

CRESCENT

Hills • Steen • Beaver Creek

Thursday

October 8, 2015 Volume 21, Issue 41 75¢

✓ Fire prevention week pg 6-7 ✓ Fall harvest pg 10

Area towns set preliminary levies

By Mavis Fodness

For Rock County communities outside of Luverne, preliminary property tax levies ranged from zero to 10.1 percent.

On Sept. 30 cities, counties, townships, school districts and special taxing districts in Minnesota must submit preliminary 2016 tax levy amounts to county auditors.

Each entity will certify their final percentages in December, the last opportunity for levy amounts to be lowered. Preliminary percentage amounts cannot be increased.

According to Rock County Auditor Ashley Kurtz, Beaver Creek submitted a request for a 10.1-percent levy increase from \$125,552 in 2015 to \$138,238 for taxes payable in 2016.

Beaver Creek's fire department will receive the majority of the \$12,686 increase, raising its allocation from \$7,129 in 2015 to \$22,160 in 2016.

"Our council always leaves the preliminary levy high until the November meeting," said city clerk/treasurer Jane Blank. "I don't anticipate that this year will be any different."

The overall \$272,429 budget for Beaver Creek has general fund expenditures of \$154,743, \$10,000 for fire equipment and \$15,000 each for street improvements and street equipment. Another \$1,000 is planned for the firemen's relief fund, \$6,501 for recreation and \$21,900 for debt service.

"In 2016, we will be retiring the debt for the municipal building and other than a fire truck loan, the city will be debt free."

Two communities are planning on raising their levies by 4 percent.

Hardwick will ask for an additional \$1,571 in taxes payable in 2016 for a total preliminary levy amount of \$40,829.

Currently, Hardwick estimates \$103,885 in expenditures in 2016 including \$69,771 for the general fund, \$4,160 for streets and \$20,040 for its fire department. The city also has a debt service amount of \$9,914.

Magnolia will ask for an additional \$1,367 (a 4-percent increase) for a 2016 levy amount of \$35,535.

Hills increased its levy to \$124,328 for a 1.1-percent increase in action taken earlier this month.

With no levy increase requested by Kenneth, \$13,500 is the preliminary designated amount for general fund expenditures, Kurtz said.

For communities with a population of less than 500, state statute doesn't require their councils to conduct Truth in Taxation hearings, Kurtz added.

Hills will conduct their hearing at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 8.



Patriot power!

Glenda McGaffee photo/1008 Red, White and Blue Day Red, White and Blue Day was Friday, Oct. 2. Pictured are H-BC elementary school students in their patriotic attire.

Patriot Pride, like this sign on the lawn of Kouri and Nora Wysong at 313 East 4th Street in Hills was displayed in the community during Homecoming Week. Another Patriots sign was displayed on the lawn of the Exchange State Bank of Hills Friday, Oct. 2.



Glenda McGaffee photo/1008 career day Wednesday, Sept. 30, was Career Day at the elementary school in Beaver Creek. Pictured are fifth-graders (from left) Carter Abels, Lexi Drake, Cody Moser and Collin Schoneman.

At right, H-BC second-graders participate in the Homecoming parade Friday, Oct. 2.



weather
REPORT



SEPTEMBER 27 - OCTOBER 3 WEATHER

High temperature for the week:	83	Rain amount for the week:	.32
Low temperature for the week:	39	Moisture total for September:	3.49
Average temperature for the week:	59		

507-283-2333
www.hillscrest.com
hceditor@star-herald.com



Whither-soever

By Glenda McGaffee

By Glenda McGaffee

Ever since I was a little girl, I have feared animals with any types of feathers — especially duck, chickens and roosters.

The reason I have this phobia is because a rooster attacked and pecked my leg when I was young. Needless to say, on that day many years ago the rooster breathed his last breath as my father threw a hammer at him.

Last week my friend and co-worker in the nursing home helped me face my fear of roosters. I was interviewing Laurie David and met her rooster, Willie.

She coaxed me to enter the chicken coop, which I did, and encountered Willie and 60 other chickens. I kept my eye on Willie and he on me.

Laurie picked him up and asked if I wanted to hold him to which I abruptly said, "No, thank you." Just entering that chicken coop with him and the other chickens was enough excitement for me.

Thinking about fears turned my thoughts to our area firefighters who face fear and danger each time their pagers sound.

This week Oct. 4-10 is Fire Prevention Week. Thanks to our area firefighters who are there when we need them for our families, homes and businesses.

Fireman's Prayer

When I am called to duty,
God,



Willie, the rooster, struts his stuff in Steen Wednesday, Sept. 30.

Glenda McGaffee photo/1008 Willie the rooster

Give me strength to save
some life,
Whatever be their age,
Enable me to be alert and
hear the weakest shout,
And quietly and efficiently
put the fire out.
Help me to embrace a little
child before
It's too late,

Or save an older person
from the horror of that fate.
I want to fill my calling and
to give the best in me,
To guard my every neighbor
and protect his property.
And if according to my fate,
I am to lose my life,
Please bless with your protecting
hand my children and my wife,
Those who meant the most
to me, in my earthly life.
Amen.

I offer the following poem
in memory of my dad, George
Wassenaar, (03-18-1920 to 10-
09-1999)

*Do you have
town news?
Interesting
history about
the Hills, Beaver
Creek, Steen
area?*

**Call Glenda.
She wants to
hear from you.**

962-3697

CRESCENT
Hills • Steen • Beaver Creek

This week I have two recipes using pork.

Sweet and Sour Pork

1/4 cup cornstarch
1 egg, beaten
1 1/2 pounds boneless
pork, cut into 1/2-inch cubes
3 tablespoons vegetable
oil, divided
2 medium carrots, sliced
1 medium onion, chopped
1 garlic clove, minced
1 medium green pepper,
cut into 1-inch pieces
2 tablespoons water
1 can (8 ounces) unsweet-
ened pineapple chunks

Sauce:
1 tablespoon cornstarch
1/3 cup brown sugar
1/4 cup chicken broth
1/4 cup white wine vin-
egar
1 tablespoon soy sauce
1/2 teaspoon minced fresh
gingerroot
Hot cooked rice
In a large bowl, combine
cornstarch and egg until
smooth. Add pork; toss to
coat.

In a skillet or wok, stir-fry
half of the pork in 1 table-
spoon oil until no longer pink;
remove. Add 1 tablespoon
oil and repeat with remaining
pork. Set pork aside and keep
warm.

Stir-fry the carrots, onion
and garlic in the remaining
oil for 3 minutes. Add green
pepper and water; stir-fry for
2 minutes. Drain pineapple,
reserving 1/4 cup juice. Add
pineapple and pork to pan.

Combine cornstarch and
brown sugar. Stir in chicken
broth, vinegar and soy sauce
until smooth. Add ginger and
reserved pineapple juice to
pan. Bring to a boil; cook
and stir for 2 minutes or until
thickened. Serve over rice.
Yield: 6 servings

**Barbecued Pulled Pork
Sandwiches**

1 pork shoulder roast
(about 2 1/2 pounds)
1 bottle (14 ounces) bar-
becue sauce
1 tablespoon fresh lemon
juice
1 teaspoon packed brown
sugar

1 medium onion, chopped
8 hamburger buns or hard
rolls

Place pork roast in Crock-
pot slow cooker. Cover; cook
on low 10 to 12 hours or on
high 5 to 6 hours.

Remove pork roast from
Crock-pot slow cooker. Shred
with two forks. Discard cook-
ing liquid. Return pork to
Crock-pot slow cooker; add
barbecue sauce, lemon juice,
brown sugar and onion. Cover;
cook on low 2 hours or on
high 1 hour. Serve pork on
hamburger buns or hard rolls.
Makes 8 servings.

This kid-popular dish is
sweet and savory, and most
importantly, extremely easy
to make. Serve with crunchy
coleslaw on the side.

If You Could See Me Now

If you could see me now,
you wouldn't shed a tear.
Though you may not
understand why I'm no longer
here.

Remember my spirit, that's
the real me.
I'm still very much alive,
oh, if you could only see!
I've beheld our Father's
face. I've touched my Savior's
hand.

The angels all rejoiced as I
entered the Promised Land.

Beyond the gates of pearl, I
walk on golden streets.

I've touched the walls of
jasper, dipped my foot in the
crystal sea.

The beauty is beyond
words, nothing can compare.

I've seen your mansion:
someday I will meet you there.

Allow Jesus to be your
guide, His word will show you
the way.

So, please don't cry! We
will meet again someday!

October is Pork Month

October is Pork Month.
October became known as Pork
Month because it marked the
time of year when hogs were
traditionally marketed.

Today it serves as a cel-
ebration to thank pork produc-
ers and share their stories with
consumers.

Pork is the world's most
widely eaten meat, represent-
ing 42 percent of the meat con-
sumed, according to the USDA
Foreign Agricultural Service.

Some 81 percent of the
population consumes pork in
their homes at least once in an
average two-week period.

The five most popular pork
products include ham, sausage,
bacon, lunchmeat (excluding
ham) and pork chops.

The Hills Crescent
U.S.P.S. 245-440
Published weekly (Thursday) in Luverne,

1 1095-8983
A Community Builder Since 1893
ACTIVE MEMBER
Minnesota Newspaper Association
Roger Tollefson, publisher
Glenda McGaffee, editor
hceditor@star-herald.com
Chantel Connell, sales representative
sales@star-herald.com

-SUBSCRIPTION RATES-
Inside Rock County: \$48.00
Outside Area: \$58.00
Postmaster:
Send change of address forms to:
Hills Crescent, P.O. Box 837,
Luverne, MN 56156
(507) 962-3230

Periodicals Postage Paid at Luverne,
Rock County, Minnesota 56 56 Permit #33

Get to know your neighbor: Steen resident Laurie David

By Glenda McGaffee

Laurie David and her husband, Terry, live on Church Street in Steen with their 60 chickens, two horses and a dog, Luke.

Growing up near Twin Lakes is where Laurie David learned her love of animals. "We had chickens, geese, goats, lambs and pigs," she said.

On the David acreage in Steen are a variety of chickens — Banty, Amerauca, Rhode Island Reds, California White and Laced Wyndot, to name a few. Her chickens lay a variety of eggs colored blue, brown, green and white.

David is an avid animal lover and calls each chicken by name. Esty, Henrietta, Mildred and Gazena are just a few of the names. A rooster named Willie thinks he is king of the chicken coup. "Chickens are affectionate and have their own personalities," said David.

David shared stories of her adventures with her chickens. This summer she took Esty to the Tuff Memorial Home in Hills to show him to the residents. David is employed in the

nursing and dietary department at Tuff.

David said, "I was holding her on the way home and she was so excited after her adventure that she laid an egg."

David attributes her grandmother Gazena for her knowledge and love of chickens. David said, "I gather eggs twice a day — in the morning and at night. I open the door and the chickens roam the yard throughout the day unless it's raining. My grandmother taught me the secret to gathering chickens at night. She used to put a candle in the window, and before it was dark the chickens saw the light and headed for the house. I have a 40-watt light bulb in the chicken house and this draws the chickens to the coup at night."

David also enjoys painting pictures and took a class when she was living in Chicago. She draws a picture using a No. 7 pencil and then paints the picture. One of her pictures took second place out of 350 applicants at an art show in Chicago.



Glenda McGaffee photo/1008
David with chicken and dog

Laurie David holds her chicken, Esty, and her dog, Luke, in Steen Wednesday, Sept. 30

This is a painting of swans and a gazebo by Laurie David.



The Hills Crescent seeks to bring readers a "Get to know your neighbor" feature each week. If you have a story idea, please contact Glenda 507-962-3697



H-BC board hires new special needs paraprofessional

By Glenda McGaffee

Hills-Beaver Creek School Board members addressed some hiring decisions at their Monday, Sept. 28, regular meeting.

They hired Brianna Leuthold as special needs paraprofessional.

They also approved additional developmentally appropriate PE time for Darin DeBoer as PE/health and DAPE teacher.

In other business, the board:

- accepted a donation of \$1,000 from the Nuffer family for the Hills-Beaver Creek School Foundation.

- set the Truth in Taxation public hearing for 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 14.

- approved the sale of property located at South Central Avenue and East 7th Street in Hills Tuesday, Sept. 29.

The board was also informed about a few events:

- Early Childhood Family Education will begin Oct. 19.

- Kindergarten, first and second grade students took a field trip to Hoversten Orchard Friday, Sept. 25.

- Student council representatives were elected last week. They are third grade – Mazzie Moore, Michael Martinyuk; fourth grade – Lanae Elbers, Cooper Gehrke; and fifth grade Jenifer Martinyuk and Leif Tollefson.

- Staff is working with the Tuff Memorial Home on an Adopted Grandparents program with sixth-graders.

- Wednesday, Oct. 14, will be early dismissal at both schools. The staff will work on technology and be trained on a new copy machine.

The next regular board meeting is Oct. 12, and the end of the first nine weeks of school is Wednesday, Oct. 14.

EARLY DETECTION SAVES LIVES

One in eight women will get breast cancer in their lifetime. Because 80 percent of all breast cancers are not hereditary, yearly mammograms are an important step in protecting and understanding your breast health.

The American Cancer Society recommends:

- Yearly mammograms starting at age 40 and continuing for as long as a woman is in good health.
- Clinical breast exams every three years for women in their 20s and 30s, and every year for women ages 40 and over.
- Women should report any breast change promptly to their health care provider. Breast self-exams should start when women are in their 20s. Women should know how their breasts normally look and feel.

Call 855-35EDITH to schedule your screening today.

SANFORD
Edith Sanford
BREAST CENTER

HELP SAVE THE PLANET. RECYCLE THIS PAPER!



WEEKLY SPORTS NEWS

H-BC devours Nicollet Raiders

By John Rittenhouse

The Hills-Beaver Creek football team wrapped up the home portion of its regular season schedule by posting a Homecoming rout over Nicollet Friday in Hills.

H-BC produced 38 points before 10 minutes elapsed in the first quarter and outscored the Raiders 24-14 the rest of the night to clinch a 62-15 victory.

The team's success sent most of H-BC's starters to the sideline in the second quarter, but the Patriot reserves continued to outplay Nicollet in a game that included running time in the third and fourth quarters.

"It was a good chance to rest our older guys heading into a short week and look at our younger guys, who I thought played pretty well," said H-BC coach Rex Metzger.

H-BC gained control of the game by registering three touchdowns in the first 4:44 of the contest.

Isaiah Vis, who ran for 129 yards with six carries, capped a three-play possession to open the game with a 25-yard run 1:04 into the game.

Trenton Bass scored on a 22-yard run to cap H-BC's five-play second offensive possession of the game, and the third possession lasted three plays with Zach Scholten delivering a 36-yard touchdown pass to Cooper Vaughn that left the Patriots sporting an 18-0 lead at the 7:16 mark of the first quarter.

The Patriots were unable to add two-point conversions following the first three touchdowns, but they did find another way to score two points.

Nicollet was attempting to punt when the snap sailed over the punter's head and rolled into the end zone. The punter slapped the ball out the back of the end zone to give the Patriots a safety and a 20-0 lead.

H-BC kept applying pressure to the Raiders by producing touchdowns on consecutive plays from scrimmage.



John Rittenhouse photo/1008 hfb 4

Senior Cooper Vaughn hauls in a 36-yard touchdown pass during Friday's 62-14 Homecoming victory over Nicollet in Hills. The Patriots complete the regular season in Fulda Thursday.

On the second play after fielding the free kick following the safety, Vis raced 44-yards for a touchdown.

The first play of Nicollet's ensuing possession resulted in an interception by Logan Leuthold, who returned the ball 41 yards for a score to make it a 32-0 game.

H-BC capped its 38-point first quarter with 2:16 remaining in the stanza, when reserve running back Preston Maassen scored on a two-yard run.

The Patriots proceeded to score the game's next 24 points to up the lead to 62-0.

Maassen, who racked up 108 rushing yards in the game, produced touchdown runs covering three and 49 yards in the second.

The three-yard touchdown was followed by a Scholten-to-Trenton Bass conversion pass.

H-BC received credit for another safety before Maassen's 49-yard scamper as another bad snap by Nicollet during a punting situation sailed out of the end zone.

Sporting a 54-0 lead at the intermission, H-BC capped its scoring late in the third quarter when Hunter Bork raced 56

yards for a touchdown and Dean Fuerstenberg toted in the ensuing two-point conversion.

Nicollet quarterback Elijah Northquest tossed touchdown passes covering 33 and 67 yards to Josh Chadderdon in the third and fourth quarters respectively. Northquest hooked up with Noah Lloyd for a successful conversion pass following the fourth quarter touchdown.

The 6-1 Patriots end the regular season in Fulda Thursday.

Team statistics
H-BC: 360 rushing yards, 68 passing yards, 428 total yards, nine first downs, four penalties for 35 yards, one turnover.
Nicollet: Minus 8 rushing yards, 235 passing yards, 227 total yards, seven first downs, four penalties for 35 yards, four turnovers.

Individual statistics
Rushing: Vis 6-129, Maassen 10-108, Bork 6-65, Fuerstenberg 6-10, Bass 4-13, Stuart Plimpton 4-26, Nick Kiers 3-9.
Passing: Scholten 3-6 for 68 yards, Bass 0-1 for zero yards.
Receiving: Bass 2-32, Vaughn 1-36.
Defense: Jed Burgers two tackles and one interception, Drew Forshey one tackle and one sack, Fuerstenberg three tackles, Maassen two tackles, Michael Taubert two tackles and one sack, Plimpton one sack, Leuthold two tackles and one interception, Garrett Raymon two tackles, Dylan Thieszen two tackles, Josh Kueter six tackles, Kiers six tackles, Bailey Susie seven tackles, Bork two tackles and one interception, George Merson two tackles, Luke LaRock two tackles, Bass one interception.



John Rittenhouse photo/1008 hvb 13

H-BC's Jasmine Lingen (15) turned in a 19-kill, 12-block effort during a 3-2 home loss to RRC Sept. 29.

Falcons nip girls in Hills

By John Rittenhouse

The Hills-Beaver Creek volleyball team had an opportunity to win three straight matches for the first time this season Sept. 29 in Hills. Unfortunately for the Patriots, they didn't get the job done.

H-BC squared off against Red Rock Central in a thrilling, five-set match that fell in favor of the Falcons by a 3-2 tally.

The Patriots played competitive volleyball in the first two sets, but RRC came up on the winning end of 26-24 and 25-22 decisions.

H-BC turned things around in the third and fourth sets when the hosts notched 25-13 and 25-20 victories to even the match at two sets each.

RRC, however, scored the first five points of the fifth set and withstood a late challenge by the Patriots to prevail 15-13 and secure a 3-2 victory.

Jasmine Lingen (19 kills and 12 blocks), Avery Van Roekel (19 kills and five blocks) and Olivia Richards (eight kills) played strong matches at the net for H-BC.

Mekayla Kolbrek recorded 20 set assists and Courtney Kruger served five aces for the Patriots.

FALL SPORTS STANDINGS

South District		RRC volleyball	
West Division football			
H-BC	6-1	RRC	7-0
Cleveland	6-1	SWC	6-0
MLA	5-2	W-WG	5-1
E-E	5-2	HL-O	4-2
Madelia	5-2	Fulda	3-3
G-H-EV-T	4-3	H-BC	2-4
W-WG	2-5	Adrian	2-4
Fulda	1-6	MLA	2-4
HL-O	1-6	MCC	2-5
Nicollet	0-7	Edgerton	1-5
		Ellsworth	0-6

Patriots sweep Rebels in Slayton Thursday

By John Rittenhouse

The Hills-Beaver Creek volleyball team notched its second Red Rock Conference win of the 2015 season Thursday

in Hills.

Squaring off against Murray County Central in what was a tightly contested match, the Patriots pulled out a 3-0 victory.

H-BC withstood a pair of stiff challenges offered by the Rebels to win the first two sets of the contest.

The Patriots pulled out a 26-24 win in the opener before securing a 25-22 victory in the second set.

H-BC's ability to win close contests seemed to deflate the Rebels, who fell 25-15 in the finale.

Jasmine Lingen (10 kills and seven blocks), Avery Van Roekel (eight blocks and seven kills) and Avery Wysong (five kills and 12 set assists) turned in solid performances for the Patriots.

Ashley Esselink added six blocks to the winning cause.

The 7-8 Patriots play at the Subway Classic at SWMSU in Marshall Friday and Saturday.



- Pool Tables
- Bar Stools
- Dart Supplies
- Air Hockey
- Foosball
- Shuffleboards



Order yours Now for the Holidays

familyfuncenter.com
2207 7th St. NW • Rochester, MN **507.282.7682**

The Game Room Store With So Much More!

Brazil Farm Tours

January & February Departures

One of World's Largest Soybean Farms - 250,000 Acres • Smaller Family Farm See Planting & Harvesting • Corn & Cotton in Various Stages • Equipment Dealers Agronomist Guide • National Congress of Brazil • Ethanol Plant • Brazilian BBQ Amazon River Cruise & Rainforest • Meeting of the Waters • World's Largest Waterfall

ALASKA

See the Best of Alaska! 7-Day Cruise & 7-Day Land Tour

July and August Departures - 14 Days
Cruise the Inside Passage • Tours included at All Ports • Airfare Included
Seattle Tour • Boeing Aircraft Factory • Dome Rail Train • Dinner Theater
Alaska's Largest Glacier • Mt McKinley • Alaskan Salmon • Ice Museum
Center Pivot Irrigated Farm • Eskimo Village • Reindeer & Musk Ox Farm
Extended Denali Tour - See More Wildlife! • Paddlewheel River Cruise

1-888-414-4177
Yankton, SD
Call for Brochures

See Itineraries & More Tours at www.RupiperTours.com



Close the Gate

By Nancy Kraayenhof

Let's Talk

I want us to stop and think for a moment about people we know who are easy to talk to — folks who always seem at ease conversing with others. These are the people whom we describe as having an extra helping of the “gift of gab.” It seems that no one is a stranger to them.

But for a lot of people, kids and adults alike, comfortably chatting it up with others, especially strangers, can be a real challenge. They may think others don't have a sincere interest in anything they have to say, or they could even be painfully shy.

I would be willing to bet that social anxiety disorder in the form of extreme shyness is the most common anxiety disorder in America. I'm not just addressing the fear of public speaking, which is actually called glossophobia, but the

extreme discomfort some kids and adults experience at the thought of meeting new people and conversing with them.

Now, I've never had trouble with this sort of anxiety myself, but it's easy to see how it could severely limit the opportunities a person would have for employment, career advancement, success in school and even meeting a potential spouse. We all know what it's like when a conversation grinds to a graceless halt and the chirping of crickets is the only sound in a long, uncomfortable silence. This is the stuff that awkward first dates are made of, after all.

I attended a day care class recently that addressed teaching social skills to youth. For those reluctant social butterflies emerging from their cocoons, there are specific skills and strategies that can be taught to decrease their discomfort in social situations

and help develop the ability to engage others in meaningful conversation. It is never too early to introduce initiating a conversation with others, holding up your end of that conversation, concluding a topic and moving on to something else. All of these take practice and a lot of reinforcement to develop proficiency.

For kids, we start with the basics. We stick to what they know or have recently experienced to find a common interest and get them talking. Most kids don't even have a clue at 2 o'clock of what they ate for lunch two hours earlier, so it can often be a challenge to keep any form of conversation flowing about current events. But it is vital for them to feel that others have an interest in what they have to say. Having this ingrained in them early on will help give them the confidence they will need

later in life.

Asking open-ended questions can get things rolling. Instead of “Did you like the movie?” you ask, “What did you like most about the movie?”

If you ask a yes or no question, that is most likely the single word answer you will get. It is important for children to answer questions from people they know. It is a matter of respect.

Storytelling is priceless in day care. Children instinctively know interesting stories begin when something out of the ordinary happens. Good stories have a beginning, a middle and an end. If you've ever seen a puppet show put on by a three-year-old, you will find yourself wishing the middle and the end would come sooner than later. Don't even get me started on how they tell jokes!

Simple conversation courtesy should be emphasized. I know if I don't watch myself that I have a tendency to interrupt and so I try to be very careful to make this a priority. Waiting your turn is hard in anything and conversation is no different. Patience is a virtue.

While it's certainly quicker and easier today to communicate by text, tweet, Pinterest and Instagram than it is to talk face to face, it's still crucial for our kids and families to be able to find their way around sometimes tricky social situations and express themselves to others in person.

Close the gate, put down your phone, you can do your part!

Face-to-face conversation doesn't have to be a lost art.

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

Schuelke Russ Schuelke
231 S Main, Hills, MN
(507) 962-3569 (605) 254-8249
email: schuelke-ECS@hotmail.com
ELECTRIC CONSTRUCTION & SERVICE

Sundem Oil Co.
Bulk Delivery & Diesel Fuels
Gas & Oil
Orv & Bonnie Sundem, owners
605-962-3210

 **TUFF MEMORIAL HOME & TUFF VILLIAGE**
“A Home With a Heart”
Phone 507-962-3276

MINNWEST BANK
Main Branch • 116 E. Main Street • Luverne MN
507-283-2366 Member FDIC


Exchange STATE BANK
Member FDIC Local. Dependable. Strong.
(507) 962-3250 Hills, MN

MANLEY TIRE & OIL SERVICE
Manley Minnesota
1-800-615-3704
Open six days a week - Closed on Sundays
To God be the Glory.

Elbers Auction Service
“Quality Auctions Since 1988”
P.O. Box 196 Hills, Minnesota 56138
507-962-3433 • www.elbersauction.com
Keith Elbers • Lic. #67-62

CHAPMAN
REFRIGERATION & ELECTRIC
HILLS, MINNESOTA 56138
507-962-3392
REFRIGERATION - HEATING - ELECTRIC

Worship Services



Ben Clare United Methodist Church
26762 Ben Clare Ave.
Valley Springs, S.D.
igtwlb@knology.net
Bill Bates, Pastor

Sundays: 9 a.m. Worship. 10 a.m. Fellowship. 10:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages.

Valley Springs Reformed Church
701 Sunnyside Ave.
Valley Springs, S.D.
Ph. 605-757-6640
Norman Bouwens, Pastor

Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship. 10:45 a.m. Sunday School.

First Presbyterian Church
201 S. 3rd St.
Beaver Creek
Ph. 673-2428

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

First Lutheran Church
300 Maple St.
Valley Springs, S.D.
Ph. 605-757-6662
firstpalisade@alliancecom.net
Ray Heidenson, Pastor

Sunday, Oct. 11: 9:15 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship Service.
Wednesday, Oct. 14: 7 p.m. Choir practice.

Palisade Lutheran Church
211 121st St.
Garretson, S.D.
Ph. 507-597-6257
firstpalisade@alliancecom.net
Ray Heidenson, Pastor

Thursday, Oct. 8: 8 p.m. Church Council meeting.
Sunday, Oct. 11: 9 a.m. Worship Service. 10:15 a.m. Sunday School.
Wednesday, Oct. 7: 7 p.m. Confirmation at First Lutheran.
Thursday, Oct. 8: 8 p.m. Church Council meeting.

Steen Reformed Church
112 W. Church Ave. Steen
Ph. 855-2336

Sunday, Oct. 11: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 11 a.m. Sunday School. 6:30 p.m. RCYF.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church
Interim Pastor Grant Fisher
112 N. Main St., Hills
Ph. 962-3270

e-mail: bethlehemluth@alliancecom.net
Sunday, Oct. 11: 9 a.m. Worship at Tuff Chapel. 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship at Bethlehem. 7 p.m. Sixth-through eighth-grade Youth Night.
Tuesday, Oct. 13: 10:30 a.m. Text Study at Grace Lutheran in Luverne. 2:30 p.m. Bible Study at Tuff Home. 3:15 p.m. Bible Study at Tuff Village.
Wednesday, Oct. 14: 9 a.m. Quilting. 2 p.m. Village Circle at Garden Room of Tuff Village. 7 p.m. Circle of Hope. No confirmation or youth activities.
Thursday, Oct. 15: 9 a.m. Shetek Conference meeting at Shalom Hills.

Hills United Reformed Church
410 E. Central Ave., Hills
Office Ph. 962-3254
e-mail: hillsurc@alliancecom.net
Alan Camarigg, Pastor

Sundays: 9:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Worship Services. Sunday School and Catechism after morning worship.
1st Sunday of each month: Fellowship dinner after Sunday School

check out www.hillscrest.com for your FREE source of local news



Members of the Beaver Creek Fire Department are (back row from left) Matt Sandbulte, Arnie Brondsema, Chad Raak, Randy Krull, Jason Rauk. (front row from left) Travis Broesder, Rick Tatge, Ryan Rauk and Shannon Tatge. Not pictured are: Daryl Fuerstenburg, Chris Harnack, Kelly Vis, David Olson, Brad Hassebroek, Aaron Blank, Andrew Blank, Travis Helgeson and Josh Tuene.

Local departments host Fire Prevention Week activities

By Glenda McGaffee

The Hills and Beaver Creek fire departments have been planning events for Fire Prevention Week, which is this week, Oct. 5 through 9.

In Hills, residents can attend a pancake supper from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 7, at the American Legion Building. There will be a freewill donation. All proceeds from the event will go to the Hills Fire Department Relief Association.

In Beaver Creek the department will educate students at the preschool and kindergarten levels on Friday, Oct. 9. A soup supper will be scheduled for November.

When it comes to smoke alarms, it's about "location, location, location," according to local fire chiefs.

The key message of this year's Fire Prevention Week is to install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of your home, including the basement. Larger homes may need more alarms.

Fire Prevention Week was established to commemorate the Great Chicago Fire, the tragic 1871 fire that killed more than 250 people, left 100,000 homeless, destroyed more than 17,400 structures and burned more than 2,000 acres. The fire began on Oct. 8, continued into and did most of its damage on Oct. 9.

Since 1922 Fire Prevention Week has been observed on the Sunday through Saturday period that includes Oct. 9.



Members of the Hills Fire Department include (front from left) Dalton Bass, Wade Jellema, Lance Larson, Jared Rozeboom, Dylan Klarenbeek and Collin Leuthold. Middle row (from left) Justin Van Maanen, Drew Spykerboer, Mark DeBoer, Brian Kraayenhof, Mike Spath and Paul Page. Back row (from left) Derek Bundesen, Keith Forshey, Mitchell Leuthold, Dan Fick, Tim Durst, Casey Swenson, Russ Schuelke and Jeff Bass. Not pictured Kelly Leuthold, Jesse Gaugler, Tyler Den Herder and Mark Top

Glenda McGaffee photo



CRESCENT

Hills • Steen • Beaver Creek

Luverne ANNOUNCER

SMOKE ALARMS SAVE LIVES.

Smoke alarms should be installed on every level of the home, outside each sleeping area and inside each bedroom.

Fire Prevention Week

Oct. 5 - 9

Get out quick, before the smoke gets thick!

schuelke

Russ Schuelke
231 S. Main - Hills, MN

Phone (507) 962-3569
Cell (605) 254-8249
email: schuelke-ECS@hotmail.com

underground cable & metallic pipe locating
data cabling • electric motor service & repair
Residential - Commercial - Farmstead
New Construction - Remodel - Trenching

ELECTRIC CONSTRUCTION & SERVICE

Fire Prevention Week

October 5 - 9

In a fire, every second counts. Be prepared.

Chapman Refrigeration & Electric
Hills, MN • 507-962-3392

Fire Prevention Week

Smoke alarms save lives, test yours every month.

A-1 Auto Care

Irwing Rozeboom, owner
Open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays
Saturdays by appt.
Shop phone: 507-673-2232
Home phone: 507-673-2488

Fire Safety SAVES LIVES

It is time to check your batteries.

NEW PRAIRIE INSULATION, INC.

Serving Residences & Contractors
Arnold Brondsema - Beaver Creek, MN 507-673-2548

Working smoke alarms will cut your chances of dying in a house fire in half.

HILLS LOCKER SERVICE

Hills, MN 56138
507-962-3251

Fire Prevention Week Oct. 5-9

We Salute Our Firefighters. Thank you for volunteering!

Elbers Auction Service
"Quality Auctions Since 1988"
Your complete auction service • No sale too big or too small
elbersauction.com
PO BOX 196 • HILLS, MN 56138

Real Estate Retrievers
realestateretrievers.com

Keith Elbers
Lic #67-62
AUCTIONEER / REAL ESTATE SALES

office: 507-962-3433
home: 507-962-3432
cell: 507-920-6131
email: keith@realestateretrievers.com

HILLS BAR

Monday - Thursday 4 to 10 pm
Friday 4 pm to 1 am
Saturday 3 pm to 1 am

Now SERVING BAR FOOD

Remember to test your smoke alarms!

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

WALLY'S NURSERY

1st corner West of Hills, Minnesota
Phone 507-962-3267

Create a home fire escape plan with at least two ways out and practice it together.

Fire Prevention Week

October 5 to October 9

CLOSED
Monday, Oct. 12
In observance of Columbus Day

EVERYDAY HEROES

Exchange

STATE BANK Member FDIC
Local. Dependable. Strong.

(507) 962-3250 Hills, MN
(507) 967-2570 Ellsworth, MN
(507) 449-6000 Luverne, MN





Tuff News

By Shateen Lichter

October is in full swing here at the Tuff Memorial Home. The mums have been planted and the pumpkins decorate the doorways. Leaves are beginning to fall and residents are collecting candy donations as they prepare for the annual Trick or Treat event.

Tuesday afternoon, residents tested their knowledge of Bible trivia. Some questions included "How many books are in the Old Testament? New Testament? Do you know?"

Wednesday morning residents gave Giant Marbles another try. With some help and quick thinking from resident Betty Nath, we tweaked the game a bit and found it worked much better with golf balls instead of wiffle balls. The residents are quite good at this game

We celebrated the September Birthday Party with the familiar sounds of Bruce Dysthe. He is a favorite performer here at Tuff Memorial and we are grateful for his talents.

Residents came to Bingo Thursday afternoon, but with a twist. For the month of October residents will be playing "Ghost Bingo." Bingo cards have been transformed to say "GHOST" instead of "BINGO." The chips have changed too. Residents are using candy corn to cover the numbers on the bright orange GHOST cards this month ... and enjoy them as a treat afterwards.

Residents and staff displayed their Patriot pride on Friday by wearing red and blue. They worked hard Friday morning preparing encouraging signs for the homecoming parade. By 2 p.m. residents lined up both outdoors and indoors to watch the parade.

- Looking ahead this week:
- Thursday, Oct. 8: 10 a.m. Memorial services for Elmer Metzger and Veda Mae Klassen.
 - Thursday, Oct. 8: 2:30 p.m. Program by Grace Lutheran.
 - Friday, Oct. 9: 10 a.m. Jack-O-Lantern Craft.
 - 2:30 p.m. Ghost Bingo.
 - 7 p.m. Lester Hymn Sing.



John Tilstra and Harold Etrheim proudly support the H-BC Patriots.

Left: Esty Metzger and her daughter, Audrey, play Ghost Bingo.



- Saturday, Oct. 10: 9 a.m. Manicures.
 - Sunday, Oct. 11: 9 a.m. Worship.
 - Monday, Oct. 12: 10 a.m. Pumpkin Bowling.
 - Tuesday, Oct. 13: 3:30 p.m. Categories.
 - Wednesday, Oct. 14: 2:30 p.m. Men's Den\Gal Pals.
- Staff member Lou Kellenberger has a birthday Oct. 8. Resident birthdays include Bernice Aukes, Oct. 13, and Bob Kirsch, Oct. 14. We would like to extend our prayers to Esther Vande

Hoef who is in the hospital and a big thank you to Lexi Bennett for donating several pumpkins to our facility and for our residents!

The Tuff Country Store is accepting donations for word search books, lap blankets, shampoo, lotion, body spray, body soap, deodorant, jewelry, grip- per socks, puzzles (500-750 pieces), trinkets/decorations, Twinkies\Little Debbie snacks, candy bars, gum, stamps, stationery, canned pop, gently used clothing

(small to 3XL). We thank you for your help and generosity with the start-up of this project.

If you are interested in volunteering to help with the inventory and set-up, please contact Shateen in the Activity Department or send an email to slichter@tuffmemorial-home.com.

And in case you were wondering, there are 39 books in the Old Testament and 27 books in the New Testament.

We hope you have a great week!

Have you been diagnosed with Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma?

If you have been diagnosed with a serious medical condition, such as Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma, after exposure to **Monsanto's Roundup pesticide, you may be entitled to compensation.**

Call Us Toll Free: 800-304-8171

Pulaski Law Firm

4615 Southwest Freeway, Suite 850 • Houston, TX • 77027

Do you have town news? Interesting history about the Hills, Beaver Creek, Steen area? Call Glenda. 962-3697

CRESCENT
Hills • Steen • Beaver Creek

purplewave.com **ROGERS TREE & CONSTRUCTION REALIGNMENT AUCTION** **BID NOW!**
THUR., OCT. 15
Bidding starts to close at 10 a.m. CDT

purple wave auction

EQUIPMENT SELLING IN ROCHESTER, MN! Including: bucket trucks, delivery trucks, grinders, skid steers, pickups, 100+ lots of tools & more. 10% buyer's premium. **866.608.9283**

283-2333

to advertise in the Crescent and ask for Chantel



10 years ago (2005)

•Rock County Commissioners voted unanimously Tuesday to approve the bond for the Law Enforcement Center of \$1.75 million at 4.3 percent interest.

20 years ago (1995)

•The Hills-Beaver Creek Board of Education gave Janet Knoll the go-ahead to establish a task force to look at and deal with issues concerning the compliance to the graduation standards set by the Minnesota Board of Education.

The graduation standards call for this year's eighth-graders to reach minimum competencies in reading and math by the time they graduate.

50 years ago (1965)

•Wednesday night 50 juniors and seniors from Hills-Beaver Creek High School attended Career Night at Worthington High School. Forty schools, universities, and colleges were on hand with a representative to give the students and parents attending the meetings, information concerning the school represented.

75 years ago (1940)

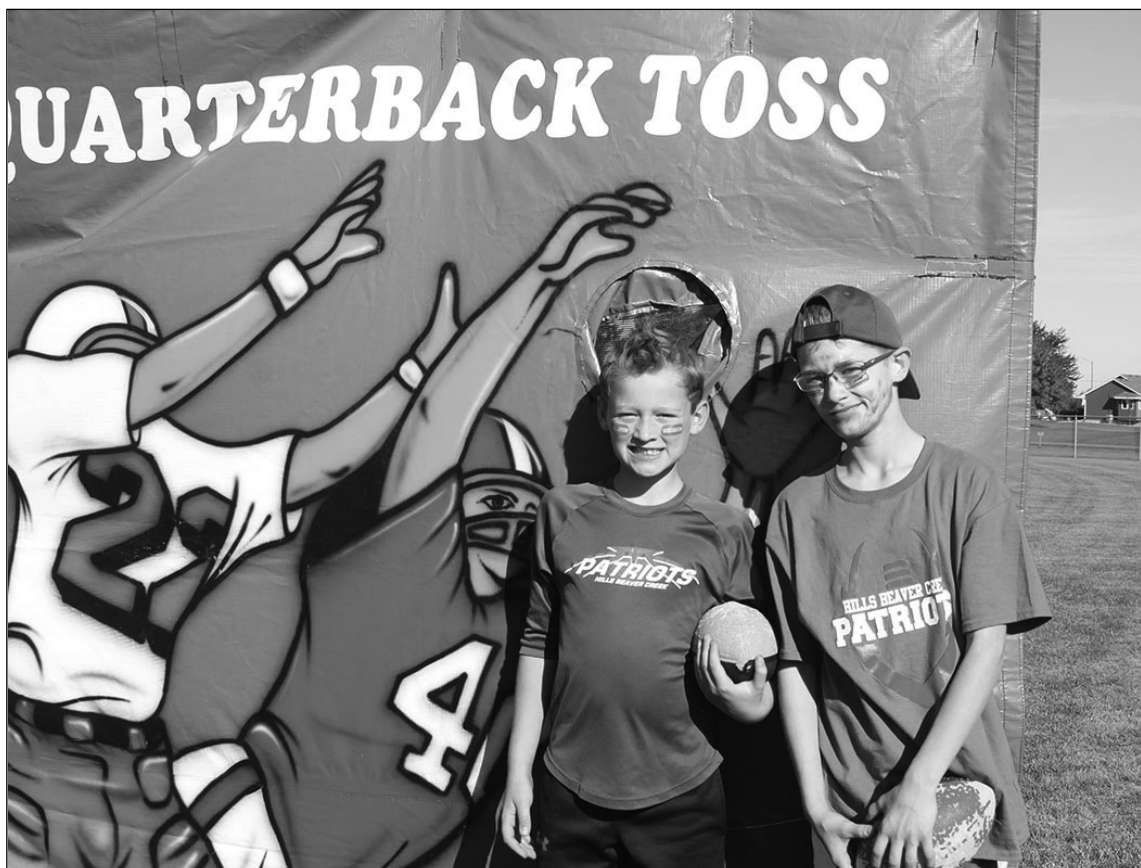
•There was a large crowd at the Hills school auditorium last Friday evening to enjoy the fine program which had been arranged by the Lutheran Brotherhood to honor three of our townsmen, Messrs. J. N. Jacobson, O. J. Nash, and D. S. Walter. It was indeed a signal honor for these men to be so honored, as it was the first time that the Lutheran Brotherhood had sponsored a gathering of this nature.

100 years ago (1915)

•The Hills Smoke Parlor, Lon Greaves, Prop., appeared in the 1915 Crescent as follows:

The best of Cigars, Tobaccos, Candies and Soft Drinks. Pocket billiards is becoming the favorite pastime with the majority of Americans, and tables have been installed in several churches in the east for the amusement of the young folks.

We allow no gambling or boozing in our place of business. Come in and spend a pleasant evening with your friends.



Glenda McGaffee photo/1008 quarterback toss

PTO sponsors inflatables

The H-BC PTO sponsored inflatables Friday, Oct. 2, at the baseball field in Hills. Darnion Meinerts (left) and Carter Vander Wal are pictured in front of the quarterback toss.

Claire Boeve slides down the Gorilla's Island.



community news

Meetings

Beaver Creek Township will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 8, at the township hall.

Lady Luverne Red Hats will meet at 11:30 a.m. Friday, Oct. 9, at Luverne Senior Dining for lunch and entertainment by the Dancing Divas. RSVP by Wednesday, Oct. 7 to 283-9846.

Sanford Luverne Pink Ladies will meet at 1:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 12, at the Sanford Luverne Blue Mound Room.

Matthew 6 Board of Directors will meet at 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 12, at the Pizza Ranch.

VFW Auxiliary 2757 will meet at 11:15 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 13, at the Veterans Home.

Rock County VFW 2757 will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 13, at the Herreid Military Museum in Luverne. Call Buck Underwood at 449-0632.

American Legion Post 123 and Auxiliary will meet at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 14, in the post home.

MS Support Group will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 15, at Southwest Health and Human Services in Luverne. All persons with MS, family and friends are invited. Call or 283-2964.

Sound Cascade Sweet Adeline Chorus rehearses at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Washington Crossing Senior Living in Sioux Falls (east side of Sioux Falls). Call 507-597-6288 with questions.

One Warm Coat

The Rock County One Warm Coat Project is collecting clean, reusable coats (children's coats especially). Coats may be brought 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. Contact Wanda Jarchow at 283-9664 or Lisa Dinger (school) at 283-4497.

4-H Open House

Rock County 4-H will host an Open House/Enrollment Night from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 8, at the Community Meeting Room next to the Extension Office at 2 Roundwind Road, Luverne (Health and Human Services Building). All youth in grades K-13 are invited to join any one of the seven clubs in Rock County. Call the Extension Office with any questions at 507-283-1302. Pizza will be served throughout the evening.

Habitat Oktoberfest fundraiser Oct. 10

The SW Minnesota Habitat for Humanity will host an Oktoberfest fundraiser with live music, a rib feed and great beer

from 4 to 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10, at Take 16 Brewery on Main Street in Luverne. Inside seating will be available.

St. Catherine shredding Oct. 10

St. Catherine Church of Luverne Carmelites will again sponsor a Dakota Shred It truck at the corner of Highway 75 and Main at the Laundry Room parking lot from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10. The truck is capable of shredding large volumes of paper. No need to remove paperclips and staples. A freewill donation will be accepted.

Medicare Part D appointments Oct. 21 and 22

Medicare Part D drug coverage and enrollment questions will be answered by a trained counselor in Luverne by appointment. Call 1-800-333-2433 to schedule.

Available times and dates are:

•12:30 to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 21, at the Law Enforcement Center.

•Noon to 1 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 22, at Luverne Senior Center. Medicare open enrollment period is Oct. 15 through Dec. 7.

Tour of Tables set for Oct. 24

Sanford Luverne Hospice will host its annual Tour of Tables luncheon Saturday, Oct. 24. Contact the hospice office at 283-1805 if you are interested in decorating and hosting a table, donating a gift basket, or purchasing a ticket. The deadline is Oct. 1.

Community Ed

Register for these activities by calling Community Ed at 283-4724.

Register by Friday, Oct. 9, to be one of the climbers at the Blue Mound State Park at this **Introduction to Rock Climbing** class offered on Saturday, Oct 17..

Experience it for yourself - Virtual Dementia Oct. 14 - what it is like to have dementia. This real life experience will happen to you and will be something you won't forget. Register for a half hour appointment time. Fee is \$5.

Take an assessment and find out if you are at risk of falling and then learn ways to improve your balance **at Balance and Fall on Oct. 21**. Fee is \$5.

Are you looking to improve your computer skills? Attend this 8 week **Computer Class** beginning **Oct. 21**. Students will pass assessments and receive the Northstar Digital Literacy Certificate which will provide a credential for employment.



726 21ST ST, HILLS

Welcome home to this ready to move into home. The home features 3 bedrooms as well as an updated kitchen with oak cabinetry - a large main floor laundry with bath. The living room offers plenty of space for family and friends to gather, the bedrooms are large and spacious and for the time when family time is on the list retreat to the lower level large family room. The garage is over sized with room for a work bench or potting bench for the person who likes to tinker. Unique set-up on this acreage with cattle yards for 500 head - 380' of cement feed bunks a commodity shed, pig nursery for 1200 head of pigs, large machine shed, 35KW automatic generator housed and included with the sale with a manure management plan in place with the possibility of 50 acres of cropland lease. This unique acreage deserves to be previewed - take a look today.



410 W 2ND, HILLS

Perennial Paradise on over 1 acre of land. This home features 3 bedrooms, with a main floor laundry room, a full bath and a 2nd 3/4 bath in the lower level. If you have a love of nostalgia you love the antique bar from Jasper, MN in the lower level family room. In 1993 custom cabinetry was installed in the kitchen with a separate island and desk unit. Appliances are included with the sale and you'll love the kitchen pantry area for extra storage. The bathroom vanity and make up vanity plus several additional areas will feature similar custom made cabinetry as the kitchen. The 4 season room is flooded with light during the day but when you require a little privacy you'll appreciate the quality that can be found in the insulated blinds. All other window treatments are included with the home as well. A list of trees, perennials and shrubbery will be included with disclosures. This is a well maintained property that you must see to appreciate the immaculate condition.

Elbers Auction Service
 "Quality Auctions Since 1988"
Keith Elbers AUCTIONEER / REAL ESTATE SALES
 Lic #67-62
 office: 507-962-3433
 home: 507-962-3432
 cell: 507-920-6131
 keith@realestateretrievers.com
 Matt Larson - Broker
WWW.ELBERSAUCTION.COM



Glenda McGaffee photo/1001 harvest

Farmers in the area are busy harvesting beans after what has been a nearly perfect 2015 growing season. Pictured are Ian Sandager and Charlie Sandager Monday, Sept. 28, on 40th Avenue west of Hills.

Nearly perfect growing season yields high harvest numbers

According to Monday's Minnesota Crop Progress and Condition, there were 6.4 days suitable for fieldwork during the week ending Oct. 4, the most for this crop season. During that time, soybean harvest advanced from 35 percent complete to 69 percent in the state, 10 days ahead of last year and five days ahead of the five-year average. For corn, 91 percent of the state's crop is mature, two weeks ahead of schedule and eight days ahead of the five-year average. The corn crop is rated 89 percent good to excellent as grain harvest gets underway.



Pictured at the Tanks of Thanks recognition at Glen's Food and Gas are (front, from left) Heather Steensma, store manager; Shirley Akerman, store cashier; Glen Gust, owner; Peggy Lippert, Harms Oil representative; and recipients Ed Salzer, Diana Tomlinson, Mariah Aukes, Shirley Conner, Betty Mann and Greg Lingen; (back) Mark Sweetman, Harms Oil representative; recipients George Bonnema, John Sohl, Derek Krueger, Erik Wohnoutka, Carly Serie, Susan Thompson and Tommy Norman; Sherri Thompson of Glen's and Elaine Harms, Peer Helpers adviser.

Tanks of Thanks program recognizes residents that go above and beyond

Cenex stations offer free fuel to those who "go the extra mile" through the Tanks for Thanks program, and Glen's Food and Gas employees recently recognized and rewarded people who they felt go above and beyond in their hometown.

"We asked our community members to nominate anyone that deserves free fuel for good deeds, and we received many nominations," said Sherri Thompson of Glen's.

"Some of our recipients received multiple nominations."

One of those was Greg Lingen who was recognized for the Garden of Hope

he operates with his family. To date, the produce he has raised and sold to benefit a local family has made over \$7,500.

Luverne High School's Peer Helpers also received multiple nominations. The students pictured are the executive board members.

The 50-member student organization, led by adviser Elaine Harms, volunteers throughout the community all year long. Each student volunteers 65 hours per quarter.

Many other recipients are involved in multiple service and organization groups throughout the area.

"We heard many comments from the recipients saying they simply like to do the activities and volunteering that they do," Thompson said. "Diana Tomlinson said she likes to follow the golden rule."

Tanks of Thanks recipients enjoyed pizza on picnic tables in the parking lot of Glen's Food and Gas on a beautiful fall day during last week's recognition event.

"We live in a very generous community that has many wonderful individuals that go above and beyond all year long," Thompson said. "Keep an eye out for someone you can nominate next year."

Crop profits decline in 2015 and 2016

Dave Bau
U of Minnesota Extension

Average 2016 corn and soybean budgets for cash-rented farmland look unprofitable at projected input costs and current market prices available. National net farm income was estimated at \$124 billion in 2013, \$91.1 billion in 2014 and current forecast is \$58.3 billion in 2015, down 36 percent from 2014.

In southern Minnesota corn and soybeans are the main crops, and the average cash prices in Worthington for 2013 were \$6.04 for corn and \$13.99 for soybeans. For 2014 the average cash corn price was \$3.85 and \$12.25 for soybeans. In 2015 through September, the average cash price is \$3.52 for corn and \$9.32 for soybeans.

This declining trend in corn and bean prices and increasing input cost have put the farmers in a tight situation.

Using an average rent of \$210 per acre in the 2015 budgets, input costs would total \$849 for corn and \$516 for soybeans. Even with good yields averaging 200 bushels per acre for corn at current cash price of \$3.50, including a farm bill payment of \$60 per acre, farmers would have an \$89 loss per acre. Using an average yield of 55 bushels per acre for soybeans at a price of \$8.50, and a \$35 farm bill payment, farmers would have a loss of \$13.50 per acre.

These figures do not include a crop insurance payment due to the good yields predicted in Minnesota, or any labor charge for the farmer. Current 2016 forward contract cash prices are \$3.63 for corn and \$8.30 for soybeans in Worthington. If input costs and commodity prices remain the same in 2016, similar losses will occur. So you can see it is not poor yield or high input cost that is causing the disappearance of profits, but the decline that has occurred in prices.

Selling 180 bushels of corn, receiving the average price each year, would have generated \$1,087.20 in revenue in 2013, \$693 in 2014 and \$633.60 in 2015, a decline of over \$453 in revenue per corn acre in two years. Selling 50 bushels of soybeans per acre at the average prices would have generated \$699.50 in revenue in 2013, \$612.50 in 2014 and \$466 in 2015, a decline of over \$233 in revenue per soybean acre in two years.

Rents are the major input cost for soybeans and corn accounting for 44 1/2 percent and 28 1/2 percent respectively.

There should be pressure on rental rates to decrease in 2016, but there will need to be some tough negotiations. Landlords with increasing property taxes have been behind the curve increasing rental rates during the record prices and now are trying to play catch up at a time when budgets do not support current rental rates and other input costs.

A flexible rental agreement may be the best option for 2016, where both landlord and farmer share the price risk. If prices improve, so does the rental payment; choose a base payment at current prices and then share 50-50, 40-60, or 1/3-2/3, whatever is the extra revenue gained at prices above the starting point prices. You can also have a yield component if yields are better than average in 2016.

Farmers need to determine their 2016 crop budgets and crunch the numbers to see where the costs will be and then what prices are needed to cover these costs and start a marketing plan. Farmers must be prepared to market their crops if the opportunity becomes available to sell the crops when target prices are achieved in the coming year.

For more information contact Dave Bau at the University of Minnesota Extension, 507-372-3900, bauxx003@umn.edu.



Glenda McGaffee photo/1008 Sioux Valley Energy Employees

Pictured are Sioux Valley Energy employees Monday, Sept. 28, at the Hills American Legion. From left are Amy Voelker, Terry Ebright, Paul Mantz and Tim McCarthy.

Sioux Valley Energy welcomes new customers

By Glenda McGaffee

A "Get to Know your Cooperative" open house was Monday, Sept. 28, at the Hills American Legion for new customers of Sioux Valley Energy in Hills, Steen, Beaver Creek, Ash Creek, Magnolia, Kenneth and Kanaranzi.

Attendees enjoyed a com-

plimentary taco dinner and learned more about Sioux Valley Energy and met the employees and the board of directors.

"We are hosting this reception to welcome the new members," said General Manager/CEO Tim McCarthy.

Sioux Valley Energy

has offices in Coleman and Brandon, South Dakota, and in Pipestone. The area serves north of Brookings, Hartford and Humboldt, South Dakota, and Luverne.

"The rates for our customers will not be changing for the next three years," McCarthy said.

'Voice of Democracy' VFW announces \$30,000 scholarship competition

Rock County middle school and high school students have the opportunity to compete for thousands of dollars in scholarships and a trip to Washington, D.C.

Commander Terrie Gulden of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Rock County Post 2757 announced the kickoff of this year's VFW's Voice of Democracy and Patriots Pen Scholarship competition.

Voice of Democracy

Students in grades 9-12 must write and record a three-to-five minute essay on the selected theme using an audio CD or flash drive and present their recording, typed essay and completed entry form to their local VFW Post by Nov. 1. The 2015 theme selected for the Voice of Democracy competition is "My Vision For America."

Students begin by competing at the local Post level with an **entry deadline of Nov. 1**. Post winners compete at the district level with the winner advancing to the state competition. The post awards the top three winners with \$100, \$75, and \$50 respectively.

All state first-place winners of the Voice of Democracy competition receive a four-day trip to Washington, D.C. and the chance to compete for their share of more than \$150,000 in scholarships.

The first-place winner receives a \$30,000 college scholarship.

The National Association of Broadcasters (NAB) started the Voice of Democracy Scholarship program in 1947. The VFW

Interested students and teachers should contact the Voice of Democracy Chairman at Rock County VFW Post 2757 by phone at 507-283-4602 or email t.gulden58@gmail.com for more information. Entry forms may be picked up at the school office or at the Luverne Area Chamber. Entry deadline is Nov. 1

became a national sponsor in the late 1950s and assumed sole responsibility for the program in 1961.

The competition was created to provide students in grades 9-12 the opportunity to express themselves in regard to democratic ideas and principles.

Around 40,000 students participate in the competition each year and VFW awards more than \$2 million in scholarships every year.

Patriot's Pen

The VFW enacted the Patriot's Pen competition in 1995 to encourage young minds, grades 6-8, to examine America's history along with their own experiences in modern American society by composing a 300-400 word patriotic-themed essay.

The theme for the 2015 competition is "What Freedom Means to Me." The Post will award the top three winners with \$75, \$50, and \$25 respectively. **The deadline is Nov. 1.**

Students begin by competing

at the local VFW Post level. Post winners advance to District competition with District winners advancing to the state competition.

State first-place winners compete for their share of thousands of dollars in awards, and the national first-place winner is awarded \$5,000 and an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C.

Each year more than 125,000 students participate nationwide in the Patriot's Pen competition.

Interested students and teachers should contact the Voice of Democracy Chairman at Rock County VFW Post 2757 by phone at 507-283-4602 or email t.gulden58@gmail.com for more information.

Entry forms may be picked up at the school office or at the Luverne Chamber of Commerce.

About the VFW

The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. is a nonprofit veterans service organization comprised of eligible veterans and military service members from the active, Guard and Reserve forces.

Founded in 1899 and chartered by Congress in 1936, the VFW is the nation's largest organization of war veterans and its oldest major veterans organization.

With nearly 1.9 million members located in more than 6,800 Posts worldwide, the VFW and its auxiliaries are dedicated to veterans' service, legislative advocacy and military and community service programs. For more information or to join, visit our website at www.vfw.org.

legal notices

Hills-Beaver Creek School Board meets Sept. 14

HILLS-BEAVER CREEK DIST. 671
MINUTES
9-14-15

The Hills-Beaver Creek School Board met for its semimonthly meeting at 7:00 pm in the High School Conference Room.

Board members present were Fransman, Gehrke, Kueter, LaRock, Leuthold and Moser. Fick was absent. Superintendent Holthaus, Principal Phelps and Business Manager Kuehl were also in attendance.

Chairman Fransman called the meeting to order.

Visitors to the meeting were Glenda McGaffee (Hills Crescent), Robin Schuelke, and Shari Doerr.

Motion by Gehrke, second by Kueter, and carried to approve the agenda.

Patriot Pride:

Very smooth beginning to the school year. Thanks to all the staff and people helping to make that happen.

People/parents from the community seeing the need for Patriot Pride.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as sent out.

Motion by Moser, second by LaRock, and carried to approve the bills.

Motion by Gehrke, second by LaRock, and carried to approve the following donations: \$4,000 from the Goehle Foundation (\$2,000 directed toward the H-BC track program; \$1,000 for H-BC basketball programs and \$1,000 for the H-BC football programs), \$332 for the H-BC FFA program from Zoetis, animal health products company, as nominated by the Rock Vet Clinic, PA.

Motion by Leuthold, second by LaRock, and carried to approve Ron Rauk to drive the morning van route.

Motion by Moser, second by LaRock, and carried to approve Chris Harnack to drive the afternoon route for athletics.

Motion by LaRock, second by Gehrke, and carried to approve Tammie Leuthold as PM custodian.

Motion by Leuthold, second by Kueter, and carried to approve Deb Hartz for after-game event custodian for 1.5 hours.

Motion by Moser, second by Gehrke, and carried to approve Ron Feucht as Type III temporary van driver.

Motion by Leuthold, second by LaRock, and carried to approve Lisa Durst as Type III van driver.

Mr. Phelps presented the Elementary school report.

Mr. Holthaus presented the Secondary / Superintendent report.

Agenda Items for Next Meeting:

Set 2015 pay 2016 Preliminary Levy Limitation.

Set pay 2016 Truth in Taxation Public Budget Hearing.

Dates to Remember:

Wednesday, September 16

Tuesday, September 29

September 28

October 12

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Mid Term

Auction of District Building at 6:00 PM

Regular Board Meeting

Regular Board Meeting

Lois Leuthold, Clerk
(10-8)



Larchwood Chiropractic

835 Edgerly, Larchwood, IA
Phone number Toll Free 1-877-477-2260
or 712-477-2260

Hours: Mon & Wed 8:30 - 6:00
Tues & Thurs 8:30 - 5:00
Fri 8:30 - 12:00

Dr. Michelle Nelson

REAL ESTATE TAXES DUE

The second half real estate tax installment for all non-agricultural property is due **October 15, 2015**. To avoid penalty, payment may be made at the Auditor-Treasurer's Office in the Courthouse or mailed to the Rock County Auditor-Treasurer **postmarked on or before October 15th**. Please keep in mind the post office deadlines when mailing in payments and remit the appropriate stubs to assure proper credit. Payments postmarked after October 15th **will** be returned for the tax and penalty due at that time.

ASHLEY KURTZ
ROCK COUNTY AUDITOR-TREASURER
P. O. BOX 509
LUVERNE MN 56156-0509

classifieds

windows

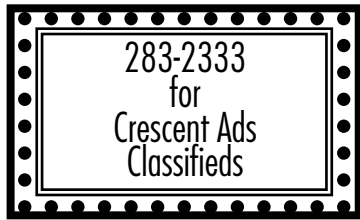
misc.

help wanted

help wanted

help wanted

We custom build and install energystar Therm-O-Loc Windows. Call Mike at Adrian Glass for a free in-home demonstration and estimate. 101 E. Pearl, Adrian, MN 56110. (507) 483-2228. (tc)



help wanted

help wanted

WANTED: Dental Hygienist for outstanding dental practice. Your smile and your great attitude are what set you apart. If you are looking to work in an environment where you are valued for who you are and not just what you do, then consider becoming a part of our practice. Part time with potential for full time, paid holidays, vacation, bonus if qualified.

Mail your resume to: 1106 East College Drive, Marshall, MN 56258 or fax your resume to 507.537.0349 or call Erika at 507.537.1052



TAKE A LOOK AT PASSION

The employees of Sanford Health have passion. We are committed to our organization. Every day. Executing our tasks with energy and positive attitude.

Show your passion at Sanford Health.

careers.sanfordhealth.org

SANFORD HEALTH

Sanford Rock Rapids, a member of Sanford Health, is seeking an APP (PA/CNP). This busy Family Medicine Practice is looking for a highly motivated APP to fill a full-time position. The clinician will be responsible for assisting the physician in the medical care and management of patients, performing such functions as patient evaluation, procedures, treatment and referral of patients.

PRACTICE DETAILS:

This APP will see patients in the Rock Rapids and George, two Iowa RHC clinics in the Sanford system. Additionally, the APP will participate with rotational call coverage and hospital care, including ER management and assisting the physician with in patient rounding. Full-time exempt position, working four (4) days per week with responsibility for approximately one week night per week and one weekend per month of call coverage.

REQUIREMENTS:

Prior experience is preferred. Ability to work independently in a rural health care setting, including emergency room. Current License, or eligible for licensure AND Current National Certification. ACLS and ATLS certified or willing to become ACLS and ATLS certified.

SALARY and COMPREHENSIVE BENEFITS PACKAGE:

Benefit package including 401K, Health, Dental, Vision, Paid CME, Paid Vacation/PTO, Malpractice, Disability.

Contact Information:

Todd Jacobsen, Sanford Health Physician Placement
PH: (605) 328-6954 or (866) 312-3907 – OR –
Todd.Jacobsen@sanfordhealth.org

This institution is an Equal Opportunity Provider and Employer.

PLEASE RECYCLE THIS PAPER.



UPDATED DAILY

news • sports videos • opinion columns • photos

star-herald.com



MCAN

Minnesota Classified Advertising Network



HELP WANTED - DRIVERS

CDL A DRIVERS

\$7,500 sign-on-bonus. Medical benefits on day 1 & \$65k+ in your first year!!! Guaranteed pay. Profit sharing. 401K with company match & more! Email resume: mnh@mcclaneco.com or call Hollie now! 507/664-3038

NOW HIRING

Company OTR drivers. \$2,000 sign on bonus, flexible home time, extensive benefits. Call now! Hibb's & Co. 763/389-0610

YOUR AD HERE!

One phone call & only \$279 to reach a statewide audience of 3 million readers!!!
1-800-279-2979

FOR SALE

DIAMOND STEEL STRUCTURES

Fall close out. Prices slashed. Arch wall & straight wall steel buildings 40' x 62' starting at \$10,900. Factory direct pricing. Call 844/297-8335

FARM EQUIPMENT

OUR HUNTERS WILL

pay top \$\$\$ to hunt your land. Call for a free Base Camp Leasing info packet & quote: 866/309-1507 www.BaseCampLeasing.com

MISCELLANEOUS

SELL YOUR

STRUCTURED SETTLEMENT

or annuity payments for cash now. You don't have to wait for your future payments any longer! Call 800/218-8581

MISCELLANEOUS

GOT KNEE PAIN?

Back Pain? Shoulder Pain? Get a pain-relieving brace -little or no cost to you. Medicare patients call health hotline now! 800/755-6807

DISH NETWORK

Get more for less! Starting \$19.99/month (for 12 months), plus bundle & save (Fast Internet for \$15 more/month.) Call now 800/297-8706

STOP OVERPAYING

FOR YOUR PRESCRIPTIONS!

Save up to 93%! Call our licensed Canadian and International pharmacy service to compare prices and get \$15.00 off your first prescription and free shipping. Call 800/259-1096