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Year in Review: Hills Crescent recaps stories of 2015

By Glenda McGaffee

The Crescent pages in 2015 are filled with the news of its residents and their families, its schools and their students, its businesses and their employees and all the events that shape the communities of Hills, Beaver Creek and Steen.

Following is a glance back at 2015, with a month-at-a-time review of the year.

January

•Hills Crescent archives remembered the three-day blizzard of 1975, and Hills Crescent file

photo showed disoriented cattle from Sandager farms wandering the streets of Hills seeking shelter during the Jan. 10-12 blizzard of 1975.

•Hills gears up for the 125th celebration in June.

•Bethlehem Lutheran Church welcomes their new interim pastor, Grant Fischer

•Christopher Weber is sentenced for the distracted driving crash that killed Steen bicyclist Andrea Boeve July 2, 2014. He received a suspended sentence and was ordered jail time along with community service hours

dedicated to distracted driving education.

•H-BC sixth-grade girls' basketball team takes first place in 2015 Adrian basketball tournament January 10.

•Leonard (Shorty) Leenderts retires after 41 years as treasurer of Martin Township.

•H-BC school board welcomes newly elected member Dan La Rock and Hills City Council welcomes Dave Ripperda.

•Former bank president and mayor of Hills Dennis Roning dies at the age of 91.

February

•The annual Helgeson Father-Son Pool Tournament is held at Beaver Bar Feb. 13 and 14. The event raised \$500 for the hospice program in Luverne, and the traveling trophy was presented to Adam and Jon Finke.

March

•Helping Build Communities Stronger organization asks people in the community to design a logo for T-shirts that will be sold in observance of Hills' 125th anniversary.

April

•Tuff Memorial Home welcomes new activity director Shateen Lichter. She replaces Lou Kellenberger who retired after almost 25 years at the nursing home.

•An H-BC basketball fundraiser raises \$10,000 for the Hills-Beaver Creek Elementary playground resurfacing project.

•Senator Amy Klobuchar visits with Hills mayor Keith Elbers on April 8 to follow up on the April 2013 ice storm's effect

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County to increase levy 2.88 percent

By Mavis Fodness

Rock County Commissioners formally approved the 2016 county tax levy at \$5,153,362, which is 2.88 percent more than last year's levy.

The county's preliminary levy had been set to increase 3.88 percent, but at their Dec. 22 meeting, commissioners decided to allocate \$50,000 from the county reserves of \$105,000 in order to keep the levy lower.

No programs were affected by the reduction, and economics in the ag community were cited as the reason for the lower levy. For example, commodity prices are at or below the cost of production in 2015.

"If there is any way we can drop it a point, I am in favor," said Commissioner and Rock County farmer Stan Williamson about the levy increase.

Commissioners voted 4-1 to increase the levy 2.88 percent (rather than the proposed 3.88 percent). Chairman Ron Boyenga cast the only dissenting vote, a gesture meant as a message to keep spending within budget limits.

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Submitted photo

Rain and muddy roads had delayed the move of Scott and Lisa Remme's house from Steen to east of Luverne for about a month until Wednesday, Dec. 23, when frost had made the roads more solid.

Remme moves farmhouse from Steen to rural Luverne

By Mavis Fodness

Drivers in the east- and westbound lanes of Interstate 90 may have been startled by a two-story house being transported over the bridge between Luverne and Magnolia Wednesday morning, Dec. 23.

No one was more apprehensive of the travel than the home's new owners, Scott and Lisa Remme of Luverne.

"It was very nerve-racking, exciting and scary all at the same time," Lisa said.

Since August the Remmes had been making plans to move the 1950s farmhouse from rural Steen to its final destination in Magnolia Township east of Luverne.

The 20-mile trip began Monday, Dec. 21, when house movers Berghorst & Sons of Hull, Iowa, prepared the building for travel.

The 28-by-42-foot, two-story structure was the childhood home of Glen Boeve, whose parents, Art and Henrietta Boeve, purchased the five-bedroom house in 1961.

The home provided one amenity the

family didn't have before the move.

"When we moved from (Hull) Iowa, that home didn't have any indoor bathrooms," Glen recalled.

The new Minnesota home had two: one upstairs and one on the main floor.

For more than five decades, the house was home to three generations of Boeves, the last of whom was Glen's son Matt, who recently moved into a new home constructed near the family farm.

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weather
REPORT



DECEMBER 20 - DECEMBER 26 WEATHER

High temperature for the week:	38	Snow amount for the week:	8 in
Low temperature for the week:	21	Snow total for December:	11 in
Average temperature for the week:	30		

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Glenda McGaffee photos/1224 volunteers for WOW event

WOW event honors seniors in Steen

The Reformed Church of Steen hosted a special event titled "WOW: Words of Wisdom" Saturday, Dec. 12, at the church. A dinner was served, music provided by the Sandbulte Quartet and bingo was played. Those in attendance also received a basket of baked goods. Organizer Dolly Van Der Weerd said, "We just wanted to show our appreciation to the older members of our church." Pictured are the volunteers who assisted with the WOW event. They are (front, from left) Vonnie Baker, Holly Mulder, Nicie Bosch, Dolly Van Der Weerd, Linda Bajama, Sheri Shanahan, Glenda Sandstede, (back) Alan Baker, Dennis Mulder, Larry Bosch, Tom Van Der Weerd, Roger Shanahan and Terry Sandstede.

Enjoying the day at the Steen Reformed Church WOW program on Saturday, Dec. 12, with their mother Henrietta DeJongh are her daughters, Ethanie Schmitt, (left), Patti Morris and Nancy Van-Heerde.



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During the same decades, the Boeves' cattle operation also grew, bringing the feedlots closer to the farmhouse. Flies, a cramped farmyard and stress of a remodeling project prompted the Boeves to give the home away.

"We were hoping someone could use it," Glen said.

For the Remmes, the home offered the character and charm that a new structure couldn't. The

move-in home also hastened the timeline when the Remmes could move into the remodeled home, which they anticipate to be the summer of 2016.

Until then, plans call for the farmhouse to be extensively remodeled and include the adding of a family room, garage and wrap-around porch.

"It will pretty much look like a new house," Scott said.

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Whither-soever

By Glenda McGaffee

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It has been said that a new year is a priceless gift, to be used wisely. The gift of a new year is given to everyone rich or poor and cannot be bought or sold. When the new year begins, it is like a new life. We can try to forget the past and look ahead into the future.

The new year is an appropriate time to look back and learn from your successes and failures. Through our failures we develop patience, wisdom and the will to try again. If we don't keep trying, we will never know how far we can go.

This year perhaps our best intentions were shattered and our dreams failed. We should look into the future with anticipation of what the new year will hold.

Have you made your new year's resolutions? I heard the number one resolution is to lose weight.

Wishing everyone a Happy and Prosperous New Year in 2016.

In closing, I have a poem titled "A Lasting Christmas."

A Lasting Christmas

I keep a part of Christmas
For it helps to add a glow,
To the January darkness
And the February snow.

If March is cold and blustery
And though April brings us
rain,
The peace and warmth of
Christmas
With its happiness remain....

There's a beauty when it's
Christmas
All the world is different then,
There's no place for petty
hatred
In the hearts and minds of
men.

That is why my heart is happy
And my mind can hold a
dream,
For I keep a part of Christmas
With its peace and joy supreme.

This week I have two recipes: Miniature Peanut Butter Cups and Chocolate Dream Whoopie Pies.

Miniature Peanut Butter Cups

1/2 cup butter
1/2 cup sugar
1/2 cup brown sugar
1 egg
1/2 cup creamy peanut butter
1/2 teaspoon vanilla
1 1/4 cups flour
3/4 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon salt
Filling:
42 miniature peanut butter
chocolate cups

In a bowl combine the butter, sugar, egg, peanut butter and vanilla. Beat until smooth. Combine the flour, baking soda and salt. Gradually add to creamed mixture. Cover and chill for 1 hour or until easy to handle.

Roll into walnut-sized balls, place in greased miniature muffin cups. Bake at 375 degrees for 8 to 9 minutes.

Remove from oven and gently press one peanut butter cup into each cookie, forming a depression. Cool for 10 minutes before removing to wire rack to cool completely.

Yield: 3 1/2 dozen

Chocolate lovers will find these cute triple-chocolate goodies irresistible. Two luscious cookies, a mousse-like filling and mini chips — it doesn't get any better.

Chocolate Dream Whoopie Pies

1 package chocolate cake mix
3 eggs
1/2 cup canola oil
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
Filling:

2/3 cup sugar
2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
1/8 teaspoon salt
1 cup 2-percent milk
1/2 cup milk chocolate chips
2/3 cup shortening
1/3 cup butter, softened
3/4 teaspoon vanilla extract
Garnish:
1 cup miniature semisweet chocolate chips

In a large bowl, combine the cake mix, eggs, oil and vanilla; beat on low speed for 30 seconds. Beat on medium 2 minutes. (Mixture will be sticky).

Drop by 2 tablespoons 2 inches apart onto greased baking sheets. Bake at 350 degrees for 9-11 minutes or until edges are set. Cool for 2 minutes before removing to wire racks to cool completely.

For filling, in a small saucepan, combine the sugar, flour and salt. Gradually add milk. Bring to a boil; cook and stir for 1-2 minutes or until thickened. Stir in chocolate chips until melted. Transfer to a small bowl; cover and refrigerate until chilled, about 1 hour.

In a large bowl, beat the shortening and butter until fluffy. Beat in chocolate mixture and vanilla.

Spread chocolate filling on the bottoms of half of the cookies, about 2 tablespoons on each; top with remaining cookies. Roll the sides in miniature chocolate chips for garnish. Store in refrigerator.



Henrietta Bajema (left), Betty Nath and Toots Van Iperen play the Right-Left Game.



Tuff News

By Shateen Lichter

Happy New Year from the Tuff Memorial Home!

When I think of January, of course, I think of New Year's Day. One family tradition we have is to go sledding.

Did you know, in Denmark neighbors smash plates on each other's doorsteps, which is said to bring good luck and friendship. The more pieces of broken plate on their doorstep, the luckier they will be.

In Thailand people throw buckets of water on each other.

Now, I am usually all about trying new things and mixing it up, but breaking plates on doorsteps and throwing water at each other? I think I will stick to sledding! What New Year's Eve/Day traditions do you have?

The Tuff Country Store opened for the second time this month on Monday. Hot items included lap quilts, face powder, blush, body spray and snacks. I would like to extend a very big thank you to the Exchange State Bank for their generous donation to the Country Store this month. I was moved to tears by their generosity, and words cannot express how thankful the Country Store is.

Christmas carols were sung and Christmas poems were read for Bible Study on Tuesday afternoon, followed by Christmas-themed hangman.

Wednesday morning brought an anticipated mystery activity. Several

residents gathered around to play the Christmas Right-Left Game. Laughter filled the activity room as we listened to the story of the Right Family. This is a great Christmas activity to play with larger family get-togethers. Look up "Right-Left Game" on the Internet or Pinterest.

Later Wednesday afternoon residents gathered for CLAUS bingo. We mixed it up a bit and had to cover a postage stamp and make an "M" on our cards this week.

Our hearts prepared for Christmas on Thursday with the Candlelight Christmas Eve service. We thank Pastor Fischer for his message. There were no scheduled activities on Christmas; however, there were many family members who joined us for good food and good conversation. Saturday morning residents enjoyed Christmas reminiscing and a monthly favorite, frosting donuts.

Looking ahead this week:

•Thursday, Dec. 31: 2:30 p.m. CLAUS bingo; 3:30 p.m. Countdown to New Year

•Friday, Jan. 1: 2:30 p.m. Horse races

•Saturday, Jan. 2: 10 a.m. Sunshine wagon

•Sunday, Jan. 3: 9 a.m. Worship

•Monday, Jan. 4: 2:30 p.m. Bingo

•Tuesday, Jan. 5: 2:30 p.m. Bible Study

•Wednesday, Jan. 6: 2 p.m. Resident Council

We would like to welcome Edyth Briggs to Tuff Memorial.

She joined us Wed., Dec. 23.

Staff birthdays this week include Kristee Hart and Sharon Hoffman, Jan. 2; Judy DeNoble, Jan. 3; Stan Van Wyhe, Jan. 5; Katie McGaffee and Karin Moser, Jan. 6.

Resident birthdays include Florence Javers on Jan. 6.

Happy New Year from the staff and residents at Tuff Memorial Home!

CHRISTMAS TREE PICKUP FOR RESIDENTS OF HILLS

The City of Hills will pick up Christmas trees the week of January 4th-8th.

Please have trees out near the curb OR City residents may dispose of Christmas trees at the tree dump site at any time.



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Patriots roll over Fulda Raiders

By John Rittenhouse

The Hills-Beaver Creek girls' basketball team registered a third consecutive victory Dec. 22 during their final game of 2015.

Taking on the Fulda Raiders in Hills, the Patriots came out on the winning end of a 61-42 decision.

The win ups H-BC's season record to 5-2 and gives the Patriots a 3-1 Red Rock Conference record heading into 2016.

H-BC returns to action Jan. 7 in Westbrook.

The Patriots canned 50 percent of their field goals during their victory over the Raiders.

H-BC raced to a 36-21 advantage in the first half and used a 25-21 scoring advantage in the second half to prevail by 19 points at game's end.

Sidney Fick, Avery Van Roekel and Jasmine Lingen led the Patriots offensively by scoring 15, 12 and 10 points respectively.

Grace Bundesen contributed six rebounds to the winning effort.

Box score
Bos 0 0 0-0 0, Tilstra 1 1 0-0 5, Spath 1 0 1-2 3, Kolbrek 0 0 0-0 0, Lingen 3 0 4-5 10, Fick 7 0 1-2 15, Bundesen 1 1 3-4 8, Gehrke 0 0 0-0 0, Van Roekel 5 0 2-2 12, Rozeboom 2 0 4-7 8.

Team statistics
H-BC: 22 of 40 field goals (50 percent), 15 of 22 free throws (68 percent), 25 rebounds, 25 turnovers.
Fulda: 11 of 48 field goals (23 percent), 17 of 28 free throws (61 percent), 20 rebounds, 21 turnovers.



Submitted photo/1231 D.A.R.E. graduation

DARE students graduate Thursday, Dec. 17

Rock County Deputy Mike DeJong ended the Fall 2015 DARE program at Hills-Beaver Creek Elementary School with a graduation ceremony on Thursday, Dec. 17. The fifth-grade class has been participating in weekly classes focused on drug education. Minnesota DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) is a prevention and education program that advocates and educates for healthy and safe children. Pictured are the 2015 DARE graduates (front, from left) Britton McKenzie, Cole Rozeboom, Laura Roelfs, Madison Doonan, Jenifer Martinyuk, Caitlyn Brinson, Brock Harnack, Anthony Beaner, Taylor Frederickson, (middle row) Riley Sheppard, Noah Swenson, Alex Harris, Brayden Metzger, Holly Harron, Ariana Meyer, Alexis Eastman, Ellynor Klosterbuer, Sophia VanSurksun, (back) Deputy Mike DeJong, Luke Fuerstenberg, Collin Schoneman, Tyrae Goodface, Devon Dysthe, Cody Moser, Taylor Huisman, Carter Abels, Alexandra Drake, Leif Tollefson and Elisha Taubert.

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Net taxes on ag land drops 7.25 percent for 2016

Agricultural properties continue to comprise the majority of the tax base in Rock County, although the percentage for 2016 is slightly lower than previous years.

The information, presented at the county's annual annual Truth in Taxation hearing on Dec. 1 showed agricultural properties comprise 60.8 percent of total taxes paid next year, an increase of 3.71 percent from 2015. The other 39.2 percent is divided between residential (20.4 percent) and commercial/industrial (18.8 percent).

However, ag land's net taxes payable in 2016 decreased 7.25 percent, according to Tom Houselog, Rock County Land Records director.

The county receives about half of its annual budget monies from local property taxes. The tax burden is spread over three property classifications with the net taxes payable in Rock County shared between government entities.

While ag land saw a decrease for 2016 in net tax capacity, residential and commercial/industrial properties increased 4.65 percent and 5.63 percent respectively.

Rock County's 2016 net property taxes will generate just over \$13.3 million, a 2.4-percent increase over 2015.

Annual Truth In Taxation meetings are required by each governmental entity that utilizes property taxes for funding. At these meetings, upcoming budget information is presented and the public is allowed to make comments.

No one from the public attended the county's required meeting.

County reserves still within state guidelines

The state auditor's office recommends that a county keep at least five months of expenditures within its general fund.

According to Rock County's audit ending Dec. 31, 2014, it has 6.6 months in reserve, down from an average of 10.59 months over the past two years.

The reduction is due to the flooding events in 2014 and the expenses involved in repairing the county's infrastructure. Many of these expenses have since been reimbursed from the state and federal governments' emergency management funds.

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Close the Gate

By Nancy Kraayenhof

Upside down

I have a child in my day care who is fascinated with everything being upside down. He stands bent over with his head and hands down on the floor and examines every bit of our play space with a delighted look on his face. Baby dolls are dangled from their toes off every surface. The clothesline that runs just within reach across the room has upside-down stuffed animals hung up on display in his "pet store." Cars are slid across the floor on their tops instead of their wheels. Even dinosaurs slither on their backs in his hands.

Upside down is a peculiar state with the top at the bottom and the bottom at the top. For me, it puts things into great disorder, which is how our daily life as a family has been for a few months now. Upside down and up in the air. A reversed sense of order and uncertainty.

Some things are good upside down. Like pineapple upside-down cake baked in a

cast iron frying pan and flipped out perfectly onto a plate. With a maraschino cherry in the center of each perfectly caramelized pineapple ring and the caramel that runs down the sides of the cake and onto the platter that all but begs for a swift finger to swipe it up for a quick, sweet taste.

One of the best April Fool's Day pranks I have ever been privileged to witness was in the form of a computer program that turned all the text and pictures on the infected computer monitor upside down whenever it connected to the Internet. It was quite a shock for the fool-ee and almost caused a full-out panic in the office until the fooler came forward and removed it. I wish I knew how he did it! I do so admire a good harmless prank!

Then there's the tourist attraction of the Rumah Terbalik, which translates into "upside-down house," in South East Asia near Tamparuli. There are actually several upside-down struc-

tures in the world. Germany, Spain, South Korea and Turkey also have inverted houses. There is an upside-down restaurant in Japan and the Dells in Wisconsin have an anatomical version of the White House, which gives guided tours. I have a friend who has been on the tour and claims the outside of the structure is much more interesting.

The Wonderworks chain of amusement parks here in the States, currently four of them, feature upside-down architecture as well. By far the most amazing topsy-turvy structure is actually a sculpture of an upside-down church. A right-side-up church has its steeple pointed to the heavens while this one appears to have it stabbed straight into the earth. I guess the piece was quite a controversy at first but as the name is "Device to Root Out Evil," it makes sense ... I guess.

Many say the Constitution of the United States itself has been turned upside down. Its

vision of federalism in which federal, state and local government compete to satisfy the preferences of individuals has given way to an accommodating federalism that enables interest groups to leverage power at every level for their own benefit. Perhaps it's more twisted than upside down when you think about it.

I am in my middle fifties and it is very reasonable to say there are a lot of things I don't know. Our children are grown up with homes and families of their own. It leaves me feeling sideways when we are all together. Where are the children I knew so well? I no longer know their dreams like I did when they were young.

There are health issues that are leaving the hubster's and my future very much up in the air. Our world is a bit tipsy and leaning toward the upside down side. I don't know what to do about it because we are told there is nothing anyone can do. It is frustrating at best.

A phrase I say often is, "It's not rocket science." Well, it's a good thing, too, because I don't know anything about rocket science.

I do know that many individual events have turned the world, as we know it, upside down but I can't think of a single more important or impacting event than Christmas. The world was turned upside down because hearts were turned right side up with the birth of God's only Son who came to earth as a human baby who was laid in a manger. It is safe to say that the world has never been the same and I am here to tell you that because of Christmas, I have hope, I have love and I have a future.

I'll close the gate with a crooked smile and lose my crooked frown,

Because I know that Christmas turned the world upside down.

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

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

Valley Springs Reformed Church

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Norman Bouwens, Pastor

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

First Presbyterian Church

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

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

First Lutheran Church

300 Maple St.
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firstpalisade@alliancecom.net

Ray Heidenson, Pastor

Sunday, Jan. 3: 10:30 a.m. Worship with Communion.
Wednesday, Jan. 6: 7 p.m. Confirmation; choir practice.

Palisade Lutheran Church

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firstpalisade@alliancecom.net

Ray Heidenson, Pastor

Sunday, Jan. 3: 9 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion. 10 a.m. Special Congregational Meeting to vote on a proposal for residing the church.

Wednesday, Jan. 6: 7 p.m. Confirmation at First Lutheran.

Steen Reformed Church

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Reuben Sinnema
Youth Pastor

Sunday, Jan. 3: 9:30 a.m. Worship; Pulpit Supply Pastor Mike Altena; Installation of elders and deacons. 11 a.m. Sunday School. 6 p.m. Evening Service - Barry Miedema. 6:30 p.m. RCFY.

Wednesday, Jan. 6: 7 p.m. Midweek.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Interim Pastor Grant Fisher
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Saturday, Jan. 2: 2 p.m. Basement reserved for baby shower.

Sunday, Jan. 3: 9 a.m. Worship with Communion at Tuff Chapel. No Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Communion at Bethlehem. 7 p.m. Grades 6-8 Youth Night.

Wednesday, Jan. 6: 9 a.m. Quilting. 7 p.m. Budget meeting; Confirmation. 7:30 p.m. Grades 9-12 Youth Night.

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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.

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



Peekin' in the Past

10 years ago (2005)

•Engineering Design Initiative Ltd., Minneapolis, sent a report to county commissioners about the feasibility of using an alternative heating and cooling system in the new Law Enforcement Center.

Construction on the facility will begin in the spring, and final plans are almost complete.

20 years ago (1995)

•Aric Leenderts and Matt Metzger have been named by Minnesota Basketball News to the Top 100 Players list in Minnesota.

Metzger ... averaged 17.7 points and 3.3 rebounds per game and shot 36 percent from the three point line.

Leenderts ... averaged 20.3 points and 8.6 rebounds per game one year ago.

50 years ago (1965)

•A deal was completed last week-end, in which the Blue Ribbon Hatchery and Produce became the owner of the milling and feed business formerly owned and operated by the Fikse Produce Co. of Hills, who will be entirely out of business in Hills the first of January, 1966.

75 years ago (1940)

•John Kurvink, of Luverne, is chairman for the 1941 Rock County Committee for the Celebration of the President's Birthday, it was announced today by Arthur D. Reynolds, state chairman.

Mr. Kurvink will head the county organization which will raise funds for the battle against infantile paralysis. This campaign will culminate with the observance of the President's birthday Jan. 30 when communities throughout the state will stage fund-raising entertainments, Mr. Reynolds said.

100 years ago (1915)

•The following Hills merchants have decided to close their stores at six o'clock during the winter months: Newgard Bros., J. H. Finke, F. C. Nuffer, Hills Furniture Co., Wildung & Muench, L. B. Viste.

Nearly all the neighboring towns have adopted the plan of early closing, especially during the winter months, and in this manner give the clerks a chance to take a couple hours exercise in the open before retiring for the night. During January, February and part of March the country merchants don't do enough business to pay for the lights and fuel used after six o'clock.

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on Hills. One of the results is improved cell phone service, thanks to the new telecommunications tower.

May

•The Tuff Memorial Home crowned Harold Etrheim king and Etta DeJongh queen during Nursing Home Week.

•The 50th Hills-Beaver Creek High School commencement ceremonies are conducted with 22 graduates.

•Hills Christian School conducts commencement featuring four eighth-grade graduates.

June

•H-BC School Board votes not to participate in another three-year FLY (Flexible Learning Year) initiative. The action will go into effect with the 2016-17 school year.

•H-BC Education Foundation honors Robin Schuelke as 2014-15 Teacher of the Year and Sue and Harlan Stueven as Friends of Education.

•The oldest known resident in Rock County, Martha Bakken, dies at the age of 104.

•The town of Hills celebrates 125 years. Descendant of Hills namesake Gregory Newton Hills from Newark, Delaware, attended the celebration.

•Straight-line winds blow through the area on June 22.

July

•New Prairie Insulation in Beaver Creek receives top producer award.

•Tuff Memorial Home welcomes new administrator Laura Preheim who begins her duties July 1.

August

•Beaver Creek Presbyterian Church celebrates 50 years in its current church building.

•H-BC welcomes three new teachers — Megan Klumper, 7-12 English teacher; Tom Sandager — agriculture instructor and FFA adviser; and Kelli Yorkovich, 6-12 special education.

September

•Rock County Board approves Dennis and Benji Kellenberger's request to double the size of their swine operation within a mile of the Steen city limits.

•Beaver Creek Bar closes October 1.

•Tessa Klarenbeek and Stuart Plimpton are crowned 2015 H-BC homecoming queen and king.

•It's been 50 years since the consolidation of the Hills and Beaver Creek schools.

October

•The town of Steen purchases new playground equipment for the city park.

•Heather Schoneman is the new postal worker in Hills.

•Hills residents recall the 1991 Halloween blizzard.

November

•First snow of the season arrives Nov. 20.

*Hills-Beaver Creek students volunteer at a Kids Against Hunger Packing event in Luverne that results in 135,000 meals for hungry families in Haiti.

•Area residents are invited to participate in "Light 'em Up" holiday decorating contest sponsored by the Hills Lions Club.

December

•New Martin Township Maintenance Office Building located at 51st Street and 60th Avenue celebrates open house Nov. 21.

•Recipes from 1990 Hills Centennial Cookbook are featured in CSA Farm Cookbook "Bounty From The Box" written by Mi Ai Lipe.

•A parcel of eighty acres of land near Steen sells for \$19,000 per acre Dec. 17 topping Rock County's previous land sale record of \$16,200 per acre in November 2012.

•Shirley Walraven retires Dec. 31 after 38 years at Exchange State Bank of Hills.

•"Light 'Em Up" contest winners are named. First place winners in Hills are Tim and Wendy Buss, second place Wayne and Janice Ward. First place winners in Beaver Creek are Sterling and Lois Shaffer and second place are Heidi and Travis Broesder. First place winners in Steen are Linda and Brad Bosch and second place are Scott and Cindy Hartog.

•Project Love delivers 63 large boxes, 35 small boxes and 17 fruit trays to new people in the community, those with illness in their family and those with financial needs and more.

school menu

Hills-Beaver Creek Public Schools Lunch Menu:

Monday, Jan. 4: Corn dogs, chips with salsa, green beans, applesauce.

Tuesday, Jan. 5: Chicken and rice hotdish, peas, peaches, dinner roll.

Wednesday, Jan. 6: Spaghetti, corn, pears, garlic breadstick.

Thursday, Jan. 7: Chicken patty on a bun, sweet potato fries, mixed fruit.

Friday, Jan. 8: Pizza, lettuce with dressing, strawberry cups.

community news

Meetings

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

TOPS #698 Luverne (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meets for weigh-in at 8 a.m. every Thursday at Pizza Ranch in Luverne. The meeting follows at 8:30 a.m.

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

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

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

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

Bank Nite movie 'Minions' at Palace Jan. 7

The free Bank Nite movie, "Minions," will begin at 6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 7, 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 follow the movie. Must be present to win.

No book donations to library

Due to the lack of space while the Rock County Library undergoes renovation, the Friends of the Library request that all book donations be held until the remodeling work is complete.

Luverne hosts fifth/sixth-grade basketball tourney

Luverne Community Education will sponsor an invitational basketball tournament for grades 5-6 boys' and girls' basketball teams Saturday, Jan. 30. Each team will play at least two games in pool play format. Entry fee is \$100 per team. Register online at www.isd2184.net under Community Education, or call 507-2833-4724.

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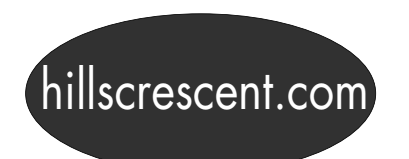
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2015 births

The following is a list of the birth announcements that were submitted for publication in the Crescent during 2015.

January

Jan. 30: Tom and Megan Scholten, Beaver Creek, a girl, Addison Grace.

February

(none)

March

March 16: Casey and Lindsey Swenson, Hills, a girl, Rozlie Joy.
 March 24: Russ and Robin Schuelke, Hills, a boy, Reese Lane.
 March 26: Andrei and Melinda Rubaniuk, Redmond, Wash., a boy, Leo.

March 27: Josh and Val Rheault, Beaver Creek, a girl, MayLee Jo; Shannon and Melanie Tatge, Beaver Creek, a girl, Vivienne Ruby.

April

April 1: Justin and Katie Arndt, Byron, a girl, Cassidy Kay.
 April 18: Eric and Kilee Uitenbogaard, Steen, a girl, Harper Renae.

May

(none)

June

June 4: Trey and Jody Van Wyhe, Colorado Springs, Colo., a boy, Owen H.R.

June 7: Isaac and Amanda Crawford, Sioux Falls, S.D., a boy, Ralph Minai.

June 10: Nathan and Danielle Fick, Beaver Creek, a girl, Jaelyn Julie.

June 23: Blake and Kaitlyn Miller, Hills, a girl, Hadley Dawn.

June 29: Matt and Justine Sandbulte, Beaver Creek, a girl, Hattie Rae.

July

July 6: Phil and Deanna Smith, Sioux Falls, a boy, Crosby Jake.

July 19: Halden and Erica VanWyhe, a boy, Teagan Leo.

July 21: Derek and Erin Haak, Sioux Falls, S.D., a girl, Elliree Leigh; Chris and Sarah Nuffer, Hills, a girl, Aubrey Ann.

August

Aug. 2: Chad and Melinda Kissell, Sioux Falls, a boy, Bennett Lee.

Aug. 3: Lexy Luethje and Chris Smook, Hills, a boy, Otto Dean.

Aug. 9: T.J. and Angie Newgard, Luverne, a girl, Emma Kayte.

Aug. 18: Kale and Hailee Wiertzema, Hills, a boy, Kai MiKale.

September

October

Oct. 6: Ian and Anna Sandager, Hills, a girl, Ingrid Anne.

November

(none)

December

(none)

DEATHS OF 2015

The following is a list of obituaries that appeared in the Crescent in 2015.

January

Jan. 22: Dennis Roning, 91, Bigfork

Jan. 25: Harriet Skattum, 94, Hills.

Jan. 31: Delmar Pap, 84, Coon Rapids.

February

Feb. 8: Duane Faber, 60, Canton, S.D.

Feb. 14: Joyce "Kitty" Helgeson, 94, Hills.

Feb. 18: Cheryl Pavel, 56, Hills; Gleva Jacobson, 90, Esterville, Iowa.

March

March 13: Leona Kinsey, 85, Sioux Falls, S.D.

March 30: Steven Hup, 59, Luverne; Allen Vis, 70, Valley Springs, S.D.

April

April 4: Eleanor Nelson, 86, Hills.

April 15: Lucille Eads, 96, Luverne.

April 16: Henrietta Wasenaar, 91, Hills.

April 19: Arnold "Mike" Spath, 94, Hills.

April 27: Mary Etta Johnston, 84, Hills.

May

May 6: Carrie Boom, 77, Beaver Creek.

May 17: Vermayne Sundem, 77, Minneapolis.

May 28: Martha Bakken, 104, Hills.

June

June 2: Charlotte Steffen, 81, Marshall.

June 20: Gary Bowman, 64, Hills.

July

July 18: Beatrice Goembel, 94, Luverne.

August

Aug. 1: Ann Erickson, 75, Hills.

Aug. 10: Henrietta Hargesheimer, 81, Luverne.

September

Sept. 11: Elmer Metzgr, 96, Larchwood, Iowa.

Sept. 16: Carolyn De Boer, 56, Beaver Creek; Wilfred Stueven, 90, Luverne.

Sept. 29: Cyril Hill, 53, Jasper.

October

Oct. 6: Esther Vande Hoef, 90, Hills.

Oct. 9: Dolores Melton, 90, Holland, Mich.

November

Nov. 18: Cornelius Verhey, 89, Beaver Creek.

Nov. 20: Fred Robison, 94, Fort Dodge, Kan.

December

(none)



Chantel Connell photo/1231 Accident 1225

Two people from Sioux Falls were injured in a Christmas Day accident on Interstate 90, west of Beaver Creek, three miles east of the state line.

Two injured in I-90 accident Christmas Day

By Mavis Fodness

A Sioux Falls couple received non-life-threatening injuries in a rollover accident on Interstate 90, three miles east of the state line at 1:42 p.m. Friday, Dec. 25.

Fred Bryner, 87, of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, was driving westbound in a 2014 Mer-

cedes when it traveled into the median and rolled, according to the initial Minnesota State Patrol accident report.

Roslyn Bryner, 79, also of Sioux Falls, was a passenger in the vehicle. Both were transported to Sanford Hospital in Sioux Falls.

Road conditions were dry

at the time of the accident and both individuals were wearing seatbelts.

The vehicle was totaled.

Rock County Sheriff's Office, Beaver Creek Fire Department and Rock County Ambulance assisted at the scene.



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Applicants must possess a high school diploma or equivalent and a two-year degree in law enforcement, plus an eight-week skills course. Upon being hired, the officer must either be eligible to be licensed as a "part time licensed" or "full time licensed" Peace Officer in order to comply with the post standards in Minnesota. In addition, the applicant must have completed the following training: qualified in the use of firearms, First Responder course, possess a current CPR card and a valid Minnesota class "C" driver's license. The starting salary range is \$19.50 per hour. The application process will involve the creation of a list of qualified applicants that will be valid through June 30, 2016.

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