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H-BC FFA corn drive set for Oct. 20

The Hills-Beaver Creek FFA members will host their annual corn drive Tuesday, Oct. 20.

Students will be collecting donations of corn or money in the school district from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. that day.

The proceeds will be donated to the McCrossan Boys Ranch and Feeding America.

The H-BC FFA members thank all contributors to their corn drive.

PTO kicks off fundraiser Monday, Oct. 5

Proceeds support field trips, classroom supplies, playground equipment and more

By **Glenda McGaffee**

The Hills-Beaver Creek PTO kicked off its annual fundraiser at H-BC Elementary School's monthly Lift-Off Monday, Oct. 5.

The students will sell frozen pizza, cookie dough, pretzels, cheesecakes and other items through Oct. 19. Delivery will be Thursday, Nov. 5, at 3 p.m.

Major activities and contributions that the group has sponsored over the past two years include:

- transportation for the sixth-grade field trip to the Twin Cities, all elementary field trips and swimming lessons.

- supplies in classrooms
- \$10,000 donation to playground resurfacing project at the elementary school

- new drinking fountain
- Homecoming Day inflatables

- teacher requests and stipends

The PTO thanks students, families and communities for their continuous support of the PTO fundraising.



Glenda McGaffee photo/1015 H-BC kindergartners

H-BC kindergartners are pictured Friday, Oct. 9, with Beaver Creek firefighters Daryl Fuerstenberg (left) and Jake Rauk. Students are (from left) Lauren Vansurksun, Raeanna DeBoer, Emmalee Holwell, Norah Top, Charlee Donth, Anastasija Nelson, Aspyr Bartels, Khloe Susie, Macey Heubrock, Claire Boeve, Alli Schouwenburg, Adrik Harsma, (second row) Sage DeBoer, Lily Top, Haven Kerkhove-Brandt, Holden Bennett, Rocky Jiminez, Brodie Metzger, Ella Rheault, Ruby Susie, Bristol Tuene, Max Sammons, Karson Metzger, Marcus Wright, Keaton Huisman, Garrett Blank, Hunter Holter, Elijah Graves and Talon Miller. The students were also given a ride on the fire truck.

H-BC students participate in Fire Prevention Week

Glenda McGaffee photo/1015 elementary fire drill

H-BC elementary students wait outside after a fire drill Friday, Oct. 9, as part of the Beaver Creek Fire Department's education efforts during National Fire Prevention Week Oct. 4–10.



weather
REPORT



OCTOBER 4 - OCTOBER 10 WEATHER

High temperature for the week:	82	Rain amount for the week:	.00
Low temperature for the week:	40	Moisture total for September:	.00
Average temperature for the week:	59		

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obituary

Esther Vande Hoef

Esther Rose Vande Hoef, 90, Hills, formerly of Luverne, died Tuesday, Oct. 6, 2015, at the Sanford Medical Center in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

A funeral service was Saturday, Oct. 10, at the American Reformed Church in Luverne with burial at Memory Gardens Cemetery in Sioux Center, Iowa.

Esther Van Wyhe was born Dec. 18, 1924, to Lambert and Annie (Van Muyden) Van Wyhe on a farm by Akron, Iowa.

She lived there for two years before her family moved to a farm near Ireton, Iowa.

She graduated from Hawarden High School in Hawarden, Iowa, and then attended Westmar College in LeMars, Iowa, for teaching.

On Nov. 26, 1945, Esther married Dick Vande Hoef at the Christian Reformed Church parsonage in Sioux City, Iowa. The couple farmed near Ireton until 1949 when they moved to Artesia, California.

In 1952 they moved to a farm south of Luverne. Esther was a farm wife and stay-at-home mom.

In 1967 Dick died in a farm accident and Esther moved with her children into Luverne. She worked at the Luverne Community Hospital for two years and then at Rock County Day Activity Center from 1969 to 1975.

She returned to work at the Luverne Community Hospital from 1979 until she retired in Dec. 1989.



In July 2009 she moved to Tuff Memorial Home in Hills.

Esther was a charter member of the American Reformed Church in Luverne. She was a member of the Mary Circle and taught Sunday School and Catechism.

She enjoyed crocheting and reading and was an avid Minnesota Twins baseball fan.

Esther is survived by her children, Diane (Steve) Thompson, Brandon, South Dakota, Elaine (Allen) Boeve, Steen, Ladonna (Jerry) Behnke, Rapid City, South Dakota, and Kevin Vande Hoef, Rock Rapids, Iowa; nine grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; three brothers, Duane (Helen) Van Wyhe, Sioux Center, Iowa, Wayne (Hendrene) Van Wyhe, Hills, and Marlin (Darlene) Van Wyhe, Hawarden, Iowa; a sister-in-law, Kathy Van Wyhe, Ireton; and other friends and relatives.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Dick Vande Hoef; two sons, Milo and Milen Vande Hoef; her parents; a brother, Gordon Van Wyhe; four sisters, Margaret Vander Griend, Gertrude Webert, Dorothy Vander Griend and Alice Moerman; four brothers-in-law, William Moerman, Dick Vander Griend, Ordean Webert, and Pete Vander Griend; and a sister-in-law, Jennie Van Wyhe.

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

(1015 F)



Glenda McGaffee photo/1015 building purchased by Gannon

Pictured Friday, Oct. 9, is the building on the corner of Main Street and 2nd Avenue that was recently purchased by Chris Gannon.

Main Street building sold; improvements planned

By Glenda McGaffee

The building on the corner of Main Street and 2nd Avenue in Hills was recently purchased by Chris Gannon.

Gannon owns and operates Transmissions Specialist and plans to do automotive transmission work on specialty sports cars, possibly employing local people.

Gannon gutted the inside of the building and said he wants to preserve the historical structure.

“The building had water damage and we have been bleaching the walls,” Gannon said.

“The entire building has

been gutted out. The building walls have red clay brick, which we have been cleaning.”

History of the building:

Back in 1897 a grocery store was on this corner. Olaf Skyberg used the north part of the building for groceries, and the south part contained the dry goods department.

The two buildings were joined together and heated with a large stove in the center. Kerosene lamps were used and later replaced with carbide lights.

The post office was located in the rear of the building with Mr. Skyberg as postmaster. About 1913 the post office was moved into a building that was then Ruud’s Hotel.

Helga Skyberg received the appointment in 1914 as postmaster under a Civil Service appointment.

Death notice

Dolores Melton

Dolores Melton, 90, Holland, Michigan, formerly of Beaver Creek, died Friday, Oct. 9, 2015, at Rest Haven Care Center in Holland.

Arrangements are pending with Hartquist Funeral Home in Luverne, www.hartquistfuneral.com.

(1015 DN)

school menu

Monday, Oct. 19: Chicken patty, bun, broccoli, mandarin oranges.

Tuesday, Oct. 20: Tater tot hotdish, bread, green beans, peaches.

Wednesday, Oct. 21: Grilled chicken breast, rice, corn, pineapple.

Thursday, Oct. 22: barbecue, bun, peas, pears.

Friday, Oct. 23: Pizza, dark lettuce, dressing, tropical fruit.

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Tubb News

By Shateen Lichten

We always look forward to kicking off our week with bingo here at the Tuff Memorial Home. Tuff Country Store coupons were a bingo prize option this week. Residents are looking forward to the store opening on Oct. 28. We appreciate the donations that have come in this week; this would not be possible without you.

Pastor Fischer led the weekly Bible Study on Tuesday, followed by coffee social and a game of hangman. Our favorite evening activity, root beer float wagon, traveled the hallways Tuesday evening. Residents started Wednesday morning with dip and swish exercises. Foam pool noodles and plastic plates are used as props for different stretches to fun '50s music. Resident Council met in the afternoon.

Thursday morning staff and

residents gathered for memorial services for Veda Mae Klasen and Elmer Metzger. Several memories were shared as we remembered our friends.

We were thankful to have the women from Grace Lutheran share a program with us titled, "Baskets of Prayer." We were encouraged by their message and singing while praising the Lord. A delicious lunch, rainbow sherbet and vanilla wafers, was served afterward. We would like to extend our appreciation and thanks for these ladies taking the time to prepare the program and visit us.

On Friday a group of residents loaded up the Tuff Bus and ventured out to McDonald's in Luverne. We were overwhelmed by the generosity of the staff. They held doors, offered to help residents



Deb Slegers enjoys an ice cream cone at McDonald's.

and presented free ice cream cones to our group. They even gave coupons to the residents who had already bought their ice cream. General manager

DeLinda Kephart and her staff went above and beyond for us, and we are grateful for their assistance and bigheartedness. The residents said they will definitely be returning.

Residents joined in fun with ghost bingo, complete with candy corn, on Friday afternoon. Later that evening they welcomed the Lester hymn sing group.

Residents enjoyed new manicures on Saturday morning. This activity would not be possible without our volunteers. Thank you, ladies! They gathered Saturday afternoon for reading with Glenda.

Looking ahead this week:

- Thursday, Oct. 15: 2:30 p.m. Ghost bingo.
- Friday, Oct. 16: 10:30 a.m. Crochet Club.
- Saturday, Oct. 17: 9:30 a.m. Frost donuts.

•Sunday, Oct. 18: 9 a.m. Worship.

•Monday, Oct. 19: 10 a.m. Beach Ball Babble.

•Tuesday, Oct. 20: 2:30 p.m. Bible Study.

•Wednesday, Oct. 21: 2:30 p.m. Decorate pumpkins.

Staff birthdays this week include Stephan Harsma and Nacy Dean, Oct. 18, and Greg Larson, Oct. 19. We would like to extend our prayers and sympathies to the family of Esther Vande Hoef who passed away on Oct. 6. We greatly miss Esther "Rose."

The Tuff Memorial Home and the Village would like to invite trick-or-treaters to come over from 6 to 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 31. Residents are currently accepting candy donations. We have 38 pounds of candy donated and are aiming for 50 pounds. Any help is greatly appreciated. Have a great week, everyone!



peekin' in the past

10 years ago (2005)

•The Early Childhood Family Education class had their Tuesday get-together at Wally's Nursery in Hills. Children of all ages and interested parents met at the nursery in the early evening. Del Walraven of Wally's took the kids for a hayride out to his pumpkin patch before demonstrating how to carve a pumpkin.

20 years ago (1995)

•With graduation standards looming on the near horizon, H-BC educators are preparing to do their part to ensure they are followed from a local standpoint. While some controversy has surrounded some specifics of the standards on the state level, much of the new proposal is fairly cut and dry, according to Beaver Creek Elementary Principal Janet Knoll. The first of two phases, termed Basic Requirements, is likely to start sometime this year. It requires students to meet a minimal competency level in reading and math before they would be qualified to graduate. Testing would occur between eighth and twelfth grades.

50 years ago (1965)

•When Henry Hoffman, resident at the Tuff Memorial Home, decided to take a walk last Saturday afternoon, he probably didn't realize the consternation that was about to be had over his welfare. Mr. Hoffman, age 87, decided to take a walk along about mid afternoon, around the reservoir area. He had been there before. This time, however, he decided to take a little longer

jaunt and started up the G.N. tracks around 5 o'clock. Fortunately, people working around the elevator saw him heading north, towards the depot. Along about 5 or 5:30, his absence at the home was noted and an alert put out to the Hills Volunteer Fire Department. Shortly after 6 p.m., an emergency was sounded and search parties organized to look through the village, but with no results. As an hour or so wore on, it was learned that he was headed north along the tracks. Arden Hull, Charles Nelson and Kenneth Danielson were hunting the track north, past the viaduct. As they reached about a half mile north of town, they came up on the aged wonderer, lying along the edge of the tracks, unable to go further. He had just simply run out of strength and had to wait for help, which fortunately came because the night exposure would have more than likely been too much for him.

75 years ago (1940)

•The Home Economics girls all have their dresses done at last. After five weeks of ripping and sewing it is rather a relief. If you see anyone in a new dress you can almost be certain she is a home economics girl. A total of twenty-five dresses were made. It's a wonder Miss Dorland hasn't gone crazy with all our questions.

100 years ago (1915)

•The Women's Civic League held their first "Bake Sale" at the Mrs. Anna Jensen milliner store last Saturday afternoon, and it proved to be a decided success from the very start.



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WEEKLY SPORTS NEWS

Boys coast to 54-21 victory in Fulda Thursday

By John Rittenhouse

The Hills-Beaver Creek football team wrapped up a 7-1 regular season by posting a convincing victory in Fulda Thursday.

With Isaiah Vis running for 147 yards and three touchdowns and Zach Scholten adding three touchdowns to lead the charge, H-BC strolled to a 54-21 win.

The Patriots scored all 54 of their points in the game’s first half, leading to a second half of a game that was played under running time.

“We jumped on them early on offense and took away some of the things they wanted to do when we were on defense,” said H-BC coach Rex Metzger.

“It was the second-straight game when we sat our regulars down before halftime, but that’s the way it goes sometimes.”

H-BC never punted in a first half that ended with the Patriots sporting a 54-6 lead.

After the defense forced Fulda to punt without registering a first down with its first two offensive possessions, the Patriots opened a quick 16-0 cushion.

A three-play, 46-yard possession ended with Scholten firing a 24-yard touchdown pass to Cooper Vaughn to open the scoring.

A successful Scholten-to-Drew Forshey conversion pass followed the touchdown.

Vis capped H-BC’s second possession (five plays, 72 yards) with a 15-yard touchdown run and Trenton Bass toted in the two-point conversion to make it 16-0.

Fulda showed some life when quarterback Justin Dierks fired a 52-yard touchdown pass to Brandon Everett to make it a 16-6 game moments later, but H-BC didn’t allow the Raiders to gain any momentum with the big play.

The Patriots scored 16 more points before the first quarter was complete and added 22 unanswered points in the second quarter to up their lead to 48 points.

Scholten delivered a 15-yard touchdown pass to Forshey to cap a seven-play, 54-yard drive following Fulda’s touchdown.

Bass threw a successful conversion pass to Scholten after the tally.

Jed Burgers intercepted a pass on Fulda’s 28-yard line during the

second play of the Raiders’ next offensive possession.

Vis raced 28 yards for a touchdown on the next play and Scholten hooked up with Vaughn for a conversion pass following the touchdown to give the Patriots a 32-6 advantage before the first quarter was complete.

The onslaught continued on the first play of the second quarter, when H-BC’s Logan Leuthold intercepted a pass and returned in 19 yards for a touchdown.

Bass toted in the ensuing conversion to make it a 40-6 game.

H-BC got the ball back moments later and proceeded to put together a five-play, 67-yard drive.

Vis scored on a 15-yard run to end the possession and Preston Maassen ran in the two-point conversion to up the lead to 48-6.

H-BC’s Josh Kueter recovered a fumble on Fulda’s 14-yard line as the second quarter progressed.

Maassen scored on a three-yard run two plays later to cap the scoring in the first half.

Fulda recorded a pair of meaningless touchdowns against H-BC’s reserves in the second half.

Dierks hooked up with Aaron Hulstein for a 34-yard touchdown pass and Everett added the extra point in the third quarter.

Levi Spittle scored on an eight-yard run and Everett carried in the ensuing two-point conversion in the fourth quarter.

Team statistics
H-BC: 228 rushing yards, 47 passing yards, 275 total yards, 10 first downs, six penalties for 55 yards, zero turnovers.
Fulda: 12 rushing yards, 144 passing yards, 156 total yards, six first downs, four penalties for 40 yards, four turnovers.

Individual statistics
Rushing: Vis 11-147, Bass 6-31, Maassen 12-17, Dean Fuerstenberg 4-13, Hunter Bork 3-20.
Passing: Scholten 3-4 for 47 yards, Bass 0-2 for zero yards.
Receiving: Scholten 1-24, Forshey 1-15, Bass 1-8.
Defense: Forshey two sacks, Fuerstenberg six tackles, Bergers two tackles and one interception, Dawson Leenderts three tackles, Vis two tackles, Bass four tackles, Maassen three tackles and one interception, Leuthold six tackles and one interception, Dylan Forshey four tackles, Jesse Elbers two tackles and one sack, Kueter one tackle and one fumble recovery, Bailey Susie four tackles, Luke LaRock one sack.

H-BC bests Edgerton Monday

By John Rittenhouse

The Hills-Beaver Creek volleyball team served up a Red Rock Conference victory for their home crowd Monday in Hills.

Entertaining Edgerton in league play, H-BC posted three convincing wins during a 3-1 victory over the Flying Dutchmen.

The score was knotted at one in the opening set before the Patriots gained some separation by going on a 14-4 run ending with a service point from Courtney Kruger to open a 15-5 lead.

Edgerton fought back to trim the difference to seven points (17-10), but a 7-2 spurt capped by a service point from Avery Van Roekel gave the hosts a 24-12 advantage before settling with a 25-14 win.

The Flying Dutchmen scored the first two points of the second set and sported a series of two-point leads before H-BC went on an 11-2 run capped by a kill from Van Roekel to open a 23-16 cushion.

H-BC prevailed by eight points (25-17) after Van Roekel served the final point of the set.

The score was knotted at four in the third set when Edgerton went on a 10-2 run to sport a 14-6 advantage.

The Patriots battled back to slice the margin down to two points (15-13) with a service point from Jasmine Lingen, but the Flying Dutchmen went on to outscore H-BC 10-7 the rest of the set to prevail 25-20.

The score was tied at one in the fourth set before H-BC gained



John Rittenhouse photo/1015 hvb 3

Junior Jasmine Lingen turned in an 11-kill, eight-block effort during Monday’s 3-1 home win over Edgerton.

control of the situation by going on a 19-7 run ending with a service point from Mekayla Kolbrek to take a commanding 20-8 lead that set the stage for a 12-point (25-13) win.

Van Roekel (11 kills, seven

blocks and five ace serves), Lingen (11 kills and eight blocks) and Sidney Fick (10 kills) had big nights at the net for the Patriots.

Kolbrek charted 25 set assists and Kruger added three ace serves to the winning cause.

Girls win opener at Subway Classic

By John Rittenhouse

The Hills-Beaver Creek volleyball team experienced a rough weekend at the Subway Classic staged at Southwest Minnesota State University in Marshall Friday.

Competing in the Brown Division of the event, H-BC won its first match before dropping four consecutive contests during

a 1-4 showing.

The Patriots split matches on Friday.

H-BC notched 26-24 and 25-16 wins over Lac qui Parle Valley during the opening round, but Gibbon-Fairfax-Winthrop saddled the Patriots with a 25-23, 15-25, 13-15 setback in the second round.

The Patriots dropped all three

of the matches on Saturday.

H-BC secured a 25-22 win in the first set against Cedar Mountain-Comfrey, but CM-Crallied to win the next two sets by 25-23 and 15-1 margins.

Martin Luther (25-15 and 25-22) and Redwood Valley (27-25 and 25-18) posted straight-set victories over H-BC later in the day.

Patriots rally from one-set deficit Oct. 6

By John Rittenhouse

The Hills-Beaver Creek volleyball team improved its Red Rock Conference record to 3-4 in

Fulda Oct. 6.

After dropping the first set of the night to the Raiders, the Patriots bounced back to outscore Fulda

75-52 in the final three sets to secure a 3-1 victory.

Fulda drew first blood in the match by securing a 25-22 win in the opening set.

H-BC evened the match with a 25-14 victory in the second set before securing a pair of 25-19 wins in the final two sets to collect an RRC conquest.

Sidney Fick had a big night for the winners by serving three aces and registering 21 kills.

Jasmine Lingen and Avery Van Roekel added 11 and nine kills respectively to the winning cause, while Avery Wysong chipped in 19 set assists for the winning Patriots.



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Close the Gate

By Nancy Kraayenhof

Stepping out

I have come to a place in my life where I haven't been before. When I'm someplace like this, in unchartered territory, it is my natural instinct to turn back and move toward the familiar but this time there is nowhere to go.

I am not usually so timid, but lately fear comes against me like a brick wall in the face of new things. If I really sit down and think about it though, everything I'm doing right now is something that, at one time, I had never done before. Perhaps I'm not making any sense, which would not be completely out of line, because there is a lot going on in my life that seems senseless.

I have come across unprecedented conditions to deal with involving the love of my life and there are going to be novel adjustments to make — there can be no doubt about that.

When I think of those who have faced big challenges, I think of Joshua. He was a man who was given a huge task by God. It was something I'm sure he didn't feel ready for but God knew he could handle it.

"Be strong and of good courage", the Lord commanded him. (Joshua 1:6)

On that day, Joshua had a choice. It's called "free will." He could step out in faith and watch the Lord do the impossible through him, or he could

stay in his "safety zone" and never find out. Well we all know what choice he made and it turned out to be the right one.

There are new challenges out there for each of us every day and it seems as if the hubster and I are getting more than our share. Instead of being afraid of new situations, we ought to be excited to discover what God is bringing into our lives but, dang it, this is hard! Even though the odds are stacked against us and the situation seems impossible, we are going to step out in faith like Joshua and follow God. He will give us the endurance, the hope and the grace to go forward.

We would like to thank each and every one of you for the calls, the help, the cards and every other kindness you have extended to us. Did you know each act of kindness echoes across the world and the complete duration of time affecting lives unknown to the one whose generous spirit was the source? Kindness is passed on and grows each time it is handed off to the next until simple courtesy becomes an act of selfless courage years later and far, far away. Every firefighter who has risked his life for others, every soldier who has fought fearlessly for our country and every police officer who stands for peace and justice received his or her

bravery as a multiplication of a simple act of kindness by a stranger in prior years.

When our journey in the light we are accustomed to comes to an end and the shadowy darkness of the unknown is the only path to take, our faith tells us that we will either be given something solid to stand on or we will instantly learn to fly.

We'll close the gate and live day by day because only time will tell.

We're not afraid to trust an unknown future to a God we know so well.

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

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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

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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
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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
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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.

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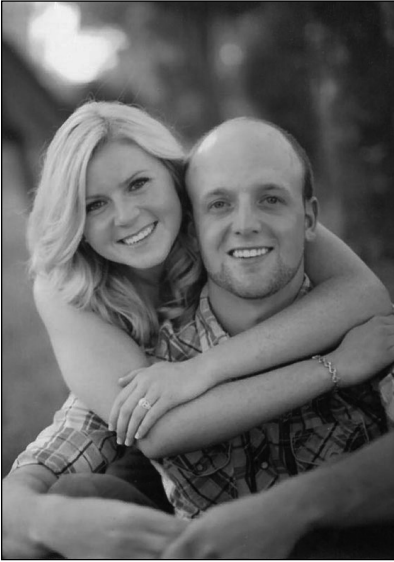
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1st Sunday of each month: Fellowship dinner after Sunday School

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Bethany Hup and Cory Tilstra
Dave and Teresa Hup, Luverne, and Arlyn and Melanie Tilstra, Hills, announce the engagement of their children, Bethany Hup and Cory Tilstra, both of Luverne.

Bethany graduated from Luverne High School in 2013 and from Minnesota West Community and Technical College in 2015. She works at Pfiffer Dental in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Cory graduated from Hills-Beaver Creek High School in 2011 and from Lake Area Technical Institute, Watertown, South Dakota, in 2014. He works at Rheault Ag Supply as a Pioneer seed salesman in Hills.

They are planning a July 16, 2016, wedding.

Collisions with deer more likely as mating season nears

AAA is warning area motorists that now through November is the most likely time for collisions involving motor vehicles and deer.

“Cooler autumn temperatures signal the start of deer mating season, a time when deer can be especially unpredictable,” said Marilyn Buskohl, spokeswoman for AAA South Dakota. “It’s important for drivers to stay alert, limit distractions and expect the unexpected.”

In South Dakota last year, AAA Insurance reports a total of 65 auto claims (down from 71 in 2013) that were identified as animal-related, averaging \$3,461 per claim.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reports there are about one million vehicle crashes with deer each year. These collisions typically kill about 200 Americans, cause more than 10,000 personal injuries and result in \$1 billion in vehicle damage.

Deer are most active between 5 a.m. and 8 a.m. and from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., but deer have been known to dart into roadways at other times also. If you see a deer, AAA South Dakota advises you to slow down — where there’s one, there likely are others.

Tips from AAA to improve safety for both motorists and deer:

Keep your eyes moving back and forth. Continuously sweep your eyes across the road in front of you for signs of animals and movement. Animals may also be alongside the road, so make sure to look to the right and left, as well. While the most likely accident is you hitting an animal, on occasion they might also hit you by running into the side of your car.

Use high beams when there’s no oncoming traffic. You can spot animals sooner. Sometimes the light reflecting off their eyes will reveal their location.

Slow down around curves. It’s harder to spot animals down the road when going around curves.

One long blast. A long blast on your horn may frighten animals away from your vehicle.

Use brakes if an impact is imminent. Don’t swerve. Instead, stay in your lane. Swerving away from animals can confuse them so they don’t know which way to run. It can also put you in the path of oncoming vehicles or cause you to crash into something like a lamppost or a tree.

After the crash stay away. Don’t go near an animal if it’s hurt. Wounded animals are unpredictable and have the capacity to attack you.

Ask a Trooper

By Sgt. Troy Christianson, Minnesota State Patrol

Question: Does traffic have to wait for someone on a bicycle trying to cross at an intersection?

Answer: Bicyclists and motorists are equally responsible for safety on the road. The number one contributing factor to bicycle-vehicle collisions is failure to yield the right-of-way — by bicyclists and drivers alike.

If the bicyclist is off their bicycle at an intersection and walks across, they have all the rights at the intersection as a pedestrian would. Motorists must stop for crossing pedestrians at every intersection, even those without crosswalks or stoplights. Motorists should stop far enough back so drivers in other lanes can also see the pedestrian in time to stop.

Those riding a bicycle must obey all traffic control signs and signals, just as motorists.

Bicycle-vehicle collisions are due to a variety of behaviors by the rider, such as disregarding a traffic sign or signal, inattention and distraction.

Each year in Minnesota, approximately 40 pedestrians and 8 bicyclists are killed as a result of collisions with motor vehicles.

•As a group, pedestrians and bicyclists comprise nearly 10 percent of all

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By Glenda McGaffee

What is your favorite time of year, winter, summer, spring or fall? Spring and fall are probably the favorite seasons for most people.

If you have an opportunity, be sure to take a walk or drive in the area to view the beautiful autumn colors in all their splendor.

Other signs of autumn are in the air. Area farmers are busy harvesting their corn.

Enjoy the beautiful days and nights of autumn.

For recipes this week I have some treats you might like to make for Halloween.

No haunted house would be complete without scurrying mice.

Munchable Mice

6-ounce package semi-sweet chocolate chips
3 teaspoons shortening
24 maraschino cherries with stems, well drained
24 milk chocolate drops
48 almond slices
Garnish: white and red gel icing
Melt chocolate chips and shortening in double

boiler over low heat; stir until smooth.

To make each mouse, hold a cherry by the stem and dip into melted chocolate mixture. Set on wax paper; press a chocolate drop onto opposite side of cherry from stem. For ears, insert 2 almond slices between cherry and chocolate drop. Pipe 2 white icing dots with red icing centers for eyes. Cover; keep refrigerated.

Grandma’s Chocolate Popcorn
14 cups popped popcorn
3 cups crispy rice cereal
2 cups dry-roasted peanuts
1 1/2 pounds melting chocolate, chopped
3 tablespoons creamy peanut butter

In a large bowl, combine popcorn, cereal and peanuts. Combine chocolate and peanut butter in a microwave-safe bowl. Microwave on high 2 to 3 minutes, until melted, stirring after every minute. Pour over popcorn mixture, tossing to coat well.

Spread onto a greased large non-stick baking sheet; cool completely. Break apart; store in an airtight container up to five days.

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traffic fatalities each year —67 percent of these fatal crashes occur in urban areas.

- 40 percent of pedestrians and 21 percent of bicyclists killed had consumed alcohol.
- 19 percent of pedestrians killed were not crossing properly.

Rules of the road and safety tips

- Bicyclists may ride on all Minnesota roads, except where restricted.
- Bicyclists should ride on the road, and must ride in the same direction as traffic.
- Motorists must at all times maintain a three-foot clearance when passing a bicyclist.
- Bicyclists must signal their turns and should ride in a predictable manner.
- Bicyclists must use a headlight and rear reflectors when it's dark. To increase visibility, add a rear flashing light.
- Motorists must drive at safe speeds and be attentive — look for bicyclists and check blind spots.
- Drivers should use caution and look twice for riders when turning.
- Drivers should use caution when opening a door upon parking on the side of the road.

This is a great question and topic to talk about. I have seen an increase in bicycles on our roadways, so we all need to be extra cautious to prevent bicycle/ pedestrian collisions with vehicles.

If you have any questions concerning traffic-related laws or issues in Minnesota, send your questions to Sgt. Troy Christianson – Minnesota State Patrol at 2900 48th Street NW, Rochester MN 55901-5848. (Or reach him at, Troy.Christianson@state.mn.us) Twitter: MSPPIO_SOUTH.



Glenda McGaffee photo/1015 autumn at wally's

Autumn arrives at
Wally's Nursery

Del Walraven and the rest of Wally's Nursery staff have been working hard to get all their fall produce and décor out for the community, from large gourds and corn wreaths to painted pumpkins. Wally's Nursery is open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. It is closed on Sunday.



community news

Open Houses

An open house bridal shower for Whitney Stoffel (bride-to-be of Eric Harnack) will be from 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 24, in the Gathering Space at St. Catherine Catholic Church in Luverne.

Meetings

Thrivent of Rock County Board will meet at 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 15, at Luverne Pizza Ranch.

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 283-2069 or 283-2964.

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

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.

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.

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. Contact Wanda Jarchow at 283-9664 or Lisa Dinger (school) at 283-4497.

Food Ministry Oct. 15

The monthly Food Ministry, sponsored by New Life Celebration Church, will be from 5 to 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 15, at the Luverne Senior Center. If you're having trouble putting food on the table, come for fresh produce, bread and meat. Children will be asked to wait outside.

Medicare enrollment
classes set for
Oct. 21 and 22

A class on Medicare and Insurance Services offered by the Minnesota Regional Area Agency on Aging and Senior LinkAgeLine will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 21, at the Law Enforcement Center in Luverne.

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.

Mobile pillow cleaning
service at ARC Oct. 23

Mobile pillow cleaning service will be available from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 23, at the American Reformed Church in Luverne. Custom-made new pillows and down comforters will be for sale.

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