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Hill City Winter Fest 2014

Winter Fest week kicked off with Class Color Day and a big W for the lady Hornets against East Central. The student body nominated Izaiah Bishop, Nate Oukrop, Austin Dunham, Sophie Jenkins, Courtney Welk, and Amanda Root as Winter Fest candidates. Izaiah and Sophie were crowned the 2014 Winter Fest prince and princess on Tuesday.



Tuesday was Camo and Cowboy Day. Wednesday, we saw our fair share of nerds and superheroes. The 80's came alive on Thursday for Decade Day. Friday, the halls were swarming with purple. The sophomore class took home the pizza party for having the most spirit! They had 2 days where 100% of their class dressed up. Way to go 10th grade! The HC Pep Band kicked the pep fest off to a great start. Watching Mr. Olig with an orange inside the foot of a pair of nylons on his head, trying to knock down a water bottle was PRICELESS!!! The games were fun and the cheering was loud! The boys and girls basketball teams both played Friday night against the Onamia Panthers. The girls worked hard for a victory. The boys' game was a nail biter! They played into overtime, not once, but twice! The Panthers ended up scoring, but what a great game. After the basketball games, the HC Club hosted a dance. Kids Plus followed up the dance with a lock-in. Crazy Fun! This year's Winter Fest was a blast! Can't wait until next year!



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Committee Assignments for 2014

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

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Mark Meyer (Tom Fasteland, Alt.)
Tom Fasteland and Mark Meyer
(Brent Welk, Alt.)
Martha Lentz (Jessica Lathrop, Alt.)
Tom Fasteland and Martha Lentz
Jessica Lathrop
Sue Kaslow
Brent Welk
Sue Kaslow
Tom Fasteland
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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



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

Free and Confidential
24-hour Assistance
218-326-5008
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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 Tom Fasteland at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 29, 2014.

Roll Call showed the following members present: Tom Fasteland, Sue Kaslow, Martha Lentz, Jessica Lathrop, Brent Welk, and Mark Meyer. Board Members absent: None. Also present was Superintendent/Principal Dean Yocum.

1. Approved the Agenda with additions.
2. Approved the following:
 - *Minutes of the Workshop Session of December 11, 2013;
 - *Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 17, 2013;
 - *Minutes of the Organization Meeting of January 9, 2014;
 - *December 2013 bills presented for payment;
 - *Current bills through 01/09/14;
 - *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. Hogle Bus was here to analyze all buses on January 29, 2014.
6. Student Council: no report.
7. System Accountability Committee: Jessica Lathrop reported they discussed Student Success; curriculum for language arts and science; and also discussed how I-pads are being distributed. Surveys have been delayed but are being worked on. The next meeting is scheduled for March 18, 2014.
8. School and Community Health Committee: Martha Lentz reported on the school assessment report, stating that it is mainly focused on child obesity in the school. This is a top priority with the State Health Improvement Plan. March 20, 2014 is the Health Fair. The next meeting is set for February 20, 2014.
9. Safety/Transportation Committee: No report.
10. They are meeting with HCUE and AFSCME.
11. Mark Meyer was appointed as alternate on the negotiation committee.
12. Community Education Programmer Jessica Lathrop reported they will be setting up a Community Education Advisory Board meeting. Kids Plus is working on plans for the lock-in on February 14, 2014 in conjunction with Winterfest.
13. Maintenance Supervisor report: None to report.
14. Superintendent/Principal Yocum reported there will be training of staff on I-pads with the remainder of the Blandin grant from IASC. They are working on a survey for parents and students on the Pathways to Student Success program.
15. Approved hiring Jessie Ahonen as long term paraprofessional substitute for 5.5 hours per day while school is in session for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year with a salary to be set according to the current AFSCME agreement.
16. Adopted the Annual Resolution Supporting the IASC

Network.

17. Accepted the letter of retirement from Elizabeth Halsey effective May 30, 2014 and to approve to post for an elementary teacher if needed.
18. Discussion was held on preliminary staffing needs for the 2014-2015 school year. No action is needed.
19. Adopted the Resolution Directing the Administration to Make Recommendation for Reductions in Programs and Positions.
20. Accepted the resignation from Langdon Spangler as Girls' Head Basketball Coach effective at the end of the 2013-2014 basketball season and to post for this position.
21. Tom Fasteland attended the 2014 MSBA Leadership Conference on January 16-17, 2014. He stated there was good discussion at the trust fund seminar and overall the conference was good.
22. Meeting adjourned at 8:12 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.



Attention: The Hill City 10th grade class will be having a HEGGIES PIZZA FUNDRAISER, March 17th through April 7th.

PRICES CAN'T BE BEAT!

Sausage-\$8	Pepperoni-\$8	Double Cheese-\$8
Sausage & Mushroom-\$9	Sausage & Pepperoni-\$9	Italian Inferno-\$9
Deluxe-\$10	Breakfast-\$10	Six Pack -\$10
South Western-\$11	Alfredo-\$11	

Contact a sophomore, Mr. Spangler, or Mrs. Hidde to place your order!



HILL CITY SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

Second Quarter 2013-2014

Grade 12	Grade 11	Grade 10	Grade 9	Grade 8	Grade 7
A	A	A	A	A	A
Izaiah Bishop	Brittany Benson	Noah Bishop	Lane Gerber	Izabella Bishop	Athena Dunham
Tyler Hesse	Alexandra Blanchard	Allyssa Butler	Selket Jewett	Jeremiah Butler	Taya Gillmer
Nathan Oukrop	Emily Bounds	Chris James	Hayley Lathrop		Kierra Nickels
Sawyer Passig	Tess Hatfield	Brady Kingsley		B	
	Jadey Hopkins	Aurora Schuety	B	Matthew Nielsen	B
B	Jenna Ihle	Carly Welk	Kailey Gilmer		Delaney Finke
Sophia Jenkins	Jessica Ihle		Brendon Gould		Sigrid Jewett
Jordan Johnson	Brianna Mager	B	Madison Lathrop		Grace Kuhlmann
Courtney Welk	Mandi McNeil	Chase Ahonen	Kix Martin		Katira Lutterman
	Phillip Niesen	Emmalee Gerber	Mark Meyer		Raelynn Schuety
	Dale Simmens	Kelsey Harstad	Brady Wagner		Bailey Wheeler
	Haylee Smith	Autumn Hess	Joseph Washburn		
		Eric Watkins	Andrew Yotter		
	B	Mason Watkins			
	Hallie Bishop				
	Tyler Hamilton				
	Samantha Katzenberger				
	Darrick Lee				
	Tina Pontius				
	Kyle Swanson				



Congratulations!

ideas for parents

Practical Suggestions for Building Assets in Your Child

EAST FACTS

**ASSET #7:
Community
Values Youth**

Youth are more likely to grow up healthy when they perceive that adults in the community value youth.

20%
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. "Community values youth" is one of four empowerment assets.

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

Learning from Perceptions

Our perceptions make a big difference in how we feel and act. When we perceive that a place is dangerous, we will avoid going there. When we sense that someone could hurt us, we try to protect ourselves.

From an early age, children perceive who is warm and friendly and who is cold and distant. They crawl into laps of people who interact with them, hug them and play with them. They run from aggressive, barking dogs and adults who yell.

As children grow older, they still quickly sense where they are wanted and where they 'get in the way.' How does your child perceive adults in your community? Does your child feel that adults take seriously the opinions



and ideas of children? Does your child have opportunities to participate, serve, lead, and make decisions within your community? Does your child feel that your community is a good place for children and youth?

Your child's perceptions can tell you a lot about your community, the adults in your community, and what needs to happen so that children and youth feel their community values youth. Your child's perceptions are important parameters. Check them often.

Rate Your Community

With your child, check the parts of your community that value children and youth:

- Your family
- Your school
- Your neighborhood
- Social services you know
- Your congregation
- Youth organizations you know
- Businesses you know
- Your library
- Your health care provider
- Your city government
- Your community education
- Your overall community

time together

Three ways to improve your child's perceptions of your community, and vice versa:

1. Attend a family community event together.
2. Take a community class on a topic such as an art, exercise, or computers.
3. Invite a neighbor family to have a picnic with your family at one of your community parks.

3 Ways to Build This Asset



Children and youth perceive that the community and adults value them when:

1. Adults take time to be with them.
2. Adults listen and take seriously what they have to say.
3. Adults seek out young people and solicit their feedback.

Quick Tip:
Serve on a community committee and promote asset building.

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ISD #1, Hill City ISD #2, McGregor ISD #4, Mille
Lacs Band District II, Aitkin County Corrections,
Aitkin County Health & Human Services)

More Stuff You Can Use

Creating Community Anywhere. This book defines what community is and why it is necessary. Also included are practical ways to build community. (Available from Jeremy F. Tarcher Books, Penguin Putnam Publishing Group, 390 Murray Hill Parkway, East, Rutherford, NJ 07073; 1-800-633-8571)

talk together

Questions to discuss with your child:

- Overall, do you feel our community values children and young people? Why or why not?
- What makes you feel valued at home?
- At school? In the community?
- Which adults help you feel empowered and valuable? Why?

FINAL WORD

"Let us put our heads together and see what life we will make for our children."

—Sitting Bull, Lakota leader

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Daily Learning Planner: Ideas Parents Can Use to Help Children Do Well in School—Try a New Idea Every Day!

1. Choose an interesting "person of the week" to learn about. Read more about this person with your child.
2. Help your child find a website that demonstrates how to make things. Let her choose a project, then provide supplies and time to work.
3. Give your child a big hug today.
4. Ask your child to give you a "six o'clock report." He should pretend he's a news anchor and tell you about his day.
5. Have your child list things that will break if dropped.
6. Ask your child, "What is the kindest thing anyone has ever done for you?"
7. Encourage your child to draw a picture of herself.
8. Ask your child, "What would you like to study in college when you're older?"
9. Challenge your child to invent something to make life easier.
10. Talk about the Golden Rule with your child. "Do unto others ..."
11. Find the positive side of a difficult situation. For example, "This checkout line is long. Let's play a game while we wait."
12. Challenge your child to write an advertisement for a product he uses.
13. Ask your child to use a "radio announcer voice" as she reads aloud to you.
14. Ask your child to rewrite a headline in the newspaper.
15. Dedicate a day to helping the environment.
16. Fly a kite with your child if the weather allows.
17. Challenge your child to reorganize your food pantry this week.
18. Take a walk with your child.
19. Play Go Fish with your child.
20. Draw a picture of a body on a sheet of paper. Have your child research and create a map of the inside of the body.
21. Ask your child to list five words that describe him. Are you surprised by what he listed?
22. Play music while your family does chores today.
23. Ask your child to list ideas for a new flavor of ice cream.
24. Ask your child, "What is the nicest thing a teacher ever said or did for you?"
25. Give your child some objects to organize.
26. Talk to your child about how recycling is one way to help save natural resources.
27. Get to know your town. Look in the newspaper for a list of things to do. Which ones appeal to your child?
28. Suggest that your child write to her favorite author.
29. Plan an indoor or outdoor picnic with your child as the weather allows.
30. Make raisins dance. Add a few to a glass of clear soda. They will rise as bubbles collect and fall after bubbles pop at the surface.
31. Open an atlas and point to a country. With your child, figure out what time it is there.



Helping Children Learn

IDEAS AND ACTIVITIES CAN HELP CHILDREN DO BETTER IN SCHOOL

Helping Children Learn

Tips Families Can Use to Help Children Do Better in School

March 2014

Hill City Elementary School
Go Hornets!

Establish priorities and healthy habits for standardized test success

Many elementary schools use yearly standardized tests to find out how their teachers and students are doing. Sometimes the tests have big effects, such as determining school funding, so kids need to be prepared. Remember though, that one test doesn't measure your child's total abilities.

To enable your child to do his best on standardized tests:

- **Make school a priority.** Students who do well on tests, teachers say, tend to be the ones who study and finish homework on time. They also miss less school than kids who don't do as well.
- **Develop healthy routines.** Kids need plenty of sleep and a nutritious breakfast every day before school. Your child should also pack supplies and choose outfits at night to make mornings less stressful.
- **Talk to the teacher about test details.** Which skills does the test measure? Ask your child's teacher: "Should my child study for this test at home?" and "How can I help?"
- **Promote reading.** Many tests require reading, so make sure your child reads often. (Magazines or comic books still count!)
- **Reduce anxiety.** Some kids like to take timed practice tests at home. But as test day approaches, focus on relaxation. Stay positive and calm. If your child is worried, he can take some deep breaths. Be sure he knows he has your love and support no matter what.



Source: "Standardized Tests," Scholastic.com, www.scholastic.com/parents/resources/article/study-skills-test-taking/standardized-tests-prepare-and-improve-results

Tackle the tough times with grit

What do spelling champions, good athletes, and honor roll students have in common? It's a quality known as *grit*—the ability to stick with something even when it's hard.

People who persist when faced with challenges are most likely to be successful, in school and in life. Luckily, grit is something that can be developed and strengthened. You'll encourage your child if you:

- **Emphasize starting.** People with grit don't put off unpleasant tasks. "You work on your math. I'll clean these drawers. Let's see what we can do in 15 minutes."

- **Focus on the outcome.** "We'll get to buy a new television we can all enjoy later since we are saving money now."
- **Reinforce how good it feels** to finish a tough task. "You did your homework. Now you can relax and enjoy yourself."

Source: A. Duckworth and others, "Grit: Perseverance and Passion for Long-Term Goals," *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*, Vol. 97, No. 6, American Psychological Association.

Strategy improves reading

Your child will be a better reader if you teach her how to think about what she's reading. Ask: "What does the title tell you?" "Can you predict what will happen?" "Can you summarize the story?" Next time, have her ask—and answer—the questions herself.



Source: "Reading Strategies," Panhandle Area Educational Consortium, www.paec.org/david/reading/general.pdf

Make time to connect

They say kids spell love T-I-M-E. But how does a busy parent find the time to stay involved with a child's life and learning? Try to:

- **Add in short breaks.** You're working and your child is doing homework. Say, "Let's work until 7:00, then read together."
- **Plan one-on-one time.** Seeing "Mom and Sandy" on the calendar for Monday will help when Saturday is frantic.
- **Send a love note:** with lunch, via email, on his pillow.



Source: R. Silverman, "No Time? 3 Tips to Spend Time with Children When You Have No Time to Spare," <http://troyurl.com/mnl7a12>

Planning is good thinking

The ability to make a plan, and then to judge its success and revise it, is a critical skill for children. Research shows that kids who think ahead have stronger reading skills and richer vocabularies than others.

Planning involves choice with intention. (If I want to build a tall tower, I need a stable base.) To help your child make a plan:

1. **Ask questions** about possible pitfalls.
2. **Carry out** the plan soon.
3. **Reflect together** on how it worked.

Source: A.S. Epstein, "How Planning and Reflection Develop Young Children's Thinking Skills," *Young Children*, September 2003.

Q&A Just how much 'help' should I give my child on a project?

Q: It's science fair time again. My child actually enjoys working on a project every year. I try to be helpful, but I always remember that it's her project, not mine. The problem is that at our school, most of the projects that win awards are clearly done by parents. (I don't know any third graders who can construct a model of a nuclear reactor.) So what do I do—give in and help her produce a "winning" project? Or let her do the work and be disappointed when she doesn't get a ribbon?

A: It's not going to make your daughter feel better, but she's actually the one who is the big "winner" when she has done the work herself. She has learned how to be responsible for carrying out a project from start to finish. And she's learned something about science in the process.

But tell that to a third grader who just wants a ribbon. And when parents are competing with third graders, the chances are that the parents will come out on top.

You have a couple of choices. Perhaps this year you could get involved with planning the fair. You might even volunteer to coordinate the judging. That way, judges could focus more on projects children did themselves.

You also need to help your daughter set her expectations. Talk about how she really is a winner because of what she's learned. And let her know that you are really proud of her, whether she gets a ribbon or not.



Parent Quiz Do you handle arguments effectively?

Arguing kids drive parents out of their minds. And quarrels in school can be disruptive to the class. Are you doing what you can to reduce disagreements with your child in your home? Answer *yes* or *no* to each statement.

1. **I don't engage** if my child starts to argue. I say, "This is not something we are going to argue about."
2. **I give my child choices.** "You may take out the trash or empty the dishwasher."
3. **I don't ask "Will you?"** Instead, I state what I expect my child to do.
4. **I use body language.** Sometimes a look can convey a lot.
5. **I don't get angry.** But I do enforce the rules.

How did you score?

Each *yes* answer means you are taking effective steps to put a stop to arguments in your house. For each *no*, try that tip from the quiz.



Stop problem behavior before it starts

When it comes to discipline, don't wait until after a problem arises. Instead, think about ways to prevent it in the first place. Does your child have a bad habit—getting up too late for the bus, for example—that you'd like to change? To move in a positive direction:

- **Predict.** Knowing a behavior is likely to occur lets you think of ways to prevent it.
- **Prepare.** Brainstorm ways to correct the issue—organize clothes the night before.
- **Practice.** Try out your solutions—see if she can beat her best time getting dressed.

Source: L.R. Griffin, *Negotiation Grammar: Take Back Your Parental Authority Without Punishment*, Berkeley Publishing Group.

Help your child read to learn

There is a lot of great fiction for young readers to enjoy. But reading for information is also important in school. To help your child get the facts:

- **Save news articles** about his interests.
- **Browse the internet** for more on a subject he's studying.
- **Add nonfiction** to read-aloud time.



Try bringing books to life

The advantages of reading to your child are many, but research suggests kids learn a lot from "active reading," too. More study is needed, but meanwhile, it's fun to:

- **Play dress up.** After you read, dress up as favorite characters.
- **Put on a play.** Write a short skit with your child using words from a book he likes. Perform it as a puppet show, too.
- **Do a dramatic reading.** Take turns acting the story out.

Source: S. Sparks, "Studies Find Students Learn More by 'Acting Out' Text," *Education Week*, <http://tinyurl.com/6qj17u6>

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**City of Hill City
Council Meeting
February 11, 2014
(these are unapproved minutes)**

**City of Hill City
Council Meeting
February 11, 2014 (continued)
(these are unapproved minutes)**

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/RollCall

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, Audrey Baratto, Joni Golden and Nate Rollins.

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

2. Consent Agenda

Council member Rollins pulled the PC Refresh invoices off from the Consent Agenda.

Motion made by Baker to approve the Consent Agenda without the PC Refresh invoices, second by Baratto. Motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

3. Public Forum

There was no one present from the public.

4. Additions or Corrections Agenda

There were no additions or corrections to the Agenda.

5. Reports

Maintenance/Water/Sewer/Parks/Airports/Street

• George Casper reported that the new city pickup is now in Minnesota so we should be receiving it soon.

• There have been quite a few water freeze-ups. The Hill City Assembly of God church, the Lutheran church and the Hill Lake Café. The Hill Lake Café cannot be thawed due to some plastic piping so they will be running off from a garden hose attached to a hydrant until June. The billings for water thaws will be split with the business/citizens on a 50/50 basis if it cannot be determined where the freeze-up is.

• Mailings will be sent out immediately in regard to having all citizens and businesses run their water 24/7 until May 26th due to the freeze-ups and the frost levels. Their bills will be averaged so they will not be paying for the extra water usage.

• There was a sewer main on Summit Ave. that was also froze. The frost is below the manhole, approximately 5 feet down from the surface.

• The Hill City Lions Club had their ice fishing contest down by the Hill Lake Beach on the 8th of February.

Everyone seemed happy with the location move of the contest so it will probably be held at the Hill Lake Park again next year.

Fire Department

Police Chief Jeff Madsen reported that a mobile home had burnt down. There had been talk going around about the length of time it took the Fire Department to get to the scene. Madsen had checked into this and from the time the 911 was received to the time that the Fire Department reported being at the scene was 10 minutes.

Police Department

• Police Chief Madsen reported that he has been exceptionally busy on a case and with domestic and disturbance calls. There had been a domestic call every day last week.

• Madsen had the decals on the old squad removed as they were

starting to fall off. The transmission is currently being repaired in the Ford Explorer squad and it is also being checked for some possible bearings replacement. The approximate cost of this will be around \$5,000.00.

• Chief Madsen also asked the Council if the Police Department could obtain a credit card for when they are out of town for gas purchases and miscellaneous things that may come up. This card would be just another card on the current account that the city has.

Motion made by Rollins to obtain a credit card for the Police Department and also a credit card for the Maintenance Department, second by Golden. Motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

Mayor

Mayor Baker said that he was thankful that everyone was keeping up with things.

Clerk

• Clerk McManigle reported that she had contacted attorney Shari Larson from McGregor to work on acquiring an Attorneys Certificate of Title as Fee Owner for Bear Park. This is being done since the city already maintains the park and also so that the Hill City Lions Club could place an electronic sign in the park. Currently, MNDOT will not allow a sign to be placed there.

• Clerk McManigle is checking on the city being able to accept debit and credit cards. Currently the city does not accept these because of the fees that are involved with this.

• The Rural Development State Office is doing a routine check of Area Office files and the Hill City Sewer Pond project was picked for a review. They want to conduct this on Wednesday, 2/19/14.

• Clerk McManigle also informed the Council that the league of Minnesota Cities are conducting Safety & Loss Control workshops and that her, Jeff Madsen and George Casper would like to go to the one in Bemidji in March. The cost is only \$20.00 per person for the day. Also, Minnesota Rural Water has training for Clerks on most any subjects that you may need. The trainer comes to City Hall and they charge \$75.00 per hour with no mileage charges, motel charges, etc. The Council thought that this a good price and probably was cheaper than sending someone to training. Also, Clerk McManigle is to check to see how many people they would train at one time and possibly see if some Clerks from the surrounding towns might like to come and share the cost of the trainer.

Council

• Council member Golden stated that the League of Minnesota Cities had posted that there was \$800,000.00 in grant money available for Memorial Parks. The deadline for the applications is March 7, 2014.

• Council member Lange had received a complaint in regard to the late fee for water and sewer being too high and being applied if you were \$1.00 or more late. He would like to see it changed to having the late fee of \$25.00 being applied if you were \$10.00 or more late. The Clerk had asked the two previous Councils to make this change before but to no avail. Due to the fact that the

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entire fee schedule is being revamped, this will be something that is looked into at the next meeting.

- Council member Rollins reported that he and Council member Lange had been to the League of Minnesota Cities Experienced Officials training on “Dealing with Difficult People”.

Committee Reports

Personnel Council member Golden reported that the Personnel Committee had been meeting and had developed a Performance Review form for the Councils approval. Golden also told the Council that they would need to decide on when to give the reviews, i.e. on the employees anniversary date, all employees at the same time, etc. Department heads would be doing the Performance Reviews for their departmental staff and the full Council would be doing the Performance Reviews for the department heads.

Motion made by Rollins to adopt the Performance Review form as presented with initial reviews being done within 30 days and then follow-up reviews on the approximate employees anniversary dates, second by Lange. Motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

Council member Golden also presented to the Council a proposal for a City Administrator. Golden explained the position would report directly to the Council, be the “go to” person for all staff, seek grants, develop numerous policies that the city needs to have in place, do Performance Reviews, and numerous other duties. There was Council discussion on this with the majority of Council stating that they could not see having three individuals in the office. This was tabled until the March 12, 2014 meeting for Council members to do more research and have more questions answered.

Facilities/Equipment There was nothing reported.

Land Use Council member Rollins wanted our City Attorney to look into our Building/Zoning Permit ordinance in regard to Public Nuisances, unpaid taxes, etc. prior to issuing permits for the town as a whole.

6. Old Business

A. Fee Schedule

The Fee Schedule was discussed and it was tabled until the March 12, 2014 meeting and have Clerk McManigle and Deputy Clerk Meyer develop a fee schedule to present to the Council for amendments or changes.

Motion made by Rollins to table the Fee Schedule until the March 12, 2014 meeting, second by Baker. Motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

B. Snow Plow Policy

The Snow Plow Policy was tabled until the March 12, 2014 meeting.

C. City Attorney

Clerk McManigle had contacted three attorneys that were interested in becoming the City’s official attorney. The three were: Shari Larson from McGregor, Heinrich Brucker from Aitkin and Brad Person from Brainerd. These attorneys are attorneys that other cities in the area have or are currently using as their City Attorneys. Clerk McManigle had also spoken with other Cities Clerks and

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(these are unapproved minutes)

Council members, etc. for references.

Motion made by Rollins to appoint Brad Person from Breen & Person, LTD out of Brainerd as Hill City’s Attorney at an annual fee of \$3,708.06 (90% of the average of the last five years paid to the City Attorney), second by Golden. Motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

D. SEH – Housing Grant & Park Grant

City Engineer SEH is currently looking for Housing and Park Grants for the City. Council member Rollins said that he would like to see the playground equipment at the Hill Lake Park updated.

7. New Business

A. Garage Door Quotes

George Casper presented the Council with two quotes to replace the garage door at the Maintenance Shop.

Motion made by Lange to approve the installation of the garage door through Rapid Garage Door & Awning at a price of \$3,301.50, second by Rollins. Motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

B. Water/Sewer Bills – Hardship Cases

The Council wanted the new City Attorney contacted in regard of what the City can and cannot do for citizens experiencing hardships.

C. Water/Sewer – Rosemary Amundson/Washburn Lot

There was discussion on the lot that Rosemary Amundson rents out and the mobile that had burnt down. There is no residence there and Council felt that the base water/sewer charges should not have to be paid on this lot until another residence is there.

Motion made by Rollins to suspend the \$55.00 base water/sewer charges until the city can check with their attorney as to if this is legal, second by Baker. Motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

Motion made by Lange to approve the two invoices for payment for PC Refresh, second by Baker. Motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

Council member Golden made a statement that her intentions of proposing for a City Administrator was to help the City and not to have anyone terminated in the process.

Motion made by Rollins to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m., second by Golden. Motion carried with all member present voting in favor.

(Due to Hill Lake Township elections, the Council meeting in March will be March 12, 2014 versus March 11, 2014).

Diana McManigle,
Clerk/Treasurer

Organizations and Events

Benefit for Bruce Gould

March 2, Sunday 2:00-6:00 p.m.

Chili Feed

Silent Auction

Jacobson Community Center

Sponsored by Carmel Lutheran,
Jacobson Fire Department, NCMn
Farm and Antique Association

Supplemental funds by Thrivent Financial Central Lakes
Chapter 31300

St. Urho's Day Pancake Breakfast

Jacobson Community Center

Saturday, March 15, 2014

8:00 to noon

All are welcome!

Supplemental funds by Thrivent Financial Central Lakes
Chapter 31300

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 March 10 at 1:00 p.m. Hostess
is Pat Jarvi. Want to join us? Call Marsha
326-6865.

Ball Bluff Township

Ball Bluff Board Meeting Thursday, March
13, 2014, at the Jacobson Community
Center for the Board meeting at 7:00 p.m.
All residents are encouraged to come and
participate.

**Jacobson Community Center Hall and
Kitchen** is available for rental. Call Vickie
Herman 752-1511.

ECR Library Outreach Program will be
meeting every other Thursday at 9:00 a.m.
at the Jacobson Community Center
March 13 and 27. Want to join the book
club? It meets the third Thursday of the

month at the Community Center. Call Harriet
for more information, 752-6699.

Jacobson Food Shelf

During March, the Jacobson Food Shelf will be
participating in 2 fund raisers, the Minnesota
Food Share Campaign and the Feinstein
Foundation Million Dollar Challenge. Donations
of money and food will be reported to both of
these organizations and will earn a
proportionate share of the money collected by
Hunger Solutions and of the \$1,000,000 given
away by Alan Shawn Feinstein. Donations can
be sent to Jacobson Food Shelf, P. O. Box 616,
Jacobson, MN 55752 or brought to Carmel
Lutheran Church.

During March, the Jacobson Food Shelf will be
open on the first and third Thursday at Carmel
Lutheran Church from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. March
6 and March 20. For more information or for
emergency service, call 218-426-4799, 752-
1062, or 752-6618.

Jacobson Fire & Rescue

Interested in Joining the Jacobson Volunteer Fire and Rescue?

There will be free training for new recruits in
January.

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 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. nites at 7:00 to 8:00 PM.

Carmel Lutheran Church

Everyone welcome.

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

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218-697-8289
 PO Box 287
 Hill City, MN



The Whitetail Inn
MOTEL

FUN IS RIGHT OUT YOUR FRONT DOOR
Many trails for walking, biking, snowmobiling, and 4-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.

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218-697-2470




Hill City Area Food Shelf
 2014
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



THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATRONAGE!

Because you shopped with us in 2013, we have been able to donate over \$4,000 in cash and goods to help meet the needs of our community! With your support we will continue to do everything that we can do to help our community.

Thank You!






The Hill City Thrift Shop
 Thursday through Saturday
 9-5



Handy Gal

Household Cleaning Services

Weekly, Bi-weekly, or Monthly
 Spring/Fall Cleaning, Windows, Painting,
 Sewing, Gardening and Yard Work

Call Bonnie Lindquist (218) 697-2724

BENEFIT FOR
Bruce Gould
March 2nd 2PM-6PM

If impossible roads, show date March 5th, same time.

At the Jacobson Community Center
3 miles south of SH 200 on Aitkin Co 10 (River Road)



**Cancer Messed With
The Wrong MAN!**

Chill Feed, Silent Auction, 50/50 Raffle, Fellowship!

\$10.00 donation, all proceeds go to Bruce

Donations Payable to: Jacobson Community Center.

Memorandum For Bruce Gould Benefit.

Mail to Jacobson VFD, PO Box 603, Jacobson MN. 55752

Sponsors/Contributors: Jacobson Community Center, Carmel Lutheran Church, Thrivent, Jacobson Volunteer Fire Dept, N. Central Minnesota Farm & Antique Ass'n.

Questions? call Harriet 218-752-6699, Bob 218-349-7222, Jim 218-326-1431

Matching Funds Provided by:  Thrivent Financial for Lutherans



**Hill City Junior Olympic Volleyball
Fundraiser Tournament**
March 22, 2014



The Hill City Junior Olympic Volleyball program would like to welcome you to participate in a co-ed volleyball tournament.

Time: 9:00 am start time – 8:30 am warm up & captain's meeting

Where: Hill City School

Cost: \$80 per team - due on or before the tournament date

Makes checks payable to **Hill City Community Ed**. Checks can be mailed to:

Community Ed Coordinator
Hill City School
500 Lone Ave
Hill City MN 55748

Registration: Team registration **deadline** is Tuesday, March 18th. Register your team with John Weyer at johnpeterweyer@yahoo.com or 218-256-2830

- Pool play seeding for double elimination tournament(s)
- Teams will officiate their own games
- Net height will be played close to men's regulation height
- Each team must have at least 2 females on the court at all times

Any questions or concerns please contact:

John Weyer at johnpeterweyer@yahoo.com or 218-256-2830

Denise Gillson at denisegillson@yahoo.com or 612-251-9105

Greg Bounds at boundsv23@gmail.com or 218-340-5735



A full line of concessions will be available. All support will directly benefit the Hill City Junior Olympics Volleyball program.

 **Hill City
Archery
Tournament**

Hill City School

Sat., March 1

First Flight begins at 9:00 am

Awards at approx. 5:00 pm

Public welcome to attend

To find out more information, contact Michelle at 244-9719

Approximately 500 students competing from these area schools:
MIB, Assumption Catholic (Hibbing), Northwoods, Grand Rapids,
Mesabi East, Northern Lights Charter School and Hill City

Sponsored by: Hill City Comm Ed, SCI & Hill City Archery Club

 **SPAGHETTI
BENEFIT** 

FOR SETH & SARAH (BAILEY) KUHN

Their unborn baby, diagnosed with coarctation of the aorta, will need heart surgery.

They will have an extended stay in the twin cities.

ADULTS \$10

12 & under \$ 5

AUCTION

We appreciate your donations of prizes or baked goods

Please send monetary donations to:

Jeanne Kuhn, PO Box 37, Remer, Mn 56672

5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 14

PIKES BAY TOWN HALL

15514 State Highway 371 NW

Cass Lake, Mn

(2 miles south of Cass Lake)

More info: call 218-341-3490

Supported by Cass Lake area law enforcement

THANK YOU

**Hill City
Little League**



**We are in the need
of a coach this
year... If you are
motivated and would
have an
interest...**



Please contact:
Chad Lathrop
clathrop@hillcity.k12.mn.us

or

218-697-2394 Ext. 178



**T-BALL
Ages: 5-8 yrs**

*If you would be
interested in
becoming a T-Ball
Coach this year please
contact:*



Jessica Lathrop
jlathrop@hillcity.k12.mn.us

or

218-697-2394 Ext. 172



JUDO
(8 week class)

Judo is a self-defense sport in which students will learn basic holds, throws, break falls, safe falls, and balance. Learn confidence and self discipline all while having fun! If you've never taken Judo before now is a great time to start. Wear comfortable clothes.

Fee: \$10.00 payable to Hill City Comm. Ed.
Instructor: Tony Erickson
Days: Wednesday Classes ONLY
Starts: Session 4: Wednesday March 12
Ends: Wednesday April 30
Time: 6:00-8:00 pm

Registration and Fee: First Practice for Each Class
or Send it to School with your Child

For Assistance with fees or Questions call Jessica
218-697-2394 X 172 or jlathrop@hillcity.k12.mn.us

JUDO

Registration: First Practice
for Each Class
FEE: \$10

Students Name: _____
Age: _____ Grade: _____
Contact information:
Home Ph: _____
Cell Ph: _____
Email: _____

_____ has my permission to
participate in the Judo Class.

_____ Wednesday Class ONLY

Parent or Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Return this form, with fee made payable to:
Hill City Community Education
the night of the First Practice or to school with your Child

For assistance with class fees or questions concerning this class,
please contact:

Jessica Lathrop Hill City Community Education
697-2394 X172 or jlathrop@hillcity.k12.mn.us



Dance Team

If you are interested in dance and have school spirit this team is for you! An instructor from the Dreams Come True Dance Studio will be teaching dance and routines that will be used at some high school sporting events.

Fee: \$55 per 8 week session
(payable to Hill City Community Ed)
Instructor: Dreams Come True Dance
Studio Instructors

Ages: K-8th grade

Session 3: March 18th to May 6th

Time: 6:00pm-7:30pm In the Assembly

This Class has a Minimum of at least 8 Dancers
For assistance with class fees or questions, please call
Jessica @ Hill City Community Education at :
697-2394 X172 jlathrop@hillcity.k12.mn.us



After School Art!

After School Art is being offered twice a month!
It will be the *SECOND* and *FOURTH* Thursday of
each month

3:15-4:30

Please Join us!

**It's a Great Program to
Expand your Creativity and
Share your Talents!**

Who: **ALL** students are invited!

Time: 3:15-4:30pm

Where: The Art Room

Cost: \$10 per month or \$25.00 for the remainder of the year
(There is a \$110.00 Cap on Yearly Registration for Families with Multiple Children)

This program does not require registration but it is helpful to determine the amount of supplies needed.

If you have any questions or need assistance with fees please contact Jessica at 697-2394 x. 172 or at
jlathrop@hillcity.k12.mn.us



Dance Team

FEE: \$55.00/ 8wk session
This Class has a minimum of 8 Dancers

Students Name: _____

Age: _____ Grade: _____

Contact information:

Home Ph: _____

Work Ph: _____

Cell Ph: _____

Email: _____

_____ has my permission
to participate on the Dance Team.

Parent or Guardian Signature

Date

Return this form, with fee made payable to
Hill City Community Education

For assistance with class fees or questions concerning this class,
please contact:

Jessica @ Hill City Community Education at 697-2394 X172
jlathrop@hillcity.k12.mn.us

After School Art!

3:15-4:30pm

\$10 per month or \$25 for the remainder of the year

(There is a \$110.00 Cap on Yearly Registration for Families with Multiple Children)

Name: _____

Grade: _____

Contact Information:

Phone: _____

Email: _____

_____ Rest of the Year

_____ Month by Month

_____ has my permission to
participate in the After School Art program.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

If you have any questions or concerns please contact
Jessica at 697-2394 x. 172 or at
jlathrop@hillcity.k12.mn.us





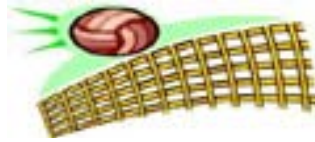
Basketball Open Gym

You will now be able to purchase a Season Pass for each session of Open Gym or the Whole Year.

A Session 2 pass will be required

**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



Adult Volleyball Open Gym

You will now be able to purchase a Season Pass for each session of Open Gym.

If you have not purchased a Whole year pass then a new one will be required at this time.

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

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

Just a Note...

*There will be
NO Open Gym
on Wednesday
March 19th.
The gym will
be in use that
evening.*

Thank you

If you wish to purchase an Open Gym Season-

Pass.... which includes:

OPEN GYM

SUNDAY 6-8pm (Basketball)

WEDNESDAY 7-9pm (Volleyball)

AND (Excluding Holidays)

CARDIO ROOM

MONDAY-FRIDAY 6-8:30am

SUNDAY 6-8pm

WEDNESDAY 6-8pm

Students: \$10.00/session \$15.00/Yr
Community: \$20.00/session \$40.00/Yr
Family Pass: \$30.00/session \$60.00/Yr.

If you have not purchased a full year then a new pass will be required at this time.

Return or Send Payment and this Form to the School: You will receive your pass at your next visit to Open Gym

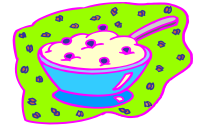
NAME: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

500 Ione Ave. Hill City MN, 55748



ISD #2 Breakfast Menu March 2014



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



ISD #2 Lunch Menu March 2014

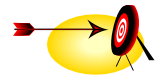


Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3 Pork Patty/Bun Peas, Applesauce Salad Bar, Milk	4 Chow Mein Rice, Fruit Salad Bar, Milk	5 Minestrone Soup Grilled Cheese Salad Bar, Fruit	6 Chicken Fajita Rice, Fruit Salad Bar, Milk	7 Sloppy Joe/Bun Potato Coins Green Beans	8
9 Lunch - OFFERED DAILY: Milk, Salad Bar Choice of Fruit	10 Chicken Nuggets Sweet Potato Fries Corn, Fruit	11 Chicken Penne/ White Sauce, Peas, Bread	12 Chicken Noodle Soup, Ham Sandwich, Fruit	13 Ham Augratins Broccoli, Roll Fruit, Milk	14 Sub Sandwich Corn Chips Fruit, Milk	15
16	17 Corn Dog Sweet Potato Fries Broccoli, Fruit	18 Macaroni Hotdish Green Beans, Roll, Apple Slices	19 Wild Rice Soup Ham Sandwich Salad Bar, Fruit	20 Burrito, Rice Salad Bar Pineapple, Milk	21 NO SCHOOL	22
23	24 Hamburger/Bun Green Beans, Tots, Fruit	25 Chicken Rotini Marinara, Peas Roll, Fruit	26 Chili, Corn Bread Salad Bar, Fruit Milk	27 Cheese Quesadilla Salad Bar, Fruit, Milk	28 Hot Dog, Tots Baked Beans, Coleslaw, Fruit	29
30	31 Breaded Chicken Patty/Bun, Cheese Beans, Fruit					Menu subject to change at anytime

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 500 Ione Avenue
 Hill City, MN 55748

Hill City, MN 55748
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 Permit No. 3

Local Boxholder Hill City, MN 55748



ISD #2 Activities March 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Archery Tourney Home 9 am GBB vs Crosby AB Away 3:30
2 Cardio 6-8 pm VB Open Gym 4-6 Gym A BB Open Gym 6-8 Gym A & B	3 Cardio 6-8:30 am	4 Cardio 6-8:30 am	5 Cardio 6-8:30 am VB Open Gym 7-9 Gym A	6 Cardio 6-8:30 am	7 Cardio 6-8:30 am	8
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