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## Residents recall the 1991 Halloween blizzard

By Glenda McGaffee

The Halloween blizzard of 1991 still stands as a benchmark blizzard in Minnesota that other storms are compared with.

October blizzards in Minnesota are rare but have happened in the past. The most severe early blizzard on record for Minnesota was the devastating Oct. 16, 1880, storm.

The storm left behind drifts of snow 20 feet high in the Canby area and brought train traffic to a standstill over western Minnesota until the spring thaw. The winter is vividly portrayed in Laura Ingalls Wilder's book, "The Long Winter."

According to the State Climatology Office in the University of Minnesota, the Halloween blizzard of 1991 is one of those weather events when people can recall what they were doing as it unfolded.

Folks were still celebrating the Minnesota Twins' second World Series win in just four years when a cold front ushered in unseasonable cold air.

The high temperature in the Twin Cities was 65 degrees on the 29th, over 10 degrees above normal.

On Oct. 30 the high temperature in the Twin Cities only reached 32 degrees. By this time a low pressure area was developing around Galveston, Texas.

From the seasoned veterans at the National Weather Service to students studying meteorology at St. Cloud State, there was no secret that a large storm was coming.

Most forecasts for Oct. 31 for central Minnesota called for a cold rain by afternoon, possibly heavy.

The primary question at the time was how much rain would fall.

As Halloween dawned back in 1991, some wintery weather was anticipated, but no one was expecting a blizzard.

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Glenda McGaffee photo/1029 decorations home of Marie Opheim

Marie and Mark Opheim are ready for Halloween with an abundance of decorations inside and outside their home at 413 East 4<sup>th</sup> Street in Hills including their Halloween-themed front porch. Pictured below is their yard with a cemetery with caretaker.

## Meet your neighbor: Opheims crazy about Halloween

By Glenda McGaffee

Marie Opheim's favorite holiday of the year is Halloween. She loves to decorate her home in Hills on 413 East 4<sup>th</sup> Street inside and out since her marriage to Mark in 2008.

Every year she chooses a theme, and this year's is "Spiders and Skeletons."

"Every year since 2008 I add something different to my Halloween decorations. I have totes filled, but every year I buy something new," Opheim said.

"I start decorating the first week of October. Halloween is such an awesome holiday. It's for everybody; you don't have to be a kid. This is the only holiday everybody can be a kid. Just put on face paint and stop at my house on Halloween and I will give you candy."

When asked about her favorite Halloween movies, she said, "Hocus Pocus, the 1993 movie

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## Hills addresses building permits, law enforcement

By Glenda McGaffee

At the Hills City Council meeting Tuesday, Oct. 13, building permits were approved for:

- Chris Gagnon to remove existing metal on the east side of the building and install an overhead door on the old grocery building located at 201 South Main Avenue.

- Chris and Alexis Smook to

replace shingles on the south side of a house with new asphalt shingles at 304 South Elizabeth Avenue.

- Jerry and Betty Ackerman to replace shingles on a house with new asphalt shingles and remove existing 14-by-22-foot attached garage and replace with a new 14-by-30-foot attached garage.

**In other business the council:**

- took action on the contract for Law Enforcement Services with the Rock County Sheriff's office. The city will pay a total of \$111,287 for services rendered during the five year period of the contract.

- discussed delinquent accounts to be assessed against property taxes and published in the Hills Crescent Oct. 22, 29 and

Nov. 5. Notifications will also be sent to property owners of delinquent accounts with the option to attend the November meeting.

- heard a maintenance report that the street sweeper is working, Maguire Iron, Inc. has not yet scheduled interior work on the water tower and the city is still working on the septic system/restroom project at Rez Park.

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### OCTOBER 18 - OCTOBER 24 WEATHER

High temperature for the week:	76	Rain amount for the week:	.78
Low temperature for the week:	39	Moisture total for October:	.78
Average temperature for the week:	57		

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Glenda McGaffee photo/1029 decorations home of Marie Opheim

A Halloween village is among the seasonal decorations in the Mark and Marie Opheim home. Below is a witch with other spooky decorations that fill the Opheim home.

## Opheims crazy about Halloween/from page 1

starring Bette Midler, and "The Great Pumpkin Charlie Brown."

She said she doesn't like scary Halloween movies.

Opheim is employed as a registered nurse at Sanford Occupational Medicine Clinic in Sioux Falls.

She began her nursing career at the age of 16 working as a nurse's aide.

In 1996 she earned her LPN degree and in 2007 graduated from USD in Vermillion with her R.N. degree.

Mark Opheim farms with his brothers west of Hills. They have two children, Eric, who farms, and Kirsten, a junior at Hills-Beaver Creek High School.



## community news

### Open houses

An Open House Couples Bridal Shower for **Whitney Stofel and Eric Harnack** will be from 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 1, at the Hills Legion in Hills.

### Meetings

**Blue Mound Quilters Guild** will meet at 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 2, at the Luverne Senior Center. Deb Van Heerde will present a Quilt Trunk Show. Members are reminded to bring their blocks for the exchange. Anyone interested in quilting is welcome.

**Rock Co. VFW #2757** will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 10, at the Herreid Military Building. Call Buck Underwood at 449-0632.

follow the movie. Must be present to win. The winner from Oct. was Amber Schieck.

### Sound Cascade performs Nov. 1

The Sweet Adelines International group Sound Cascade Chorus will present their fall concert, "Let's Sing Again" at 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 1, at the historic Palace Theatre in Luverne, with a special performance by Step It Up barbershop quartet.

Tickets are \$15 for general admission and are available at the door or by calling 507-283-4339.

### Kids Against Hunger Packing Event Nov. 5-6

If you are interested in participating in the Kids Against Hunger Packing Event from various times between 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 5, and 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Friday, Nov. 6, call the Luverne United Methodist Church at 507-283-4529 or Pastor Dorie at 507-920-5278.

### Better Choices, Better Health

#### Workshop starts Nov. 9

A.C.E. of SW Minnesota — Rock County is offering the "Better Choices Better Health" chronic health condition self-management program from 1:30-3:30 p.m. every Monday for six weeks starting Monday, Nov. 9, through Monday, Dec. 14, at The Oaks dining room in Luverne.

Call Greta at 507-283-5064, Connie at 507-220-3584 or e-mail ace.rock@co.rock.mn.us.

### Tuff invites trick-or-treaters Oct. 31

The Tuff Memorial Home and The Village would like to invite trick-or-treaters to the Tuff Home from 6 to 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 31. Residents are currently accepting candy donations to be given out that evening. Any help is greatly appreciated.

### Bank Nite Movie

#### 'McFarland USA' Nov. 5

The free Bank Nite movie, "McFarland USA," will begin at 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 5, at the Palace Theatre in Luverne. Sponsored by First Farmers & Merchants National Bank and Papik Motors, a free, family-friendly movie is shown on the first Thursday of every month as it was done for "Bank Nite" in the 1930s. A cash prize drawing will

## Halloween blizzard/from page 1

The National Weather Service issued a winter storm watch at 4 a.m. on the Oct. 31, with a potential of a foot of snow. The first inkling that the forecast under-projected snowfall totals came when precipitation started falling as snow at about 11:30 a.m. in the Twin Cities, much earlier than anticipated.

With the realization that the precipitation would be snow, not rain, a winter storm warning was issued during the day by the National Weather Service in the Twin Cities, and forecasters realized there was the potential for a lot of snow.

As the afternoon faded into evening, a surreal scene unfolded with kids attempting to trick-or-treat wearing coats and boots, and pumpkins became covered with a snowy blanket. By midnight 8.2 inches of snow fell at the Twin Cities International Airport, the most for the entire month of October on record for the Twin Cities.

### Hills and Beaver Creek residents remember the 1991 Halloween blizzard.

Wayne Ward, Hills city maintenance man in 1991, said, "The snow was so heavy the tractor had to go ahead of the truck to make a path. Cargill also came into town with their payloader to assist."

Ron Rauk, Beaver Creek, said, "I remember taking my kids out trick-or-treating and they did not want to come home."

The storm covered a large portion of the state of Minnesota. Former Hills residents Stan and Sharon Hup were building a new home in Waseca. Sharon said, "The construction crew had to stop building for a month due to the storm. We received 12 inches of snow."

Stephanie Stensland from Pipestone, a friend of Hills residents Samantha McGaffee and Colton Bass, was a blizzard baby. Stensland arrived

Friday, Nov. 1, 10 days before she was due to enter the world.

Stensland was born at Fairmont Community Hospital. Her parents drove 30 minutes from their home in Granada in 50 mph winds and blinding snow to reach the hospital. Three doctors tried and failed to make it there before their arrival.

The first two ditched their cars in snow banks, and the third, Peter Lanchiewicz, got his neighbor to bring him to the delivery room on a snowmobile. Stensland was born 10 minutes later.

*Author's note: I researched my diary entry for Oct. 31. All evening events were cancelled by 4 p.m. At our house 50 trick-or-treaters came that evening. The storm continued through the next day with blowing snow and very cold temperatures. We received 10 inches of snow.*

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## October is National Bullying Prevention Month

By Glenda McGaffee

Hills-Beaver Creek schools are participating in activities to bring attention to the subject that has gained much attention in the past few years.

October has been designated as National Bullying Prevention Month.

Wednesday, Oct. 21, students at the high school and elementary school were asked to wear orange as a symbol of standing up to bullying.

According to Bullying Prevention government sources, parents have the responsibility to be aware of what is going on with their children.

More information regarding bullying can be found at <http://www.stopbullying.gov>

"Being aware, observant and engaging your child in conversation about relationships and involvement at school is a key to gaining insight into your child's experiences," the website states.

Bullying may not always be easily identifiable, experts say.

Bullying involves physical or emotional harm, which includes name-calling, fighting, hitting, indirectly through gossiping, or other forms of cyber bullying.

"It is important to monitor your child's activities on social media sites," the website states.



Glenda McGaffee photo/1029 elementary orange shirts

Hills-Beaver Creek Elementary students joined with students around the nation Wednesday, Oct. 21, by wearing orange to stand up to bullying. Pictured are fifth-graders (front, from left) Ariana Meyer, Britton McKenzie, Riley Sheppard, Brayden Metzger, Jenifer Martinyuk, Sophia Vansurksun, (back) Tyrae Goodface, Taylor Frederickson, Alexander Harris, Anthony Bearer, Cody Moser, Carter Abels and Elisha Taubert.

## Ready or not, flu season is here

By Ruth Weitgenant, R.N.  
Infection control coordinator  
Tuff Memorial Home

Here we go again ... time to decide whether or not to get a flu shot. I don't need one this year, do I? Last year the flu shot didn't work anyway. I think I'll just skip it. I'm tired of the sore arm. After all, I could get the flu from the shot, couldn't I?

Think again.

According to the CDC, the flu shot is the main way to prevent influenza.

Influenza is often called the "flu." But we must not take it lightly. Influenza kills thousands every year. The very old and very young are especially at risk.

You get that "hit by a truck" feeling with a high fever, body aches and a cough. As you age your immune system doesn't work as well and the flu shot is not as effective in the elderly.

This is where the Tuff Memorial Home comes in. Flu shots are given to almost the entire facility, residents and staff alike. One way to protect Grandma and Grandpa is to get the flu shot. That way they

won't get the flu from you next time you visit them.

But what if I get the flu from the flu shot? Yes, this is an old wives' tale. The flu vaccine is a dead virus so it's impossible to get the flu from the shot. You may get a sore arm for a short period of time and some mild body aches but it's worth it to prevent the flu.

The flu vaccine isn't 100 percent effective. Every year experts take an educated guess as to which flu strains will be around. Then they make the flu vaccine to cover these strains. Last year experts stated that the flu vaccine was only 50 to 60 percent effective.

But this is much better than no protection from the flu. If you do get the flu, experts say that it won't be as severe if you had the vaccine.

So the choice is yours. Do you want to take a chance with the nasty flu bug? Or do you want to protect yourself and your family with a simple flu shot?

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Hills-Beaver Creek Public Schools Lunch Menu:

**Monday, Nov 2:** Hot dog, bun, sweet potato fries, pears.

**Tuesday, Nov. 3:** Chicken fried steak, green beans, peaches, bread.

**Wednesday, Nov. 4:** Spaghetti, meat sauce, garlic breadstick, peas, mixed fruit.

**Thursday, Nov. 5:** Corn dog, chips, salsa, corn, applesauce, bread.

**Friday, Nov. 6:** Pizza, romaine lettuce with dressng, pineapple.



# WEEKLY SPORTS NEWS

## Patriots win postseason preview against Adrian

By John Rittenhouse

The Hills-Beaver Creek volleyball team wrapped up a 13-12 regular season by challenging the Adrian Dragons in a Red Rock Conference match in Adrian Thursday.

The night belonged to the visiting Patriots, who outscored the Dragons 75-45 during a 3-0 victory.

H-BC posted two convincing victories and one competitive set win in Adrian.

The Patriots came out on the winning end of 25-12 and 25-13 decisions in the first and third sets.

AHS put up a better fight before falling 25-20 in the second set.

Jasmine Lingen (14 kills and five blocks), Avery Wysong (15 set assists and five ace serves) and Avery Van Roekel (seven kills and four blocks) emerged as H-BC's statistical leaders.

Olivia Richards added nine kills to the winning cause.

H-BC, which capped its RRC slate with a 6-4 record, met the Dragons again Tuesday (Oct. 27) to open the South Section 3A Tournament.

The seventh-seeded Patriots hosted No. 10 Adrian in a 7 p.m. match.

## H-BC sweeps series with EHS

By John Rittenhouse

A pair of volleyball teams from the Star Herald coverage locked horns in a Red Rock Conference clash Oct. 20 in Ellsworth.

The Ellsworth Panthers entertained the Hills-Beaver Creek Patriots for a late-season match.

The night belonged to the Patriots, who outscored the hosts 75-49 during a 3-0 victory.

H-BC's Avery Van Roekel served the Patriots to a 6-0 lead in the opening set.

Ellsworth countered with an 11-7 surge to trim the difference to two points (13-11) with a service point from Maggie Kruse, and the Panthers trailed by three (19-16) when Madyson Domeyer delivered a service point as the set progressed.

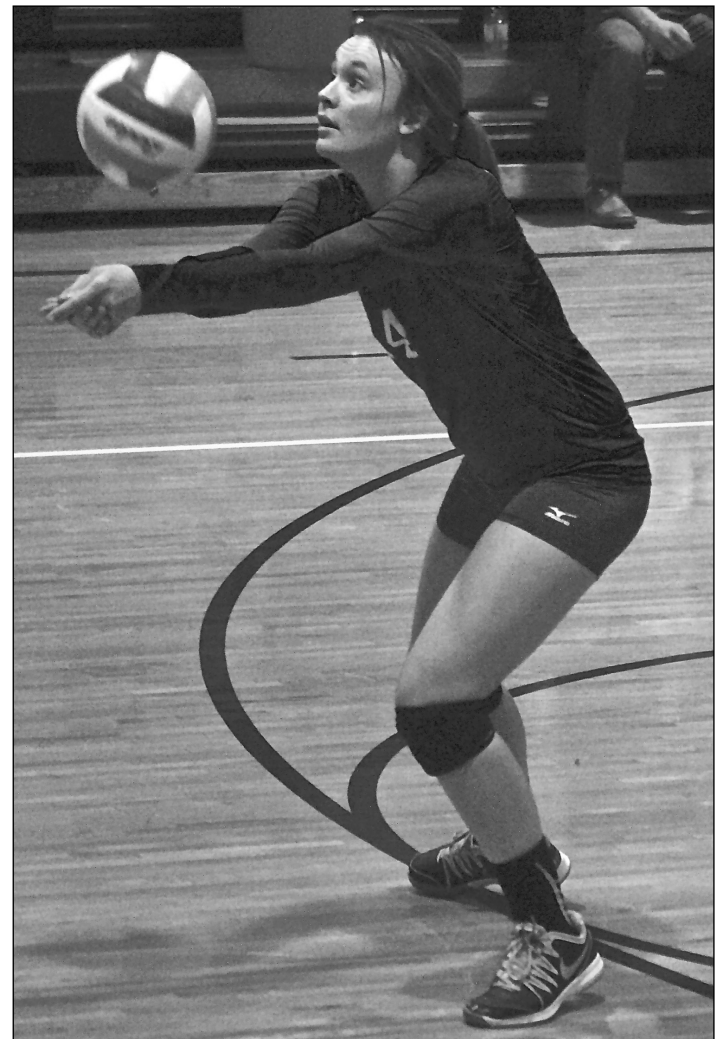
H-BC pulled away late in the set to post a 25-19 win with an ace tip from Van Roekel.

Kruse served the Panthers to a 2-0 lead in the second set before H-BC went on an 8-2 run ending with a service point from Courtney Kruger to open an 8-4 advantage.

Ellsworth trimmed the difference to two points (8-6) with a service point from Devin Dreesen.

H-BC countered with a 13-5 run ending with a kill by Olivia Richards to open a 21-10 advantage before winning by 11 points (25-14) when Sydney Fick delivered a set-ending kill.

After Van Roekel served the Patriots to a 3-0 lead in the third set, EHS battled back to sport a 7-5 edge after



John Rittenhouse photo/1029 he vb 15

Hills-Beaver Creek's Avery Van Roekel fields a serve during the third set of an Oct. 20 volleyball match in Ellsworth. The Patriots rolled to a 3-0 victory over the Panthers.

## FINAL FALL STANDINGS

South District West Division football	
H-BC	7-1
Cleveland	7-1
MLA	6-2
Madelia	6-2
E-E	5-3
G-H-EV-T	4-4
W-WG	3-5
Fulda	1-7
HL-O	1-7
Nicollet	0-8

RRC volleyball	
SWC	10-0
RRC	9-1
W-WG	7-3
H-BC	6-4
HL-O	5-4
MLA	5-4
Edgerton	4-6
Fulda	3-6
MCC	2-7
Adrian	2-8
Ellsworth	0-10

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To request a copy of the quote specifications please email Glenda Kuehl at g.kuehl@isd671.net . Or individuals may pick up a specification sheet between the hours of 8 am and 4 pm at the Hills, Beaver Creek Jr./Sr. High School, 301 N. Summit Ave, Hills, MN.

All quotes are to be sealed and mailed to Glenda Kuehl, Business Manager at Hills-Beaver Creek School District, PO Box 547, 301 N. Summit, Hills, Minnesota 56138 and received on or before 4:00 P.M., Friday, November 6, 2015 at the District Office. Quotes will be publicly opened after the submission deadline.

The Board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all quotes in whole or in part. The Board also reserves the right to waive any formalities without cause and without explanation to any bidders.

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Amazing find for this 2005 built 5 bedroom 3 bath family home. This home features an updated interior with a freshly painted main level, new floor covering in the kitchen and living room and new stainless steel appliances in the kitchen. The home features a GEO Thermal heating and cooling system. Back up heat is in place if necessary. The master bedroom is a spacious room with a walk in closet and spacious master bath. The lower level is finished with 2 bedroom, bath and large family room which walks out to the Tiki style patio with bar area. This is a perfect place to call home - call your favorite agent today.



**726 21ST, 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.

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Megan Popkes registered a service point.

H-BC regained control of the set by putting together a 16-6 run capped by a service point from Tessa Klarenbeek to open a 21-13 lead.

Fick served the winning point of a 25-16 decision later in the set.

Jasmine Lingen led H-BC with 11 kills, while Richards and

Van Roekel chipped in four each.

Kruger served two aces for the Patriots, who received 14- and 11-set efforts from Mekayla Kolbrek and Avery Wysong respectively.

Hannah Kramer recorded eight kills and two ace serves for the Panthers, who received five kills and four blocks from Popkes.

Kruse charted nine set assists and Dreesen served a pair of aces for EHS.

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# Close the Gate

By Nancy Kraayenhof

### Catch Phrase

All writers have words or phrases they like to use a little too much. It's human nature and I'm probably guilty of it too. Ummm. Close the gate? As a book reader, once you pick up on it, I think it almost becomes a little game to see how many times you count it in one book.

I had some time while the hubster was in the hospital to read. Really read. Real, genuine, swipe the page on the Kindle App books. I have some friends who read practically non-stop and others who listen to books on CD as they drive, walk, or what have you. I have gotten some of my information from them for this column.

The author of the Dexter books, Jeff Lindsay, has a thing about lizard brains. Dexter was a series on Showtime TV that lasted eight seasons. Lizard brains are referred to so many times in the book that they finally incorporated the phrase into the series ... in the seventh

season of the show, which aired in 2012. It became a running joke and, if you were a Dexter fan, you could almost see the actors trying to hold back their laughter when they had to say it. I really liked the show. I'm not sure if it's a good thing or a bad thing to like a show about a man who solves crimes by day as a forensics expert and commits them by night as a serial killer. I never did get to see the finale to find out if he ever got caught. I'll have to check up on that sometime.

I remember a book where practically all the characters at one time or another did "smile ruefully." Ruefully? I finally had to look it up to see just what kind of a smile it was. It is a smile that feels sorry for someone or has some remorse or guilt associated with it. Must have been a murder mystery. I can't remember the story line or the author at all, but the catch phrase stuck in my mind.

Sometimes the phrase represents an action. One of them

is heel spinning. Women are always spinning on their heels to walk away from something in some books. It always seems to follow after they've dished out some catty insult. I wish I could walk around in the real world like that — constantly spinning on my heels. With my luck a heel would snap off in mid spin and I would find myself with a broken ankle.

Sometimes the repeated factor is a favorite piece or type of clothing. There is a series of books my friend Daphne read where it seemed like every other page contained someone in a silk shirt. She pointed it out to me and, once I noticed it, I couldn't un-see it. It seemed every other page contained someone wearing a silk shirt. These books were written and based in the 2000s. Who the heck wears silk shirts? The last one I owned was in the early 1990s and, though it was all the rage then, it was a pain to take care of.

Seriously, do you remem-

ber when you had a shirt like this? You loved it, right? I did. There's no shame — admit it! I loved putting on that freshly pressed, wrinkle-free silk shirt and I was so proud of it with its brightly colored square patches. Though I'm not usually one for trendy anything, for some reason I went with that silk shirt. It felt rich, indulgent and extravagant and, now that I think about it, I miss it.

A pitiful gaze? A thoughtful expression? A rigid demeanor? A threatening look? A quiver of expectation? Whatever. ... Every writer has their favorites, and no matter how hard you try not to use them too much, they somehow repeatedly type themselves into the content.

I'll don my silk shirt, smile ruefully and promptly spin on my heel,

As I close the gate and realize, it's all just part of the deal.

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Sunday, Nov. 1: All Saints Day. 9 a.m. Worship Service with Communion. No Sunday School.  
Wednesday, Nov. 4: 7 p.m. Confirmation; Choir.

**Palisade Lutheran Church**  
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Ph. 855-2336  
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Interim Pastor Grant Fisher  
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Ph. 962-3270  
e-mail: bethlehmluth@alliancecom.net  
Sunday, Nov. 1: All Saints Sunday. 9 a.m. Communion at Tuff Chapel. 9:30 a.m. Sunday school. 10:30 a.m. Communion at Bethlehem.  
Tuesday, Nov. 3: Bible Study: 2:30 p.m. at Tuff Home. 3:15 p.m. at Village. 6 p.m. Making Lefse at BLC basement.  
Wednesday, Nov. 4: 9 a.m. Quilting. 7 p.m. Church Board. 8 p.m. Church Council. 7-8 p.m. 8th and 9th Confirmation. 7:30 p.m. 9th-12th Youth Group.  
Thursday, Nov. 5: 9:30 a.m. Pastors meeting in Redwood Falls.

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Office Ph. 962-3254  
e-mail: hillsurc@alliancecom.net  
Alan Camarigg, Pastor  
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1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month: Fellowship dinner after Sunday School



# Tubb News

By Shateen Lichter

Happy Fall, ya'll, from the Tuff Memorial Home!

Residents started the week with beach ball babble and enjoyed answering questions as well as the exercise it provided. That afternoon residents played bingo, which was followed by Five Alive and one-to-one visits.

On most Tuesday mornings, residents join together for Tai Chi (pronounced Tie-Chee) and sing-a-long. It is such a joy to listen to the residents sing together during this room-packed activity. After Bible study with Pastor Fischer, residents played hangman and enjoyed afternoon coffee.

Residents enjoyed a fresh manicure Wednesday morning. That afternoon, they decorated pumpkins and finished the day with delicious pumpkin bars. The facility is looking ready for Halloween!

Thursday morning Father Tom came to the facility for Catholic mass. Residents joined

together that afternoon for ghost bingo.

Afterwards, Jo Aykens celebrated her birthday with residents and staff with birthday cake. Thank you, Jo, for your generosity.

Glenda read from "The Secret" on Friday morning. With only three chapters left, residents are hoping to find out what "the secret" is. A new book will start in November.

The Tuff Memorial Home welcomed new musical entertainment on Friday.

Jacob from Happy the Dog Ministries came and sang hymns and gospel songs for the monthly birthday party. His program was engaging and uplifting and we thank him for coming.

Saturday morning the piano students of Glenda McGaffee performed for the residents. We are so thankful for her students and the talents they shared with us. We welcome young performers of any age!



John Tilstra displays the pumpkin he decorated at the Tuff Home.

Looking ahead this week:  
 •Thursday, Oct. 29: 10 a.m. Bake and Taste: Spider Cookies.  
 •Thursday, Oct. 29: 2:30 p.m. Ghost Bingo.  
 •Friday, Oct. 30: 10 a.m. Rubberbands. 10:30 a.m. Pumpkin Scavenger Hunt. 2:30 p.m. Hal-

loween Party and Staff Costume Contest.  
 •Saturday, Oct. 31: 6 to 7 p.m. Trick or Treating.  
 •Sunday, Nov. 1: 9 a.m. Worship.  
 •Monday, Nov. 2: 2:30 p.m. Bingo.

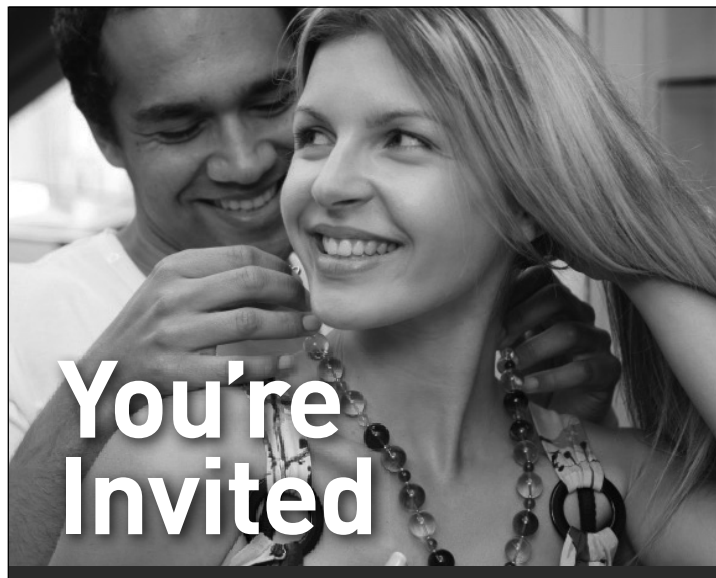
•Tuesday, Nov. 3: 2:30 p.m. Bible study.

•Wednesday, Nov. 4: 10 a.m. Gospel Music with Marlin Olson. Staff birthdays this week include Pete Hoff on Oct. 29 and Carol Gehrke on Nov. 3.

We would like to thank the following individuals for their donations to the Tuff Country Store: Jim and Lois Metzger, Jerry and Betty Ackerman, Carol Gehrke, Etta DeJongh, Ruth Weitgenant, Sandy Feucht, Gert Hup and other anonymous donors. Thank you all for your contributions; they are greatly appreciated.

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 72 pounds of candy donated! Thank you to everyone who donated and makes this event possible. We hope to see you Saturday.

The residents and staff wish everyone a safe and happy Halloween!



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## Peekin' in the Past

### 10 years ago (2005)

•Staff and residents are preparing for the Tuff Memorial Auxiliary's annual fall bazaar. There will be a soup luncheon with barbecues, bars and beverages for a free will donation.

### 20 years ago (1995)

•There was some Halloween spirit in S&R Food Center on Tuesday, as some of the employees dressed up for the occasion. But it wasn't ghost and goblin costumes that were seen — Mrs. Claus decided to make an early appearance and cook the Back Door dinner guests something special.

### 50 years ago (1965)

•The Hills Volunteer Fire Department answered a call to the Senior High School in Hills last Friday morning. Smoke was noticed in the corridor between the shop and the main portion of the old building. Upon investigation, it was noted that a fire was burning in the storage room, off the shop, just east of where the boys' dressing room used to be in the old building. It was found necessary to use water to extinguish the blaze.

### 75 years ago (1940)

•The question of who owns Dorothy Lamour's hair has be-

come a burning issue. It isn't the hair that Dorothy had left when her famous long locks were removed, but the tresses that fell to the floor when she won the victory to have her hair bobbed. She bobbed it for Paramount's "Moon Over Burma," you'll recall. Instantly the studio's publicity department requested the make-up department to save the shorn locks; they knew that thousands of requests for a lock of Dorothy's hair would pour in.

### 100 years ago (1915)

•Hallowe'en Party. The faculty of the public school entertained the pupils of the high school at the home of Dr. F.A. Engstrom last Saturday evening. Upon their arrival at the house the guests were received by two ghosts, and the fun was on. There were contests of all kinds such as pin juggling, cracker eating contest, string eating contest, animal sculptor contest with chewing gum, hat laugh, diving for apples in a tub of water, etc.

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# Whither-soever

By Glenda McGaffee

This weekend the weather was beautiful and I had the opportunity to attend several events.

Saturday morning 16 of my piano students performed a Halloween piano recital in the Tuff Memorial Home. The chapel was filled to capacity with students, family, friends and residents of the nursing home. Some of the songs performed were "Zoom, Zoom, Witches Broom," "Mr. Cat," "One Scary Night" and "The Piano Playing Skelton." The students did a fantastic job and I was very proud.

Saturday afternoon I was invited by my friend Diana Buffington to attend the Sanford Hospice 12th annual Tour of Tables luncheon at the Blue Mound Banquet Center in Luverne.

This event is a fundraiser for hospice and includes a tour of tables, basket auction and raffle. The menu was cranberry pecan chicken salad on a croissant, tomato tortellini soup, cheesecake, coffee and punch. The fundraiser was designated with the proceeds used toward installing patient lift equipment in the cottage.

The banquet hall was filled with a total of twenty-five decorated tables. I had the pleasure of sitting at a table designed by the Nutrition and Food Services Department at Sanford Hospital with Diana Buffington and Sherri Wieneke as hostesses. The theme for the table was "To flake or not to flake — that is the question." Silver, blue and white snowflakes adorned the table along with other holiday decorations.

A reverie harp was also on display. The harp is a small, lightweight, oval-shaped wooden instrument with no sharp edges, made to easily fit in a person's lap. It can be plucked or strummed with one's fingers. Because of its tuning, it sounds good even when the person playing it has never touched an instrument before.

Sunday was Reformation Day and Confirmation at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Hills. Josh Kueter, Dawson Leenderts, Trenton Bass, Halle Hoekstra, McKenna Westphal, Courtney Page and Cheyenne Albers were confirmed.

I had the privilege of attending an open house in honor of McKenna's confirmation at her home. McKenna and her sister Joanna were my first piano students.

This week I have more recipes for your Halloween party. I wish everyone a happy and safe Halloween.

### Zombie Fingers

- 7 saltine crackers
- 2 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese
- 1/8 teaspoon garlic powder
- 8 chicken tenders
- 1/2 cup Italian salad dressing
- Sliced carrots

Place crackers, cheese and garlic in a blender or food processor; blend until crumbly.



Lexi Moore/1029 piano students

Students who participated in the Halloween piano recital at the Tuff Memorial Home Saturday, Oct. 24, are (front, from left) Brystal Teune, Ericka Knapp, (second row) Olivia Susie, Avril Susie, Lanae Elbers, Angie Knapp, Mazzie Moore, Tara Knapp, Jaci Stubbe, (back) teacher Glenda McGaffee, Benjamin Meyer, Brooklyn Meyer, Whitney Elbers, Tara Paulsen, Chloe Forshey and Darcy Alons. Not pictured is Ava Warner.

Dip chicken in Italian dressing; roll in cracker mixture. Arrange on a lightly greased baking sheet and bake at 350 degrees for 20 minutes.

Just before serving add a sliced carrot to the end of the chicken to resemble a fingernail.

### Spiderweb Cookies

- 1/2 cup butter
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 1 egg, beaten
- 1 3/4 cups flour
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup chopped pecans or English walnuts
- 2 cups powdered sugar
- 2 to 3 tablespoons water
- Black decorator tube frosting
- Toothpick

Beat together butter or margarine and sugar until mixture is fluffy. Add vanilla and egg, blending well. Whisk flour, baking soda and salt; stir in nuts. Gradually add to butter mixture; beat well. Place dough on wax paper; shape into 2 long rolls, 2 inches in diameter. Chill overnight, or if desired, wrap and freeze for future use.

Slice dough 1/4 inch thick; bake on ungreased baking sheets at 400 degrees for about 7 minutes, until lightly golden. Cool.

Combine powdered sugar and enough water to make a thin frosting. Frost cookies. Before frosting has set, make circles using the black decorator tube frosting. Add a dot in the center, if desired. Use the toothpick to pull the black frosting from the center to the edges, making the frosting look like spiderwebs. Let frosting dry before stacking.

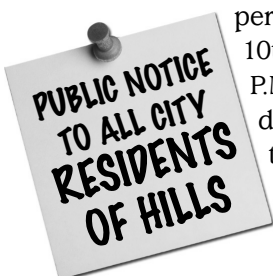


Pictured at the Hospice Tour of Tables Saturday in the Blue Mound Banquet Center are (from left) Sherri Wieneke, Diana Buffington, Amber Nath, Sharon Miller and Glenda McGaffee

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