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Hill City Elementary Presents Their Music Program

On Friday, December 14th, Mr. Kneeland led his elementary students in a wonderful Christmas concert. As usual, the gym was full, as proud parents, grandparents, friends and family heard the students sing a variety of Christmas songs, as well as performances by the Elementary band. The fun filled concert was followed by refreshments. So wonderful to see the families and community come out in full force to support our kids. Great job, Mr. Kneeland!



Sixth Grade



Second Grade



Fifth Grade



First Grade



Fourth Grade





Third Grade



Elementary Band

Hill City Elementary Music Program (continued)



Pictured above are the many soloists who performed during the Elementary Music Program! A huge thank you to Maggie Skelton for accompanying the students on the piano!!

What is Early Childhood Screening?

Early Childhood Screening is a simple, careful check regarding:

- *Height/Weight
- *Vision
- *Hearing
- *Parent Summary
- *Health History

*Immunizations

*General Development

*Speech/Language *Motor Skills *Nutrition

This screening is required by law for kindergarten entrance in Minnesota public schools. The purpose of this screening is to identify any health or developmental needs your child may have. Children may be screened between the ages of 3 and 5, however early screening is encouraged to best meet the needs of your child. The school district is reimbursed part of the cost of screening by the state and reimbursement rate is higher the younger the age of the child.

The Hill City Spring Early Childhood Screening is scheduled for:

Thursday, January 24, 2013

Call for an appointment: 697-2394 ext. 102

*Baby Step Coupons given for screening (3 for age three, 2 for age four, 1 for age five)

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Committee Assignments for 2012

<u>Committee</u> MSHSL Legislative Representative 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

Greg Bounds Sue Kaslow (Tom Fasteland, Alt.) Sue Kaslow, Martha Lentz, and Greg Bounds (Tom Fasteland, Alt.) Martha Lentz (Mike Murphy, Alt.) Jodi Gulbraa (Greg Bounds, Alt.) Mike Murphy and Tom Fasteland (Greg Bounds, Alt.) Jodi Gulbraa (Martha Lentz, Alt.) Tom Fasteland and Martha Lentz Mike Murphy Sue Kaslow Tom Fasteland Jodi Gulbraa Tom Fasteland Greg Bounds, Tom Fasteland Sue Kaslow (Jodi Gulbraa, Alt.)

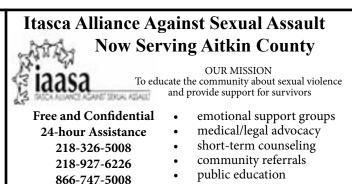
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KMFY	Grand Rapids	96.9 FM
WTBX	Grand Rapids	93.9 FM
KAXE	Grand Rapids	91.7 FM

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 Patty at (218) 697-2394, ext. 104



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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 Jodi Gulbraa at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, November 26, 2012.

Roll Call showed the following members present: Martha Lentz, Jodi Gulbraa, Tom Fasteland, Sue Kaslow, and Jessica Lathrop. Board Members absent: None. Also present was Superintendent/Principal Dean Yocum, Business Manager Ellie Hill, Maintenance Supervisor Eric Hill, Auditor Carl Nordquist, Nor-Tran, Inc. representatives, and a few visitors.

- 1. Administered Oath of Office to Jessica Lathrop.
- 2. Approved the Agenda as presented.
- 3. Approved the following:

*Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 22, 2012;

*Minutes of the Special Meeting of November 13, 2012;

*October 2012 bills presented for payment;

*Current bills through 11/08/12;

*Investments and wire transfers;

*Reviewed the Activity Fund Statement;

*Reviewed Cash Receipts including donations.

- 4. Superintendent/Principal Yocum informed the Board that the students will be putting on a play with Mr. Mikles helping them.
- 5. The 2011-2012 Audit Report was reviewed. Thank you to Business Manager Ellie Hill for an excellent job. Approved the 2011-2012 Audit Report.
- 6. There was no report from the School Attorney.
- 7. Dale Juntunen and Mark Schjenken from Nor-Tran, Inc. spoke to us on issues that some of the new buses are having and hoped to soon have resolved.
- 8. Student Council: None to report.
- 9. System Accountability Committee: No meeting.
- 10. School and Community Health Committee met on October 26 and November 16. They discussed Rachel's Challenge. 59 students in grades 7-12 went through two hour training, choosing five focus areas, including media in school and elementary teacher collaboration. Fresh Fruit & Veggie grant was finally approved at \$9177 and got started with the week of October 22. Discussion was held on the Health Fair and a tentative date of March 21 was set, same day as Spring Arts Fair. We are

hoping to do adult focus this year. Liz Dean from Riverside Healthcare came to the October meeting to promote our participation in their programs and Wellness Bingo. Discussion was held on the 5k Walk Run "Hornet Hustle."

- 11. Negotiations Committee: Evaluation needs to be done.
- 12. Community Education Report: No report.
- 13. Maintenance Supervisor Report: We are heating primarily with propane this year versus electric. Tom Fasteland reported on the Safety meeting. There was one staff injury reported last year. The AED's were checked and pads updated. They had an update from McNeil Environmental. Discussion was held on lock down procedures and training on hazardous materials for substitutes.
- 14. No Technology Coordinator update.
- 15. Tara Mattson presented the Continuous Improvement School plan for the 2012-2013 school year.
- 16. Approved the final seniority list for the 2012-2013 school year.
- 17. Approved hiring Laurie Holm as Girls' Basketball Score Bookkeeper, Alan Olson as Girls' and Boys' Basketball Scoreboard Operator, Mary Holsman as Boys' Basketball Score Bookkeeper, and Patty Valley and Tami Meyer as Ticket takers for winter sports for the 2012-2013 school year with a salary of \$25.00 per night.
- 18. Approved an increase in hours for Stacie Moren as paraprofessional from 4.75 hours per day to 6.5 hours per day while school is in session with pay as per current AFSCME Agreement..
- 19. Adopted Resolution Awarding the Sale, Determining the Form and Details, Authorizing the Execution, Delivery, and Registration, and Providing for the Payment of General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2012A.
- 20. The Regular Board Meeting in December is December 17, 2012 at 6:30 p.m.
- 21. The 2013 MSBA Leadership Conference is January 17-18, 2013.
- 22. Martha Lentz attended the MREA conference in November.
- 23. Set the date for the Organizational Meeting in January 2013 for Wednesday, January 2, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.
- 24. Meeting adjourned at 7:26 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.

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 Jodi Gulbraa at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, December 17, 2012.

Roll Call showed the following members present: Jodi Gulbraa, Martha Lentz, Sue Kaslow, and Jessica Lathrop. Board Members absent: Tom Fasteland. Tom Fasteland arrived at 6:37 p.m. Also present was Superintendent/Principal Dean Yocum, Business Manager Ellie Hill, Maintenance Supervisor Eric Hill, and several visitors.

- 1. Approved the Agenda as presented.
- Approved the following:
 *Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 26, 2012;
 - *November 2012 bills presented for payment;
 - *Current bills through 12/07/12;
 - *Investments and wire transfers;
 - *Reviewed the Activity Fund Statement;
 - *Reviewed Cash Receipts including donations.
- 3. No comments and requests from visitors.
- 4. Business Manager Ellie Hill presented the information on School District taxes.
- 5. Set the 2012 Payable 2013 Levy at \$372,165.02.
- 6. There was no report from the School Attorney.
- 7. Approved Facilities Use Agreement with Nor-Tran, Inc.

- 8. Student Council: None to report.
- 9. System Accountability Committee: No meeting.
- 10. School and Community Health Committee: No meeting.
- 11. Negotiations Committee: No meeting.
- 12. Community Education Report: No report.
- 13. Maintenance Supervisor Report: Maintenance Supervisor Eric Hill reported that everything is going fine.
- 14. No Technology Coordinator update.
- 15. Multi-district staff development day is February 19, 2013 and they will be discussing tele-presence classes for 2013-2014 school year.
- Changed the Organizational Board meeting to January 10, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.
- 17. Approved unpaid medical leave for Mendy Oukrop as per request.
- 18. Adopted the At-Risk Youth Multi-Disciplinary Team Resolution.
- 19. Approved the Itasca Co. Probation approval of case consultation agreement.
- 20. The 2013 MSBA Leadership Conference is January 17-18, 2013. Tom Fasteland will be attending.
- 21. Mark Meyer and Jessica Lathrop completed the Phase I and Phase II training in St. Cloud.
- 22. Recognition of Jodi Gulbraa for her service as a Board member.
- 23. Meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

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HILL CITY ELEMENTARY

JANUARY 14th 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm Elementary Gym

Come and join us for a night filled with fun.

BINGO, BOWLING FACE PAINTING, AND MORE Snacks and Prizes provided

For more information contact Tami at 697-8296

This is NOT a drop off event. Parents MUST stay with the kids



Break may be over... but the fun has just begun!

This event is sponsored by the PTO and Community Ed.

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Practical Suggestions for Building Assets in Your Child

FAST FACTS

A Reason to Hope

ASSET #40: Positive View of Personal Future

Youth are more likely to grow up healthy when they are optimistic about their personal future.

> 70% of youth surveyed by Search Institute have this asset in their fives.

What Are Assets?

Assets are 40 key building blocks to help kids succeed. "A positive view of personal future" is one of four positive identity assets.

* Besed on Snarch Institute surveys of almost 100,000 bet. is 124-grade youth Proceptant the Writed Status

Tiktor Frankl is a man who could have lost all hope. During World War II, Frankl was imprisoned in the Nazi concentration camp at Auschwitz. His father, mother, brother, and wife all died in Auschwitz or similar camps. But after living through three degrading years of torture. Frankl was released at the end of the war.

Frankl wrote Man's Search for Meaning based on his experience. In that book, he tells why he continued to be optimistic about the future despite the deplorable, inhuman conditions he lived in

His book continues to provide a source of hope for people in difficult, seemingly hopeless situations. His words of wisdom include:

- There is nothing in the world, I venture to say, that would so effectively help one to survive even the worst conditions as the knowledge that there is meaning in one's life."
- 'He [or she] who has a why to live for can bear with almost any how."
- 'Everything can be taken from a [person] but one thing the last of the human freedomsto choose one's attitude in any given set of

circumstances, to choose one's own way." Although very few if any of us will ever experience the horrifying life of a concentration camp, Frankl's experience reveals the importance of hope. An optimistic, hopeful attitude gives children the courage to venture forward, to make plans, to dream, and to live with the belief that they can accomplish their dreams.

Think and Do

At home focus on solutions instead of problems. Identify areas of hope in difficult situations. Be creative, adjust, and be flexible as you create new ways to deal with old problems.



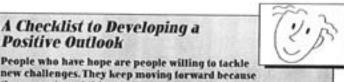
time together

Three ways to help your child become more optimistic about the future:

React positively when your child

. telle you her or his dreama-no matter how far-fetched or unreachable they may seem. Together choose one way to make a dream a reality.

- Point out hopeful signs that you
- 2. see when you're out and about, watching the television or a movie, or reading the newspaper. Encourage your child to do the same. One family clips articles about good things people are doing to improve the world.
- Together draw pictures of your 3. fears about the future. Talk about them and then rip them up. Discuss how you have the power to deal with difficult, scary, and painful situations when they arise.



Quick Tip: The future looks promising when you feel empowered.

talk together

Questions to discuss with your child

- What about the Ruture is exciting? What acaraa spu?
- What age do you thick is the perfect
- oge? Why? Why does it matter how we feel about the fisture?

More Stuff You Can Use

Encouraging a Positive Attitude. This booklet gives practical ideas for building hope. (Available from The Bureau for At-Risk Youth, 135 Dupont Street, Plainwiew, NY 13803-0767(1-800-999-6884)

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

> "In the presence of strong values and of ambition, [optimism] is the tool that makes both individual accomplishment and social justice possible." -Martin E.P. Seligman, Ph.D., author of The Optimistic Child

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January 2013

- 1. Ask your child to tell you about his favorite time of the year.
- 2. Plan an alphabet dinner. Serve three or four foods that start with the same letter of the alphabet.

A Checklist to Developing a

I. When things don't go your way, that's OK.

Your child looks for inspirational role models. Your child takes advantage of opportunities.

FINAL WORD

that can cause you unhappiness.

3. You can depend on yourself.

values do.

appear.

past.

those your child has:

they expect good things to happen. Dr. Ann Kaiser Stearns, professor of psychology and the author of Coming Back: Rebuilding Lives After Crisis and Loss, says there are four important ways of thinking in order to have a positive attitude:

2. You can have control over most of the circumstances in life

4. The past doesn't define you but your attitudes, actions, and

for the future, she found they have a number of traits. Check

In research on people who overcome difficult odds and have hope

Your child dares to dream but is realistic about those dreams. Your child can search relentlessly for answers when obstacles

Your child thinks about the future more often than about the

Positive Outlook

- 3. Tell your child a story about when you were her age.
- 4. Make a big pot of soup. Let your child help with measuring.
- 5. Make up silly words and definitions with your child.
- 6. Find the positive side of a difficult situation. For example, "This line is long, Let's play a game while we wait."
- 7. Open a savings account for your child. Teach him how to balance it.
- 8. Talk about your child's schedule. Does she have enough down time?
- 9. Make an appointment to spend special time with your child this month and write it on your calendar.
- 10. How many farm animals can your child name?
- 11. Next time your kids argue, have them switch roles.
- 12. Have a family dinner by candlelight. Ask each person to share their favorite part of their day.
- 13. Ask your child to close her eyes and describe sounds that she hears.
- 14. Take your child to the library and introduce her to the librarian. Let him sign up for his own library card.
- 15. Talk about how you use numbers at home, like setting the oven timer.
- 16. Have your child make a collage of features taken from pictures of people.
- 17. Ask your child to design a cover for a favorite book.

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

- 18. Ask your child to draw things that make her happy.
- 19. Have your child hold his nose while he eats. Does it affect the taste of the food?
- 20. Discuss a book your child likes.
- 21. Have your child pretend she's a character from a book. Ask questions until you figure out who she is.
- 22. Look at clouds with your child. What do their shapes remind you of?
- 23. Let your child quiz you about things he is learning in school.
- 24. At dinner, ask everyone to share one thing that made them happy today.
- 25. Exercise as a family. Choose an activity everyone will enjoy.
- 26. Avoid germs. Teach your child to wash her hands often—before every meal, after sneezing and after playing outside.
- 27. Visit the library and check out a book about birds.
- 28. Turn chores into a game. Assign each chore a number and have your child roll a die to see which one he gets.
- 29. Encourage writing by helping your child make her own stationery on a computer.
- 30. While in the car today, ask your child to goess how many passengers. will be inside cars as they approach.
- 31. Plan an indoor picnic with your child.



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Hill City Elementary School Go Hornets!

Help your child make—and keep-New Year's resolutions this year

Everyone makes resolutions for the new year, but they are often forgotten within a few weeks. This year help your child take responsibility for getting organized, completing homework and turning in assignments on time.

Start by having a talk with your child. What could she do to be a better student? What goals does she have for herself?

Then have her turn her New Year's resolutions into a daily checklist. Post it where your child can record her progress every day. Try using stickers to make it more fun. Here are some tasks she might want to include:

- Complete all homework that is due tomorrow.
- · Review spelling or vocabulary words for the week.
- · Put everything for school in my backpack.
- · Put my backpack by the door before going to bed.
- · Read my library book for 20 minutes.
- Pick out my clothes for tomorrow.
- · Pack a healthy lunch.

Your child may have ideas for other tasks to add to the list, and that's great! Soon these tasks will become habits—habits that will help your child have a great year of learning.

Plan exciting activities for indoor days

It's raining or snowing. It's cold and dreary. It's an indoor day! Turn off the TV and involve your child in some learning fun. Try these ideas:

- Paper-bag dramatics. Invite a friend over for some fun. Put some props in a paper bag. They can be things you find around the house—a funny hat, a spatula, play money. Give your child and a friend time to write and rehearse a play using the props. Then sit back and enjoy their performance.
- Count change. Have your child add up the change in your pocket.
- Finish my story. Set a timer for 20 minutes. During that time you and your child each write a story. Then switch papers and finish each other's stories.
- Multiply cards. Remove the face cards from a deck of cards. Put the remaining cards in a pile between you and your child. Each of you draws one card. Then see who can be first to add, subtract or multiply the two numbers.

It's time to rise and shine!

If your child has been getting off to a slow start each morning, try giving her an alarm clock. Have her set it before going to bed each night. She'll like being in charge, and she'll start each school day stress-free.

Continue reading at home

Your child has done a great job developing literacy skills. But his reading skills must be maintained! The older your child gets, the more he'll depend on them for learning. To

support your child's education and keep his reading progress on track:



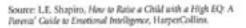
- Be flexible. Encourage your child to read comics, magazines—even recipes.
- Make reading exciting. Let your child stay up late on a Friday night—as long as he's reading.
- Read aloud. When parents read or families listen to audio stories, kids are able to enjoy more challenging stories.

Source: L. Ward, "Get Your Child Hooked on Books," Parents, www.parents.com/kids/education/reading/get-your-kidsexcited-about-books-5-to-6-yean/?page=2.

Are you paying attention when your child speaks?

Technology is great. But cell phones and computers can be distracting. If your child has something important to say, focus all

of your attention on him instead of keeping an eye on the email you're writing, Your child deserves your full attention. If you can't give it now, set an appointment. "I have to make a phone call in five minutes. If you wait until after that, I can really focus on helping you with that math problem."





How can parents balance children's learning styles?

Q: I have two children in elementary school. My son has learning disabilities and struggles with homework. My daughter does well in school. When he sees how successful his sister is, my son gets discouraged. How can I help him?

A: Research shows that there are many different ways to be "smart." Some students have great verbal intelligence. Others are good with people. Still others have mechanical skills.

Talk about this with your son. Help him identify his talents and skills. Find opportunities for him to succeed. It may be in an after-school sport, in the arts or using computers. Build on the confidence he gains by doing these things well.

You can also:

Quiz

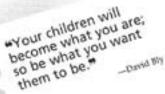
- · Work with your son's teacher to find ways to help him at home. Ask what strategies will work for him.
- Visit the library. Help your son find books on topics that appeal to him. Building his reading skills will give him a foundation for future success in school.
- Reduce stress during homework time. Your son may do better if he doesn't try to do all his homework at once. Try having him take periodic breaks.

Parent How do you handle a school problem?

No parent likes hearing that there is a problem at school. But the way you react sometimes makes the difference between helping solve the problemor standing in the way of a solution. Are you helping address school problems positively? Answer yes or no to each question below to find out:

- 1. Do you hear your child's teacher out when she contacts you before you start explaining your child's behavior?
- 2. Do you wait to discuss the issue with your child until you can do so calmly and without anger?
- 3. Do you involve your child in developing a solution to the problem?
- 4. Do you let the teacher know about the way you propose to handle the problem?
- 5. Do you stay in touch with the school to see if your solution is working? If it's not working, do you try a different approach?

How well are you doing? Each yes means you are trying to solve problems at school in a positive way.



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Practicing fractions is easy

Fractions, or parts of a whole number, can be a difficult but important math concept. Reinforce learning by helping your child:

- Experiment with measurements. Have your child use a one-third cup to fill one cup. A teaspoon is what fraction of a tablespoon?
- Develop fraction facts about your home. What fraction of rooms have beds? What about books?

Source: 5. Brown, "Fractions at Home: Beyond the Pie," Education.com, www.education.com/magazine/article/ fractions_beyond_the_pie/.

Avoid homework battles

Should "homework time" be renamed "meltdown time" at your house? Don't lose your cool. Ask yourself some questions:

- Is my child avoiding homework because she doesn't understand it?
- Is she too distracted to concentrate?
- Is she feeling rushed or tired?

After you think about what is causing her behavior:

- Talk to her teacher. Explain that your child is struggling with her assignments.
- Turn off the TV. Eliminate other potential distractions at homework time.
- Set a homework schedule. If necessary, cut back on after-school activities. Be sure to establish a regular bedtime.

Source: J. Baker, Ph.D., No More Meltdowns, Future Horizons.

Keep a family journal in 2013

Fill a binder with paper. Each day, write the date at the top of the page and have family members write a sentence or two about what they did. Younger children can draw pictures. You're building writing skills while also creating a family treasure!



Source: P. Kaye, Genus for Writing: Playful Ways to Help Your Child Learn to Write, Noonday Press.

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Organizations and Events



CARMEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Jacobson Fire House Chili Feed & Silent Auction to benefit our local firefighters & first responders Saturday, Jan. 19 from 5 to 7 P.M. Everyone welcome to celebrate!

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 January 14 at 1:00 p.m. Hostesses are Marsha Loscheider and Helen Key. Want to join us? Call Marsha 326-6865.

Ball Bluff Township

Ball Bluff Township Board meets on the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Jacobson Community Center. All residents are encouraged to come and participate.

Jacobson Community Center Hall and Kitchen is available for rental. Call Vickie Herman 752-1151.

Jacobson Food Shelf

Jacobson Food Shelf will be open on the first and third Thursday at Carmel Lutheran from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. January 3rd and 17th . For information or emergency service, call 218-426-4799 or 218-426-4712.

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

Carmel Lutheran Church Everyone welcome.

Sunday mornings: 9:30-Adult Sunday School 10:00 children's Sunday School (1st & 3rd Sun) 11:00-Worship, 12:00-Fellowship Quilters and crafters meet every Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. WELCA meets the second Tuesday of each month at 9:30 a.m. Council meets 3rd Thurs. of the month@ 7:00 p.m. Vicar Mark Wagner & Brenda Wagner Home phone: 218-246-3179 Cell phone: 218-341-1832

City of Hill City Truth in Taxation Meeting

December 11, 2012

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the Truth in Taxation meeting was held in the Community Room. Mayor Baker called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Members present: Larry Baker, Audrey Baratto, Dave Lange, Ken Rollins and Brandi Caverly.

Clerk Gillson explained that after the two previous Budget Workshop meetings with Council and Staff that the total funds needed to balance the Budget was \$334,294.50. (This is omitting the Water and Sewer Budgets as these have to be self-sustaining). There was discussion amongst the Council that the final tax levy has remained the same for the past four years and that they did not want to increase the levy for 2013 even though they realized that overall costs have went up. They know that the levy will have to start increasing to keep up with rising costs, but didn't feel that this was a good year to start increasing the levy.

Motion made by Baker to approve the 2013 Budget as presented, to keep the Final Levy for 2013 at \$243,922.45, same has it has been for the past four years, and to use reserve funds to cover the shortages to the budget. Second by Baratto.

Council member Lange stated that the \$334,294.50 needed to balance the Budgets was higher than normal due to the fact that there were some items in the Budget for 2013 that were one time items that made the Budget look larger than usual. Although these items did not have to remain in the Budget, the funds for these items would ultimately come out of reserves anyway.

Baker voted yes, Rollins voted yes, Baratto voted yes, Caverly voted yes, Lange was opposed.

Motion carried.

The Truth in Taxation meeting was adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

Diana Gillson Clerk/Treasurer

City of Hill City Council Meeting December 11, 2012

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the regular Council meeting was held in the Community Room. Mayor Baker presided over the meeting and called the meeting to order at 6:25 p.m. Members present: Larry Baker, Audrey Baratto, Dave Lange, Brandi Caverly and

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Ken Rollins.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said. Motion made Baker to approve the Council meeting minutes of November 13, 2012 as presented, second by Rollins.

All members voted yes, Motion carried Dave Olson was present with paperwork and a check to obtain liquor licenses as he is in the process of buying Buckshot Bar and Grill from Greg Blanchard. Olson still needs to provide the City with the needed insurances, proof of taxes paid and proof of his restaurant license before anything can be sent into the State for their approval.

Motion made by Caverly to approve the liquor licenses providing all the necessary paperwork has been obtained by the City and the background check has been completed, second by Lange.

All members voted yes, Motion carried Greg Blanchard from Buckshot Bar and Grill was present with a request to have the first ½ of his liquor licenses be refunded to him pending the closing of the sale of the bar to Dave Olson.

Motion made by Rollins to approve the reimbursement of \$1,345.00 to Buckshot Bar and Grill (Greg Blanchard) pending the sale of the bar, second by Caverly.

All members voted yes, Motion carried Motion made by Baker to approve the elected 2013 Fire Department officers as presented (see attached), second by Rollins.

All members voted yes, Motion carried Police Chief Jeff Madsen was asked by Fire Chief Jeremy Nelson to ask the Councils approval to purchase 5 charges for the new radios they have and 2 charges for the older radios that they have. The approximate cost of these chargers is \$125.00 to \$160.00 per charger.

Motion made by Rollins to approve up to \$1,000.00 to purchase the needed chargers, second by Caverly.

All members voted yes, Motion carried

Head Maintenance/Public Works, George Casper, was present and let the Council know that the backhoe was currently broken down and wanted permission to purchase class 5 gravel while the crusher was at the pit as he could get a good price for it right now.

Motion made by Baker to purchase 2,000 yards of class 5, second by Rollins.

All members voted yes, Motion carried It was brought up that the City would be closing the

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South end of Park Avenue by Christmas break for the winter for sliding safety.

Although the Chief of Police's employment contract for the period of 01/01/2013 through 12/31/2015 was approved by the Council at the September 2012 meeting, the contract has not yet been signed due to an item under "Discipline" that the Council does not agree with. This same item is in the Union contract that is for the other City employees, that has been signed. Administration Commissioner Baratto will be contacting the 49er's Union in regard to "opening" the Union contract to change the "Discipline" section of the contract.

Police Chief Madsen let the Council know that the decals on the 2005 Chev. Impala squad car are peeling off and that there was some rust on three of the fenders. Chief Madsen said that he knows that with the way funds are right now that he would be keeping the Impala for a while so he got a quote of approximately \$500.00 to redecal the squad car. Per the Council, Madsen was to get an estimate on the cost of the rust repairs and a new paint job.

Motion made by Baker to approve the Itasca County At-Risk Youth Multi-Disciplinary Team Resolution naming Police Chief Madsen as representative for Hill City, second by Caverly.

All members voted yes, Motion carried Police Chief Madsen said that he had been talking with Bill Klennert in regard to the Police Dept. donating any funds or sponsoring some event for the 2013 July 4th celebrations. Chief Madsen is going to look into this further with what he can do.

Motion made by Lange to approve the trail easement Landowner Permit submitted to the City by the Haypoint Snowmobile Club for two parcels of land at the Hill City Sewer Ponds and two parcels of land at the Hill City Quadna airport, second by Rollins.

All members voted yes, Motion carried Offsite computer backup storage was tabled from the November 2013 meeting so that safe deposit box prices could be obtained. Police Chief Madsen brought up the "Carbonite" storage system as another method of offsite storage. Between Chief Madsen and 2013 newly elected Nate Rollins they were going to do further checking on the Carbonite storage.

Council member Lange wanted to know what they were doing in regard to the appointing of the Council member for the position that the elected person withdrew immediately after the election. It was stated that nothing

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could be done until January 2013 at which time the Council could then declare a vacancy and appoint someone for two years until the next election.

George Casper let the Council know that he and Maintenance Assistant Pat Jordan would be at training all day on 12/12/12.

(The 2013 Budget and 2013 Final Levy were approved at the Truth in Taxation meeting that preceded this Council meeting).

Motion made by Baker to approve the bills as presented, second by Caverly.

All members voted yes, Motion carried Motion made by Lange to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 p.m. second by Baker.

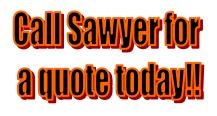
All members voted yes, Motion carried

Diana Gillson Clerk/Treasurer

Snow Removal

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Hill City 4th of July Preparations are Under Way!!!!

Bill Klennert is looking for volunteers to help plan, organize and execute Hill City's grandest 4th of July celebration in years! We are in need of people to help raise money or to volunteer their time and talents to make this four-day family weekend a huge hit. Below is a tentative schedule of events. In the column to the right are the projected costs of these events. We are hoping to get the community energized and behind our efforts to make it an unforgettable weekend.

Thursday, July 4 th 7 am-11 am Lutheran pancake breakfast Lions Club Fun Run	<u>Projected Cost</u>	<u>Friday, July 5th</u> -cont Noon-6:00 Games Galore Mechanical Bull	<u>Projected Costs</u>
10:45 Parade (new floats are lined up to entertain!)		1:00-3:00 Tractor and pick-up pull (at QMP)	\$2,500
Hollywood Stunt man Squeaky the Clown Lori-caricatures The Fall Guys	\$2500 \$450 \$700 (plus room) \$700	3:00-5:00 Professional Pig Racing (2 shows) 7:00-11:00	\$3,500
Face Painting 11:00-1:00 Methodist church dinner	\$100	Shack Shakes	\$2,000
Noon Hot Dog eating contest		<u>Saturday, July 6th</u> 8:00-12:00	<u>Projected Costs</u>
Street games 2 sawdust piles	\$700	Triathalon (at QMP and Hill Lake) Noon-4:00	\$3,500
Noon-6:00 Games Galore (10 kid games-Free) Mechanical bull 24' Water slide Petting zoo All day flag manket	\$9,980	Music on Main St 1:00-4:00 Chain Saw Carving All Day Vendors and Flea Market 7:00-11:00 Bottom Line	\$1000
All day flea market 3:00 pm			+-/
Soap box derby 4:00 pm		<u>Sunday, July 7th</u> Time TBD	<u>Projected Costs</u>
Pie auction Horse shoe tournament 7:00-11:00 White Sidewalls Dusk Fireworks	\$5,000 (plus 4 rooms) \$3,500	All Church Ice Cream social with Gospel music before and after Noon Golf tournament Time TBD Old Settler's Picnic-Swatara	\$500
Friday, July 5 th	Projected Costs		
10:00 am Antique tractor pull			
Noon Itasca Remote Control airplane Demonstration on lake		*Advertising Costs *Other events may be added a	\$5,000 s opportunities arise

**Get involved and help us make this 4th of July weekend one to remember!! We are in need of financial support, help in finding funding opportunities, volunteers to plan as well as help events to run smoothly over the weekend. Watch for 4th of July buttons sold by HCHS 10th and 11th graders and at local businesses in January, as well as other opportunities to support our efforts.

Please contact Bill at 398-1455 or at Roadside 697-2373 with questions, donations and to volunteer to help. Let's show everyone what an outstanding community we have here in Hill City!

Community Survey

Greetings Everyone! There is a committee formed to start working towards getting a Multi-Use Building in Hill City and we would like to get feedback from you about what you would like to see the building used for.

Please fill out this survey and drop it off at the school office, Roadside, or mail it to

Hill City School Attn: Stacey Johnson 500 Ione Ave Hill City, MN 55748

Please number your choices with number 1 being your top choice or circle your top five.

 Youth Center		Space of Community Education Classes
 Fitness Center		Adult Education
 Library/Resource room with internet access Clinic/Health Care Rental space for small businesses Senior center		Gymnasium Coffee Shop Pool Daycare
 Other		
 I am interested in joining the multi use b Name	-	
Email		
 I would volunteer at the Multi-Use Build	ling	



Volleyball Fundraiser Tournament Saturday, March 2nd

In November 2012 Henrietta Berg (aka Hank) was diagnosed with Stage III Ovarian Cancer. She went to the doctor with pain and had to have her gall bladder removed due to gall stones. During the procedure the surgeon discovered tumors in her abdomen and the tests confirmed the cancer. Hank has started aggressively fighting the cancer under the guidance of a specialist at the U of MN medical center. She will receive 4 rounds of chemotherapy to shrink the tumors, have surgery to remove the tumors and then have more chemotherapy.

Registration: To register your team, please contact Stacey Johnson at sjohnson@hillcity.k12.mn.us or 218-360-0401. Registration deadline is Thursday, February 28th. Tournament fee of \$60.00 per team is due on the tournament date --make check payable to Teresa Pederson

Rules:

- This year's tourney will have a double elimination bracket or be divided into pool play depending on the number of teams participating
- Teams will officiate their own games
- Matches will be best 2 of 3. If 3^{rd} game is played the score will be to 15 points
- Net height will be played close to men's regulation height
- Each team must have at least 1 male and 2 females on the court at all times.
- The tourney will begin at 9:00am sharp on the morning of the 2nd!

A full line of concessions will be available with all proceeds going to the Berg Family Any questions or concerns please Contact Stacey Johnson at <u>sjohnson@hillcity.k12.mn.us</u> 218-360-0401.

BOOK CLUB



If you enjoy reading and talking with friends this is the perfect opportunity for both!

Come and Join us January 8th at 5pm at the school in room 205

Please bring a list of books you would be interested in reading and a short summary of those books. If you don't have a list of books please come anyway.

The meeting times and places will be discussed at this first meeting.

If you have any questions please contact Stacey Johnson at sjohnson@hillcity.k12.mn.us or 697-2394 ext. 172

AFTER SCHOOL TUTORING GRADES 7 - 12 FREE

Monday Afternoons 3:30-5:00pm Mr. Olig's Room

Tuesday Afternoons: 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm Ms. Waterworth's Room

(dates are subject to change)

Students are highly encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity!

For more information contact Stacey at Hill City Comm. Ed., 697-2394 X172 or sjohnson@hillcity.k12.mn.us

JUDO

17 practice sessions

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 beofre now is a great time to start. Wear comfortable clothes (sweat shirt and sweatpants). Register early, class size is limited to 20 students.

Fee Change: \$30.00 payable to Hill City Co	Comm Ed
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- Instructor: Tony Erickson and Eva Semmler
- Days: Wednesdays for 17 weeks
- Starts: Wed., Jan. 16th
- Time: 6:00 pm 8:00 pm
- Register by: Wed., Jan. 16th

For assistance with class fees or questions, please call Stacey Johnson @ Comm. Ed. at 697-2394 X172 or at sjohnson@hillcity.k12.mn.us.

AARP MN Driver Safety Program (formerly 55 Alive) Register by: February 12th

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. (Contact Stacey for a full schedule of local classes if needed)

4 Hour Refresher: Feb., 13th 5-9pm Location: Hill City School, Room 227 Min. # Required: 8 Max. #: 30 Cost: \$12 for members \$14 for non members (payable at the door to AARP)



For questions concerning this class, please contact Stacey @ Hill City Comm. Education at 697-2394 X172.

	JUDO K-Adult FEE: \$30
	Jan.16
Students Nar	ne:
Age:	Grade:
Contact info:	Home Ph: Cell Ph: Email:
to participate	has my permission in the Judo Class.
	Parent or Guardian Signature Date
For asistance with c	n, with fee made payable to Hill City Community Education, to the school office
Re	RP Driver's Safety Class egister by: February 12th \$12 for members \$14 for non members (payable at the door to AARP)
Name: DOB:	
	Contact info:
	Home Phone
	Work Phone
	Cell Phone
	Email
	Signature Date

BASKETBALL OPEN GYM

Every Sunday Night 6-8pm Hill City School Gymnasium Cost is \$1.00 per night

Dance Team

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

Fee: \$20 per month (payable to Hill City

Comm Ed) Instructor: Dreams Do Come True Dance Studio Instructors

Ages: 3rd-8th grade Starts: Tuesdays

Practices will continue to be Tuesday evenings with some additional events. Schedules will be handed out during practice.

Times: 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

For assistance with class fees or questions, please call Stacey @ Comm. Ed. at 697-2394 X172



Adult Volleyball Open Gym

Starting Sept. 12th

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

Fee:\$1.00 per time

For more information please contact Stacey at 697-2394, ext. 172 or sjohnson@hillcity.k12.mn.us

Dance Team FEE: \$20 per month

Students Name:

Age:	_ Grade:	1	1
Contact info:	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, to the school office

For asistance with class fees or questions concerning this class, please contact Stacey @ Hill City Community Education at 697-2394 X172

After School Art is being offered twice a month! The schedule for after school art is as follows:	After School Art! 3:15-4:30pm \$10 per month or \$50 per year Name: Grade:
Jan. 10 & Jan. 24 Feb. 14 & Feb. 28 Mar. 14 & Mar 28 Apr. 11 & Apr. 25 May 9 & May 23	Contact Info: Home Ph: Cell Ph: Email: All Year
Who: All students are invited! Time: 3:15-4:30pm Cost: \$10 per month or \$50 per year This program does not require registeration but it is helpful to determine the amount of supplies needed. If you have any questions or concerns or need assistance with fees please contact Stacey at 697-2394 x. 172 or at sjohnson@hillcity.k12.mn.us	 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 Stacey at 697-2394 x. 172 or at sjohnson@hillcity.k12.mn.us
Open Cardio RoomEvery Wednesday evening from 7-9pm and Sunday Evening from 6-8pm Hill City SchoolCardio room includes: Treadmills, Elipticals, stationary bicycles and a flat screen tv so you won't miss your shows!Fee:\$1.00 per time	 WALKING IN THE SCHOOL Did you know Walking can Burn Body fat Control your appetite Increase your energy Help relieve stress Lower high blood pressure Slows aging Improves efficiency of your heart and lungs Relieves most cases of chronic backache Helps promote restful sleep Helps control and prevent diabetes AND MUCH MORE! The school will be open on all school days for anyone interested in walking the halls from <i>r</i>:00-<i>r</i>:45am. All walkers must sign in at the office the morning of your walk



ISD #2 Lunch Menu January 2013



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Brk:Lumberjack	3 Brk: Cereal	4 Brk: Cinn Roll	5
		NO SCHOOL	Chicken Patty/Bun	Tomato Soup	Lasagna Roll	
			Carrots	Grill Cheese Sand	w/Sauce	
			Sweet Potato Fries	Carrots/Diced Peach	Salad Bar/Orange	
			Applesauce/Milk	or Mix Fruit/Milk	or Peaches/Milk	
6 Breakfast -	7 Brk: Pancakes	8 Brk: Oatmeal	9 Brk: Fr Toast	10 Brk: Cereal	11 Brk: Cinn Roll	12
OFFERED DAILY:	White Chicken Chili	Goulach/Green	Minestrone Soup	Chicken Fajita	Fish Patty/Bun	
Cereal Assortment Orange Juice or Fruit	Tossed Salad/Roll	Beans/Breadstick	Ham/Cheese Sand	w/Peppers	Coleslaw/Baked	
Cheese Slice or	Mixed Fruit	Applesauce or	Salad Bar/Pears or	Salad Bar/Pineapple	Beans/Carrots	
CheeseStick	Milk	Kiwi/Milk	Oranges/Milk	or Kiwi/Milk	Mixed Fruit/Milk	
13 Lunch-	14 Brk: Pancakes	15 Brk: Oatmeal	16 Brk: Lumberjack	17 Brk: Cereal	18	19
OFFERED DAILY:	Corn Dog/Baked	Chicken Rotini Pasta	Beef/Bean Burrito	Hamburger/Bun	NO SCHOOL	
Bread Offer-vs-serve for	Beans/Salad Bar	Spinach Salad Bar	Salad Bar/Corn	Potato Rounds/Peas		
Grades 4-12	Diced Pears or	Roll/Applesauce	Pineapple	Mixed Fruit or		
	Apples/Milk	or Oranges/Milk	or Peaches/Milk	Oranges/Milk		
20	21 Brk: Pancakes	22 Brk: Oatmeal	23 Brk: Fr Toast	24 Brk: Cereal	25 Brk: Cinn Roll	26
	Chicken Nuggets	BBQ Pork/Bun	Chicken Taco	Spaghetti w/Meat	Shrimp Poppers	
	Rice/Bun/Broccoli	Carrots or Peas	Salad Bar/Refried	sauce/Salad Bar	Steamed Broccoli	
	and Carrots/Mix	Oranges or	Beans/Peaches or	Mandarine Orange	Coleslaw/Banana or	
	Fruit or Apples/Milk	Applesauce/Milk	Pineapple/Milk	or Apple/Milk	Mixed Fruit/Milk	
27	28 Brk: Pancakes	29 Brk: Oatmeal	30 Brk: Lumberjack	31 Brk: Cereal		
	Chicken Strips	Chick Noodle Soup	Italian Dunkers	Pork Roast w/Mash		Menu subject to
	Broccoli & Carrots	Grill Cheese/Carrot	w/Marinara Sauce	Potatoes/Gravy		change at
	Rice/Applesauce	& Celery Stick/Mix	Spinach Salad Bar	Corn/Peaches or		anytime
		Fruit or Apples/Milk	Kiwi or orange/Milk	Oranges/Milk		•
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ISD #2 Activities January 2013



	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 NO SCHOOL	2 Cardio Room 7-9 VB Open Gym 7:00 - 9:00	3 GBB vs LFBF AB Home 5:45	4 GBB vs Walker ABC Home 5:45	5 Frosty Fling 7-11:30 pm
6	Cardio 6:00 - 8:00 Open Gym 6:00 - 8:00	7 GBB vs Deer River ABC Home 5:45	8 BBB vs Cherry AB Away 5:45	9 Cardio Room 7-9 VB Open Gym 7:00 - 9:00	10 Org. School Bd Mtg. 7:00 GBB vs Greenway ABC Home 5:45	11 GBB & BBB vs South Ridge AB Away 5:45	12
13	Cardio 6:00 - 8:00 Open Gym 6:00 - 8:00	14 Winter Carnival	15 GBB & BBB vs Ogilvie AB Away 5:45	16 Cardio Room 7-9 VB Open Gym 7:00 - 9:00	17 GBB vs Nashwauk ABC Away 5:45	18 NO SCHOOL BBB vs Bigfork ABC Home 5:45	19
20	Cardio 6:00 - 8:00 Open Gym 6:00 - 8:00	21 BBB vs Carlton ABC Home 5:45	22 Sys Acct. Mtg 2:15 GBB vs Floodwood ABC Home 5:45	23 Cardio Room 7-9 VB Open Gym 7:00 - 9:00	24 GBB vs Greenway ABC Away 5:45 BBB vs Floodwood ABC Home 5:45	25	26 BBB vs Barnum AB Away 3:00
27	Cardio 6:00 - 8:00 Open Gym 6:00 - 8:00	28 GBB vs Isle ABC Home 5:45	29 BBB vs Nashwauk ABC Home 5:45	30 WINTERFEST	31 GBB vs Pillager AB Away 6:00 BBB vs LFBF AB Home 5:45		

