



# COMMUNITY NEWS

*Serving Northern Minnesota Communities  
Hill City, Jacobson, and Swatara*

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# *Congratulations, Graduates*



*Chase Ahonen  
Sarah Blanchard  
Rebecca Carlson  
Autumn Hess  
Christopher James  
Kitti McLaughlin  
Aurora Schuety  
Eric Watkins  
Carly Welk*

*Noah Bishop  
Allyssa Butler  
EmmaLee Gerber  
Chanay Huff  
Brady Kingsley  
Maegan Raskin  
Jordan Thompson  
Mason Watkins*

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Please join the Graduating Class of 2016 as they complete this part of the journey through their lives. The ceremony will be held in the Hill City High School Gymnasium on Friday, June 3rd at 7:00 pm.

## Hill City School Board

Sue Kaslow, Chairman  
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Brent Welk  
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### Committee Assignments for 2016

#### Committee

MSHSL  
Negotiations Committee  
  
Curriculum Committee  
Community Education Advisory Council  
Meet and Confer  
  
Staff Development  
School and Community Health Team  
Recertification Committee  
ARCC  
Comparable Worth  
NESC Board  
Safety/Transportation Committee  
Athletic Advisory Committee  
Itasca Area Schools Collaborative

#### Representative

Mark Meyer  
Sue Kaslow, Jay Zapzalka, and  
Mark Meyer (Brent Welk, Alt.)  
Joell Miranda (Bambi Lange, Alt.)  
Mark Meyer (Joell Miranda, Alt.)  
Mark Meyer and Bambi Lange  
(Joell Miranda, Alt.)  
Joell Miranda (Bambi Lange, Alt.)  
Joell Miranda and Mark Meyer  
Brent Welk  
Sue Kaslow  
Brent Welk  
Sue Kaslow  
Jay Zapzalka  
Brent Welk, Jay Zapzalka, and Mark Meyer  
Bambi Lange (Mark Meyer, Alt.)

## For School Closings and Emergency Information Broadcasts

#### RADIO STATIONS

RADIO USA	99.9 FM
KOZY Grand Rapids	1320 AM
KMFY Grand Rapids	96.9 FM
WTBX Grand Rapids	93.9 FM
KAXE Grand Rapids	91.7 FM

#### INSTANT ALERT

**Infinite Campus' Voice  
Messenger system will  
call parents between  
5:00 - 6:00 a.m. for  
school closings.**

#### TV STATIONS

WDIO/WIRT  
KDLH  
KBJR  
WCCO

### **Community Newsletter Deadline**

Just a reminder, if you would like an article put in the Community Newsletter, it must be turned in to the school office by the 15th of the month to be put in the following months' newsletter. Newsletters are generally sent out by the 25th of the month. If you have any questions regarding this, please feel free to contact Jessica at (218) 697-2394, ext. 101.

### **Itasca Alliance Against Sexual Assault Now Serving Aitkin County**



**OUR MISSION**  
To educate the community about sexual violence  
and provide support for survivors

**Free and Confidential**  
**24-hour Assistance**  
**218-326-5008**  
**218-927-6226**  
**866-747-5008**

- emotional support groups
- medical/legal advocacy
- short-term counseling
- community referrals
- public education

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2  
HILL CITY, MINNESOTA

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Independent School District No. 2, Hill City, Minnesota, was called to order by Chairman Sue Kaslow at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 25, 2016.

Roll Call showed the following members present: Sue Kaslow, Joell Miranda, Bambi Lange, Mark Meyer, Brent Welk, and Jay Zapzalka. Board Members absent: None. Also present was Superintendent/Principal Dean Yocum, Business Manager Ellie Hill, Maintenance Supervisor Eric Hill, and other staff.

1. Approved the Agenda with additions.
2. Approved the following:
  - \*Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 21, 2016;
  - \*Minutes of the Board Workshop of April 11, 2016;
  - \*March 2016 bills presented for payment;
  - \*Current bills through 04/08/16;
  - \*Investments and wire transfers;
  - \*Reviewed the Activity Fund Statement;
  - \*Reviewed Cash Receipts including donations.
3. No comments and requests from visitors.
4. There was no report from the School Attorney.
5. Transportation Report: none to report.
6. Swarm Student Leadership: Student leadership from both Hill City and Northland have met to discuss a team name and mascot.
7. Curriculum Committee: Next meeting is set for April 28, 2016 at 3:10 p.m.
8. School and Community Health Committee: Joell Miranda reported on Girl Camp, Farm2School, Health Fair, 5k Hustle for Hunger, Quality recess, and the Bike Rodeo.
9. Safety/Transportation Committee: The next meeting is scheduled for April 27, 2016 at 7:45 a.m.
10. Negotiation Committee: A tentative agreement for a 4 year transportation contract with NorTran. Negotiations meeting with Maintenance Supervisor has been set for May 11, 2016 at 6:00 a.m.
11. Community Education Report: Community Education Programmer Tami Meyer reported on archery, 3D targets and equipment, open gym, and other upcoming sports, programs, and classes.
12. Technology Coordinator Report: Larry Baker gave

his report and took questions from the Board and Superintendent/Principal Dean Yocum.

13. Maintenance Supervisor report: Maintenance Supervisor Eric Hill gave a brief report on grounds and the school building.
14. Superintendent/Principal Report: IASC update: Superintendent/Principal Yocum said IASC is proposing a restructure of the current special education service sharing. This would be run like a coop that could be bought into by those interested.
15. Approved Hill City School to support this IASC Special Education Coop.
16. Brent Welk and Mark Meyer, with Jay Zapzalka or Joell Miranda as possible extras, will do Graduation Honors on June 3, 2016.
17. Discussion was held on the School Nurse position.
18. Approved posting for an elementary teacher (preferably with a middle school endorsement).
19. For information purposes only: the following teacher will attain tenure at the end of this contract: Colby Gallagher.
20. No action was taken on the Resolution Proposing to Place Instructional Staff on Unrequested Leave of Absence.
21. No action was taken on the Resolution Relating to the Termination and Nonrenewal of Teaching Contract for Probationary Teacher.
22. Approved hiring Michelle Johnson as full time EBD Special Education Teacher for the 2016-2017 school year with a salary to be set according to the current HCUE Master Agreement.
23. Approved hiring Kristen Panchyshyn as full time EBD Special Education Teacher for the 2016-2017 school year with a salary to be set according to the current HCUE Master Agreement.
24. Accepted the letter of resignation from Holly Holt as full time Special Education Teacher Aide as of April 12, 2016.
25. Approved hiring Chris Nelson as full time Special Education Teacher Aide for 6.5 hours per day with a start date of April 27, 2016 with pay as per current AFSCME Contract.
26. Accepted the request for unpaid medical leave for Scott Larson as Dean of Students from April 7, 2016 through the end of the 2015-2016 school year.
27. Approved the tentative Graduating Class of 2016 as presented.
28. Accepted letter of resignation from Jeff Gemmill as Head Girls' Basketball Coach and to post for

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2  
HILL CITY, MINNESOTA (Continued)

- this position.
29. Approved the Superintendent as LEA Representative, Tara Mattson as Title I Contact Person, Superintendent as Title IIA and Title IID contact person, and Superintendent as the Homeless Liaison for the 2016-2017 school year.
  30. Accepted the resignation of Brian Burman as 67% time Physical Education/Health Teacher, Assistant Boys' Basketball Coach, and Head Softball Coach at the end of the 2015-2016 school year and to post for these positions.
  31. Approved the request from Victoria Vanderschaaf to reduce her hours from full time to part-time telepresence with Hill City School only for the 2016-2017 school year.
  32. Accepted the resignation from Dean Yocum as superintendent/principal as of June 30, 2016.
  33. Approved to post for administrative positions.
  34. A School Board Workshop to discuss staffing structure will be held on May 1, 2016 at 1:00 p.m.
  35. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2  
HILL CITY, MINNESOTA

The Workshop Session of the Board of Education of Independent School District No. 2, Hill City, Minnesota, was called to order by Chairman Sue Kaslow at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 1, 2016.

Roll Call showed the following members present: Sue Kaslow, Jay Zapzalka, Bambi Lange, Mark Meyer, Brent Welk, and Joell Miranda. Board Members absent: None. Also present were Superintendent/Principal Dean Yocum, Business Manager Ellie Hill, and Maintenance Supervisor Eric Hill.

1. Discussion was held on staffing structure regarding the hiring of a full time principal and a part-time superintendent.
2. Meeting adjourned at 2:06 p.m.

Complete Minutes of the above Board Meetings and all Board Meetings are on file in the administration office and may be viewed at any time during regular business hours.

In 2005, the Hill City School Board honored me by hiring me as the K-12 principal. In 2010, the board expanded my role by combining the principal position with the position of superintendent. Over the past 11 years I have had the privilege of working with many high quality colleagues, students, and families.

After a great deal of consideration; I applied for and accepted the Superintendent/Elementary Principal position with the Brandon-Evansville School District. Many factors are considered when making such a big change. One significant factor is that the move to Brandon-Evansville gets Tammy and I closer to family.

Change and the unknown can be both scary and exciting. Hill City Schools continues to have a strong foundation of staff that will contribute to a successful transition to a new administrative structure. Going forward the school board will be hiring a full time K-12 principal and a part time superintendent.

I want to thank ISD #002 for all of their support over the past 11 years and extend my best wishes to the district in the future.

Dean Yocum  
Superintendent / Principal  
Hill City School

**City of Hill City  
Board of Appeal and Equalization April 26,  
2016**

(These minutes are Unapproved)

Pursuant to notice and call thereof, the annual Board of Appeal and Equalization meeting was held in the Community Room at City Hall. Members present: Mayor Larry Baker, Council members Nate Rollins and Tina Haugen. Council members Audrey Baratto and Dave Lange were absent. Mayor Baker called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m.

Also present at the meeting was Mike Dangers, Tom Sandbeck and Jim Hicks from the Aitkin County Assessor's office.

Mike Dangers gave an overview of the overall county and city valuations and changes that were done for 2016 taxes payable in 2017. Valuations were trending high in the Quadna area so the land values were lowered by 11.1% and the building values were lowered by 9.1%. County wide lake footage went down 5%, pole buildings increased by 5% and higher grade home increased by 5%.

There was a couple from the Hill Lake Township present that had a quick question for the assessor's that was answered for them. Council member Lange arrived at 11:14 a.m.

There was no public present with any questions in regard to their taxes.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:28 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Diana McManigle, Clerk/Treasurer  
Larry Baker, Mayor

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City of Hill City Public Hearing  
April 26, 2016

(These minutes are Unapproved)

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Public Hearing was held in the Community Room at City Hall to discuss some proposed Ordinance changes and the hiring of a new Chief of Police. Members present: Mayor Larry Baker, Council members Audrey Baratto, Nate Rollins and Tina Haugen. Council member Dave Lange was absent. Mayor Baker called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

The first item up for discussion was a request to change the fence Ordinance from a height of 6 feet to a height of 8 feet. Council member Rollins stated that he had researched surrounding communities and other cities in Minnesota and the majority of all cities had a maximum height of 6 feet. A couple of years ago Hill City's fence Ordinance was changed from a maximum height of 4 feet to a maximum height of 6 feet. After more discussion it was decided to leave the maximum fence height at 6 feet.

Council member Lange arrived at approximately 6:15 p.m. The next item up for discussion was on garage sizes in residential areas. The current Ordinance is being read differently by different people. This has been sent to the City Attorney for clarification but there has been no response back yet. This has been tabled until the May 10th Council meeting.

Alley set-backs was the next item for discussion. The current Ordinance reads that the set-back from the alley is 30 feet in the single-family residential district.

Motion made by Baker to change the rear yard set-back to 15 feet, second by Haugen. Motion carried with all members voting in favor.

The last item up for discussion was the hiring of the new Police Chief. The hiring committee had interviewed 3 individuals for the Police Chief position and had chosen the top applicant of the 3 to offer the position to. The job description has been completed and changes were made to it by Jeremy Nelson and everyone seemed to agree to the changes. It was decided that the individual offered the Chief of Police position would have a 6 month probationary period to make sure that they were a good "fit" for the city. After the Council read over the chosen applicant's application and resume', the Council had a discussion on what pay to offer the chosen applicant. Council member Rollins said that he did not feel that any information should be released on the chosen applicant until an offer was made. There was also discussion on the new Chief of Police having the same benefits and contract with the City that the current Chief of Police has. According to Council member Haugen, the person chosen for the Chief of Police position would be

giving his current employer a two week notice but could be here for training on his days off.

Motion made by Baker to approve offering Travis Carlson the Chief of Police position at a pay of \$22.00 per hour with a 6 month probationary period and the same benefits and contract as the current Chief of Police has. Second was by Haugen. Motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

The Council would like to meet the person being offered the Chief of Police position and have him attend the next Council meeting if it fits into his schedule.

Mayor Baker will be calling the chosen applicant and offering him the Chief of Police position. Chief of Police Madsen said that he could do the background check.

Motion made by Rollins to adjourn the meeting at 6:48p.m., second by Baratto.

Respectfully Submitted:

Diana McManigle, Clerk/Treasurer

Larry Baker, Mayor



City of Hill City  
Regular Council Meeting  
May 10, 2016

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call

A. Mayor Baker called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

B. Everyone joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. The following persons were present: Mayor Larry Baker, Council Members Nate Rollins, Dave Lange, Tina Haugen and Audrey Baratto.

2. Consent Agenda

Motion made by Rollins to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, second by Haugen. Motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

3. Public Forum

A. Nancy Grabko-Small Cities Development Program Grant

Nancy Grabko from Community Fundraising Solutions

(CFS) was present to let the Council know that the City of Hill City has been awarded the Small Cities Development Program Grant that was applied for in the amount of \$479,550.00 for owner-occupies and rental housing rehabilitation. Hill City received the full amount that was applied for. There were 32 communities in the State of Minnesota that were awarded funding.

Nancy Grabko had written the original grant for Hill City and presented the Council with a contract between the City of Hill City and with Community Fundraising Solutions, LLC to provide technical and administrative assistance to the City in carrying out the residential and rental rehabilitation activities under the grant program. Community Fundraising Solutions will be paid through the grant itself.

Motion made by Rollins to approve and sign the contract with Community Fundraising Solutions pending City Attorney Approval, second by Lange. Motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

Motion made by Baker to adopt the Fair and Equal Housing Policy, second by Haugen. Motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

Nancy Grabko also had copies of a "draft" of the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) Small Cities Development Program (SCDP) Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation Policies and Procedures that were given to the Council to look over before the June Council meeting.

B. Kristian Myers-Insurance

The City's insurance agent, Kristian Myers from Woodland Insurance, was present and went over the past claims to the city's insurance and explained how the dividend refund was calculated based on those claims. He also read the denial letter from the League of Minnesota Insurance Trust in regard to an incident with a city grate that resulted in a fall. Kristian told the Council that they are not Claims Adjusters and should never tell someone that the city would "take care of it". The denial letter stated that there was no liability to the city as the city was not negligent in any way. Council member Lange still felt that the city was liable and that the claim should be paid. Kristian said that he could pursue this further if the Council voted on it for him to do so. Everyone on the Council, except Council member Lange, said that they understood that the city was not liable and that there was no need to pursue this issue any further. Kristian gave Council member Lange the Claims Adjuster's name and phone number for him to call if he any further questions.

Motion made by Rollins not to waive the monetary limits on municipal tort liability established by MN Statue Sec. 466.04, second by Haugen. Motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

4. Addition or Corrections to the Agenda

There were no corrections or additions to the agenda.

## 5. Reports

### Maintenance/Water/Sewer/Parks/Airport/Streets

- Head Maintenance/Public Works, George Casper, reported that the solar lights were up on the Welcome to Hill City signs on the south and north ends of town.
- There were 6 new water meters bought.
- Casper said that at budget time he wanted to start budgeting to replace water meters on a rotation basis until all of the water meters have been replaced.
- A new cover for a pump at the sewer pond had to be replaced.
- The annual maintenance on the lifts stations are going to be done on Wednesday, May 11, 2016.
- Casper got the Hill Lake park opened up last week. On Friday, May 6, 2016 Aitkin County inspected the park and Casper found out that an application needed to be completed for Aitkin County to add more RV sites. Also a plumbing plan will need to be done for the MN Dept. of Health so this may delay the addition of the 6 new sites.
- The City of Remer had let Hill City use their pull behind roller at the airport to repair some areas. Black dirt still needs to be brought into the airport.
- Casper was going to have the dust control done on the streets this week, but since it was raining it would probably have to wait until next week. This will be the earliest that the dust control has been on the city streets.
- Casper needs to put out for bids for Class 5 this year. He will be doing it by what is budgeted.
- Council member Rollins asked Casper what was happening with Gilbertson's broken sewer line. Casper had contacted Gilbertson's son and told him that the sewer line was broken and would need to be repaired. Casper also stated that the broken sewer line is a private line and not a city line.

### Fire Department

- Fire Chief Nelson reported that there were 1 or 2 calls last month. The Fire department had done a house burn on Stoner Ave. and that went very well.
- Nelson also told the Council that the SCBA bottles are expiring and that the department was buying 6 new ones a year until they are all replaced. The cost for 6 new SCBA bottles is approximately \$5,300.00 of which \$2,000.00 was budgeted for and the rest would be coming out of the Fire Depts. Equipment fund.

Motion made by Rollins to approve the Fire Dept. to purchase 6 new SCBA bottles at the approximate cost of \$5,300.00, second by Baker. Motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

- Dan Kingsley from the Fire Dept. Building Committee was present and told the Council that they had run into a few technical difficulties with the Fire Hall addition. At a previous meeting the Fire Dept. was approved to spend up to \$15,000.00 to do the process of getting the

bids on the addition. Kingsley said that he would like the Council to amend this motion to raise the amount to \$20,000.00 in case it was needed to continue with the bids process and oversee the project. Dan Kingsley also let the Council know that there was a meeting on Monday, May 16, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. with the Baratto Brothers on the project. Council member Haugen asked if a Council member or two should be there and Kingsley said that would be a very good idea.

Motion made by Baker to amend the motion made at a previous meeting to raise the dollar amount from \$15,000.00 to \$20,000.00 for the bids process for the Fire Dept. addition, second by Haugen. Motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

Kingsley also let the Council know that the land survey was not yet completed.

### Police Department

- Police Chief Madsen had the PD Monthly report.
- Police Chief Madsen told the Council that he would be willing to extend his resignation until a new Chief of Police was hired if it would help. He said that he may not be able to get a full 40 hours in due to the other job he has taken, but between him, Jeremy Nelson, Ron Saxton, Tony Meyer and Paul Rosier the Police Dept. would be covered.

Motion made by Rollins to extend Police Chief Madsen's contract until the hiring process and training of the new Police Chief is completed, second by Haugen. Motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

- Police Chief Madsen said that he was made aware that a part-time Police Officer was upset because he was not being worked in Hill City. Chief Madsen said that he has text messages on his telephone that any of the Council are welcome to see asking this individual to work and that Madsen did not receive any responses back. Also, why would Madsen want to work someone that has publicly "blasted" both Chief Madsen and the city. This is not behavior becoming to a law enforcement officer. The Council was unaware that Madsen had attempted to contact this part-time officer and not getting any responses and understood Chief Madsen not working him.

### Mayor

- Mayor Baker said that there was the greatest crew working for the city and he wanted to thank them for all of their hard work.

### Clerk

- Clerk McManigle said that the office has been busy with campground reservations. There are many weekends that are completely booked and the first two weeks of July are completely booked.
- McManigle asked the Council if it was okay to close City Hall on June 7, 2016 for her and Deputy Clerk

Meyer to attend all day training in Bemidji for the Small Cities grant with DEED. The Council said that this was fine.

Committees: Personnel, Facilities/Equipment and Land Use • There were no committee reports.

6. Old Business

A. Wifi at Hill Lake Park

This was tabled until the June 14, 2016 meeting.

B. Drug Policy

This was tabled until the June 14, 2016 meeting.

C. Garage size

The MN Basic Code of Ordinances does not need to be changed.

D. Fire Hall Addition

This was discussed earlier in the meeting.

7. New Business

A. Election Judge Pay

Deputy Clerk Meyer had put together a spread sheet of election judge pay from surrounding cities, townships and other cities throughout the state. Hill City's pay is right in the "ballpark" with other cities election judge pay, possibly a little lower.

Motion made by Rollins to increase the Head Judge pay to \$12.00 per hour and regular election judge pay to \$11.00 per hour, second by Baker. Motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

B. Park job, speed bumps and "Kids at Play" sign

Council member Haugen said that she would like to see plastic speed bumps in the Hill Lake Park because of people speeding through the park. She would also like to have a "Kids at Play" sign made that is larger than normal and placed "higher" so that it would be seen better. Also, Haugen asked the rest of the Council for their ideas on someone to work in the Hill Lake Park this summer. At present time there were no good prospects for the Park Host position. Tammy Root from last year was interviewed and she said that she would do the job at her old rate of pay. The main concern with this was that she had already accepted a full-time babysitting job and there probably would be times when the kids would be with her while she was working in the park which could cause some insurance issues. There was talk of re-advertising the position as a paid position versus the Host receiving a stipend with a free RV site. There was also talk of contacting the Grand Rapids Park and Rec. department to see how they find summer help or also contacting a temp. agency. Council member Haugen also felt that the purchasing of kayaks, canoes and paddle boards until next year because of the issue with hiring a Park Host/Attendant. Everyone agreed with this. There was also talk of how old someone needed to be in order to work around cleaning supplies, etc. Council member Haugen was to contact temp. agencies and Grand Rapids Park & Rec.

C. SCBA Purchase

This was taken care earlier in the meeting.

D. Large Assembly Application - High Lifters

Motion made by Rollins to approve the Application for Large Assembly License from Aitkin County for High Lifter Products, Inc. dba Mud National Events, LLC. For June 9th - 12th, 2016 at 400 Quadna Road, Hill City, MN, second by Baker. Motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

Traci Eng from the High Lifter ATV Mud Nationals had also sent a letter requesting that the Airport Road be closed from Wednesday, June 8 at 8 a.m. until Saturday June 11th at 8 p.m. Clerk McManigle had contacted the FAA and they had sent an email stating that they objected to the closing of the airport road for an event at Quadna Mountain. As part of the grant assurances, airport sponsors promise to keep the airport open to the public. The public access to the airport is through the airport road and asking airport users to drive around through the event at Quadna Mountain places a barrier to the users of the airport that is inconsistent with the agreement to keep the airport open to the public.

George Casper had an estimate from Their Well to pull and inspect well 3, as well as pull and inspect a hi-service pump that Casper wanted tabled until the June 14, 2016 meeting.

Motion made by Rollins to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 p.m., second by Baratto.

Respectfully Submitted:

Diana McManigle, Clerk/Treasurer

Larry Baker, Mayor

**If you attend the Hill City School  
and you have joined or will be  
joining the  
Itasca Little League  
for a  
Baseball or Softball team  
this Summer...  
Contact Gerard Valley  
at  
gvalley@isdoo2.org**





# ideas for parents

**Practical Suggestions for Building Assets in Your Child**

**FAST FACTS**

**ASSET  
TYPE #4:  
Constructive  
Use of Time**

*The more time your child spends with caring adults who help her or him nurture skills and creativity, the more likely your child will grow up healthy.*

**65%**  
*of youth surveyed by Search Institute experts at least two of the four constructive use of time assets.\**

**What Are Assets?**

*Assets are 40 key building blocks to help kids succeed.*

\* Based on Search Institute surveys of almost 100,000 6th- to 12th-grade youth throughout the United States.

## Your Child's Constructive Use of Time

**Sometimes kids get bored.** Other times they're so busy we rarely see them. The paces of our children's lives seem to vary according to the activities and programs they're in at the moment.

These fluctuations are normal—even healthy. As long as our kids aren't stuck in having too much to do or not enough to do, they're on track.

It never hurts, however, to periodically take an 'activity' inventory. Ask your child questions such as these:

- Overall, are you happy with how many different things you do with your time? Why or why not?
- Are the activities you're in stimulating and



challenging?

- Are you making friends with caring, thoughtful adults in your activities?
- Are you learning new skills, talents, or knowledge?
- Do your activities teach you more about yourself?
- Are you excited each day to do these activities?

- Do these activities bring out the best in you?

The more your child answers yes, the better. If your child seems to have too few constructive, challenging things to do, consider helping her or him find other constructive activities using the criteria in the questions above.

**More to come on the four constructive use of time assets!**

## 4 Key Areas of Involvement

**Search Institute researchers identified four assets in the area of constructive use of time that are crucial for helping young people grow up healthy.** Check your child's areas of strength:

- Creative activities—Your child spends three or more hours per week in lessons or practice in music, theater, or other arts.
- Youth programs—Your child spends three

or more hours per week in sports, clubs, or organizations at school and/or in community organizations.

- Religious community—Your child spends one or more hours per week in activities in a religious institution.
- Time at home—Your child is out with friends 'with nothing special to do' two or fewer nights per week.

# Support Through the Years

## Age Ways to Structure Your Child's Time Use

- 0-1
  - Have your baby spend most of the time with you or one or two consistent caregivers.
  - Be flexible regarding the schedule your child would like and gradually introduce predictable routines.
- 2-3
  - Have consistent times for sleeping, feeding, playing and relaxing.
  - Balance stimulating, structured time with free playtime.
- 4-5
  - Find simple household chores that you and your child can do together.
  - Begin to introduce your child to museums and community activities that welcome young children.
- 6-10
  - Allow your child to have two outside-the-home activities that are led by caring, nurturing adults.
  - Help your child not to overbook or underbook activities.
- 11-15
  - Help your young adolescent set boundaries on structured activities. Look for ones that are positive, stimulating, have caring adults, and don't require excessive time commitments.
  - Evaluate with your young adolescent the amount of "hanging out" time he or she has. Is it balanced with home time, time in activities and school time?
- 16-18
  - Help your teenager think about how time spent on different activities helps or hinders in reaching goals.
  - Encourage your teenager to be involved in at least one activity that may continue into her or his adult years.

## What About Work?

"Teenagers do learn from their work experience, but not necessarily lessons that adults would endorse. In fact, employment can cause adolescents more harm than good, especially if the teenager works more than 10 or 15 hours a week," say Laurence Steinberg, Ph.D., and Ann Levine, authors of *You and Your Adolescent*.

### Newsletter Sponsors:

Aitkin Lions Club, Hill City Lions Club,  
 McGregor Lions Club, Palisade Lions Club,  
 & Aitkin County Family Collaborative: (Aitkin  
 ISD #1, Hill City ISD #2, McGregor ISD #4, Mille  
 Lacs Band District II, Aitkin County Corrections,  
 Aitkin County Health & Human Services)

**Quick Tip:**  
 Kids learn values and skills while  
 doing worthwhile activities.

### More Stuff You Can Use

Directory of American Youth Organizations lists hundreds of organizations for young people. (Available from Free Spirit Publishing, 400 First Avenue North, Suite 616-71, Minneapolis, MN 55401-1724; 1-800-735-7323.)

## Final Word

**"Ideally involvement [in constructive activities] occurs in settings that connect youth to principled, caring adults who nurture skills and creativity through activities, lessons, and/or supervision."**

—Peter L. Benson, Ph.D., president of Search Institute

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## WRAP

### We Rally Around Parents

Do you live in Aitkin County? Do you have a child who is 0-5? Do you have a child in grades K-2?

If you answered yes to these questions, we have a new, no-cost program available for any parent that may need help getting in touch with resources.

Life can present us with challenges that are better conquered with support! I can help you move forward towards achieving your goals. I am here for you and I would love to be a part of your support network. Please contact me for more information!

Cassandra Conn  
 Family Resource Specialist  
 Phone: (320) 364-3344  
 E-mail: [Cassandra.conn@lakesandpines.org](mailto:Cassandra.conn@lakesandpines.org)  
 Lakes & Pines CAC, Inc.  
 In partnership with  
 Aitkin County Health and Human Services

# The Hills Golf Course at Quadna

## Extended Sale

Until June 10th

# 2016 Season Golf Pass

## Join a Summer League

Women's  
 Men's  
 Couples



Call for Details 218-697-2880

# Old Settler's Picnic

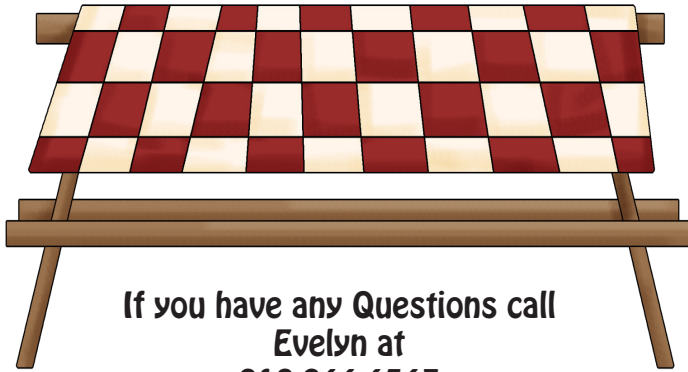
Swatara Community Hall  
Sunday, July 3rd

Pot Luck at 12:00 pm

Everyone is Welcome!



Possible Baseball game to follow.



If you have any Questions call  
Evelyn at  
218-244-4543

## A Heartfelt Thank You

The Lathrop and Lamke families would like to thank the Corner Club, Community Organizations, Volunteers, Family and Friends who recently helped out during our time of need for a lifesaving kidney transplant. Without you none of this would be possible!

Thank You!

Pat & Rachel Lathrop Family

&

Jamie & Cory Lamke Family

# The Hills Golf Course at Quadna

# \$75

## High School 2016 Season Golf Pass

Join a Junior Summer League

### Coupon

Present this Ad for Student Pricing  
Ages 16-18

Special Price Expires 6-15-2016



## JAKE WORTHINGTON

### LIVE

at the Corner Club

## JUNE 17TH

AT 7:00 PM

OUTDOOR CONCERT BEGINS WITH  
STILL KICKIN' FOLLOWED BY JAKE,  
WHO WAS THE SEASON 6 RUNNER UP

ON NBC'S

## THE VOICE

\$20.00 per person

at the gate

The Corner Club...  
we're worth the drive!



Thank you...

*to everyone who participated in the May 7th Hustle for Hunger!*

*You have provided \$1015 and 56 pounds of food*

*for neighbors who need help from*

*Hill City Area Food Shelf*

**Help!**



Are you responsible? **Interested in earning spending money?**

*Good at playing with children?*

**Want to develop your resume?**

**Great! We need you!**

Parents are looking for responsible caregivers (aka, babysitters) but we don't always know who to call.

We would like to provide a list of potential sitters to members of the Hill City ECFE Facebook group.

If you are interested in potential babysitting jobs, please connect to our Facebook Group

"Hill City ECFE," or contact **Alaina Mousel at 218-340-1595.**

Please be at least 11 years old.

Come Out & Play

Summer Park Play Dates

Bring your child(ren) to the Hill Lake Park this summer for a time to play and get to know one another!

**Who:** Anyone in the community with early childhood aged children (0-5), parents/caregivers and older siblings welcome!



**What:** Weekly park dates

**When:** Every Thursday, beginning June 2, from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30/Noon

**Where:** Hill Lake Park; possibly other parks the group is interested in

**Why:** For kids to play, socialize and participate in hands-on activities. For parents and caregivers to socialize, encourage one another and learn more about area opportunities such as Early Childhood Family Education

For more information, connect to our Facebook Group "Hill City ECFE," or contact Alaina Mousel at 218-340-1595



**Join a League**

- *Women's*
- *Men's*
- *Junior*
- *Couples*

**The Hills Golf Course at Quadna Turns 50**

***New This Year!***

**9 and Dine-Scramble**

**Play 9 Holes and Join us for Dinner and Social After**

Once a Month  
June – July – August  
Call for Details  
218-697-2880





# T-BALL

**Ages: 5-8 yrs**

Registration & Practice Night is June 7th 6pm at the softball field.

The cost is \$10 per child



**Practice will be:**  
**Tuesday's & Thursdays from**  
**6:00 - 7:00 pm.**

**Game schedules will be handed out once it is finalized.**

*If you are have any questions contact Tami with Community Ed at 697-2394 ext. 172*

## T-BALL

Fee: \$10.00

Students Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact info:

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_



\_\_\_\_\_ has my  
permission to participate in T-Ball.

Parent or Guardian Signature

Date

Return this form with fee on June 7th at registration & practice night

For assistance with class fees or questions concerning this class, please contact Hill City Community Education at :  
697-2394 X172 tmeyer@isd002.org



Right-Way Driving will be having classroom driver's education at the Hill City School beginning: July 25th

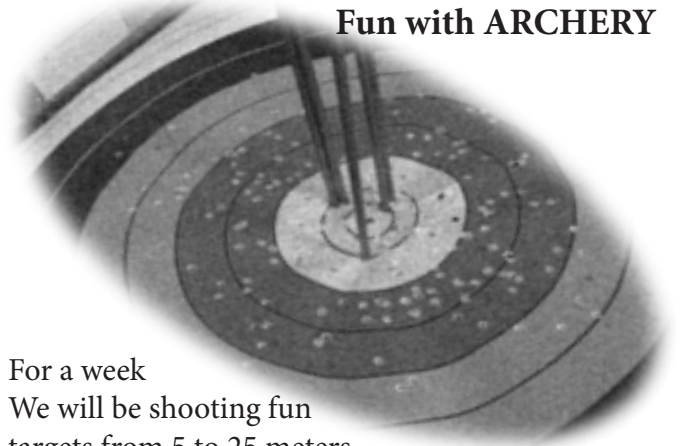
Classes will be held Mon-Fri from 9:00am - 12 noon for 2 weeks  
Pick up registration forms in the school office.

Classroom fee: \$100  
Behind the wheel fee: \$44/hr  
Car rental for test: \$25  
(prices subject to change)

Questions Contact: Right-Way Driving at 327-4880 or Tami at Hill City Comm Ed at 697-2394 Ext.172 or tmeyer@isd002.org

**REMEMBER:** You MUST have your permit for 6 months and be 16 yrs old before you can get your license!

## Fun with ARCHERY



For a week  
We will be shooting fun targets from 5 to 25 meters.

3D target, paper targets, 80cm competitions target and FUN Targets

Small ping pong balls to large 3D Ram targets.  
Something different every day.

**You can bring your own bow if you want but it can't be more than 30lb weight.**

All bows will be inspected before use each day

**June 27th till July 1st 9:00 am till 10:30 am.**  
FEE is \$15.00 must pre register by calling or texting  
218-251-2738.

## Organizations and Events

Thu, June 23, 1pm – 2pm  
Jacobson Community Center-  
sing-along polka songs and lots of  
interaction including trivia questions,  
name that tune, the chicken dance and  
more! Plus learn how to do the polka.  
Family fun for all ages sponsored by  
Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage  
Fund and East Central Regional Library

### National Night Out

August 2, 2016  
Jacobson Landing Recreation Area  
6:00 P.M.  
Pot Luck  
Unveiling of the "Thanks Wall"  
Sheriff's Office with k-9 Unit

### Jacobson Landing Day

August 27, 2016  
Jacobson Landing Recreation Area  
Starts with Breakfast at Community Church  
Events all day including Bingo, horseshoe  
tournament, vendors, games for kids, pie  
auction, lunch offered by Fire Department,  
music by the Twins, 3:00 parade and possible  
entertainment into the evening.

### NCMnFAA-farm and antique show

Aug 13 & 14th (info call Bruce 218 752  
6592) and our gearhead show (cars, 4-  
wheelers,  
snowmobiles, motorcycles & tractors  
welcome) Aug 27th. (info 218 360 1483 ,  
George)

### Fall Colors Bike Run

September 17, 2016  
Jacobson Community Center  
Registration 10:00 a.m.

### Ball Bluff Township

Ball Bluff Board Meeting is the second  
Thursday of the month June 9, July 14, and  
August 11, Sept. 8, 2016, at the Jacobson  
Community Center for the Board meeting at  
7:00 p.m. All residents are encouraged to  
come and participate.

### Jacobson Landing Recreation Area

Board Meetings at 7:00 p.m.  
June 8, July 13, August 10, Sept 28

### ECR Library Outreach Program

June 2, 16, 30, July 14, 28, August 11, 25, Sept 8  
and 22 at 9:00-9:30 at Jacobson Community  
Center. **Book Club** meets the 3rd Wednesday of  
the month. If interested call Harriet Suomala at  
752-6699.

### Jacobson Civic Club

Will meet on June 13, home of Marsha  
Loscheider and Helen Key, July 11 at the  
Jacobson Community Center, hostess  
Georgette Renslow, August 8 at the home of  
Sandy Brown, and Sept 12, at Jacobson  
Community Center, hostess Vi Ahrens at 1:00  
p.m. Want to join us? Call Marsha 326-6865.

### Jacobson Fire & Rescue

Interested in Joining the Jacobson Volunteer  
Fire and Rescue? Call Chief Dale Thompson  
752-6560.  
1<sup>st</sup> Thursday monthly: Business Meeting  
3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday monthly: 1<sup>st</sup> Responder & Fire  
Training. Meetings are at the Fire Hall at 7:00

### Jacobson Food Shelf

The Jacobson Food Shelf will be open on  
June 2 & 16, July 7 & 21, and August 4 & 18  
and Sept. 1 & 15 from 4 to 6 p.m. at Carmel  
Lutheran Church. For more information, call  
218-426-4799, 218-752-1062, or 218-752-  
6618.

### Jacobson Churches

#### Jacobson Community Church

The public is invited to the "little white church  
in downtown Jacobson."

Sunday mornings:

9:30 a.m. to 10:20 Sunday School for all ages  
10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Worship  
Bible study on Wed. evenings at 7:00 to 8:00

#### Carmel Lutheran Church

Everyone welcome.

Sunday mornings:

10:00 children's Sunday School  
(1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun)  
11:00-Worship, 12:00-Fellowship  
WELCA meets the 1st Wednesday of the  
month @ 9:30. Council meets 2nd Thurs. of  
the month @ 6:30 p.m.  
Pastor Mark Wagner  
218-246-3179

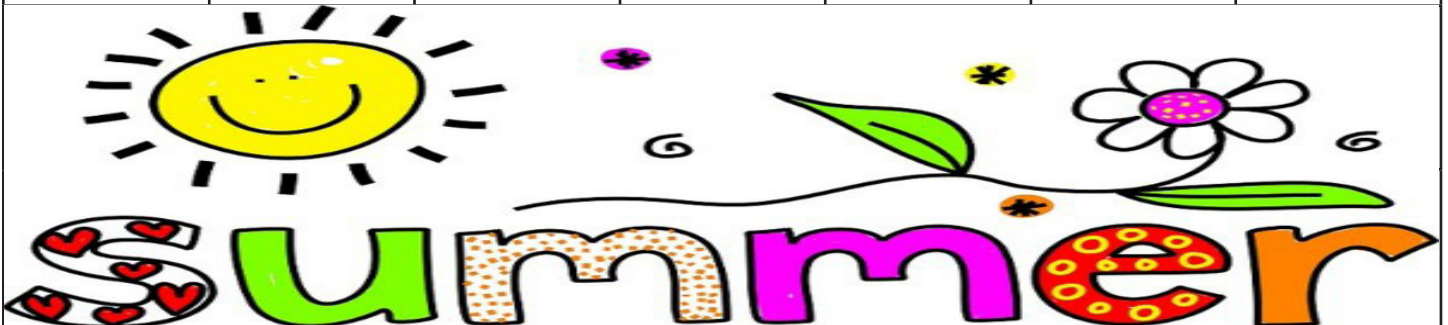


# ISD #2 Breakfast Menu 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 COOKS CHOICE	2 COOKS CHOICE	3 Cinnamon Roll, Cheese Stick	
<u>Offer-vs-Serve</u> Build a healthy Meal. Select a full or 1/2 serving of	6	7	8	9	10	Fruit, Juice and Milk served Daily
fruit or veggie & a minimum of 2 other full meal components.	13	14	15	16	17	
5 meal compo- nents are offered daily. Students must select a	20	21	22	23	24	
One of the components must be a fruit or veggie.	27	28	29	30		Menu subject to change at anytime

## ISD #2 Lunch Menu June 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Hamburgers, WG Bun, Peas, Sw. Potato Tots	2 Hot Dogs, WG Buns, Beans, Coleslaw	3 Pepperoni Pizza, Corn and Peas	
	6	7	8	9	10	Fruit & Milk Served Daily with Lunch
	13	14	15	16	17	



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Please call Mark @ 218-246-3434



**“WE DELIVER THE FUTURE”**

**HILL CITY PONY**  
**LEAGUE FOOTBALL**



4-6th Grade

Pony League will be joining to Grand Rapids Jaycees again this year for the season. There will be a FREE CAMP for anyone entering into grades 4 - 6.

When: August 2 - 4 9:30 am to 11:30 am

Where: The Grand Rapids Football Practice Field.

What to wear: Athletic shorts, shoes or cleats and a t-shirt.

Equipment Hand-out will be Monday and Tuesday August 8th & 9th from 5:30 - 7:00 pm at the GR Practice Field.

Come out and get ready for the Pony League season! This will be a non-padded camp aimed at developing football fundamentals and provided the young student athletes with a fun football experience! Camp is staffed by current and former Grand Rapids football players and current coaches.

To Register: go to [grfootball.org](http://grfootball.org), hover over TEAM, click on CAMPS, and scroll down to Jaycees GRFB Pony League Camp.

If you need assistance or have questions please contact Tami at 697-2394 ext 172 or [tmeyer@isd002.org](mailto:tmeyer@isd002.org)