1955, Wilfred married Evelyn Kitchenmaster at Peace Lutheran Church in Rock Rapids, Iowa. The couple made their first home in George, Iowa. Two years later they moved to Rock Rapids, Iowa. In 1964 the family moved to Pipestone. In 1968 they moved to Hills, where he continued to farm until his retirement in 1988. After retirement



the couple moved to Luverne in July 1988. In June 2013 they moved to the Tuff Memorial Village in Hills.

Wilfred was a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Luverne and was part of the Men's Club. When time allowed, Wilfred enjoyed woodworking, gardening and paint by numbers pictures.

Wilfred is survived by his wife, Evelyn Stueven, Luverne, two sons, Harlan (Susan) Stueven, Hills, and Paul (Marlene) Stueven, Welcome; a daughter, Marlene (Joe) Quincey, George, Iowa; nine grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; two brothers, Ruben and Kenneth Stueven, and a sister-in-law, Lois Stueven, all of George.

He was preceded in death by a grand-daughter, Tanya Joy Stueven; his parents; his stepmother, Kathryn Stueven; three brothers, Marvin, Lavern and Harold Stueven; and three sisters-in-law, Alma, Verna and Karen.

Memorials may be directed to Little Lambs Pre-School of St. John Lutheran Church or the Lutheran Hour Ministries.

Arrangements were by Hartquist Funeral Home of Luverne, www.hartquistfuneral.com.

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Homecoming/from 1

Homecoming Week activities at the elementary school include:

Neon Monday: wear neon-colored clothes and accessories;

Tacky Tuesday: wear mismatched, inside-out, backwards clothes;

Wednesday: Career/Job Day – dress as your career choice: farmer, doctor, nurse, lawyer,

Thursday: Nerd Day – wear glasses, suspenders, etc.:

Friday: Patriot Day – wear Patriot red, white and blue.

School board/from 1

•evening high school custodian Tammie Leuthold;

•after home game event custodian Deb Hartz. In other business the board accepted a \$4,000 donation from the Goehle Foundation in memory of Hugo Goehle.

The H-BC track program will receive \$2,000, H-BCbasketball program \$1,000 and H-BCfootball program \$1,000.

The next H-BC School Board meeting will be Monday, Sept. 28.

Tuesday, Sept. 29, is the date of the district building auction.

10 years ago (2005)

•Erin Boeve, a 2004 Hills-Beaver Creek graduate, has played well as a sophomore member of the Iowa State University volleyball team.

She was named to the All-Star Tournament Teams at the (Iowa State) Cyclone Classic and the Missouri State Classic.

20 years ago (1995)

•With the heart of harvest season right around the corner, area farmers are hoping for cooperative weather to help with the job ahead.

A hard freeze last week sent a scare through the area, while warming temperatures this week have been more encouraging.

Area farmers will be hoping for another 10 to 12 days of warm weather to help their bean crop.

50 years ago (1965)

•New lights were partially installed last week at the Hills Athletic Field. Responsible for the new lights is the Hills Athletic Development Association.

The new lights will have 56,000 watts when work is completed on them in comparison to only 42,000 on the old lights.

75 years ago (1940)

•According to figures released this week from the Bureau of Census at Washington, D.C, Rock County was one of the four counties in Minnesota that showed a decrease in population between 1930 and 1940. The population of Rock County according to the 1940 census is 10,929 while the 1930 figure was 10,962, a decrease of 33.

100 years ago (1915)

•Hills is coming to the front every year, still we must not allow the boosting spirit to die out, but instead keep hammering away for more improvements. We can boast of two big improvements in the past two years — the lighting plant, and thanks to the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. J.N. Jacobson, our town will have a park in four to five years that will compare with the best of them.

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in the kitchen and living room and new stainless teel appliances in the kitchen. The home features a GEO Thermal heating and cooling system. Back up heat is in place if necessary. The master bedroom is a spacious room with a walk in closet and spacious master bath. The lower level is finished with 2 bedroom, bath and large family room which walks out to the Tiki style patio with bar area. This is a perfect place to call home - call your favorite agent today.



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erb country living less than 20 minutes from Siou alls. Exceptional recent updates make this the hom ou definitely want to take a look at.Private, beautifu etting with views for miles & beautiful finishes. 1800 sg ft on main with 3 bedrooms & small 4th bedroor or office (no closet). 2014 remodel includes main lev el laundry, mudroom/bathroom, custom built bath oom cabinets, mirrors & master bedroom custon built dresser to match cabinets, new sinks & fixtures new lighting, new flooring throughout in 2014, nev appliances, new shingles, new window treatment iew interior & exterior paint, new storm doors, 25x26 finished & painted garage with closet & epoxy floors 2009 HVAC, 2010 new countertops. Yard is meticulous rove is cleared, trees trimmed. Gorgeous, open living rith vaulted, beamed ceiling, plush new carpet, 8 hardwood flooring. Wood-burning fireplace, master bedroom walk-in closet, & pass thru bath. Fresh & lean and beautiful. Radon mitigation in place. Wel







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Glenda McGaffee photo/0924 Kullpepper Kounty

Hills residents, staff celebrate Assisted Living Week

Above, Vicki Jenniges (left) and Paul Hickman of Kullpepper Kounty perform in the Tuff Village dining room Sunday, Sept. 13, to observe National Assisted Living Week Sept. 13-19,

Above left, Tuff Home Administrator Laura Preheim (left) and Mary Lemke, director of nurses, take their turn in the photo booth Monday, Sept. 14.

At left, tenants and village employees joined in photo booth fun. Pictured are (from left) Deb Bowman, John Kuiken and Nancy Herrin.

community events

Open houses

Doreen Rollag will celebrate her 90th birthday with an open house from 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26, at Palisade Lutheran Church, 211 County Hwy. 5. She requests no gifts. Greetings may be sent to her at 1046 State Hwy. 23; Beaver Creek, MN 56116.

Meetings

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

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

Narcotics Anonymous meets at 7 p.m. Fridays in the basement of St. Catherine Catholic Rectory, 203 E. Brown St., Luverne. Use east door. Call Shawn at 507-220-3180.

Alcoholics Anonymous meets at 8 p.m. Wednesdays and Saturdays in the Rock County Community Library. Call 605-321-4324.

Brandon area Al-Anon meets at 8 p.m. Monday and Thursday evenings and at 11 a.m. Saturdays at 209 Elm Street (behind VFW) in Brandon, S.D. Call 605-215-9947 with questions.

Combat from Behind the Camera Oct. 2

Nationally known combat photographer Stacy Pearsall will share what combat is like from behind the camera at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 2, in the historic Palace Theatre. Tickets are \$10 for the public but free to veterans. Call Luverne Area Chamber at 283-4061.

One Warm Coat

The Rock County One Warm Coat Project is collecting clean, reusable coats (children's coats especially). Bring your coats to ATLAS for Life, 201 E. Main Street in Luverne Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Thursdays from 1 to 8 p.m. through Oct. 31. Coats may also be dropped off at the Luverne Elementary School during the month of October. ContactWandaJarchowat283-9664 or Lisa Dinger (school) at 283-4497.

Library offers FallStoryHourevents

Story Hour is open to preschool children ages 4-5. Story Hour will be from 10 to 11 a.m. every Thursday 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 until Nov. 20.

Hinkly House Trunk Show Sept. 24

The Historic Hinkly House at 217 N. Freeman in Luverne will host a Trunk and Style Show from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 24. Live models and clothing will be on display throughout the Victorian period home.

American Red Cross blood drive Sept. 28

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.



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WEEKLY SPORTS NEWS

Patriots pull away from G-H-EC-T

By John Rittenhouse

The Hills-Beaver Creek Patriots bounced back after taking their first football loss of the season by registering a victory in Granada Friday.

The Patriots used a 24-6 scoring run in the second half to clinch a 38-12win over Granada-Huntley-East Chain-Truman.

H-BC, which never trailed in the contest after scoring 14 points in the first quarter, was clinging to an eight-point (14-6) lead after G-H-EC-T registered a touchdown early in the third

The Patriots, however, received two touchdown passes from Zach Scholten and a rushing touchdown from Stuart Plimpton during their game-clinching 24-6 run at the end of the contest.

"I like the way we responded after facing some adversity in the second half," said H-BC coach Rex Metzger.

"We lost a couple of fumbles early in the third quarter, but we scored with a long touchdown

pass to get the momentum back on our side and we never looked back after that."

Turnovers plagued both teams early in the first half.

H-BC's first possession of the third quarter ended with a fumble, and G-H-EC-T returned the favor by coughing up the ball on the H-BC one-yard line as the quarter progressed.

H-BC's second fumble gave the hosts the ball on the H-BC two moments later, and G-H-EC-T cashed in on the field position when C.J. Hodge scored on a twoyard run to make it a 14-6 game.

The Patriots overcame the sluggish start to the second half after the H-BC defense forced G-H-EC-T to punt at the end of its third possession of the third quarter.

H-BC took over on its own 27, where Scholten delivered a 73yard touchdown pass to Cooper Vaughn during the first play of the possession.

A Scholten-to-Josh Kueter conversion pass following the touchdown upped H-BC's lead to 22-6.

The Patriots settled the issue by scoring 16 points with their first two offensive possessions of the fourth quarter.

A 17-yard punt return by Vaughn set up a seven-play, 36yard drive ending with a nineyard touchdown run by Plimpton. Vaughn hauled in a conversion pass following the touchdown to make it a 30-6 game.

Following another punt by the hosts, H-BC's offense covered 60 yards in eight plays to ice the win.

Scholten delivered a 19-yard touchdown strike to Vaughn and hooked up with Trenton Bass for a successful conversion pass to give the Patriots a 38-6 cushion.

G-H-EC-T capped the scoring when Josh Wolter ripped off a 60yard touchdown run three plays later, but the game was well in hand for the Patriots at that point.

H-BC's defense made some big plays during a 14-point first quarter.

The third play of G-H-EC-T's opening possession ended with an interception that was returned 62 yards for a touchdown by Isaiah Vis. Vistoted in the ensuing two-point conversion to give the Patriots an 8-0 lead.

Logan Leuthold intercepted a pass three plays later and returned it 61 yards to the G-H-EC-T one-yard line, setting up a one-yard touchdown run by Scholten.

"I thought we played really well on defense in this game," Metzger said.

"We played physical football against a pretty big, physical team. G-H-EC-Tprobablywas one of the mostathleticteamsweplayedthis year, and we knew they would be going into the game."

The 4-1 Patriots host 4-1 Edgerton-Ellsworth Friday in Hills.

Team statistics

H-BC: 148 rushing yards, 160 passing yards, 308 total yards, 12 first downs, four penalties for 30 yards, three turnovers. G-H-EC-T: 155 rushing yards, 22 passing yards, 177 total yards, six first downs, seven nalties for 50 yards, three turno

Individual statistics

Rushing: Vis 22-77, Scholten 2-minus 14, Plimpton 5-70, Bass 7-9, Preston

Passing: Scholten 13-19 for 160 yards. Receiving: Vis 2-5, Bass 3-26, Vaughn 6-133, Plimpton 1-minus 10, Jed Burgers 1-6. Defense: Burgers two tackles, Vis five tackles and one interception, Drew Forshey three tackles, Plimpton nine tackles and one sack, Vaughn four tackles, Bass six tackles, Michael Taubert three tackles,



Hills-Beaver Creek senior Ashley Esselink spikes the ball as Heron Lake-Okabena's Sarah Madsen offers a challenge at the net Sept. 15 in Hills.

Girls take one set from defending conference champs

By John Rittenhouse

The Hills-Beaver Creek volleyball team dropped its second consecutive conference match when the Patriots entered Heron Lake-Okabena Sept. 15 in Hills.

The Patriots forced the defending Red Rock Conference champion Wildcats to play four

HL-O, however, won two of the sets handily during a 3-1 victory.

The Wildcats got off to a great start by coasting to a 25-14 win in the opening set.

The second set of the match was much more competitive.

A service point from H-BC's Sidney Fick gave the Patriots a 3-1 lead that remained intact (8-6) as the teams exchanged points in the early stages of the set.

reeled off four consecutive points to move in front 10-8, but the Patriots countered with a 13-5 run ending with an ace serve from Avery Van Roekelto open a 21-15 advantage.

The Wildcats battled back to knot the score at 21 and the score was tied at 27 when HL-O recorded consecutive points to

secure a 29-27 win.

H-BC scored the first three points of the third set on the way to building a 6-1 lead after Fick delivered a service point.

HL-O rallied to take an 11-9 edge before H-BC went on a 13-8 run to open a 22-19 advantage after Jasmine Lingen registered an ace tip.

Another ace tip from Ashley Esselink nailed down a 25-22 victory for the hosts.

Any thoughts of an H-BC rally ended early in the third set, when the Wildcats scored the first six points on the way to building a 19-5 advantage.

The Patriots trimmed the difference to 10 points (19-9) with a block from Van Roekel, but HL-O scored six of the next eight points to prevail 25-11.

Van Roekel (six kills, five blocks, five digs and two ace serves) turned in a strong effort for H-BC.

Lingen and Olivia Richards charted six and five kills respectively, Mekayla Kolbrek recorded nine set assists and Fick charted four digs and two ace serves.

Spikers fall 3-1 in Westbrook Thursday

By John Rittenhouse

The Hills-Beaver Creek volleyball team couldn't break through in Red Rock Conference play when the Patriots took on Westbrook-Walnut Grove in Westbrook Thursday.

H-BC put up a good fight by scoring at least 19 points in every set against the Chargers, but the

Patriots slipped to 0-3 in league play after coming up on the short end of a 3-1 decision.

The Patriots gained the upper hand early by pulling out a 27-25 victory in the opening set.

The next three sets were equally competitive, but the Chargers reeled off 25-19, 25-23 and 25-20 wins.

Jasmine Lingen turned in a 12kill effort for the Patriots, while Avery Van Roekel registered 12 blocks and eight kills.

Avery Wysong charted a teamhigh 14 set assists for 4-7 H-BC, which takes on Mountain Lake Area in Mountain Lake Thursday

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Close the gate By Nancy Kraayenhof

I'm a believer

I don't mind a quick quiz. While buzzing through some Facebook posts, aka wasting time, I found a friend had posted a quick quiz to see how well you can spell. Of course, I had to take it and, of course, I aced it. Spelling is something I'm proud to say I do well, and I really didn't need an Internet quiz to tell me this, but it's kind of nice to hear. Or read. Or whatever.

Then, of course, I had to see what other quizzes were available to be taken. There were all kinds of things from how kind you are to what kind of a wife you are to "If you were an animal, what would vou be?" Well, I know my degree of kindness and what kind of a wife I am and who really cares what kind of an animal I would be. Like a quiz made up by a human could predict such a thing.

Anyway, I scrolled down

the page and finally found a quiz that piqued my interest: What word sums up your entire life?

I couldn't resist! Ten quick multiple choice questions later and I got this:

You are a: Believer. Regardless of what other people might think, your faith is your core devotion in life. It's the one thing inside you that will not change even when your outside changes.

It's true! I believe with an unwavering faith that Jesus Christ is the way, the truth and the life.

I also believe that details are important. A well-placed comma is significant, and the choice between the right word and almost the right word in writing is like the difference between a lady and a ladybug.

I further believe in the importance of family but that it isn't blood and DNA that

defines your family. It's anyone who loves you no matter what and vice versa.

I sincerely believe we are all different in our own ways, and it's important to accept people as they are. Trying to change someone else is a fruitless waste of time, and the only person who can change you is you.

I truly believe ordinary people can achieve extraordinary things. We are all given our own gifts and talents. It is our task to find out what they are and listen to God's calling on how to use them.

I likewise believe that tomorrow will be a better day. I consider what my grandparents saw: two world wars, the nuclear bomb, segregation, killer flu and lots of bad things. But they also saw the polio vaccine, the passage of civil rights laws, the end of two world wars and lots of really good things. It boggles

my mind that our grandchildren will see the cure for cancer, peace in the Middle East, the end to world hunger and, perhaps, the Twins win the World Series again.

I humbly believe everyone deserves a proper send-off. Recently one of my former day care children was killed in an accident. I wrote at the time how it made my "mom heart" ache. Well, the hollow shadow of that ache is still there because there was no funeral, no memorial service, no internment, nothing. I heard there was a potluck held a couple of weeks after his death in his father's apartment building community room. Jonathan deserved better, and everyone else deserved a chance to say good-bye.

I strongly believe it's important to do what you love. I'm a day care mom. It is neither elegant nor classy in

the occupation department. When someone asks me what I do and I tell him or her, it seems as if the response is pretty much always the same: I could never do that! You must be a saint! Well, I'm not. I'm blessed. I'm educated, I'm fairly smart and I have many interests. I have discovered the more life I have, the more I have to give the small charges that I get to love, teach and care for in their most formative years. You know, I only have to talk about what I do for a couple of minutes at a party, but I get to live and love what I do every day of my life.

I believe in God, I believe in the power of prayer and I believe in love and fate.

I also believe it's important to know when, where and how to close the gate.

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





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Ray Heidenson, Pastor Sunday, Sept. 28: 9:15 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30

a.m. Worship Service.

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Sunday, Sept. 27:9 a.m. Worship at Tuff Chapel. 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Praise and Worship at Bethlehem. Wednesday, Sept. 30:9 a.m. Quilting. 7 p.m. Eighth- and ninth-grade Confirmation.

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Glenda McGaffee photo/0917 H-BC student council

Student leaders

Hills-Beaver Creek Student Council members for 2015-16 are (front, from left) ninth-grade representative Noah Hellerud, 10th-grade reps Angela Martinyuk and Paige Tilstra, 11thgrade rep Mekayla Kolbrek, seventh-grade rep Hannah Fick, eighth-grade reps Larissa Kruid and Ronnie Russel, ninth-grade rep Bailey Swan, sixth-grade rep Oliver Deelstra, (back) ninth-grade rep Tyler Jess, 10thgrade rep Dean Fuerstenberg, 11th-grade rep Logan Leuthold, sixth-grade rep Troy Durst, 11th-grade rep Dylan Forshey, 12th-grade rep Cooper Vaughn, Student Council President Thea Richards, 12th-grade rep Tessa Klarenbeek and seventh-grade rep Allie LaRock. The student council organizes school events, such as Homecoming the week of Sept. 28-Oct. 2 and school dances. The council meets monthly.

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By Glenda McGaffee

With summer's special pleasures now dissolved into memories, fall is now upon us — one of my favorite times of the year. The mornings are cool and by afternoon the temperatures have warmed up considerably.

With all of the bustle in



everyday life, it is so important to take time to enjoy the final hurrah of warm days and nippy nights as autumn's blaze of bold colors marches in. It won't be long and we will be raking leaves and preparing for winter.

Easter lily in September

Last spring I planted Easter $lily\,bulbs\,by\,my\,garage\,and\,they$ are now blooming as you can see by this picture.

Apple season

Now that apple season is upon us and branches of the apple trees are touching the ground with their heavy burden of ripe fruit, it's time to make recipes using apples.

Quick and Easy Apple Crisp

Slice 12 medium apples in the bottom of a pan. Sprinkle over these 1/2 cup sugar mixed with 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon.

Mix 1 cup flour with 1/2 cup butter. Add 1 cup brown sugar and put mixture over top of apples. Bake in greased pan about 1 hour in 350-degree oven.

Apple Muffins with Nut-Crunch Topping

1/2 cup sugar 1/4 cup butter or oleo 1 egg 1 cup milk 2 cups flour

3 tablespoons baking powder 1/2 teaspoon salt

1/2 teaspoon cinnamon

1/2 teaspoon nutmeg

1 cup finely chopped apples, unpared

Nut-crunch topping:

1/3 cup brown sugar

1/3 cup chopped nuts 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon

Cream sugar and shortening, add egg and mix well. Add sifted dry ingredients with milk and stir until ingredients are blended. Fold in chopped $apples.\,Spoon\,into\,greased\,muf$ fin tins, filling two-thirds full. Sprinkle with the nut-crunch topping and bake in 400-degree oven 20 to 25 minutes or until golden brown.

Autumn Woods

This is the time of year when nature spreads Her vivid autumn colors ali arouna;

Brushing the leaves with brilliant golds and reds, That all too soon come

tumbling to the ground. People like to walk now through the countryside And watch the scampering

squirrels that we meet. As colored leaves in autumn

breezes ride And fall to form a carpet

at our feet.

September's sun shines through the maple trees In patterns on the

forest floor below. The leaves rustle softly in the cool breeze

That soon will bring an end to autumn's show. We will call these splendid

pictures to mind When winter comes and leaves them all behind!

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Tuff News By Shateen Lichter

Happy fall, everyone! The cooler weather and falling leaves help us incorporate the following healthy aging tips as we celebrate Happy Aging Month.

Tip No. 6: Take a hike! A brisk, daily walk strengthens your heart and lungs.

Tip No. 7: Sleep well! Specialists suggest getting 7-9 hours of sleep each night for better cognitive functioning and improved mood.

Monday brought volleyball in the morning, a favorite exercise of the residents here at Tuff Memorial Home.

Father Dumann from Mitchell, South Dakota, provided Catholic services Monday afternoon and, of course, we played bingo.

Residents tried a new activity Wednesday morning called "Act It Out!" Residents and staff took turns acting out a facial expression, animal or action while others gave their best guess. A few things residents acted out included being happy, an elephant, and milking cows. There were many laughs to be had during this activity.

Wednesday afternoon residents and staff teamed up for the first-ever Minute-to-Win-It competition. A total of six resident\ staff teams participated, and each member had 60 seconds



Tuff Home residents took a field trip to the zoo in Sioux Falls. Pictured are (front, from left) JoAnn and Melvin Paulsen, Jim Leenderts, Donna Gallant, Henrietta Bajema, Mina Sjaarda, (back) Laura Preheim, Shateen Lichter, and (not pictured) Karin Moser and Diana Spath. Below, left, Henrietta Bajema acts out the motions for an airplane.



to complete a task. Tasks included "Breakfast Scramble" putting together a cereal box puzzle; "Stack It Up!" stacking 25 pennies; "Cookie Face" slide a cookie from your forehead to your mouth, without using your hands; and for the tie breaker, "Hubba Hubba" find a piece of bubble gum under a mountain of whipped topping. All the participants were great sports! The winning team consisted of three

residents, Mina Sjaarda, Betty Nath and Henrietta Bajema. The runners-up were Deb Slegers, Deb Remme and Laura Preheim. A huge thank you to everyone who helped and participated with this event. I look forward to the Christmas edition!

A full day of fun came on Thursday. A group of residents toured the Great Plains Zoo in the morning. Between watching the gibbons jump from rope to rope, the penguins swim and the tiger yawn, there were so many wonderful sights and animals to see. We thank Diana Spath and JoAnn Paulsen for volunteering their time to help with this outing. Following bingo in the afternoon, Etta DeJongh celebrated her birthday with cake for the staff and residents. Thank you, Etta!

Residents finished the week with Men's Den and Gal Pals Friday afternoon. The men played Ed's Hardware Store and the gals played Penny Ante. Both games are becoming fast favorites.

Looking ahead this week:

- •Thursday, Sept. 24: 10 a.m. Bake and taste.
 - •Friday, Sept. 25: 2:30 p.m. Duilting.
- •Saturday, Sept. 26: 10 a.m. Frost donuts/donut trivia.
- •Sunday, Sept. 27: 9 a.m. Worship.
- •Monday, Sept. 28: 10 a.m.
- Let's color.
 •Tuesday, Sept. 29: 10 a.m.
- Tai Chi/Sing-along.
 •Wednesday, Sept. 30: 2:30
 p.m. Monthly birthday party with
 Bruce Dysthe.

Staff birthdays this week include Joni Deelstra, Sept. 25; and Katelyn Roeman, Sept. 29. We would like to welcome Bob Kirsch back from the hospital.

Elementary students elect council

Hills-Beaver Creek elementary students elected their student council representatives recently. Members are (from left) Mazzi Moore; Leif Tollefson, president; Jenifer Martinyuk, secretary/treasurer; Lanae Elbers, Cooper Gehrke and Michael Martinyuk.



Glenda McGaffee photo/0924 elementary student council



Glenda McGaffee photo/0924 H- BC Seniors cleaning ditches

H-BC seniors participate in Adopt a Highway Program

Seniors (from left) Stuart Plimpton, Tessa Klarenbeek, Derek Kruid, Trevor Paulsen and (kneeling) Thea Richards are shown cleaning the ditches east of Hills on Highway 270 Wednesday, Sept. 16. The students said it was a fun and rewarding experience. H-BC seniors have participated in the Adopt a Highway Program since 2002.

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