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## Area residents invited to 'Light 'em up' for holiday decorating contest

By Glenda McGaffee
Ithas been a number of years since a holiday light decorating contest has been planned for the community.

The Hills Lions Club will be sponsoring the contest, and prizes will be given for first and
second place in Hills, Beaver Creek and Steen. Area residents are encouraged to think about decorating ideas and watch for more details in the Hills Crescent.

A Facebook page will soon be set up with more


Former high school building to house H - BC buses and vehicles

By Glenda McGaffee
The Hills-Beaver Creek SchoolBoardacceptedabidfrom Dysthe Construction Company of Beaver Creek at its regular meeting Monday, Nov. 9

A quote of $\$ 38,010$ was accepted for the renovations of the old ag shop and industrial arts building near the former $\mathrm{H}-\mathrm{BC}$ high school building

The district is renovating the building to store buses and other district vehicles.

## Basketball season begins

Varsity boys' basketball play ers began practice on Nov. 9, and girls' varsity basketball started Nov. 16.

Steve Wiertzema and Chad Rauk are boys' varsity and junior varsity coaches, respectively

Dan Ellingson will coach boys unior high basketball.

Girls' varsity and junior varsity coaches are Kale Wiertzema andEricHarnack, andjuniorhigh coach is Rex Metzger.

## In other business Nov. 9

 the School Board:-noted that American Education Week is Nov. 16-20 -heard a report that Thea Richards, Olivia Richards, Ashley Esselink, Emma Bakerand Trevor Paulsen attended the Augustana Band Festival in Sioux Falls on Nov. 13 and 14.
-heard that 166 parents at tended parentteacherconferences. This is a 94-percent turnout. $\bullet$ noted thatNov. 25 is an early dismissal day, and there is no school Nov. 26 and 27.

## Former sheriff remembered for love of job, compassion for people

By Lori Sorenson
Ron McClure will be remembered in Rock County for his kind demeanor and compassion for humanity, especially during his years wearing a badge.

McClure worked 33 years in law enforcement, 25 years in Rock County and 12 of those as sheriff in the county he grew up in.
"Iloved myjob. Iloved helping people," McClure told the Star Herald in a Jan. 20, 2003 story about his retirement.

In all those years, he wore many hats along with his uniform, including community eader, weather watcher and father figure.
"Everybody looks to law enforcement," McClure said in 2003


Ron McClure worked 33 years in law enforcement, 25 years in Rock County and 12 of those as elected sheriff.
"They know what's going on with the weather and even know where most people live,
what they drive and who their kids are dating."

Rock County Dispatcher Terri Ebert worked with McClure for 20 years and said McClure always treated everyone fairlyand with respect, "the way he would want to be treated, whether it was his co-workers or the general public," Eber told the Star Herald last week.

She said McClure will be remembered as being a positive person who made people around him feel good about hemselves.
"Helovedhisjob andIthink hewould haveworked everyday of the year," Ebert said.

This was true, except for
McClure remembered
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Glenda McGaffee photo/1119 agstar presents check to firefighters
AgStar presented the Hills Fire Department with a check Oct. 30 at the Fire Station in Hills. Pictured are (from left) Jared Rozeboom, Jeff Bass, AgStar rep. Chris Hein and Derek Bundesen.

## Hills Fire Dept. receives generous donation for new equipment

## By Jared Rozeboom

## Hills Fire Department

Fire service has become an increasingly diversified service. Thirty years ago the Hills Fire Department was only called when there was a fire. Today that has changed dramatically.

We are now called upon to mitigate a wide variety of incidents, including medical, hazardous materials, motor vehicle accidents, carbon monoxide alarms and confined space rescues, just to name a few.

These increasing responsi-
bilities come at a price. We have we decided we needed to topurchasemoreequipment, and we have to conduct more training for our members, all to serve the needs of our community.

As a rural volunteer fire department, we recognize that our communityandeconomy revolve around the agriculture industry.

Over the last few years there have been an increasing number of grain bin rescue incidents in the Midwest.

Recognizing this trend and assessing our capabilities to mitigate an incident of this type, purchase more equipment. We do this not only to meet the needs of our community, but also to better protect the safety and wellbeing of our firefighters who respond to these incidents.

Thanks to the generosity of AgStar and its Fund for Rural America, we will be able to purchase two confined space rescue harnesses, 600 feet of rescue rope and various other rope rigging accessories.

With the addition of this

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equipment combined with the equipment that was purchased earlier this year from other donations, we feel that we can effectively and safely respond to and mitigate a grain bin rescue situation.

We would like to thank AgStar along with all of our donors throughout this past year. Without this grant from AgStar, it would not have been possible to purchase the much-needed equipment.

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

Call Glenda.
She wants to hear from you.

## 962-3697



By Glenda McGaffee
At one time every American could describe the moment he or she heard President John F. Kennedy was dead, cut down by an assassin in Dallas, Texas, at 12:30 p.m. Nov. 22, 1963.

I recall sitting in Erma Schubbe's second-grade classroom in Hills and hearing the words over the intercom: "President John F. Kennedy has been shot." I also remember getting out of school early that day. Do you remember watching "As The World Turns" on CBS when Walter Cronkite broke in to tell the nation President Kennedy had been shot?

Doctors worked desperately to save the president but he died at 1 p.m. without regaining consciousness. Doctors said that Kennedy had no chance to survive when brought into the hospital.

That shocking moment was followed by days of nationwide mourning. Do you remember the pictures of Kennedy's widow Jacqueline, and daughter, Caroline, appearing at the flag-draped casket, the hollow drumbeats, followed by the riderless horse, and the salute of John, Jr. by his father's casket?

According to the World Book Encyclopedia, every American president elected in a year ending in (0) has died while in office except for Ronald Reagan in 1980. These presidents and the years of election were William H. Harrison (1840), Abraham Lincoln (1860) James A. Garfield (1880), William McKinley (1900), Warren G. Harding (1920) and Franklin D. Roosevelt (1940).

Kennedy was succeeded by Lyndon B. Johnson, the first Southerner to become president since Andrew Johnson succeeded Lincoln when Lincoln was assassinated in 1865.

This week I have a rec ipe for Southern Pumpkin Cheesecake and Pumpkin Seed Brittle

## Southern Pumpkin

Cheesecake
$13 / 4$ cups graham cracker crumbs

1 cup sugar, divided $1 / 2$ cup (1 stick) butter, melted

1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese, softened

2 eggs, beaten
2 packages (4-serving size each) French vanilla instant pudding and pie fill-
ing mix
3/4 cup milk
2 cups canned pumpkin 1/8 teaspoon ground cinnamon

1 container ( 12 ounces) thawed frozen whipped topping, divided

Dash ground nutmeg
Preheat oven to 350
degrees. Combine graham cracker crumbs, $1 / 4$ cup sugar and butter in small bowl; mix well. Press into bottom of 9-inch springform pan.

Beat cream cheese, eggs and remaining $3 / 4$ cup sugar in medium bowl with electric mixer at medium speed 2 minutes or until light and fluffy. Pour into graham cracker crust.

Bake 20 minutes. Remove to wire rack to cool completely

Beat pudding mixes and milk in large bowl with electric mixer at medium speed 2 minutes. Add pumpkin and cinnamon; beat until well blended Stir in 1 cup whipped topping until blended. Spread pudding mixture over cream cheese layer. Pipe or dollop remaining whipped topping over pudding layer. Sprinkle with nutmeg. Refrigerate 4 hours or overnight. Makes 12 to 15 servings.

## Pumpkin Seed Brittle

2 cups sugar
1 cup water
1 cup corn syrup
$1 / 4$ teaspoon cream of tartar

1/4 teaspoon salt 2 cups roasted salted shelled pumpkin seeds 1 tablespoon butter, cut into small pieces

1/2 teaspoon baking soda
Grease two baking sheets.
Combine sugar, water, corn syrup, cream of tartar and salt in heavy medium saucepan. Cook over medium heat until sugar dissolves and mixture comes to a boil, stirring constantly. Wash down side of saucepan with pastry brush or paper towel frequently dipped in hot water to remove sugar crystals and prevent burning.

Attach candy thermometer to side of saucepan, making sure bulb is submerged in sugar mixture but not touching bottom of pan. Continue to cook until mixture reaches soft ball stage ( 238 degrees Fahrenheit). Stir in pumpkin seeds and cook until mixture reaches 295 degrees Fahrenheit.

Remove from heat and stir in butter and baking soda. Immediately pour hot mixture onto prepared baking sheets. Working quickly, use two forks to stretch mixture as thin as possible. Let stand until set. Break into pieces. Store in airtight container. Makes about 2 pounds.

## McClure remembered/continued from page 1

death notices, Ebert said.
"The thing he hated about his job was having to tell a parent that their child had been killed in an accident or when he had to tell a wife that her husband passed away," Ebert said. "He sat down and cried with the family."

Clyde Menning worked with McClure for decades, their careers dating back to the days when Ole Hommen was sheriff.
"He'll be remembered for being a really good Rock County citizen in the way he helped the people of Rock County - just being a really good guy," Menning said.
"He just was really a kind, easy to get along with individual. He really cared for the people of Rock County."

Menning said that during McClure's three terms as sheriff, he never verbalized that they should be compassionate in carrying out their duties, but he personified compassion.
"He just wanted people who worked in law enforcement in Rock County to be fair and
understanding with the people we dealt with," Menning said.
"The people in law enforcement understood we had a job that needed to be done and we had to sometimes deal with undesirables who would do horrible things, but we understood we had to be fair and understanding with everyone we dealt with."

Menning and McClure retired the same time, at the end of 2002.

At his retirement party McClure told the Star Herald law enforcement was always his love. "It's been a real honor to serve the citizens for 12 years as sheriff, and I'd like to say thanks for the last 25 years."

McClure died Tuesday,
Nov. 10, from complications related to frontal lobe dementia. He was 69 years old.

## He didn't get to live like he

 wanted to'Ron enjoyed his early years of retirement, helping with his sons' construction business and spending time

He just was really a kind, easy to get along with individual. He really cared for the people of Rock County.

## - Clyde Menning

with his wife, Katie, and their children and grandchildren. In 2006 he was diagnosed with frontal lobe dementia, which eventually robbed his family of the man they knew and loved.

Katie spoke with the Star Herald Monday about Ron's final years and how she and his family dealt with the progressively debilitating illness
"We leaned on our faith, friends and family," Katie said "People going through this
need to lean as much as they can on the support of others. Educate themselves on Alzheimer's and dementia so they know how to deal with it. Get support. Go to support groups. You can't do it on your own."

She married McClure in 1999. "We had fun, but we didn't have enough time together," she said. ".. There's never enough."

She said the community may have known more about Ron's early symptoms than she did. "Everybody knew Ron, so if he'd be out wandering, they'd just bring him home," she said. "If he was out with his dog, Jack would just bring him home." As painful as it was for his family, Katie said she felt worse for Ron than anyone else "This sure wasn't what he had envisioned for his retirement," she said.
"He just loved life so much. He didn't get to live like he wanted to."

Katie lost her previous husband, Charlie, in a car-train crash in 1996, a sudden loss that
she said was in some ways easier than the slow loss of the past several years.
"I think we can all say we're relieved it's over for him," she said. "But it was nice to have had the opportunity to say goodbye."

Ron enjoyed watching the birds at the Pipestone Good Samaritan Center where he lived for the past $21 / 2$ years. "He'd say to me, 'I want to be like that. I want to fly away."'

On the day he died, Katie said she told him she was there for him, but whenever he was ready to "fly away," he could go ahead.
"And I watched him take three breaths, and the fourth one never came," she said. "I was so glad I was able to be there."

The funeral was Saturday, and Katie said she finds comfort in hearing about how people remember Ron and how he positively influenced them during his law enforcement years.
"And that's how we should remember Ron," Katie said. "Like he was back then."

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rental properties in Hills. Notices were also printed for three weeks in the Hills Crescent.

The council adopted a resoution on Nov. 9 to assess any unpaid delinquent city bills, such as utilities, lawn care, junk cleanup, asphaltcosts, etc. which also includeslatefees and penalties to all assessments.

The penalty and interest for 2015 assessments is $\$ 100$ or 15 percent of the total bill, whichever is higher.

The council approved the following building permits:
-Eric and Melissa Abels at 200 S. Anna Ave. to renew a previous requested building permit to replace their roof with architectural steel roofing. This was initially passed at the May 2014 meeting and they will be using the same material.
-Arlen Leenderts at 700 S Anna Ave. for a cement sidewalk from detached garage to the
house and along the south side of the attached garage to the southeast corner of attached garage. - Arlen Leenderts, Leenderts Lawn Care, to construct a lean-to on the south side of his commercial building on 705 S . Central Avenue.
-Jed Dunn at 414 County Road6toreplaceall the windows in the home with new windows, replace the front and back walkthrough doors with new doors, and replace siding with either steel siding or cement board siding.

In other business:
-the council heard about Verhey Construction plans for finishing the septic system and restroom project at Rez Park.

- Maguire Iron decided to wait until next year to do the interior and exterior work on the water tower because they are short on workers and behind on work.


## school menu

Hills-Beaver Creek Public Schools Lunch Menu:
Monday, Nov. 23: Turkey gravy, mashed potatoes, peas, peaches, dinner roll, dessert.

Tuesday, Nov. 24: Mr. Rib on a bun, glazed carrots, pears.
Wednesday, Nov. 25: Pizza, corn, mixed fruit.
Thursday, Nov. 26: No School. Happy Thanksgiving
Friday, Nov. 27: No School.

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John Rittenhouse photo/1119 hbc fb Seven members of the Hills-Beaver Creek High School football program drew postseason honors from the South District Western Division coaches last week. Stuart Plimpton (front, left), Zach Scholten (back, second left), Logan Leuthold (front, middle), Isaiah Vis (front, right) and Cooper Vaughn (back, right) made the All-SDWD Football Team. Trenton Bass (back, left) and Drew Forshey (back, second right) drew honorable mention honors.

## Seven Patriots draw football honors Monday

## By John Rittenhouse

Seven players and the coach of the Hills-Beaver Creek High School football team received postseason honors of their accomplishments in 2015. Five Patriots made the 2015 All-South District Western Division Football Team, and two more players landed honorable mention honors
H-BC coach Rex Metzger was named the Western Division Coach of the Year along with Cleveland's Kyle Atherton and Erik Hermanson.
Gracing the all-district list from H-BC are seniors Cooper Vaughn and Stuart Plimpton and juniors Isaiah Vis, Logan Leuthold and Zach Scholten.
Senior Drew Forshey and sophomore Trenton Bass drew honorable mention honors for H-BC.

A total of 31 players made the first all-district squad and 19 athletes received honorable mention honors.
Cleveland, which shared the district title with H-BC, secured five all-district selections as well.
Seniors Tyler Piotter, Jaiden Zishka and Chandler Barrie and sophomore Carter Kopet made the team for the Clippers.
Madelia and Mountain Lake Area received four all-district selections each.
Madelia seniors Kyle Schultz, Derrick Van Hee and Austin Denn and junior Jordan Osborne made the squad Schultz was named the district's Offensive Back of the Year, and Denn was tabbed as the district's Co-Lineman of the Year.

MLA seniors Chris Boyd and Ian Glassic and juniors Levi Stoesz and Jacob Suess also made the squad.
Edgerton-Ellsworth and Granada-Huntley-East ChainTruman picked up two alldistrict selections each. Senior Trevor Van Dyke and juniors Blake Van Dyke and Jake Huisken grace the list for E-E. Blake Van Dyke was named the district's Defensive Player of the Year, while Huisken shared the Lineman of the Year with Denn.
G-H-EC-T seniors Josh Wolter and Jackson Maloney and sophomore Derek Schoen cracked the roster.
Westbrook-Walnut Grove senior Jake Otto and junior Anthony Koch, Fulda senior Brian Fenske and junior

Brandon Everett and Heron Lake-Okabena seniors Marcelo Esqueda and Angel Esqueda represent their schools on the all-district roster.
Nicollet senior Noah Lloyd rounds out the team.
Other players drawing honorable mention honors include Cleveland Josh Baker and Gavin Wenker, Madelia seniors Jack Koruem and Zach Petersen, E-E junior Mason Sluis and sophomore Trey Gilbertson, MLA senior Jose Sanchez and junior Sam Grev, G-H-EC-T seniors Michael Dallager and C.J Hodge, W-WG senior A.J. Quade and sophomore Kyle Kuehl, Fulda junior Justin Dierks, HL-O seniors Brady Haberman and Austin Heitbrink and Nicollet senior Davin Nourie and junior Carter Bock.

## Regulation change in 2015 affects when deer licenses are valid

Deer hunters are reminded about changes in 2015 that affect when licenses purchased after a season is open are valid. A deer hunting license purchased after a season is open is valid the same day of purchase if purchased prior to legal shooting hours. If the license is purchased after legal shooting hours, then the license is valid the following day.
"The language is unclear in the 2015 Minnesota Hunting and Trapping Regulations Handbook about when deer hunting licenses are valid, so we want to elaborate on this," said Steve Merchant, wildlife populations and regulations manager.

What changed from last year? Last year hunters needed to wait two days to hunt if they bought a deer license after a season opened. Also, there was no ability to buy a license before shooting hours and hunt that same day.

Deer licenses can be pur chased at DNR license agents across Minnesota, by phone at 888-665-4236 or online atwww. mndnr.gov/buyalicense. For lists of license agents in each Minnesota county, see www. mndnr.gov/licenses/agents. html .

There are additional fees for telephone and Internet transactions. Hunters who purchase licenses by phone and Internet will receive their deer license and tags by mail, which can take three to five business days to arrive, so hunters who choose these options should allow enough time for delivery. Hunters must have a valid deer license and tag in their possession when hunting deer.

Hunters need to be familiar with deer hunting regulations, which are available at any DNR license agent or online atwww.mndnr.gov/ regulations/hunting.
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Close the gate By Hancy Kraayentof

PRICE
October was National Bullying Prevention Month. All across the country schools and families participated in wonderful anti-bullying activities, which is, well, wonderful.

News flash! Bullying is not something new. When I was growing up, the bullying was usually just during the school day and the few hours after school when kids would continue to interact. Bullying occurred in spurts unless the bully in your life was your sibling; otherwise there was always some relief time.

Today is a different story, thanks largely to social media and texting. Bullying can continue $24 / 7$ and come from persons known and even strangers. The consequences of relentless bullying are profound and can be traced back
to school shootings, suicides poor school performance, mental and even physical health problems.

Perhaps the conversation needs to be flipped from antibullying to teaching our kids the delicate art of kindness.

Kindness truly is an art form that must be learned just like good manners. No child comes out of the womb saying "Excuse me" after he burps Someone had to tell him that's what needs to be said. I feel bullying statistics can be impacted by teaching the new generation about kindness both face to face and, increasingly more important, online.

The knights of old had a code of chivalry that consisted of: charity, justice, truth, diligence, honor and valor. We need the approach that being kind online is cool. Perhaps a code of chivalry for online be-
haviors would appeal to their sense of community. Often children join in on meanness not because they enjoy hurting others, but because they fear being different or becoming a target themselves. Turning the tables, kindness can lead and strength can be cool.

I propose the following code for online kindness: Public: Anything posted online is never private, no matter what privacy settings you put into place. If you'd be embarrassed to have your grandmothers, coaches, teachers or future spouse read something you're about to put online, perhaps you should think twice.

Re-read: A rule of rereading and thinking before hitting the enter key could be a good approach to thoughtfulness. Everyone has feelings
and trying to see things from another person's perspective, even when they've been hurt, is a way of breeding compassion.

Impact: Kids need to understand that everyone's words and actions impact others sometimes in ways we don't intend. It happens all the time, but using kindness and care, it is often preventable.

Careful: It's a whole lot easier to be careless with your words online, but you are still interacting with living people and their very human feelings. If you were standing face to face with this person, would you say the same thing? How about if your mom was listening in? If not, then you need to choose different words or simply walk away.

Expectations: We need to make being kind online and in real life an expectation we
will hold tightly for them. As important as manners, online etiquette needs to be enforced and screen time needs to be limited. But don't even get me started on that. If I fall off my soap box, I could break a hip.

So... there you have it! The Internet comes with a PRICE: Public, Re-read, Impact, Care ful, Expectations. Let's spread the word and stomp out bullying by not letting it start.
(I had Kindness down as the last word in my acronym but after I re-read it, I changed my mind.)

Close the gate and convince those children that it's cool to just be nice,

The responsibility that goes with Internet use should come with a PRICE

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Wednesday, Nov. 25: 7 p.m. Parish Thanksgiving Eve Service.

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Bethlehem Lutheran Church Interim Pastor Grant Fisher

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e-mail: bethlehemluth@alliance com.net
Friday, Nov. 20: Newsletter Deadline (due to holiday). Sunday, Nov. 22: 9 a.m. Worship at Tuff Chapel. 9:30 a.m Sunday school. 10:30 a.m. Worship at Bethlehem.

Tuesday, Nov. 24: 2:30 p.m. Bible Study at Tuff Home. 3:15 p.m. Bible Study at Village.

Wednesday, Nov. 25: 9 a.m. Quilting. 7 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve Service. Following worship service, setting up trees.

Thursday, Nov. 26: Happy Thanksgiving.

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> Alan Camarigg, Pastor

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

## community news

## Meetings

MS Support Group will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 19, at Southwest Health and Human Services in Luverne. 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 CenterinLuverne.CallStephanie at 449-1246.

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

Alcoholics Anonymous meets at 8 p.m. Wednesdays and Saturdays in the Rock County Library. Call 605-3214324.

## Monthly Food

## Ministry Nov. 19

The monthly food ministry, sponsored by New Life Celebration Church, will be from 5 to 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 19, at the Luverne Senior Center. Ifyou're having trouble puttingfood on the table, come for fresh produce, bread and meat. Children will be asked to wait outside.

## GEP 'Homecoming'

on stage Nov. 20-22
The Green Earth Players community theater group will perform its fall production, "Homecoming," Nov. 20-22 at the Palace Theatre in Luverne Showtimes are 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m Sunday. Tickets are available at the Palace Box Office. Call 507-283-4339.

## Operation Christmas

 Child collection due by Nov. 23Anyone wishing to pick up a shoebox and fill it with gifts for underprivileged children can come to the American Reformed Church south entrance. The Operation Christmas Child project ends Nov. 23. Call Karen Bosch at 605-413-9676 or Charla Sandbulte at 507-227-1722.

## De-Lightful 5K set for

Nov. 28
The De-Light-Ful 5K Race/ Walk or 1 Mile Walk will start at 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, at the Luverne Area Aquatics and Fitness Center. Online registration is available at www.allsportcentral.com. Race day registration will begin at 5 p.m. at the Luverne AreaAquatics andFitnessCenter. Post race party/awards will follow the race at the Blue Mound Banquet Center. IV Play will be playing at the dance. Contact Dave at dduffy@rconnect.com or 507-920-3345 for details.

## HCT Dinner Theatre auditions Dec. 1 and

 Dec. 5Auditions for HCT Dinner Theatre production of "Natalie Needs a Nightie" will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 1, and at 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, at the Legion Hall in Hills. "Natalie Needs a Nightie" will be performed in March 2016. Roles are for four males and three females 18 and older.

## Volunteers needed for Salvation Army Kettle

## Campaign

The Rock County Salvation Army will begin its Kettle Campaign on Tuesday, Dec. 1, in the lobby at Glen's Food

Center. Volunteer bellringers are encouraged to sign up to help. Businesses, service organizations, youth or church groups can take advantage of this volunteer opportunity to support those in needinRockCounty.CallSuanne Ohme at 507-920-0053.

## Bank Nite movie

## 'Home Alone' at

Palace Dec. 3
The free Bank Nite movie, "Home Alone," will begin at 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 3, at the Palace Theatre in Luverne.

Sponsored by First Farmers \& Merchants National Bank and Papik Motors, a free, familyfriendly movie is shown on the first Thursday of every month as it was done for "Bank Nite" in the 1930s. A cash prize drawing the 1930s. A cash prize drawing
will follow the movie. Must be present to win.

## Library offers Fall <br> Story Hour events

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

Laptime Story Hour is open to ages birth-3 with an adult. No registration is required. Laptime StoryHourwill befrom 10:30 to 11 a.m. everyFridaythrough Nov. 20 .

## CoffeeBreak meets <br> Tuesdays

CoffeeBreak will meet at 9:30 a.m. each Tuesday through April 2 at the Luverne Christian Reformed Church ( 605 N . Estey St.).The Book of Isaiah will be the Bible study.

StoryHour, a time of play and Bible stories, will be available for children ages 2 through kindergarten, and a nursery is available for the littlest ones.



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Open House Nov. 21 for new Martin Township Building

By Glenda McGaffee
On Saturday, Nov. 21, the publicisinvited to an openhouse from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the new Martin Township Maintenance Office Building located at the corner of 51st Street and 60th Avenue.

Refreshments will be served.
According to "A History of Rock County" Martin Township was organized in 1873.

The township was named in honor of John Martin who came in 1869 and settled on Section

13, three miles east and one mile north of Hills on the farm now owned by Gawaine Diekevers.

Diekevers serves as chairmanofthetownshipboard, which also includes DavidSwanson, Allan Nuffer, Doug Bos (clerk) and treasurer Lucas Sandager.

Martin Township has more century farms than any other township in Rock County, and the majority were founded by people of Norwegian ancestry. In the year 1885 the population in Martin Township was 743.


10 years ago (2005)
-Local businesses that would like to participate in the 2005 Customer Appreciation day in Hills are encouraged to contact Trista at Exchange State Bank. Last year's event included a visit from Santa Claus, soup and goodies.

## 20 years ago (1995)

-Theareaeconomywillgetaboostwhenthe proposed $\$ 22,500,000$ corn to ethanol plant to be located in Luverne becomes operational in the summer of 1997.

## 50 years ago (1965)

-At the regular meeting of the Hills-Beaver Creek PTA Monday evening, it was decided that the main project for the year would be to raise funds for more band uniforms. Some thirty more uniforms are needed and with the cost of $\$ 65$ per uniform, considerable effort will be needed to meet the desired goal.

## 75 years ago (1940)

-In order to get through the road west of town last Monday during the blizzard, and repair the brokenlines, the Interstate PowerCo.hired the county plow to open the road ahead of their highline crew. Many locally were of the opinion that the plow was sent out by the county officials. All expenses of the trip were paid by the power company.

## 100 years ago (1915)

-Auction sales! Nine head of Horses-Consisting of one sorrel team of mares, 6 and 8 years old, weight 3000 ; one sorrel mare 22 years old, weight 1350; one gray mare, 14 years old, weight 1300; one bay mare, 2 years old, weight 1400; saddle pony; one bay gelding, 10 years old, weight 1180; two yearling colts.


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November is Peanut Butter Lovers Month. Did you know that arachibutyro phobia is the gear of getting peanut butter stuck to the roof of your mouth? Do you have arachibutyrophobia?

Volleyball was how the residents at Tuff Memorial Home started their week

This well-attended activity is a great way to get moving after a weekend of rest. Bells were ringing Tuesday morning during bell choir and residents sang patriotic songs during a sing-a-long in honor of Veterans Day.

Residents celebrated Veterans Day by listening to Jerry Ackerman speak about his time in Vietnam.

All were thankful for his message and stories. We joined in singing "My Country Tis of Thee" and recognized the veterans in our facility: Harold Etrheim, Bob Kirsch Bob Olson, Roger Schneekloth, Jim Leenderts and Melvin Paulsen. We thank you for your service, gentlemen.

After the veterans program, Mr. Bosshart's sixthgrade classroom joined us for the first meeting of Adopt-AGrandparent.

Two students were paired with one resident, and the dining room was full!

It was great to hear the kids ask the residents questions about their lives growing up and their current interests. Later on, the residents could be heard asking the kids similar questions. The next Adopt-A-Grandparent meeting is Dec.2.

Memorial services were Thursday morning in memory of Esther Vande Hoef. Coffee with the family followed. Thursday afternoon brought FEAST Bingo and a taco pie tasting afterward. About half of the residents enjoyed the taco pie, half did not care for it.

Friday morning was filled with fun when the Hills Christian students came by to play Beach Ball Babble with the residents. Both groups enjoyed getting to know a little more about each other. Friday afternoon residents played penny ante,, and the Lester hymn sing was that evening

Wow! Our Tuff Store is looking great because of you! Donors so far this month include Etta DeJongh, Twila Kirsch, Dick Smook, Betty and Jerry Ackerman, Terry and Marilyn Sundem, Alma Rowe, Sally Van Wyhe, Deb Bowman, Alicia Kelderman, Faith DeBoer, Nelva Behr, Laurie David, Pat Paulsen, Carol Gehrke, Shorty and Delores Leenderts and other anonymous donors. I cannot thank you all enough for your support. The residents are getting anxious for the store to open next week. Current store needs are small cans of diet pop, hard candies, tooth-


Above: Mildred Keunen (left) visits with Danette Leenderts and Sanaa Morris during their Adopt-A-Grandparent session.
Below: Wednesday, November 11, at the Tuff Home, Toots Van Iperen (left) and Kellie Vanderbrink work on "getting to know you" questions during their Adopt-A-Grandparent session.

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paste and toothbrushes Looking ahead this week: -Thursday, Nov. 19: 10 a.m Catholic Services. 2:30 p.m. FEAST Bingo -Friday, Nov. 20: 2:30 p.m. Peanut butter lovers program -Saturday, Nov. 21: 9:30
a.m. Book Reading -Sunday, Nov. 22: 9 a.m. Worship
-Monday, Nov. 23: 2:30 p.m. Bingo
-Tuesday, Nov. 24: 2:30
p.m. Bible Study
-Wednesday, Nov. 25: 10
a .m. Tuff Country Store; 2:30 p.m. Gospel music with Betty and Jerry Ackerman; monthly birthday party.

Resident and staff with birthdays this week are Ruth Weitgenant, Nov. 24, and Pat Paulsen, Nov. 26.

How many peanuts does it take to make a 12-ounce jar of peanut butter? Answer comes next week. Enjoy some peanut butter in honor of Peanut Butter Lovers Month.


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