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Committee Assignments for 2015

Committee

MSHSL
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System Accountability Committee
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Staff Development
School and Community Health Team
Recertification Committee
ARCC
Comparable Worth
NESC Board
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Athletic Advisory Committee
Itasca Area Schools Collaborative

Representative

Mark Meyer
Sue Kaslow, Jay Zapzalka, and
Mark Meyer (Brent Welk, Alt.)
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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 27th of the month. If you have any questions regarding this, please feel free to contact Brandi at (218) 697-2394, ext. 160.

Itasca Alliance Against Sexual Assault Now Serving Aitkin County



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

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 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 22, 2015.

Roll Call showed the following members present: Sue Kaslow, Bambi Lange, Mark Meyer, and Joell Miranda . Board Members absent: Jay Zapzalka and Brent Welk. Brent Welk arrived at 7:11 p.m. Also present was Superintendent/Principal Dean Yocum.

1. The HITA process was explained to the Board.
2. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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, January 26, 2015.

Roll Call showed the following members present: Sue Kaslow, Bambi Lange, Joell Miranda, Jay Zapzalka and Mark Meyer. Board Members absent: Brent Welk. Also present was Superintendent/Principal Dean Yocum, Business Manager Ellie Hill, Maintenance Supervisor Eric Hill, and Mark Schjenken.

1. Approved the Agenda as presented.
2. Approved the following:
 - *Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 22, 2014;
 - *Minutes of the Organizational Meeting of January 7, 2015;
 - *December 2014 bills presented for payment;
 - *Current bills through 01/09/15;
 - *Investments and wire transfers;
 - *Reviewed the Activity Fund Statement;
 - *Reviewed Cash Receipts including donations.
3. No comments or requests from visitors.
4. There was no report from the School Attorney.
5. Transportation Report: Mark Schjenken gave a brief report on bus driver's issues and that there are medical issues for some of them. He would like to have one more driver and is going to put an ad in the school newsletter and post signs around town.
6. Swarm Student Leadership: Winter Fest is done. The concession stand and mentoring program are both going well.
7. System Accountability Committee: No report.
8. School and Community Health Committee: Amy from S.H.I.P. talked about the teacher survey and workshop she will be holding for teachers. She touched on many ideas

she is working on for our staff and students. There is a \$510.00 wellness grant for staff and they will continue the bottled water program with the water coolers for this year. Changing recess to be before lunch was discussed, but need to look into the scheduling of it more. Jodi from MN Extensions talked about the possibility of coming maybe once a month with boards of pictures and info on different fruits and veggies that will be served. There was discussion on other possibilities to inform parents of what kinds of fruits and veggies are being served. There was discussion on possibly having the Spring Health Fair on May 20th along with the Expo. The next meeting is scheduled for February 13, 2015 at 8:00 a.m.

9. Safety/Transportation Committee: The next meeting is set for Wednesday, January 28, 2015 at 3:30 p.m.
10. Negotiation Committee: They are waiting to set negotiation strategy until the next Board meeting. HCUE gave their letter of intent to negotiate.
11. Community Education Report: No report.
12. Maintenance Supervisor report: Video surveillance system should be done at the end of this week. Implementing the new maintenance request system which will help to organize maintenance requests and the maintenance schedule.
13. Superintendent/Principal Yocum reported that Northern Lights is part of Student Success and the current director of this program is Nick. He has asked to be a member of IASC.
14. Superintendent/Principal Yocum stated that they are working on finalizing next year's school calendar, potentially starting before Labor Day.
15. No Old Business.
16. Adopted the Annual Resolution Supporting the IASC Network.
17. Discussion was held on preliminary staffing needs for the 2015-2016 school year. Too early to say if any changes will need to be made. We will have to take a closer look than in recent years. No action taken at this time.
18. Adopted the Resolution Directing the Administration to Make Recommendation for Reductions in Programs and Positions.
19. Adopted the Resolution of Lodge, Association or Other Similar Organization for Activity Account with Woodland Bank.
20. The Meet and Confer Committee will meet on February 2, 2015 at 7:30 a.m.
21. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 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.



HILL CITY SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

Second Quarter 2014-2015

Grade 12

A

Alexandra Blanchard
Emily Bounds
Tess Hatfield
Jenna Ihle
Jessica Ihle
Brianna Mager
Mandi McNeil
Phillip Niesen
Tina Pontius
Haylee Smith

B

Donald Blanchard
Mathew Hilton
Jordan Holm
Jadey Hopkins
Rachel Hopkins
Alexandra Knapp
Taylor Myers
Cody Selger
Kyle Swanson

Grade 11

A

Noah Bishop
Emmalee Gerber
Autumn Hess
Christopher James
Aurora Schuety
Jordan Thompson
Eric Watkins
Mason Watkins
Carly Welk

B

Chase Ahonen
Sarah Blanchard
Kelsey Harstad
Jennifer Perez-Solie

Grade 8

A

Athena Dunham
Delaney Finke
Taya Gilmer
Grace Kuhlmann
Kierra Nickels
Raelynn Schuety

B

Brianna Finke
Sigrid Jewett
Jarrett Lathrop

Grade 10

A

Lane Gerber
Selket Jewett
Hayley Lathrop
Madison Lathrop
Brady Wagner

B

Cassandra Benson
Benjamin Blesi
Kailey Gilmer
Brendon Gould
Abigail Knapp
Kix Martin
Mark Meyer

Grade 7

A

Isabelle Schuety

B

Luke Ahonen
Ezekiel Bourman
Johnathan Gowell
Hannah James
Kaitlin Klennert
Rylee Mindrum
Cole Miranda
Aurora Nelson
Amber St. Martin
Lyric Urrutia
Paige Valley

Grade 9

A

Izabella Bishop
Jerimiah Butler

B

Austin Decker
Nathaniel Hilton
Vienna Price-Solie
Joy Thompson

Grade 6

A

Desiree Abbott
Hunter Lou Ahonen
Hailey Blanchard
Zena Kendall
Maycee Lathrop
Andrew Major

B

Matthew Clarke
Hunter Gerber
Tucker Holm
Aisha James
Colton McManigle
Jacques Quaas
Seth St. Martin
Johnathan Watkins



Congratulations!

ideas for parents

Practical Suggestions for Building Assets in Your Child

FAST FACTS

**ASSET #14:
Adult Role
Models**

Youth are more likely to grow up healthy when parent(s) and other adults model positive, responsible behavior.

27%
*of youth surveyed by Search Institute have this asset in their lives.**

What Are Assets?
Assets are 40 key building blocks to help kids succeed. "Adult role models" is one of six boundaries and expectations assets.

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

What a Difference a Hero Makes

As a single parent, Eileen felt strongly that her 10-year-old son, John, needed a male role model in his life. Her father and two brothers enjoyed being with her son, but all three lived out of state.

One day, Carlos, a neighbor, mentioned how much he and his wife missed being around children. Their two children had recently left for college, and Carlos was wishing he could find another child to spend some time with.

That was the beginning of an important relationship that developed between Carlos and John. The two would attend special events together or just hang out to talk. For one of John's birthdays, Carlos wrote and taped a story called "John's Fictitious Adventure."

"The more time they spent together, the more John's self-esteem grew," Eileen says. "Grandparents, uncles, aunts, and cousins are important, but an adult who singles out a child and chooses to spend time with that child makes a unique difference."



time together

Three ways to be an adult role model for your child:

1. Treat your child with love and respect.
2. Model appropriate behavior during difficult times. When you make mistakes, admit them.
3. Spend time together. Often. Be involved in your child's life on a daily basis.

Kids' #1 NEED

What 10- to 15-year-olds need most is positive social interaction with adults, says Dr. Peter C. Scales, a Search Institute author and researcher. These interactions expose young people to real-life heroes.

Reflect Back



Think back to your childhood. Who were your role models when you were a child? A teenager? A young adult? How about now?

What Teens Want to Know from Adults

Sometimes adults can feel awkward around children and teenagers and not know what to talk about. They usually don't see themselves as "heroes" or even "role models." Yet when adults take time to be themselves with young people, children and youth learn a lot. Psychologist Tore Hayden asked several hundred young people what they would like to talk about with adults:

1. Family matters and decisions
2. Controversial issues
3. Emotional issues
4. Big questions and the "whys" of the world
5. The future
6. Current affairs
7. Personal interests
8. What their parents were like at their age

Quick Tip:
You are your child's most important role model.

talk together

Questions to discuss with your child:

- Which famous people do you admire most? Why?
- Which adults (whom you know) do you look up to? Why?
- What have you learned from adults that has helped or inspired you?

More Stuff You Can Use

Heroes: Shaping Lives Through Family and Culture. This book is a practical handbook of helping children find positive "heroes" (Available from Fairview Press, 2450 Riverside Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55414; 1-800-544-8207)

FINAL WORD

**"Without heroes, we are all plain people and don't know how far we can go."
—Bernard Malamud, novelist**

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Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Snack Program for Schools



Helping school children learn more about healthful eating habits and introducing them to a variety of produce.

The Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) is a federally assisted 2 day a week program providing free fresh fruits and vegetables to students in grades K-4 in participating elementary schools during the school day. The FFVP helps schools create healthier school environments by providing healthier food choices, expanding the variety of fruits and vegetables children experience, and increasing children's



Lakes and Pines

Head Start



We are a **FREE** early childhood and school readiness program that serves families and children, birth through age 5, and expectant mothers. We come to Hill City, Jacobson and Swatara as well as the 7 counties listed below. We offer a Home Based Option in all areas. This includes a 1 ½ hour per week visit for you and your child to spend with a trained Home Visitor doing fun learning activities. There are also opportunities to get together with other families in your area. Again there is no cost for Head Start services.

Applications are taken year round.

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**City of Hill City
Special Council Meeting
January 20, 2015**
(These are unapproved minutes)

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Special Council meeting was held in the Community Room in regard to the acquisition of the late Hershel and Lois Kendrick property (Block 16, Lots 11 & 12 of Bucks Addition). Members present: Larry Baker, Audrey Baratto, Dave Lange and Tina Haugen. Nate Rollins was absent. Staff present: Clerk McManigle and Fire Chief Jeremy Nelson. There were no residents present. Mayor Baker called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

A representative for Lois Kendrick, Lori Jellison, had contacted City Hall on January 15th to see if the city would be interested in acquiring the above property for the past due taxes owing.

There was discussion of what the city would do with the property, the costs involved in demolishing/burning the structure, and other alternatives for the property. Habitat for Humanity has been looking for property to build on in Hill City for the past couple of years and also there are a couple of residents that are interested in the property.

Fire Chief Nelson explained that the Fire Dept. has budgeted \$1,500.00 for this year to do a controlled burn training. A permit for an asbestos inspection would be \$450.00 to \$500.00 and there would be the cost of cleaning up the property after the burn.

Council instructed Clerk McManigle to contact Lori Jellison to see if she would want to sell the property herself and the city could provide her with the citizen's names that are interested in the property. If she was not interested in doing this, then the city would take another look at accepting the property.

Motion made by Baratto to adjourn the meeting at 5:20 p.m., second by Lange. Motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

Diana McManigle,
Clerk/Treasurer

**City of Hill City
Council Meeting
February 10, 2015**
(These are unapproved minutes)

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 and Tina Haugen. Audrey Baratto was absent. Staff present: Diana McManigle and Mike Boleman. Public present: Neal Roettger.

2. Consent Agenda

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

3. Public Forum - There were no issues for the Public Forum.

4. Addition or Corrections to the Agenda - There were none.

5. Reports

Maintenance/Water/Sewer/Parks/Airport/Streets

- Head Maint./Public Works, George Casper was not present

Fire Department

- Assistant Fire Chief Boleman reported that there had been one call last month.

Police Department

- Police Chief Madsen was not present but had Clerk McManigle hand out the January Police Incident Report to the Council (Head Maint./Public Works, George Casper arrived at approximately 6:10 p.m.)

Mayor

- Mayor Baker said that everyone has been doing an excellent job.

Clerk

- Clerk McManigle reported that the feasibility study was mostly completed on the "Shorewood campground property". There were some numbers that still needed to be changed before the study can be finalized. Council member Haugen stated that she had gone over the study and was pretty impressed with it.
- Clerk McManigle also let the Council know that the city had just been through a Workers Compensation audit from the League of Minnesota Cities and everything was good. The CPA from Glorvigans spent Feb. 2nd through Feb. 4th beginning the city's 2014 audit. The CPA will be back Feb. 18th and 19th. The Local 49er's union was here Feb. 5th and did an audit for the years of 2012, 2013 and 2014. They said they would be sending the city a "clean letter" and that the records were perfect.

Council

- Council member Lange reported that he had went to the Experienced Officials training and that Council member Haugen had attended the Newly Elected Officials training. Both Lange and Haugen felt that the training was good and Haugen felt like she had learned a lot.
- Council member Lange stated that he was going to be in St. Paul on March 4th for the "Day on the Hill" at the Capitol for Landscaping and that he was thinking of staying overnight and attend the "Day on the Hill for Cities and Townships on March 5th.

City of Hill City
Council Meeting
February 10, 2015 (continued)
(These are unapproved minutes)

Motion made by Rollins to approve the city paying for a hotel room the night of March 4, 2015, and one-half of Council member Lange's mileage to attend the "Day on the Hill" for Cities and Townships, second by Haugen. Motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

1st Responders

- Responder Mike Boleman reported that they are still looking for more 1st Responders and that it has been rather quiet.

Maintenance/Water/Sewer/Parks/Airport/Streets

- Casper reported that in the Maintenance Dept. they had just been working on some small projects.
- The Community Room was going to be shut down for a week starting Feb. 11, 2015 to redo the floors.
- Casper also reported that when the one well was being rehabilitated, it had been discovered that the C-5 (phosphate) valve was not turned on as it should have been. It is now on and the phosphate should be getting into the system better.
- There were two complaints about the water. One was from a tenant at the Hill City Apartments. The other was a complaint was someone "venting" to George's mother.
- The Lions Club Fishing Contest is Saturday, Feb. 14th and Casper stated that he would open the Hill Lake Park road and plow so that people could get to the lake.
- Casper reported that since there is so little snow that now would be a good time to do some brushing at the airport. They would use the city tractor with the brush cutter but also would like to rent an ASV with a brush cutter for a week to get the job done faster. The Council felt that this was okay as long as there were other things that the ASV could be used for while it was rented.
- With the latest snow fall, Casper said that he was finally able to plow the streets. Council member Haugen stated that when she came home from Grand Rapids tonight, that Hill City's street plowing was way ahead of Grand Rapids'.
- Casper said that they had been doing some preventative maintenance on the sewer pumps. They had a pump that was plugged so they pulled it, unplugged it and set it back. When they set it back, it started leaking oil. They had the "pump guy" come check it out and discovered that it would be \$5,000.00 to repair the pump or around \$7,500.00 for a new pump. This particular pump is only 5 years old and should have lasted a lot longer. Casper showed the Council the actual parts of the pump and explained that sand and rocks were causing this pump to wear down so that the parts do not fit tightly together as they should. Also, the main reason for the sewer pumps to become plugged is because of Depends and mop heads being flushed.

6. Old Business

- A. Rescind Resolution #2015-02 & approve Resolution #2015-04. Motion made by Baker to rescind Resolution #2015-02, Resolution Setting 2015 Appointments, second by Rollins.
Motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

City of Hill City
Council Meeting
February 10, 2015 (continued)
(These are unapproved minutes)

Motion by Rollins to approve Resolution #2015-04, Resolution Setting 2015 Appointments, second by Haugen. Motion carried with all member present voting in favor.

B. Insulation quotes for Maintenance Shop

Casper stated he was still waiting for some quotes.

C. MBC (Minnesota Basic Code) workshops

Before the city can adopt the new MBC of Ordinances, the MBC needs to be gone through to see if there are any changes that the Council wants to make. The workshops will be set up for Feb. 20th and 27th at 3:00 p.m. Clerk McManigle to find out if these times are okay with Council member Baratto and then let the rest of the Council know. Clerk McManigle will also get the Council paper copies of the MBC.

7. New Business

A. Housing Rehab Grant

Through Nancy Houg from the Atkin HRA, Mayor Baker and Clerk McManigle met with Nancy Grabko in regard of Hill City applying for a Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) Small Cities Development Program Grant (SCDP). Nancy Grabko will write the grant at no charge to the city and Nancy Houg from HRA will assist in administering the grant. These grant funds are for rehabilitation projects that benefit people of low and moderate incomes. Some of the eligible improvements are: roofing, siding, windows, doors, electrical, plumbing, heating, any energy efficiency improvements, and accessibility improvements. Some of the ineligible improvements are: cabinets, flooring, landscaping, additions/new construction, and anything cosmetic or that does not improve the housing system. Letters would be sent out to all residents of Hill City along with a fact sheet and preliminary application to determine interest and need. If there is enough interest and need, then the grant would be applied for.

Motion made by Rollins to go forward with the DEED SCDP grant, second by Haugen. Motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

B. Tax Forfeit Lot - \$1,500.00

Council member Lange thought it would be a good idea for the city to purchase a tax forfeit lot in the city. This lot is located on Main St. and Ione Ave. (Lot 12, Block 14, Buck's Addition). This lot has been tax forfeit for many years. This lot could be used for a Community Garden, to pile snow on, etc. Motion made by Rollins to purchase Lot 12, Block 14, Buck's Addition for \$1,500.00, second by Lange. Motion carried with all members present voting in favor. Motion made by Rollins to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m. Motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

Diana McManigle,
Clerk/Treasurer



For Immediate Release

Education Grant applications available

Blandin Foundation education grants help put higher education within reach for area students

GRAND RAPIDS, Minn. (January 16, 2015) – Applications for Blandin Foundation need-based education grants are now available for Itasca area students and are accepted until May 1. Up to \$950,000 will be granted to Itasca County area students pursuing higher education during the 2015-2016 school year.

The education grant program is the longest-running program of the Blandin Foundation, with the first awards given in 1956 by founder Charles K. Blandin. Since then, more than 19,000 area youth have received scholarships totaling more than \$20 million.

“Our education grant program has a strong and important history with Itasca area communities,” said Kathy Annette, president of the Blandin Foundation. “For 59 years we have worked with area students to help achieve their dreams of further education. Achievement of our young people was a great passion of Mr. Blandin’s, as it is for the Foundation still today.”

Grants are available to local students who attend, or have graduated from, one of the following high schools: Grand Rapids, Bigfork, Deer River, Hill City, Greenway, Nashwauk-Keewatin, Remer, Blackduck, Northome, Bug-o-Nay-ge-Shig, Northern Lights Community School, and home-schooled students who could have attended school in the greater Itasca County area. To be eligible, students must be under the age of 25 as of September 1, 2015, be registered as a full-time student (12 credits per semester) at any accredited trade school or two-year or four-year college or university, and make satisfactory academic progress toward their degree program (at least a 2.0 GPA or higher).

Recipients are selected on a need-based system, and amounts are based on the federal government’s Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) formulas. Other factors considered include total cost of attendance (tuition, fees, room and board, books and supplies, transportation and miscellaneous expenses), family income, and number of siblings also attending college. Students can receive \$1,000 to \$4,000, and must reapply each year. The Foundation’s education grants are available for a variety of forms of post-secondary (after high school) education, including college and university, community and technical colleges, and certificate programs.

Applications are available at local high school counseling offices, can be downloaded from the Foundation’s web site (<http://blandinfoundation.org/educationgrants>) or can be requested from the Foundation directly by calling 218-326-0523 or email to educationgrants@BlandinFoundation.org.

What's Happening at Long Lake??

Second Saturday Programs: Second Saturday programs happen on the second Saturday of every month from 1-3 pm on the Long Lake campus and are open to everyone! FREE for Friends of Long Lake and just \$5 for the public. Each Second Saturday has a brief educational program taught by a Long Lake Naturalist followed by fun outdoor event! Here's a list of our upcoming programs:

March 14th -Learn about the unique anatomy of snakes! You may even get to touch one! Followed by a traditional Native American game "Snow Snakes" played on the lake!

April 11th -Learn about MN trees followed by a maple-syruping demonstration!

May 9th -MinnAgua Lake and Fishing education followed by an interactive game on what pollution does to our lakes!

June 13th -Learn about Dragonflies and take a field trip to the lake to see if you can see them hatch!

July 11th -Learn to use a GPS followed by geocaching for treasure located somewhere on the Long Lake Campus!

Sketch Night: Are you looking for a creative outlet? Join us for "Sketch Night" at Long Lake Conservation Center on the first Sunday of every month from 6 – 8:30 pm. Guest artist Duane Barnhart will provide instruction! Coffee, cocoa, and cookies provided. A suggested donation of \$5 would be welcomed!

Upcoming Events: Cooking for the Birds! Birds need to eat too! Come and learn to make tasty treats for your avian friends on Saturday March 28th, from 10am to noon in the Dining Hall! This course will be taught by Naturalist Pam Brand and LLCC Head Cook Chris Hagen. Cost is \$25, discounts for Friends of Long Lake.

Long Lake's Skiing, Hiking, and Snowshoeing Trails: As Long Lake is a part of the Aitkin County Parks System, it is open to visitors to come in and enjoy the hiking trails and splendor of its natural surroundings year round. The Ski Trails are kept groomed and are a part of the Minnesota Ski Pass System. Long Lake is also a great place for snow shoeing and bird watching with its many species of birds that travel through the area year round. The campus and various landscape terrains also make Long Lake Conservation Center a destination for avid nature photographers. From the wetlands and bogs to the forests towering on the hillside, there are plenty of subjects to focus in on.

Summer Camps: Kids will have a memory-filled week, packed with canoeing, archery, hanging out with friends, star-gazing, orienteering, campfires, watching wildlife, learning about wildlife, and so much more! You'll find a summer program at Long Lake to suit you perfectly. Look through your options below, and give us a call at 1-800-450-5522 if you have any questions or wish to register for a camp. **Firearms Safety Mini-camp: (Ages 11-15)** Earn your Firearm Safety Certification with the DNR's online course; this camp will meet Field Day requirements. At Long Lake, you'll get shooting practice, camp adventures, and the required Field Day testing. **Fishing Camp: (Ages 11-13)** Beginning fisherman will be guided daily on fishing expeditions; fishing skills as well as self confidence in the outdoors will improve during this camp session. Campers will learn about the environment fish live in, from exploring aquatic invertebrates and evaluating lake quality. The week will culminate in an off campus fishing adventure. **Outdoor Explorers Camp: (for students who have recently finished 4 through 7th grade)** The session is filled with outdoor activities, games and enjoying the camp community. Canoeing, archery, bog trekking, Challenge Cooperation Course, and much more are led by enthusiastic naturalists. You'll find life-long friends and life-long memories at Long Lake. You won't want to miss it. **Forkhorn I Camp: (Ages 11-15, and do NOT already have their Firearms Safety Certificate)** This camp is for beginning hunters and provides extensive hands-on instruction in basic firearms safety, techniques for shooting rifles, shotguns, muzzle loaders, and bows. It also provide hunting tips for both big and small game. MN Department of Natural Resources Firearm Safety Certification is part of this camp. Classes include: Firearm safety, beginning rifle, shotgun, and archery, wildlife management, whitetail deer ecology, outdoor survival skills, orienteering with map and compass, deer hunting techniques, safe shooting scenarios, and hunter ethics. **Forkhorn II Camp: (Open to all youth ages 12-16)** Forkhorn II is an advanced Forkhorn Camp for youth who are graduates of Forkhorn I Camp or have completed their Firearm Safety Training. It's a more intensive camp that takes students beyond basic whitetail deer hunting knowledge and strategies. This camp will provide your young hunter with advanced training in the areas of: bow hunting, orienteering with map and compass, special hunting techniques, marksmanship training, ethical hunting practices, big game ecology, and field dressing and game preparation. Students will be certified in the Minnesota Bow Hunter Education Program as part of the camp. **Campus Tours and Rentals:** If you would like a tour of LLCC, or use recreation equipment, etc. please call or visit our office during business hours and we would be happy to help plan a visit to Long Lake!

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00am-4:30pm, 1-800-450-LLCC, 218-768-4653

Long Lake is located between McGregor and Aitkin just 3 miles off 210 on County Rd 5—turn at the big Long Lake sign.

Contact us for Volunteer Opportunities! To find out more about our upcoming events visit our website at www.LongLakeCC.org/community

Organizations and Events

St. Urho's Day Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, March 14, 2015

7:30 -11:30 a.m.

\$8.00 donation

Kids under 7 eat free

Jacobson community Center

Jacobson Community Easter Party

Saturday, March 28, 2015

3:00 the fun begins

4:30 Potluck

Free admission

Jacobson Community Center

Jacobson Seniors

Seniors regularly meet every Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. with a potluck at noon. Come for the cards, coffee and conversation

Jacobson Civic Club

Will meet on February 9 at 1:00 p.m. at the Jacobson Community Center. Diane Hartwig and Mary Blaylock are hostesses. Want to join us? Call Marsha 326-6865.

Ball Bluff Township

Annual Meeting on March 10 at 7:00. All Ball Bluff residents are encouraged to attend and give your input. Ball Bluff Board Meeting Thursday, March 12, 2015, at the Jacobson Community Center for the Board meeting at 7:00 p.m. All residents are encouraged to come and participate.

ECR Library Outreach Program

Meets February 26th and March 12th and 26th, April 9th and 23rd at 9:00-9:30 at Jacobson Community Center and every other Thursday.

Book Club meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 2:00, if interested call Harriet Suomala at 752-6699.

Jacobson Fire & Rescue

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

Jacobson Food Shelf

During March, the food shelf will be participating in fund raisers of 2 organizations, the March Food Share and the Feinstein Foundation Million Dollar Challenge. Money and non-perishable foods donated to the food shelf during this month are reported to both organizations and we receive proportionate grants for food. On March 22, we will also be participating in the Pack the Pews food drive. Everyone is urged to bring non-perishable food items and place them in bags in the pews.

This donation also counts towards both the March Food Share and the Feinstein Foundation challenge. All donations are appreciated. The mailing address for the Jacobson Food Shelf is P. O. Box 616, Jacobson, MN 55752.

In March, the food shelf will be open on the 5th and the 19th from 4 to 6 p.m. at Carmel Lutheran Church. For more information, call 218-426-4799.

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 PM.

Carmel Lutheran Church

Everyone welcome.

Carmel Lutheran Church

Wednesday Lenten Services

March 4th and 25th.

Supper at 6:00, Worship at 7:00

Sunday mornings:

10:00 children's Sunday School

(1st & 3rd 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.

Interim Pastor Mark Wagner

218-246-3179

Carmel WELCA will be meeting on March 4th at 10 a.m., followed by a pot-luck lunch.

On March 18th, we will have a mission project day starting at about 10 a.m. Everyone is invited to come and help work on the mission projects. If we have finished making all the rug rags, then we will be making fidget quilts for the nursing home for those with Alzheimer's or Dementia. We will be adding all sorts of embellishments to the fidget quilts so there will be multiple types of stimulation involved. Bring any different textured material, lace, buttons, zippers, etc. that can be incorporated into these quilts. We will have a pot luck lunch on that day also. Please join us.

EASTER PARTY



Fun For all ages
At 3:00 p.m.

Jacobson Community Center
Pot Luck at 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 28, 2015

Everyone Welcome

Free Admission



Easter Egg Hunt,
Pictures with the Easter Bunny,
Prizes and more!

Donations accepted



ST. URHO'S DAY 35TH ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST



Wear purple and green to the annual Jacobson Community Center celebration of the Finnish holiday,

ST. URHO'S DAY!



Date: SATURDAY,
March 14, 2015

Time: 7:30 am-11:30 am

\$8.00 Donation
Kids Under Age 7 Eat FREE!

The breakfast features hot cakes and sausage served with coffee and orange juice and, of course, grapes!



Funds raised are used to support the FREE Jacobson Community Center events.

The Jacobson Community Center is located three miles south of State Highway 200 on the Great River Road (Aitkin County Road 10) Watch for the signs!



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Jacobson Community Center



Connect with us on our Facebook page!
Jacobson Community Center

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Ministries

HILL CITY'S EASTER EGG FUN

WHO: ALL KIDS up to age 11

WHEN: MARCH 28, 2015
@ 11AM-12PM

WHERE: HILL CITY ASSEMBLY
OF GOD

WHAT: COME WIN "EGG" citing
GAMES AND GET CANDY AND
PRIZES.

THERE WILL BE A DRAWING
FOR BIKES.

(MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN BIKES.)

SPONSORED BY THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, AREA
BUSINESSES AND CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS



Easter Carnival and Bake Sale

Saturday March 28th 1 - 4 PM

At
First Ev. Lutheran Church

735 1st Ave. NE, Grand Rapids 218-326-5453

Games, prizes, cotton candy, popcorn and too many baked goods to mention

Carnival is free to the public with free will donations accepted

All proceeds from the bake sale will benefit the youth group at First Evangelical Lutheran Church.

This Event is Brought to you by



First Ev. Lutheran Church



Lutheran Social Service
of Minnesota
for changing lives



Now providing transportation from
Hill City to Grand Rapids

2nd & 4th Thursdays

Pickups start at 9:00 am

Arrive in Grand Rapids at 10 am

Leave Grand Rapids at 1 pm

\$4.60/round trip

800-862-0175 option 4

Make reservations for four others
and ride free!

It's public transportation. That means its for everyone.

Arrowhead Transit

A great thing about living in a small town or out in the country is that you can depend on your neighbors and your family to help you out.

A really tough thing about living in a small town or out in the country is that you have to depend on your neighbors and your family; and sometimes they just don't have the time or the resources.

The state of Minnesota has recognized that there are certain primary needs that everyone has. Those basic needs are: food, shelter, clothing and medical. But providing for those needs requires access to transportation.

That's where Arrowhead Transit comes in.

There is opportunity for people who live in Hill City and surrounding areas to take the Arrowhead Transit bus to Grand Rapids once every week. This bus starts picking up at 9:00 in the Hill City area and arrives in Grand Rapids by 10 am. It may used for people to go shopping, for medical appointments or whatever other else a person may choose to do in Grand Rapids. The cost is \$4.60 for the round trip.

The one contingency for this trip is that there must be a minimum of 5 people who use this bus. Throughout the Arrowhead of Minnesota, Arrowhead Transit has been providing transportation for people in rural areas to get to larger cities. For most of these scheduled bus trips, there are one, two or three people who are self appointed to call Arrowhead Transit with a list of people that will be taking this bus.

Question: Do you need to get to Grand Rapids on a semi-regular basis?

If so: Are you willing to talk to others you know who also need to get to Grand Rapids?

There are several people in Hill City who have found this transportation service to Grand Rapids to be essential --and a lot of fun.

They have asked us if we could guarantee that the Arrowhead Transit bus would make the trip to Grand Rapids, at least through the month of March and at least on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month. We agreed we would do that. But our regular riders to Grand Rapids still number less than 5.

So what we need are just a few more regular riders to make this transportation service to Grand Rapids a permanent reality.

Is this a transportation service that you could find beneficial?

Then try it. You may find that this service gives you just what you need to live an independent, stress free life in beautiful Hill City, MN!

And if it works for you, tell others about it. Become the person who calls in the names of four others that will be making this trip; guaranteeing for them, and yourself, that this bus will be making the trip to Grand Rapids.

SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS WANTED

Nor-Tran Inc.

Is now excepting application
for

School Bus Drivers

A CDL with school bus
and passenger endorsements
preferred, but will train.

Please call Mark or Jeri @

218-246-3434

AITKIN COUNTY HAS ONE OPENING ON THE HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**FOR AN AITKIN COUNTY RESIDENT IN
COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 5**

District 5 consists of the following:

Cities – Hill City, Palisade,

**Townships – Ball Bluff, Balsam, Cornish, Hill Lake,
Libby, Logan, MacVile, Turner, Verdon, Waukenabo,**

**Unorg Townships – 52-27, 52-25, 52-24, 52-22, 51-27,
51-25, 51-22, 50-27, 50-26, 50-25, 49-27, 48-27**

**If you are interested in serving on the
Health & Human Services Advisory Committee
(2 year term) you should contact Julie Lueck at the
ACH&HS office at 218-927-7200 for an application.**

**Members will advise the Aitkin County Board of
Commissioners on issues and services related to
accomplishing the mission and goals of the
Health & Human Services Agency.**

**Meetings are held monthly, the first Wednesday of
each month at 3:30 p.m. at the ACH&HS office,
204-1st Street NW, Aitkin.**

**The Aitkin County Board of Commissioners will
make the selection from the applications received.**

January 2015

HILL CITY
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218-697-8289

PO Box 287
Hill City, MN



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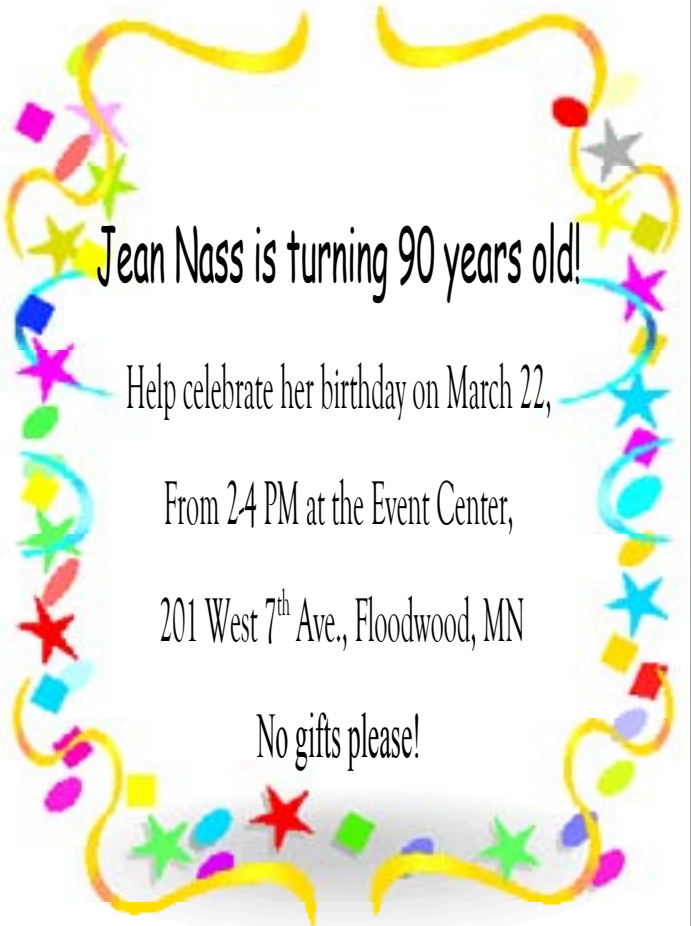
FUN IS RIGHT OUT YOUR FRONT DOOR

Many trails for walking, biking, snowmobiling, and
+wheeling. Walking distance to all business. Beautiful
Hill Lake with dock for fishing, swimming beach, kids
play area and more! Internet in all rooms.

Parking room for trailers.

234 Hwy 169 North • P.O. Box 95 • Hill City, MN

218-697-2470



Jean Nass is turning 90 years old!

Help celebrate her birthday on March 22,

From 2-4 PM at the Event Center,

201 West 7th Ave., Floodwood, MN

No gifts please!



Hill City Area Food Shelf



2015

March Campaign

Donations received during March will be
supplemented by Minnesota Food Share

Donations received during March and April will
also be supplemented by Feinstein Foundation



Your neighbors
appreciate your help!

Questions? Glen Harcey 697-8263

Interested in Summer Softball?

If you have a daughter in
grades 6-11 (this school year)
who would be interested in
playing Summer Softball,
please fill out & return this
ad to: Jessica Lathrop, ISD# 002,
500 Ione Avenue, Hill City, MN 55748.

Name _____ grade _____

WE ARE LOOKING INTO POSSIBILITIES AND WOULD
LIKE TO KNOW FIRST IF THERE IS ANY INTEREST.

Your input is appreciated!!!

Jessica Lathrop: 697-2394 ext 172 or
jlathrop@hillcity.k12.mn.us

ATTENTION !!!! ATTENTION !! ATTENTION!

Do **YOU** or anybody you know have the skills and the urge to teach a class on:



Yoga Dance
Photography
Sewing Cooking
Retirement Planning
😊 Gardening

If so PLEASE contact Jessica Lathrop at
jlathrop@hillcity.k12.mn.us or 697-2394
Ext.172



Constitution Alive!

Discover the key principles that make the US Constitution the most remarkable political document of all time.

If you are concerned, perplexed, or troubled by the direction of the country and the encroachment upon our liberties, then this Constitution Course will help give you a deeper understanding of the Constitution and do so in a way that is easy to understand, easy to remember, quickly digested, and easy to apply.

Date of first session*: Monday, March 9
Time: 6-7:30pm
Place: Hill City School
Facilitators: Pat and Lisa Jordan
Cost: \$2.00

Pre-registration required. Contact Jessica Lathrop for registration at 697-2394 Ext. 172 or jlathrop@hillcity.k12.mn.us

*This is an 11 session course.
Contact Lisa (218.256.1636) or Pat (218.256.4688) with any questions.

AFTER SCHOOL TUTORING



Will be offered from
3:30 to 4:30
Wednesdays

In Mr. Olig's classroom

Please take advantage of this
FREE offer!!

Made possible by Hill City Community Education

MIDDLE SCHOOL MATH TUTORING



Will be offered from
7:30 am - 8:15 am
Mon. - Wed. - Fri.

In Mrs. Murphy's classroom

Please take advantage of this
FREE offer!!

Made possible by Hill City Community Education



Basketball Open Gym

Season Pass costs are as follows:

Students:\$10.00 & Community:\$20.00

Family: \$30.00

That is good until May 27th, 2015 !!!!

That's less than ONE MONTH'S pass at an area gym plus you don't have to drive as far!!!

These fees are paid to keep these programs running

so please purchase your Season Pass today from Jessica

Lathrop or see the Season Pass Ad for mail-in instructions.

Join us every Sunday evening from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm in the Hill City School Gym

For more information please contact Jessica at: 697-2394 ext. 172 or jlathrop@hillcity.k12.mn.us

OPEN GYM

SUNDAY 6-8pm (Basketball)
WEDNESDAY 7-9pm (Volleyball)

and CARDIO ROOM (Excluding Holidays)

Times are still to be determined

Your Season Pass Costs are as follows:

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Family: \$30.00

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so Please Purchase your Season Pass Today from Jessica Lathrop or Return or Send Payment and this Form to the School

NAME: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

to: **500 Ione Ave. Hill City MN, 55748**



Adult Volleyball Open Gym

Your Season Pass costs are as follows:

Students:\$10.00 & Community:\$20.00

Family: \$30.00

That is good until May 27th, 2015 !!!!

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These fees are paid to keep these programs running so please purchase your Season Pass today from

Jessica Lathrop or see the Season Pass ad for mail-in instructions

Join us Wednesday evenings 7:00pm-9:00pm in the Hill City School Gym

For more information please contact Jessica at: 697-2394 ext. 172 or jlathrop@hillcity.k12.mn.us



Join us! Become an instructor and share your passion of learning. Some Hill City Community Education classes are taught and can be taught by the Community.

We would love to add your program.

We are always looking for enthusiastic teachings and new class ideas. Do you have a hobby, skill or interest that you would want to share with your neighbors? I am currently planning course offerings for Winter 2015.

If you are interested, please contact me at:

jlathrop@hillcity.k12.mn.us or 697-2394 Ext. 172



ISD #2 Breakfast Menu March 2015



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Breakfast Pizza Fruit, Juice Milk	3 Cereal/Oatmeal Cheese Stick Juice, Milk	4 Pancakes Fruit, Yogurt Juice, Milk	5 Cereal/Oatmeal Fruit, Yogurt Juice, Milk	6 Cinnamon Roll Cheese Stick Fruit, Milk	7
8 Breakfast - OFFERED DAILY: Milk, Juice Fruit	9 Blueberry Muffins Yogurt Fruit, Juice, Milk	10 Cereal/Oatmeal Cheese Stick Fruit, Juice, Milk	11 French Toast Egg Patty Fruit, Juice, Milk	12 Cereal/Oatmeal Fruit, Yogurt Juice, Milk	13 Cinnamon Roll Yogurt Fruit, Milk	14
15 Offer-vs-Serve	16 Breakfast Pizza Fruit, Juice Milk	17 Cereal/Oatmeal Cheese Stick Fruit, Juice, Milk	18 WG Poptart Cheese Stick Fruit, Juice, Milk	19 Cereal/Oatmeal Fruit, Yogurt Juice, Milk	20 NO SCHOOL	21
22	23 Blueberry Muffins Yogurt Fruit, Juice, Milk	24 Cereal/Oatmeal Cheese Stick Fruit, Juice, Milk	25 French Toast Sausage Link Fruit, Juice, Milk	26 Cereal/Oatmeal Fruit, Yogurt Juice, Milk	27 Cinnamon Roll Cheese Stick Fruit, Milk	28
29	30 Breakfast Pizza Fruit, Juice Milk	31 Cereal/Oatmeal Cheese Stick Fruit, Juice, Milk				Menu subject to change at anytime



ISD #2 Lunch Menu March 2015



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Chicken Nuggets Sweet Potato Fries Green Beans, Fruit	3 Sloppy Joes Tater-Tots Mixed Veggies	4 Beef Gravy Mashed Potatoes Carrots, Fruit	5 Chicken Quesadilla Salad Bar Fruit, Milk	6 Stuffed Crust Pizza Salad Bar, Fruit	7
8 Lunch - OFFERED DAILY: Milk, Salad Bar Choice of Fruit	9 Breaded Chicken Breast/WG Bun Peas, Veggie Sticks	10 Hamburger - Hotdish, Carrots Fruit, Milk	11 Chicken Noodle Soup, Salad Bar Ham Sandwich	12 Fajita Salad Bar Fruit, Milk	13 Max Stick W/Sauce Salad Bar	14
15 Offer-vs-Serve	16 Chicken Strips Green Beans Cheesy Mashed Potatoes	17 Spaghetti Green Beans Breadstick	18 Pepperoni Pizza Salad Bar Fruit, Milk	19 Beef Taco Salad Bar Fruit, Milk	20 NO SCHOOL	21
22	23 Unbreaded Chicken Breast Potato Coins Peas, Fruit	24 Chili, Corn Bread Salad Bar, Fruit	25 Hot Dog/ Bun Sweet Potato Fries Coleslaw, Fruit	26 Turkey Taco Salad Bar Fruit, Milk	27 Shrimp Poppers Rice, Broccoli Gold Fish Crackers	28
29	30 Corn Dog Baked Beans Carrots, Fruit	31 Au Gratin W/Ham, Peas Fruit, Milk				Menu subject to change at anytime

Independent School District No. 2
 500 Ione Avenue
 Hill City, MN 55748



ISD #2 Activities March 2015



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 BB Open Gym 6-8 Gym A & B	2	3	4 VB Open Gym 7-9 Gym A	5	6	7
8 BB Open Gym 6-8 Gym A & B	9	10	11 VB Open Gym 7-9 Gym A	12	13	14
15 BB Open Gym 6-8 Gym A & B	16	17	18 VB Open Gym 7-9 Gym A	19	20 NO SCHOOL	21
22 BB Open Gym 6-8 Gym A & B	23 School Board Meeting 7 p.m.	24	25 VB Open Gym 7-9 Gym A	26	27	28 JO Volleyball Fundraising Tourney 9 am Gyms A & B
29 BB Open Gym 6-8 Gym A & B	30	31				All games are subject to change at any time