

April



2015

# COMMUNITY NEWS

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

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## SAVE THE DATE!

The Annual EXPO will be held in collaboration with  
the *Spring Concert and Art Fair*, on May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015  
in the Hill City School Gymnasium.

Time for the EXPO will be from 2-7 PM  
to give everyone time to experience this great event!

**There will be a talent show, super mileage cars, projects,  
showing things the kids created and learned about through  
the school year, college and job information, and information  
about many community events and programming.**

**SAVE THE DATE AND TIME SO YOU WILL  
NOT MISS OUT ON THIS GREAT EVENT!!!**

## Kindergarten Round Up

The annual Kindergarten Round-Up at the Hill City School is scheduled for Friday, April 24, 2015.

All children in the district who will be five years of age before September 1, 2015, are eligible to attend Kindergarten. Parents will be contacted by letter with details about the activities planned for the day. If you are new to the district or have not been contacted with a time, please call the school at 697-2394 and let us know.

This is an important day in the lives of these children and their parents. The children will meet their fellow classmates and their teacher; the parents will receive information to help them get their kindergarten child off to a good start.

We are looking forward to meeting all of you!

## Hill City School Board

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### Committee Assignments for 2015

#### Committee

MSHSL  
Negotiations Committee  
  
System Accountability 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  
Sue Kaslow (Bambi Lange, 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 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**



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, February 23, 2015.

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

1. Approved the Agenda with additions.
2. Approved the following:
  - \*Minutes of the Workshop Session of January 22, 2015;
  - \*Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 26, 2015;
  - \*January 2015 bills presented for payment;
  - \*Current bills through 02/09/15;
  - \*Investments and wire transfers;
  - \*Reviewed the Activity Fund Statement;
  - \*Reviewed Cash Receipts including donations.
3. Amy Wyant brought a power point presentation overview of SHIP. A policy meeting is scheduled for March 13, 2015 at 8:00 a.m. They received a grant from MN DOT in the amount of \$2493.00 for the Bike Rodeo. She explained the teacher's survey, energizer workshops, and the action plan for Hill City School and Community Health Committee.
4. There was no report from the School Attorney.
5. Transportation Report: No report.
6. Swarm Student Leadership: No report.
7. System Accountability Committee: The name of this committee has changed to Curriculum Committee. The next meeting is March 5, 2015 at 3:15 p.m. in Room 206.
8. School and Community Health Committee: Joell Miranda reported on the School and Community Health Committee meeting of February 13, 2015. Ann Rivas from Aitkin Co. Health & Human Services spoke about setting up training for teachers and staff to recognize mental health disorders. The program is called QPR – Questions, Persuade & Refer. Jodi from SNAP updated us on the Fruit and Vegetable Program. We all discussed different ways to get info out to parents. Some ideas were: Fun Fact Sheets, Info at Roadside, and on the new Facebook page. An information table was set up by Jodi and Amy for Parent/Teacher Conferences. Amy from SHIP reported the Jump-a-thon was a big success. We are the only school in the county that participates in this program. The school action plan has been updated. Energizer Workshop is scheduled for February 19. The Bike Rodeo Grant was received from MNDOT for \$2493.00. Ellie Hill reported about new regulations for school nutrition and what is now allowed and not allowed. The Wellness Policy Subcommittee was formed and will meet on February 27, 2015 to review the policy. The next meeting is scheduled for March 27, 2015 at 8:00 a.m.

9. Safety/Transportation Committee: The next meeting is set for March 11, 2015 at 3:30 p.m. in the office conference room.
10. Negotiation Committee: A closed board meeting for negotiation strategy will be held on March 12, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the office conference room.
11. Community Education Report: Community Education Programmer Jessica Lathrop submitted a detailed written report touching on many of the programs under the Community Education umbrella: elementary sports, adult classes, after school tutoring, AARP class, JO Volleyball, Kids Plus, Little League, and disc golf course.
12. Maintenance Supervisor report: Gym floor repairs on the big gym need to be done as soon as possible.
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 the multi-district staff development day was held on February 17, 2015.
15. Discussion was held on the School Calendar with starting the school year before Labor Day, discussion on PLC time for teachers next year. We won't have as many seniors so don't know if it is going to work the same.
16. School e-mail accounts have been set up for School Board Members and will be used from now on.
17. Approved the new contract for Health & Safety Services with Northeast Service Cooperative.
18. Approved the 2015-2016 School Calendar.
19. No action taken on the Resolution Proposing to Place Instructional Staff on Unrequested Leave of Absence.
20. No action was taken on the Resolution Relating to the Termination and Nonrenewal of Teaching Contract for Probationary Teacher.
21. All the meetings attended went well and much as learned.
22. Set the closed negotiations strategy meeting for March 12, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Office Conference Room.
23. Meeting adjourned at 8:03 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.



# ideas for parents

Practical Suggestions for Building Assets in Your Child

**FAST FACTS**

**ASSET #15:  
Positive  
Peer  
Influence**

*Youth are more likely to grow up healthy when their best friends model responsible behavior.*

**60%**  
*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. "Positive peer influence" is one of six boundaries and expectations assets.*

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

## Photos of Friends: Snapshots of Responsibility

**T**he best way to encourage children to choose positive, healthy relationships is to model them ourselves. Take out an old yearbook or photo album. Look at pictures of the friends you had as a teenager.

Think about the friends who acted in ways you admired. Most people can remember at least one person who always sensed when things weren't going well and called, sent a note, or showed up to find out what was wrong. Often, these are the people who turned out to be lifelong friends.

How about people who weren't such true friends? Was there someone who spread rumors about you, or talked behind your back? Did you ever have a friend who tried to get you to do things you didn't want to do? The pain of these kinds of experiences often teaches young people a lot about how they want to be treated by others.

No one forced you to like people who were



good to you, or feel angry at people who hurt you. You had to make your own choices about who your friends were. In the same way, we can't control who our children choose as friends. They are exploring their world, themselves, and the people around them. Sometimes they're attracted to people we don't approve of (and that, deep inside, they probably don't approve of either). Other times they say the 'good' kids are boring. However, if we model responsible relationships, talk to our children about how others act, and are involved in their lives, gradually they'll see that friends who act, talk, and think in positive ways will bring out the best in them.

### Helpful Hints

*Tips that encourage your child to choose responsible friendships:*

- **Get to know your child's friends and their families. Point out what you like about them.**
- **Get to know the parents of your children's friends. Share your values and rules with them and ask them about theirs.**
- **Don't jump to conclusions based on what friends look like.**
- **Be honest with your child when you're concerned about a relationship.**

### time together

*Three ways to help your child choose responsible friends:*

1. **Make sure your kids get to know your friends. The best way to teach is to be a role model.**
2. **Include your child's friends in some family activities. Get to know them.**
3. **Talk about your childhood friends and why some friendships ended.**

## What's Responsible?

Our children may need our guidance in choosing friends who model responsible behavior. Use this "responsible" checklist with your child to evaluate each friend. Discuss with your child what each word means:

- Reliable
- Equal
- Self-controlled
- Principled
- Open-minded
- Nurturing
- Sensible
- Intuitive
- Brave
- Lovable
- Ethical

### talk together

Questions to discuss with your child:

- Which of your friends do you most want to be like? Why?
- What bothers you about your friends? Why?
- How do you feel when you're with your friends? Do they bring out the best in you?

### More Stuff You Can Use

Positive Peer Groups gives information on how to help youth work together to solve their own challenges. (Available from Johnson Institute, 7205 Ohms Lane, Minneapolis, MN 55439-2159; 1-800-231-5065.)

**Quick Tip:**  
Examine your own friendships before you examine your child's.

## Worth a Cheer



We often think of "peer pressure" only as a negative influence, but we can also think of time spent with friends who model healthy behavior as peer pressure. Of youth surveyed by Search Institute, 60% say they experience positive peer pressure, reporting that their best friends do well in school, don't use alcohol or other drugs, and don't get in trouble at school.

## Final Word

"A friend is an extension of yourself, without which you are not complete."—Susan Polis Schutz, poet

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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

Hill City School would like to invite you to  
**"PARENTS COUNT"**

This is an opportunity to meet as a parent group and discuss childhood issues and tips, curriculum includes "Love and Logic".

School Community Room

Upcoming dates: April 15, April 22,  
April 29, & May 13.



Family Potluck from  
5:00 - 5:45(optional)  
Parent Group meets  
from 5:45-7:15

(kids go to free child care)

**City of Hill City  
Council Meeting  
March 11, 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 Dave Lange, Tina Haugen and Audrey Baratto. Nate Rollins was absent.

Staff present: Diana McManigle, George Casper, Jeff Madsen and Mike Boleman.

2. Consent Agenda

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

3. Public Forum

A. Frank Scherf, TZD Liaison for the N.E. Region of the Dept. of Public Safety was present and gave an overview of the TZD (Towards Zero Deaths) program. The TZD program is a new version of the Safe and Sober program. There are four regions within the state of Minnesota and every year each Region nominates two police departments as Outstanding Law Enforcement Agencies. This year the Hill City Police Department was awarded a new Stalker XLR LIDAR for being one of the two Outstanding Law Enforcement Agencies in the N.E. region.

B. Neal Roettger was present with a request that the city consider having non-motorized watercraft rentals at the Hill Lake Beach. The rentals could include canoes, kayaks, paddleboats, etc. This was discussed and Council member Haugen said that she would check into this along with lifejackets.

4. Addition or Corrections to the Agenda

There were no additions or corrections to the agenda.

5. Reports

Maintenance/Water/Sewer/Parks/Airport/Streets

- Head Maint./Public Works, George Casper, reported that he had gotten a quote on the cost of materials to insulate the Maintenance Shop. The total cost for materials from Latvala Lumber came to \$3,177.68. Casper stated that he and Pat Jordan (Maint. Asst.) would be doing the work of installing the insulation.

Motion made by Baratto to approve purchasing the materials to insulate the Maintenance Shop, second by Lange. Motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

- Casper reported everything has been fine with the water. There has been one freeze-up where the people had been gone for one week and the water froze.
- A couple of the sewer pumps have been running an extra hour a day due to the infiltration from the snow melting.
- Casper reported there is a free Playground Safety, Compliance and Maintenance Seminar in Mt. Iron on April 8, 2015 that he would like to attend. Eric Hill from ISD #2 will also be attending. Council member Haugen said that she would like to attend and also Deputy Clerk Tami Meyer would like to attend.

**City of Hill City  
Council Meeting  
March 11, 2015 (continued)**

(These are unapproved minutes)

Due to the fact that Clerk McManigle will be on vacation on April 8th, the City Hall office will be closed that day.

- The city has received the 2015 Clarke Mosquito Control Contract. The city usually only has the Hill Lake Park sprayed once a year, but it was discussed to have it sprayed twice this year.

Motion made by Haugen to have the Hill Lake Park sprayed for mosquitos on June 1st and on July 1st this year, second by Lange. Motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

- Council member Haugen would like to see what the revenues versus the expenses are for the Hill Lake Park. Clerk McManigle will supply this to the Council and it will be discussed at the April 14, 2015 meeting.

- Casper stated that as soon as the roads dry up some more, he will be working on the potholes.

**Fire Department**

- Assistant Fire Chief Boleman reported that there had been one call last month. The Fire Dept. is getting the trucks ready for grass fires. Next month all of the trucks should be getting certified.

- Council member Lange stated that burning restrictions had started today and you need to get a permit if you want to burn.

- Boleman also reported that the Fire Relief's annual fish fry is April 18, 2015.

**Police Department**

- Police Chief Madsen reported that there is letter from Attorney Haberkorn that a Council member has received and that everything in the letter has been dealt with.

- Madsen stated that the Hill City Police Dept. needs training on the use of the new Stalker XLR LIDAR handheld unit that the department was just awarded. The training is free from the State Patrol and Madsen would like to hold a training on it in the Community Room. Madsen will also be holding a training class on car seats and a liquor servers class this year. Madsen stated that he would like to purchase a screen projector to have for these classes. The screen projector will cost between \$500.00 and \$800.00 and could come out of the Drug Fund. Council member Lange felt that since the screen projector will only be used a couple of times a year that possibly Madsen could talk to the school and partner with them. Council member Haugen suggested that Madsen check into leasing a screen projector for the times that he may need one.

- Madsen stated that the annual Chiefs Conference is in April and would like to attend. The total cost of room and registration is approximately \$670.00, which can come out of the Drug Fund.

Motion made by Haugen to allow Madsen to attend the Chiefs Conference in April, second by Lange. Motion carried with all member present voting in favor.

**City of Hill City**  
**Council Meeting**  
**March 11, 2015 (continued)**  
(These are unapproved minutes)

**Mayor**

- Mayor Baker stated that winter is almost over thanked everyone for all of their hard work.

**Clerk**

- Clerk McManigle gave a report on the credit/debit cards usage since the city begin accepting them in December, 2014. There were 8 cards used in Dec., 11 used in Jan., and 17 used in Feb. There currently are 4 recurring accounts.
- Clerk McManigle stated that Lori Jellison had contacted City Hall again about her giving the city the Kendrick property. The Council had discussion on this and told Clerk McManigle to contact Lori Jellison and tell her that the city was not interested in the property.
- Phillip Gerber, who was unable to attend the meeting this evening, had contacted Clerk McManigle in regard to finding out from the Council if the city would be willing to do a tax abatement on an addition that he hopes to add onto his existing business. He wants to put up a 30' x 80' addition to manufacture hydraulic power units. Phillip has been meeting with Ross Wagner and a couple of Commissioners from Aitkin and it sounds like Aitkin County may be willing to do a tax abatement on their share of the taxes for this addition also.

Motion made by Baker to approve a tax abatement of the city's portion of the taxes for Phillip Gerber's business, Northland Hydraulics, addition, second by Haugen. Motion carried with all members present voting in favor of.

- Clerk McManigle let everyone know about the Constitution Alive sessions that Lisa and Pat Jordan are facilitating at the Hill City School. These are free to everyone and anyone wanting to attend needs to sign up with Community Ed. at the school. Dates and times are posted in the entry way of City Hall. George Casper had just received a phone call about another water line that was frozen. The people had just been gone overnight and this was a house that has never froze before. Casper asked the Council if the Council wanted to have the residents run their water again or just on a case by case basis. At this time the Council elected to deal with the water freeze ups on a case by case basis.

**Council**

- Council member Lange reported that he had attended "Day on the Hill" at the Capitol with the Landscapers Association on Wednesday, March 4th and "Day on the Hill" Thursday, March 5th for townships, cities and schools. He said it was quite informative.
- Council member Baratto said that she was upset because a staff member from Representative Nolan was at the school last week and no citizens except Ben and Audrey Baratto were there. Council member Baratto said that in the future when "political figures" come to Hill City to meet with the citizens, that notifications need to be posted so that people know about it.

**1st Responders**

**City of Hill City**  
**Council Meeting**  
**March 11, 2015 (continued)**  
(These are unapproved minutes)

There was no report from the 1st Responders

6. Old Business

A. Insulation quotes for Maintenance Shop  
This was addressed previously in the meeting

B. Kendrick House – Lori Jellison

This was addressed previously in the meeting

7. New Business

A. Council pay for Workshops or just for Special Meetings

Clerk McManigle wanted clarification of if the Council got \$25.00 for Workshops or just for Special Meetings. The Council said that they would get \$25.00 just for Special meeting but not for Workshops.

B. Park Attendant Job Description

Council member Haugen presented the Council with the Park Attendant's job description that she had made a couple of changes to for the Council to approve. Haugen also wanted to know if the Council wanted to advertise for this position or just offer it to the person who has done it for that past couple of years. There was discussion on this.

Motion made by Baratto to approve the changes to the Park Attendant's job description and to advertise for this position, second by Lange. Motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

C. Approve Liquor license for Harry's Midtown Liquor LLC

Motion made by Baker to approve liquor licenses for on sale, off sale, Sunday and 2:00 a.m. for Harry's Midtown Liquor LLC upon a successful background check and all necessary paper work is completed, second by Haugen. Motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

D. Clarke Mosquito Control Contract

This was addressed previously in the meeting

E. Letter of support for Villa I and Villa Dock Owners Associations

The Villa I Association and the Villa Dock Owners Association are purchasing land from Partners in Action (Quadna) and need a letter of support from the city to split a parcel of land and obtain new parcel numbers from Aitkin County.

Motion made by Baker to have the city attorney draw up a letter of support for the Villa I and the Villa Dock Owners Association to split a parcel of land and obtain new parcel numbers from Aitkin County, second by Haugen. Motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

Motion made by Baratto to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 p.m., second by Haugen. Motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

Diana McManigle,  
Clerk/Treasurer

Larry Baker,  
Mayor

## Organizations and Events

### 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

### Ball Bluff Township

Ball Bluff Board Meeting Thursday, April 9, 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

April 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, May 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> 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 Civic Club

Will meet on April 13 at 1:00 p.m. at the Jacobson Community Center. Judie Heuer is hostess. 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. Meetings are at the Fire Hall at 7:00

1<sup>st</sup> Thursday monthly: Business Meeting

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday monthly: 1<sup>st</sup> Responder & Fire Training

## Jacobson Food Shelf

During April, the food shelf will be participating in the Feinstein Foundation Million Dollar Challenge. Money and pounds of non-perishable foods donated to the food shelf during this month are reported to the Feinstein Foundation and is the basis, along with the donations from March, for a share of one million dollars.

All donations are appreciated. The mailing address for the Jacobson Food Shelf is P. O. Box 616, Jacobson, MN 55752.

In April the food shelf will be open on the 2nd and the 16th 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."

April 5<sup>th</sup>, we will have Easter Breakfast at 9:00 am, no Sunday School, and Easter Service at 10:30 am.

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

Good Friday worship @ 7:00pm April 3rd

Easter Sunday worship @ 11:00am April 5th

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

**Join us at  
Jacobson Senior Spring Luncheon  
April 9, 2015  
Ham dinner and Potluck at noon**



# JACOBSON SENIORS



## SPRING LUNCH

Thursday  
April 9, 2015  
10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.  
WITH HAM AND  
POTLUCK  
AT NOON  
AT JACOBSON  
COMMUNITY CENTER

ALL ARE WELCOME

## BLOODMOBILE REMINDER

The bloodmobile  
will be in Hill City  
on

**Wednesday  
April 8, 2015  
12:00 - 6:00 p.m.**

at  
Hill City School Gym



**American  
Red Cross**

16 year olds can donate with the consent of a  
parent/guardian. Forms can be picked  
up in the school office.

If you have questions or to schedule an appointment,  
call Anne at 697-2432



*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.**

*For more information or to make an appointment **Call 1-800-832-6082.***

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Serving the counties of Aitkin, Carlton, Chisago, Isanti, Kanabec, Mille Lacs and Pine  
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## ATV TRAINING

North Woods Quads will be hosting the spring  
training for all ages

Saturday April 18<sup>th</sup>

At

Quadna Mountain Park

9:00 A.M.

Everyone must complete the training CD before  
coming to class.

You can get your CDs at Hilltop Sports  
or Contact Ginny Dorn at

218-360-1913

Registration is not required, but it is asked!





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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

*Thanks*

To all of you who participated in our 1st Annual Snowmobile ride, thank you very much. Considering the snow conditions we had a great turnout! Also a big thank you goes out to Knuckleheads (Dave & Jen); the Pub (Marty); and the Corner Club (Chuck & Laurie) for supporting the ride! And thank you to Ginny Dorn for spearheading the ride, great job Ginny! Thank you American Legion Auxiliary for all of your time, it was greatly appreciated. We hope to have another successful ride next year.

Thank you,  
American Legion James Kobernaut Post 340 Hill City



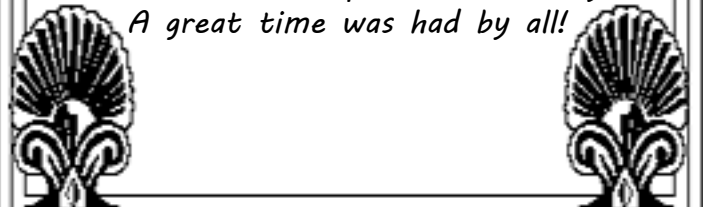
*The American Legion James Kobernaut  
Post 340 Hill City  
would like to thank everyone for their  
support with the scholarship raffle.*

*The raffle winners were:  
Kristy Washburn, Tam Rassier,  
Skylar Hatfield,  
Pam Pierce and Alex Bleth.*

*Congratulations!*

*To all of you who donated to the silent  
auction raffle*

*and other scholarship raffles thank you.  
A great time was had by all!*



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REALTY**

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**Good Friday  
SERVICE**

All are invited to  
attend this special  
worship service.  
Bring a friend!

**Good Friday Worship Service**

Friday, April 3rd

7:00 PM

at the

**Hill City United Methodist Church**

Located 1 block west of the junction of US  
Hwy 169 and Lone Avenue in Hill City.

## **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

Join us on Sunday,  
April 5<sup>th</sup> for  
two special Easter  
Celebration Services  
for Hill City United  
Methodist Church!



at 6:30 a.m. @  
Hill Lake Park  
*(weather permitting)*

**SUNRISE SERVICE**

Youth are serving a  
**Pancake Breakfast** from  
8:30 -9:30 a.m. at Hill City



UMC with a free-will offering to local missions.

**Easter Celebration Worship Service**  
at Hill City UMC at 10:00 a.m.

# HILL CITY FIRE RELIEF ASSOC. ANNUAL FISH FRY

April 18, 2015

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Fire Hall



### Requested Donations

Adults - \$8.00

Children (6 - 12) - \$4.00

5 & under - Free



**Includes: potato salad, cole slaw, buns, and beverage**



Please join our Community Ed. Program and the Aitkin County

## *Toward Zero Death Initiative*

in a pledge to **\*END\* Texting and Distracted Driving**. We are teaming up for a friendly competition between our Community and the McGregor Community, to see who can make the most Pledges.

In mid April we will be getting a special code just for our Community and then I will get all the information out to you to help spread the word, so hopefully we can make more pledges than them!

This information will be sent out with the students at the Hill City School so please be aware that it will be coming.

Then give it to everyone you know because this is a serious issue that takes many lives and causes more than 200,000 crashes each year. So let's Pledge together and make the commitment. Because....

**It Can Wait!**



AARP MN Driver Safety Program

## 4 Hour Refresher Class

Taking this class is an easy and sure way to reduce your motor vehicle insurance premiums. State law requires all auto insurance providers to reduce premiums by 10% for policyholders who are 55 or older, when a certificate of class completion is provided to them. If you have never taken the class before, you need to take the initial 8-hour class first, and then every three years the 4-hour refresher is taken. No tests are given. All participants will be issued a certificate at the end of the class. You must have a valid driver's license with you at the beginning of the class so that a certificate can be issued.

4 hr. Refresher Class: April 28 5-9pm

Location: Hill City School, Room 250

Minimum Number Required: 8

Max. #: 30

Cost: \$15.00 for members

\$20.00 for non members

Bring your payment to the class

Register by calling the Community Ed. office and  
For questions concerning this class, please contact  
Jessica Lathrop Hill City Community Ed. at 697-2394 X172.

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 Spring 2015.

If you are interested, please contact me at:

[jlathrop@isd002.org](mailto:jlathrop@isd002.org) or  
218-697-2394 Ext. 172

# 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](mailto:jlathrop@hillcity.k12.mn.us) or 697-2394  
Ext.172

## Attention

Students ages 9-12



If you are interested in  
Playing Little League  
it's all going to be run through the  
Itasca Little League

charter this year. So if you didn't  
already get a chance to sign up at  
the Jaycee's Home Show, then you  
must sign up online at :

[https://active.leagueone.com/Olr/Pages/  
Welcome.aspx?ClubId=13959](https://active.leagueone.com/Olr/Pages/Welcome.aspx?ClubId=13959)

If you have any questions contact:

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## 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

# WANTED

*Hill City Community Members.....  
We live in a Community  
of very skilled and talented people!*

*There are so many people out  
there that would love to get out  
and DO something! If you know  
how to teach it...*

*Please share with the rest of us!*

Do you know how to....  
Cook Gluten Free ?

Teach an exercise program  
for Seniors?

Craft ?  
Children's Dance

Sew or Quilt ?

Do you know about Good Nutrition?

I know you do...So call or email Jessica Lathrop  
and get it set up today!

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## Please join us for our Relaxation and Essential Oils Classes

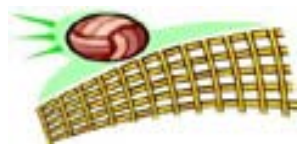
Classes will be held every **Wednesday** in  
**April** from **6:00 - 7:30 pm** at the school in Room 227  
Please **PRE-REGISTER** with Comm Ed. at:  
[jlathrop@isd002.org](mailto:jlathrop@isd002.org) or 697-2394 Ext. 172  
Cost will be \$2.00 (feel free to bring this to the first class)  
**Please feel free to bring a blanket and pillow.**



*Basketball  
Open Gym*

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

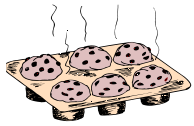
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*Adult Volleyball  
Open Gym*

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

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# ISD #2 Breakfast Menu April 2015



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



# ISD #2 Lunch Menu April 2015



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Tomato Soup Grilled Cheese Gold Fish Crackers Carrot Sticks	2 Fish Patty/ Bun Sweet Potato Fries Broccoli, Fruit	3 <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	4
5 <b>Lunch - OFFERED DAILY:</b> Milk, Salad Bar Choice of Fruit	6 <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	7 Sausage Pizza Corn, Broccoli Fruit, Milk	8 Chicken Ala King w/Biscuit, Carrots Broccoli, Fruit	9 Burrito, Salad Bar Refried Beans Fruit, Milk	10 Hornet Burger /Bun LTO, Tater Rounds Fruit, Milk	11
12 <b>Offer-vs-Serve</b> LTO (lettuce, Tomato, Onions)	13 Chicken Nuggets Sweet Potato Fries Peas, Fruit, Milk	14 Mexican Macaroni Hot dish, Fruit Corn Bread	15 Wild Rice Soup Cheese Sandwich Carrot Sticks	16 Chicken Fajita Salad Bar Corn, Fruit, Milk	17 Bosco Stick W/Sauce Spinach Salad	18
19	20 Breded Chicken Patty/ WG Bun, Fruit Carrots, Milk	21 Pepperoni Pizza Salad Bar, Corn Fruit, Milk	22 Vegetable Soup Salad Bar, Fruit Cheese Stick, Milk	23 Cheese Quesadilla Salad Bar Fruit, Milk	24 Turkey/Ham Subs LTO, Pickles Fruit, Milk	25
26	27 Chicken Strips Tater Rounds Green Beans	28 Sloppy Joe/ Bun Peas, Carrot Stick Fruit, Milk	29 Hot Dog/ Bun Potato Salad, Fruit Baked Beans	30 Beef Taco Salad Bar Fruit, Milk		<b>Menu subject to change at anytime</b>

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## ISD #2 Activities April 2015



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
BB Open Gym 6-8 Gym A & B			1  VB Open Gym 7-9 Gym A	2	3  <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	4
5  BB Open Gym 6-8 Gym A & B	6  <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	7 <b>Book Fair</b> Baseball vs Grand Rapids(Scrimmage) A 5:00 Away	8 <b>Book Fair</b>  VB Open Gym 7-9 Gym A	9 <b>Book Fair</b>	10 <b>Book Fair</b>	11  Softball Aitkin Scrimmage A 2:00 Away
12  BB Open Gym 6-8 Gym A & B	13 Baseball vs Northland A 4:30 Home	14 Baseball vs Isle A 4:30 Home Softball vs Isle A 4:30 Home	15  VB Open Gym 7-9 Gym A	16 Baseball vs MIB A 4:30 Home Softball vs MIB A 4:30 Home	17	18
19  BB Open Gym 6-8 Gym A & B	20	21 Softball vs Nash-Kee AC 4:30 Away	22  VB Open Gym 7-9 Gym A	23 Baseball vs Littlefork A 4:30 Away Softball vs Littlefork A 4:30 Away	24	25 Baseball Invitational A 9:00 Home Softball Invitational A 9:00 Home
26  BB Open Gym 6-8 Gym A & B	27 Schl bd mtng 7 Baseball vs Carlton A 4:30 Away Softball vs Carlton A 4:30 Away	28 Baseball vs Nash-Kee A 4:30 Home Softball vs Deer River AC 4:30 Home	29  VB Open Gym 7-9 Gym A	30	All C games are tentative except for tournaments!	<b>All games are subject to change at any time</b>