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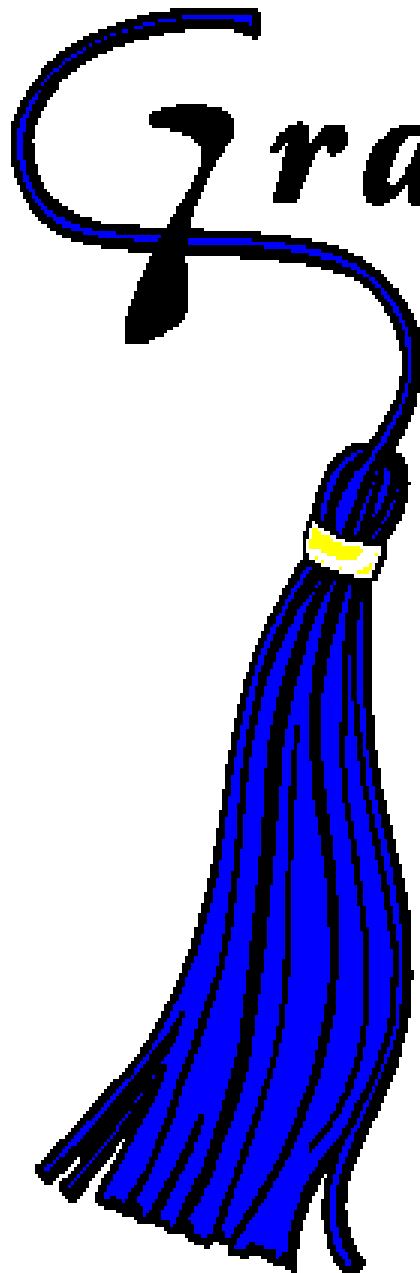
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## HILL CITY HIGH SCHOOL

# Graduation

Come join the class of 2013 as they complete their high school journey at the Graduation Ceremony on Friday, May 31, at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Gymnasium.



Ailie	RoseMarie	Bailey
Taylor	Lynn	Becker
Timothy	Morgan	Benson, Jr.
Scott	Taylor	Bramer
Caitlin	Ann	Crandall
Connor	Douglas	Grigsby
Chantel	Rae	Huff
Miranda	Marynia	James-Smith
Tyler	Robert	Klennert
John	Christopher	Knapp
Mitchel	LeRoy	Lund
Matthew	Michael	Lutterman
Katherine	Ella	Majerus
Patrick	Dale	Swing
Daniel	Ryan	Washburn

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### Committee Assignments for 2013

#### Committee

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

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

## For School Closings and Emergency Information Broadcasts

#### RADIO STATIONS

KKIN Aitkin 930 AM or 94.3 FM  
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 Patty at (218) 697-2394, ext. 104

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



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

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

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

## INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2 HILL CITY, MINNESOTA

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Independent School District No. 2, Hill City, Minnesota, was called to order by Chairman Tom Fasteland at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 22, 2013.

Roll Call showed the following members present: Tom Fasteland, Sue Kaslow, Jessica Lathrop, Martha Lentz, Brent Welk, and Mark Meyer. Board Members absent: None. Also present was Superintendent/Principal Dean Yocum, Business Manager Ellie Hill, Maintenance Supervisor Eric Hill, Stanley Mikles, Deb Murphy, and Victoria Vanderschaaf.

1. Approved the Agenda with addition.
2. Approved the following:
  - \*Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 25, 2013;
  - \*March 2013 bills presented for payment;
  - \*Current bills through 04/10/13;
  - \*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. Nor-Tran, Inc. will be at the school for kindergarten round-up.
6. Student Council: no report.
7. The System Accountability Committee met on April 16. The school will be hosting the Fundamentals of Math workshop at the end of July.
8. The next School and Community Health Committee meeting is scheduled for April 26, 2013.
9. The Safety/Transportation Committee met on April 17. A MacNeil Environmental update was given. The loading door is now locked. The school liaison officers will now all have a map of the building in case there is a need for extra help. There will be a full lockdown drill this spring. They also discussed the concern of parking in the fire zone still being an issue.
10. Negotiations Committee: None to report.
11. Community Education Report: none.
12. Maintenance Supervisor Eric Hill reported they are still shoveling snow.
13. Technology Coordinator Update: none to report.
14. Superintendent/Principal Yocum gave an IASC update: early release on Wednesdays, information only at this time.
15. Jessica Lathrop, Brent Welk, and Mark Meyer will do Graduation Honors on May 31, 2013.
16. The activities coaches for the 2013-2014 school year was tabled until the May Board meeting.
17. Approved the revised 2012-2013 School Calendar as presented.
18. For informational purposes only, the following teachers will attain tenure at the end of this contract: Marc Olig, Debra Murphy, Victoria Angulo-Vanderschaaf, Adam Johnson, and Linda Causton.
19. The request from Angela Ulseth for an extended leave of

absence was tabled until the May Board meeting.

20. No action was taken on the Resolution Proposing to Place Instructional Staff on Unrequested Leave of Absence.
21. Adopted the Resolution Relating to the Termination and Nonrenewal of Teaching Contract for Probationary Teacher, Linda Causton.
22. Chairman Tom Fasteland Reviewed the superintendent's evaluation in the open meeting, going over the five domain areas and scoring.
23. Approved the tentative Graduating Class of 2013 as presented.
24. Approved Dean Yocum as LEA Representative, Tara Mattson as Title I Contact Person, Dean Yocum as Title IIA and Title IID contact person, and Dean Yocum as the Homeless Liaison for the 2013-2014 school year.
25. Accepted the resignation from Stacey Johnson as Community Education Programmer as of April 17, 2013 and to post for this position.
26. Changed the May Board meeting from May 27, 2013 to May 20, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.
27. Approved hiring Colby Gallagher as 100% time Industrial Arts teacher starting with the 2013-2014 school year.
28. On May 2, 2013 the MN Department of Education will be at the school for a monitoring visit.
29. Superintendent/Principal Dean Yocum, Sue Kaslow, Stanley Mikles, and Brandi Caverly attended an ACA meeting.
30. Meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

## INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2 HILL CITY, MINNESOTA

The Workshop Session of the Board of Education of Independent School District No. 2, Hill City, Minnesota, was called to order by Chairman Tom Fasteland at 8:03 p.m. on Monday, April 22, 2013.

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

1. Discussion was held on the 2012-2013 budget.
2. Discussion was held on the preliminary 2013-2014 budget. A recommendation was made to form a budget/finance committee comprised of the board treasurer, another board member, the superintendent, business manager, maintenance supervisor, one elementary teacher, and one secondary teacher.
3. The strategic plan will be reviewed at the next workshop on May 14, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.
4. The Workshop adjourned at 9:17 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 Tom Fasteland at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 20, 2013.

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, Business Manager Ellie Hill, Maintenance Supervisor Eric Hill, Roy Bain and Mark Schjenken from Nor-Tran, Inc. and other visitors.

1. Approved the Agenda with deletion.
2. Approved the following:
  - \*Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 22, 2013;
  - \*Minutes of the Workshop of April 22, 2013
  - \*April 2013 bills presented for payment;
  - \*Current bills through 05/09/13;
  - \*Investments and wire transfers;
  - \*Reviewed the Activity Fund Statement;
  - \*Reviewed Cash Receipts including donations.
3. Tami Meyer questioned the bus policy on athletic students riding the bus or with parents. It is being discussed with staff.
4. There was no report from the School Attorney.
5. The first year has gone well. There are some things to be worked on by Nor-Tran, Inc. and the School District over the summer months.
6. Student Council: no report.
7. The System Accountability Committee: none to report.
8. The School and Community Health Committee met on April 26 and May 17, 2013. They discussed the Health Fair with next year's focus back to students. Track and Field Day went well. The tenth grade students volunteered to help out. The leftover money from the Wellness Grant to be used to purchase kettle bells. There were 56 participants in the 5k Hornet Hustle. They are planning on holding the open house two weeks after school starts. The next meeting is on September 20, 2013.
9. Safety/Transportation Committee: none to report.
10. Negotiations Committee: Business Manager Ellie Hill has requested to negotiate.
11. Community Education Report: T-ball registration is in process, the Cardio Room will be open for the summer on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays, and the AARP class went well.
12. Maintenance Supervisor Eric Hill stated the Real Deal Program is for ages 55 and over for 20 hours per week.
13. Approved the School District to participate in the Real Deal Program.
14. Renewed the Johnson Control, Inc. contract for another three years.
15. Technology Coordinator Update: none to report.
16. Superintendent/Principal Yocum stated that IASC is hosting the summer technology institute and Apple is hosting an

I-pad conference..

17. Approved the request from Angela Ulseth for a five year extended leave of absence.
18. Approved an increase of time for Karen Richter from 51% to 100% time for the 2013-2014 school year.
19. Approved an increase in time for Victoria Vanderschaaf from 33% to 83% time for the 2013-2014 school year pending signed contracts from other districts.
20. Approved an increase in time for Brian Burman from 50% to 100% time for the 2013-2014 school pending signed contracts from other districts.
21. Approved the Superintendent's evaluation.
22. Approved hiring the following activities coaches for the 2013-2014 school year as presented with a salary to be set according to the current HCUE Master Agreement:

Head Football Coach	Chad Lathrop
Assistant Football Coach	Adam Johnson
Junior High Football Coach	Chuck Holm
Head Volleyball Coach	Joshua Hirschey
Assistant Volleyball Coach	Jack Burt
Junior High Volleyball Coach	Jessie Ahonen
Head Knowledge Bowl Coach	Laurie Holm
Math Masters Coach	Diana Magner
Yearbook Advisor	Shari Waterworth
Summer Band	Phil Kneeland
23. No action was taken on the Resolution Proposing to Place Instructional Staff on Unrequested Leave of Absence.
24. No action was taken on the Resolution Relating to the Termination and Nonrenewal of Teaching Contract for Probationary Teacher, Linda Causton.
25. Approved hiring Jessica Lathrop as Community Education Programmer with a salary of \$11.00 per hour for 100 hours through June 30, 2013 and then as of July 1, 2013, approximately 10 hours per week.
26. Approved hiring James Scherping as 100% time Business Education Teacher starting with the 2013-2014 school year with a salary to be set according to the HCUE Master Agreement.
27. Approved hiring Patti Schimdt as 100% time Special Education EBD teacher starting with the 2013-2014 school year with a salary to be set according to the HCUE Master Agreement.
28. Adopted the 2013-2014 Resolution for Membership in the MN State High School League.
29. Accepted the resignation from Adam Johnson as 50% Athletic Director as of June 30, 2013 and to post for this position.
30. Approved the Revised 2012-2013 Budget as presented.
31. Accepted the resignation from Kirsten Smith as Paraprofessional as of the end of the 2012-2013 school year and to post for this position.
32. The summer MSBA Seminar is August 4-5, 2013.
33. Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

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# 3RD ANNUAL HILL CITY SCHOOL EXPO

Thursday, May 23rd, the 3rd Annual Hill City School Expo was held from 1:30-4:30. Parents and community members were treated to a talent show as well as displays and demonstrations of classroom projects and assignments. The Expo, the brainchild of Mr. Olig, is designed to make a connection between what is happening in the school and our families and communities. The Hill City PTO played a big part in putting the day together, and as usual the Expo was a huge hit. From science projects to art work to musical performances and demonstrations of clubs and groups, there were many choices for our guests to experience. Thanks to Mr. Olig, Tammy Meyer, Jo Miranda and the PTO, and the student Expo club for a great day and a chance for Hill City students to shine!





The Hill City Volleyball team is hosting a \*CO-ED tournament on Saturday, June 8 starting at 1:00 p.m. The tournament is open to any team interested in playing.

\*\* The tourney will be played at women's regulation net height.  
**Men are only allowed to attack from beyond 10 feet.**  
(Blocking, jousting, etc. are all allowed for all at any place on the court)

# HILL CITY VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT FUNDRAISER JUNE 8TH

## REGISTRATION

To register your team, please contact Josh Hirschey at 218-697-2394 ext. 123 or [jhirschey@hillcity.k12.mn.us](mailto:jhirschey@hillcity.k12.mn.us).

***Registration deadline is Monday, June 3rd.***

Tournament fee of \$75.00 per team is due on the tournament date.  
**Make checks payable to Hill City Volleyball.**

Checks can be sent to:

Hill City Volleyball  
500 Ione Ave  
Hill City, MN 55748

## GENERAL RULES:

- The tournament will be divided into pools or a bracket depending on the number of teams that enter.  
\*\*We will shoot for teams to play about 8 times for the day.
- Teams will officiate their own games – If there is a discrepancy please re-play the point. Remember the idea of the day is to have fun and meet some new people while showing your support to a local volleyball program.
- Matches will be best 2 of 3 to 25 points. If a 3<sup>rd</sup> game is played the score will be to 15 points – winners have to win games by 2 points. (No cap)
- Each team must have at least 3 females on the court at all times.  
\*\*Can play with all 6 players being females if you choose to do so.
- Men are allowed to attack but must leave from behind the 10 ft. line with both feet. Attacked balls from in front of the 10 foot line = automatic loss of **point**.
- We will have a brief rules meeting at 12:50 in the main gym.
- We will start the tourney at 1 p.m. sharp – the gym will open by 12:30 p.m. for warm-up.



**A full line of concessions will be available and we will be barbecuing later in the day.**

**All proceeds for the day will go to the Hill City Volleyball program.**

# ideas for parents

## Practical Suggestions for Building Assets in Your Child

### FAST FACTS

#### ASSET #2: Positive Family Communication

*Youth are more likely to grow up healthy when they and their parents communicate positively, and they are willing to seek parents' advice and counsel.*

**26%**

*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. "Parent communication" is one of six support assets.*

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

## Open-Door Communication

**A conversation starts.** Your child's upset. You're tired. Pretty soon, the conversation heats into an argument. Just as it escalates to the boiling point, someone backs away from the communication fire. A door slams. There's silence.

Arguments. We've all had them with our children. Sometimes it may feel like most conversations end with slammed doors.

Though it can be challenging to develop the skills, being available for frequent, in-depth conversations is an important role we play in our children's lives—from the time they learn to talk all the way into adulthood. What we have to do is create an atmosphere of communication—an open door.

The trick with open door communication is that we often don't realize we create invisible closed doors around us. We get preoccupied and don't pay enough attention. We're exhausted, and we nod off in our child's mid-sentence. We jump to conclusions before our

child says things. We assume the worst. We attack our kids for what they tell us, so they close the door the next time out of fear or resentment.



Having an open door means having an open mind, an open attitude. It means listening to understand, not to advocate our position. It means being available when our children need us—and when they don't. It means taking good care of ourselves so that when our children want to talk, we have open ears and an open heart.

### Helpful Hints

**Tips that make communicating positively with your child easier:**

- **Listen for your child's feelings. Name and validate them.**
- **Watch for hints: A child who hangs around usually wants to talk.**
- **Don't contradict what you say by doing the opposite.**
- **Be available, be open, be willing to drop what you're doing in order to talk.**

### time together

*Three ways to improve communication with your child:*

1. *Watch a television show or movie together. Ask your child what he or she thinks of the messages and values presented in the show.*
2. *Take your child out for breakfast. Talk about what is on your child's mind.*
3. *Schedule time each week for family meetings to talk about plans, concerns, celebrations, and other family issues.*

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Lacs Band District II, Aitkin County Corrections,  
Aitkin County Health & Human Services)

**Quick Tip:**  
Listen more than  
you talk.

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## 5 Keys to Communication

**“When we communicate, we are telling others who we are and we are asking others who they are,”** says Dr. Daniel G. Bagby, family counselor. He says there are five characteristics of in-depth communication:

1. **Reveal yourself**—Honestly tell others your thoughts, ideas, goals, and feelings.
2. **Jump in**—Actively start conversations. Don't wait for others to talk first.
3. **Be responsible**—Take control of your thoughts, feelings, and actions.
4. **Don't blame**—Take responsibility for your behavior without blaming or shaming others.
5. **Be human**—Share your weaknesses in addition to your strengths to develop trust and closeness.

## Talk and Do

Listen to your child's favorite music with her or him. Ask what's interesting and enjoyable about it. Name what you like about it. Share your favorite music. Explain why you like it.

### More Stuff You Can Use

**Seven Habits of Highly Effective People.** This book may seem to be a "management" book, but it is filled with parenting examples. Habit 5 gives practical ways on how to communicate more effectively with your child. (Available from Fireside Books, 1230 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10020; 1-800-223-2348.)

### talk together

Questions to discuss with your child:

- *Whom do you enjoy talking with? Why?*
- *What opens the door for communication in our family? What closes the door?*
- *Which topics are easy to talk about in our family? Which are hard? Why?*

## FINAL WORD


**“Communicating effectively with a child often requires that a parent combine the deductive skills of Sherlock Holmes with the boundless tact and patience of an ambassador.”**

—Lawrence Kutner, Ph.D., psychologist and author of *Parent & Child*

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## June 2013

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

1. Does your child have a summer reading list? Post it in a special place. Check off books she reads.
2. Tape bubble wrap to the table and have your child paint on it. Press paper on it to get an interesting print.
3. Visit a nature center. Learn about the local wildlife.
4. Encourage your child to write a letter to a friend.
5. Get to know your town. Look in the newspaper for a list of activities.
6. Create a board game with your child. Use poster board, coins for game pieces, markers, index cards and dice.
7. Look for an age-appropriate movie about another country at the library. Watch it with your child.
8. Help your child figure out the average time he spends reading per day.
9. Help your child find the word *integrity* in the dictionary. Talk about what it means.
10. Ask your child to make an audio or video recording of a story.
11. Ask your child, "If you could go anywhere, where would you go, and why?" Together, learn more about this location.
12. Shop for salad materials at the grocery store. Pick one unfamiliar vegetable. At home, prepare the salad together. 
13. Help your child plan three healthy breakfasts.
14. Let your child gather wildflowers. Iron them between sheets of wax paper for her. Hang where the light will shine through.
15. Let your child clean some dirty pennies with catsup. Explain that this is a chemical reaction.
16. Talk about books you loved when you were your child's age.
17. How far can your child jump? How many jumps does it take for him to go around your house?
18. Check out a book about trees at the library. Go on a walk together and see how many different kinds you can identify.
19. Have your child write a thank-you letter to her teacher.
20. Invent a word with your child. Write a silly definition.
21. Do a jigsaw puzzle with your child.
22. Visit a nursery or garden store with your child. Consider taking home a plant.
23. Read a story aloud to your child.
24. Use a kitchen timer while your child completes a task. See if he can "beat the clock."
25. Together, use the television listings to plan your child's viewing this week. Limit how much she watches.
26. Talk to your child about how name-calling hurts everyone.
27. Make a chore chart with your child. List chores he's responsible for and when they should be completed.
28. Share a favorite quote with your child.
29. See how many ways your child can write a number. For example, 4 can be written 1 + 3, 2 + 2, or 6 - 2.
30. Begin to plan a garage sale for later in the summer. Donate the proceeds to a charity.

## Helping Children Learn

Five Families Can Use to Help Children Do Better in School



# July 2013

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

- 1. Plan a trip to a nearby museum.
- 2. Leave a note under your child's pillow for her to find at bedtime.
- 3. Cut out four pictures from a magazine. Ask your child to tell you a story that involves something from each picture.
- 4. Talk about the word *independence* with your child today.
- 5. If your child could be a famous person, who would he be?
- 6. Talk with your child about what it means to be a good citizen.
- 7. Mix cornstarch and a small amount of water in a dishpan. Let your child experiment with this mix of solid and liquid.
- 8. Fold paper towels into parts. Start with halves, then fourths, eighths and sixteenths. Use a marker to label the fractions.
- 9. Have your child comb her hair. Use the static electricity in the comb to pick up paper confetti.
- 10. Review math facts at the dinner table tonight.
- 11. Have your child paint to music. Play different types of songs for each painting. Compare how each looks.
- 12. Look for "vanity" license plates on the road. Try to figure out what they mean.
- 13. Discuss your child's courage. List times when he tackled challenges, such as learning to ride a bike.
- 14. Ask each person in your family to write a noun, verb or adjective. Have your child put all the words in one sentence.
- 15. Visit the produce department at the grocery store. Ask your child to guess how much certain foods weigh.
- 16. During breakfast, find an interesting word in the dictionary. Challenge your child to use it three times during the day.

- 17. "Print" with fruit. Put paint in a flat container. Cut an apple in half. Dip it in paint and press onto paper.
- 18. Use an audio or video recorder to interview your child about her interests.
- 19. Ask your child to read you an article while you make dinner.
- 20. Help your child organize his books. Arrange them by subject, title or author.
- 21. Tell your child you love her.
- 22. Taste-test different types of tomatoes with your child.
- 23. Help your child sort through papers and photos from the past school year. He can use them to make a scrapbook.
- 24. Ask your child to draw a picture of herself.
- 25. At the dinner table, put a price on each item you serve. Have your child figure out the cost of the meal.
- 26. Tell your child a "fun fact" about something he loves.
- 27. Plan an outdoor adventure day. Visit a zoo, park or playground.
- 28. Try a new sport with your child.
- 29. Plan an imaginary vacation with your child.
- 30. Ask your child what she is thankful for today.
- 31. Start a sentence-a-day story. In a special notebook, your child writes a story one sentence at a time.



**Helping Children Learn**  
The Families Can Use to Help Children Do Better in School

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# August 2013

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

- 1. Name different types of punctuation with your child. Have your child identify them in your local newspaper.
- 2. Give your child a book or article about his favorite hobby.
- 3. Learn a tongue twister, such as "Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers." Challenge your child to repeat it quickly.
- 4. Find a world map at the library. Use your finger to trace where your family came from.
- 5. See who can find the tiniest thing on a walk today.
- 6. Send your child on a treasure hunt. Make a map that will lead her to a small treat.
- 7. Help your child make flashcards for math review.
- 8. Use shoe boxes to create a mailbox for each family member.
- 9. Watch a TV show with your child. Ask questions such as, "Why do you think that character did that?"
- 10. Make a temperature chart. Record the high and low temperature every day. Notice how the temperature changes.
- 11. Ask your child to name his favorite book. Why does he like it?
- 12. Take a compass on a walk with your child. Write down each direction you take.
- 13. Ask your child how she helped others today.
- 14. Use empty cans to create a game of indoor golf with your child.
- 15. Ask your child to look for examples of tolerance and intolerance in the newspaper or on TV today.
- 16. Show your child 10 objects. Have him close his eyes while you remove one. Can he guess what's missing?



- 17. Suggest that your child write to her favorite author.
- 18. With your child, research what else happened on the day he was born. Use the Internet or reference materials at the library.
- 19. Ask your child to add up all the change in your pocket or purse. Help her practice making change.
- 20. Enjoy some physical activity with your child.
- 21. Measure things in a funny way. How many fingers long is your child's desk?
- 22. Together, learn to say "hello" in two other languages.
- 23. Ask your child to notice things that come from plants.
- 24. Take a walk with your child. Later, have him make a map of your route.
- 25. Have your child place a leaf (bottom side up) on newspaper. Cover it with thin paper and have her rub with a crayon.
- 26. Make up a story with your child.
- 27. Check out library books with "read-along" CDs.
- 28. Play "Concentration" with homemade flash cards. Math problems with the same answer make a pair (9 x 2 and 15 + 3).
- 29. Help your child purchase an assignment notebook and other supplies for the coming school year.
- 30. Talk with your child about school-bus safety.
- 31. Ask your child what he enjoyed most this summer.

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**City of Hill City  
Council Meeting  
May 14, 2013**

**\*\*These are unapproved minutes\*\***

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 6:00 p.m. Members present: Larry Baker, Nate Rollins, Audrey Baratto and Joni Golden. Council member Dave Lange arrived at 6:06 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was cited.

Council member Baratto asked to have the Council meeting minutes of April 9, 2013 removed from the Consent Agenda.

Motion made by Rollins to approve the Consent Agenda (without the Council meeting minutes of April 9, 2013), second by Golden.

All members present voted yes, Motion carried

Council member Lange arrived at the meeting at 6:06 p.m.

Council member Baratto wanted to amend the Council meeting minutes of April 9, 2013 to reflect that the issue of written reprimands being purged from employees personnel files after two years will be brought again at the next Union Contract negotiations.

Motion made by Baker to amend the Council meeting minutes of April 9, 2013 to reflect the change stated above, second by Baratto.

All members voted yes, Motion carried

Mayor Baker moved the City's insurance agent, Kristen Myers from Woodland Insurance Services, up on the agenda as he had other prior commitments. Kristian explained to the Council the property and liability insurance that the city has. The city's insurance is through the League of Minnesota Insurance Trust (LMCIT) and is the best insurance that there is. Every year Kristian meets with the city employees and goes over the insurances in case there has been anything added or deleted.

Motion made by Rollins to approve to approve the liability coverage waiver from LMCIT, second by Baratto.

All members voted yes, Motion carried

Kristian Myers also stated that the city should get the insurance from the Hill City Chamber for liability for the 4th of July events this year.

Council member Lange made a motion to add Jim & Anne Bjerkness, (Anne's Apartments), to the agenda in regard to two late fees on their water/sewer bills second by Rollins.

All members voted yes, Motion carried

George Casper from Maintenance/Public Works reported that the city grader had broke down but that he

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had repaired it. The backhoe is also broke down again. With everything that the Maintenance department has going on right now, George wanted permission from the Council to hire Ken Jansen to repair the backhoe at \$30.00 to \$35.00 per hour. It should take 2 to 3 days to complete the repairs.

Motion made by Baker to approve hiring Ken Jansen to repair the backhoe, second by Golden.

All members voted yes, Motion carried

George Casper let the Council know that they had started flushing hydrants last Wednesday and that they would be continuing to flush them on Wednesdays through summer.

Ritter and Ritter out of Aitkin has been doing their annual televising and cleaning of the sewer lines May 14th and should complete the job on May 15th.

George reported that the bathhouse and the Hill Lake Park are open. They are going to be redoing the floors in the bathhouse weather permitting.

George has obtained a quote for putting in electrical service to the 4 new RV sites in Hill Lake Park. There was a \$39.00 difference between the 2 quotes.

Motion made by Golden to have Pioneer Electric put in the electrical service to the new RV sites, second by Rollins.

All members voted yes, Motion carried

It was a Council consensus for George Casper to go ahead with the installation of the 4 new RV sites as long as he stays within the \$10,000.00 budgeted for the project.

Also, George informed the Council that Polar insulation donated 4 fire rings for the Hill Lake Park.

George reported that the DNR will be here on Thursday, May 16th to help him get the fishing pier put back in place.

Mike Boleman, Asst. Fire Chief, reported that there was one fire call last month. This week the pumps on the fire trucks were being recertified at a cost of approximately \$500.00 per truck. Also, the smelt feed had a good turn out this year.

Mayor Baker thanked all of the city employees for all of the work they have been doing.

There were no reports from the Council, Clerk or 1st Responders.

The Council had previously spoken of developing a Personnel Committee. This committee would look a updating /developing a Personnel Handbook, take care of the Union Contract, employee reviews, etc. Council

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member Golden volunteered to be on this committee as she has had prior experience with Personnel Committees. Golden stated that when she was a City Clerk, that the Clerk and Deputy Clerk were also on the Personnel Committee. The Council decided that the Personnel Committee would consist of: Council member Golden, Clerk Gillson and Deputy Clerk Meyer.

The Council had also spoken of developing a Facilities and Equipment Committee. This Committee will consist of: Council member Lange, George Casper and Pat Jordan from Maintenance/Public Works.

The Land Use Committee consists of: Council member Baratto, Council member Rollins and George Casper. When Zoning Permits are applied for, it could take up to one week for approval or denial.

Council member Golden suggested that a Planning and Zoning Board should be created. There was discussion on this and it will further discussed at a later date.

A Spring Newsletter will be going out at the end of May along with the water/sewer billings. The cut-off date for Council and staff to add anything to the newsletter will be May 22, 2013.

The city is looking at purchasing new software for Fund Accounting and Payroll through Banyon Data Systems. The city currently uses the Banyon Utility Billing software for water/sewer billings. By using the Banyon Fund Accounting and Payroll software all the programs will be integrated together without having to manually input information from one program into another as it is currently done.

Motion made by Rollins to approve the purchase of the Banyon Fund Accounting and Payroll software and to find out the cost of having the information transferred from the old accounting system into the new Banyon system, second by Golden.

All members voted yes, Motion carried

Council member Golden said that she had been approached in regard to the Community Garden that was going to be put in at Bens Park. Golden stated that she would like something put into the Spring Newsletter about the Community Garden for people to call City Hall if they were interested in participating in the garden. Council member Golden said that she would find someone to "spear head" the project if there were enough people interested.

Jen Coffman from Knuckleheads Bar and Grill was present to ask for approval to have a street dance and

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block off Lake Ave. from Gill St. to Main St. on June 15, 2013 for their Grand Opening.

Motion made by Lange to approve Knuckleheads blocking off one block of Lake Ave. and to have a street dance until 1:00 a.m., second by Rollins.

All members voted yes, Motion carried

Motion made by Rollins to approve off sale, on sale and Sunday liquor licenses for the Quadna Resort and Conference center, second by Baker.

All members voted yes, Motion carried

There was a letter received from Chris Archambo in regard to lower his taxes on the property that he owns. The Council stated for the Clerk to send him an acknowledgment of his letter and to inform him of the Board of Equalization meeting that are held each in regard to property taxes.

Motion made by Lange to approve the application for a Large Assembly License through Aitkin County for the High Lifter Products, Inc. for the ATV/SxS Event June 20 – 23, 2013 out at Quadna Mountain Park, second by Rollins.

All members voted yes, Motion carried

Council member Lange said that he had received a request from Anne's Apartments to waive the two late fees of \$25.00 each that they had received on the apartments two water meters from last month. Anne Bjerkness said that she had mailed the payments on April 17th and that the payments were not received by the city until April 29th with a postmark of April 27th. Anne had spoken with the Post Office and was told that it was probably their fault.

Motion made by Lange to waive one of the late fees of \$25.00 and if Anne could get a letter from the Post Office stating that it was their fault the city would waive the second \$25.00 late fee. Also, this is a one time thing and no more late fees would be waived because of the city receiving the payments late. A second to this motion was by Baratto.

All members voted yes, Motion carried

Motion made by Rollins to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m., second by Baratto.

Respectfully submitted by:

Diana Gillson, Clerk/Treasurer

# Early Childhood Registration for Fall 2013-2014

Registration for Early Childhood classes at Hill City School will be different for this upcoming Fall. **Come in to the Early Childhood Room at the school during the week of June 3, anytime from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Mon, Tues., Thur., and Fri or 1:00 to 5 pm on Wed. to register for Early Childhood classes for this Fall.**

Information about classes and when they will be offered will be sent out to those with children ages 0-5. If you are new to the area or do not currently receive Early Childhood Newsletters and would like one, please contact Kathy at 218-697-2394, ext. 177. You may leave your name, address, phone number, and names and birthdays of your children on the extension at anytime during the summer months. Someone will be in Early Childhood through June 7th and will check messages periodically during the summer!

**ENJOY YOUR SUMMER WITH THE KIDS!!!**

# LOOKING FOR BAND INSTRUMENTS!!

If you have a band instrument collecting dust in your closet, you could turn that into a tax deduction by donating it to the school band program.

If you have an instrument you would like to sell and want to be on the list for up and coming musicians, please send the information about the instrument to Mr. Kneeland at the school.

Email, call or write to:  
Pkneelan@hillcity.k12.mn.us  
218-697-2394 ext. 186

or

Phil Kneeland  
ISD #002  
500 Ione Ave.  
Hill City MN 55748



## Henritta "Hank" Berg



# HOOPLA



**SATURDAY JULY 27, 2013  
HARRY'S BAR, HILL CITY, MN**

**Free Will Donation Supper**  
Served from 4-7 pm  
Pork Sandwiches & Sides

**Silent Auction Items**  
From 4-7 pm

**Ticket Raffles/Chinese Auction**  
From 5-9 pm

**Last Call Entertainment**  
DJ services from 8-11 pm



**T-SHIRTS AND BRACELETS  
WILL ALSO BE SOLD**  
T-SHIRTS \$10  
BRACELETS \$3

In November 2012 Henritta 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 received 4 rounds of chemotherapy to shrink the tumors, had surgery to remove the tumors and then had more chemotherapy.

All proceeds will be put toward Hank's cancer treatments and hospital bills.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!**

Hill City Chamber Sponsoring Gaming Permit # X-33760-13-008

Supplemental funds provided by Kootasca Chapter of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans

## QUADNA MOUNTAIN PARK CHALET

NOW AVAILABLE FOR RENT FOR YOUR SPECIAL OCCASIONS SUCH AS FAMILY REUNIONS, BIRTHDAYS, GRADUATIONS, WEDDINGS, CONFERENCES, AND BUSINESS MEETINGS. ANY TYPE OF EVENT WHERE YOU NEED SOME ROOM. WE HAVE A HUGE PARKING LOT, A LARGE OUTDOOR AREA WITH LIGHTING. THERE IS A P.A SYSTEM FOR INSIDE AND OUT, OUTDOOR BARBECUE EQUIPMENT, A BAR, AND A FLOOR FOR DANCING. CATERING IS ALSO AVAILABLE FOR FOOD AND ON SALE LIQUOR.

CALL JOHN AT 218-244-6684 OR EMAIL TO [JOHNMCMANIGLE@YAHOO.COM](mailto:JOHNMCMANIGLE@YAHOO.COM) WITH QUESTIONS OR TO VIEW ACCOMIDATIONS

## STINKERS TO THINKERS DAYCARE

### Openings

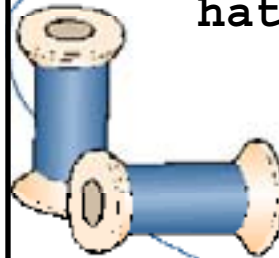


For more information  
Please contact:  
Tina @ 218-398-0408 or  
Henrietta @ 218-697-8229

## NEED SOMETHING EMBROIDERED??

Call  
Tina's Embroidery  
at  
(218) 398-0408

I can embroider  
shirts, jackets,  
hats, towels,  
etc.



## OPERATION MINNESOTA NICE

*Volunteers Needed*  
to send packages to soldiers  
overseas.



If you are interested in joining  
this awesome group, please  
Contact Tina Harcey @  
(218) 398-0408  
for more information  
Or visit the website at  
[www.operationminnesotanice.com](http://www.operationminnesotanice.com)

## OLD SETTLER'S



Swatara Community Hall

Sunday, July 7, 2013  
Potluck at  
12:00 p.m.

Everyone Welcome!!

# Hill City 4<sup>th</sup> of July Preparations are Under Way!!!!

Bill Klennert is looking for volunteers to help plan, organize and execute Hill City's grandest 4<sup>th</sup> 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<sup>th</sup>

7 am-11 am

Lutheran pancake breakfast  
Lions Club Fun Run

10:45

Parade (The 34<sup>th</sup> Infantry Marching Band Red Bull Division will lead our parade to honor our Veterans and new floats are lined up to entertain!)

Hollywood Stunt man  
Squeaky the Clown  
Lori-caricatures  
The Fall Guys  
Face Painting

11:00-1:00

Methodist church dinner

Noon

Hot Dog eating contest  
Street games  
2 sawdust piles

Noon-6:00

Games Galore (10 kid games-Free)  
Mechanical bull  
24' Water slide  
Petting zoo  
All day flea market

2:00 pm

Chuck Perry Magic Show

3:00 pm

Wild West Show

4:30 pm

Pie Auction

5:00 pm

Bingo

Afternoon:

Horse shoe tournament (Harry's)

7:00-11:00

White Sidewalls

Dusk

Fireworks

## Friday, July 5<sup>th</sup>

10:00 am

Antique tractor parade

## Friday, July 5<sup>th</sup>-cont.

Noon

Itasca Remote Control airplane  
Demonstration on lake

Noon-6:00

Games Galore  
Mechanical Bull

1:00-3:00

Tractor and pick-up pull (at QMP -  
For info call (218) 244-6684)

3:00

Wild West Show

4:00-6:00

Professional Pig Racing (2 shows)

7:00-11:00

Shack Shakes

## Saturday, July 6<sup>th</sup>

8:00-12:00

Triathlon (at QMP and Hill Lake)

Noon-6:00

Music on Main St

Noon

BBQ Wars

1:00-3:00

Soap Box Derby (Chamber will provide derby cars)

12:00-4:00

Chain Saw Carving  
All Day Vendors and Flea Market

7:00-11:00

Bottom Line

## Sunday, July 7<sup>th</sup>

Time TBD

All Church Ice Cream social  
with Gospel music before and after

Noon

Golf tournament

Noon

Old Settler's Picnic-Swatara

**\*Other events may be added as opportunities arise**

### Bill's Annual Softball Tournament

June 29-30<sup>th</sup>

\*\*Call Bill at (218) 398-1455 for  
more information or to register your  
team!

**\*\*Get involved and help us make this 4<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> of July buttons sold by HCHS 10<sup>th</sup> graders and at local businesses, 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!**



**From Kids Plus.....**

Unfortunately and with much regret, we will NOT be able to host the Day Camp for the children this summer, as expected.

Kids Plus is a grant funded program that also relies on enough funds from the activities it holds. It is a program that was designed to teach leadership and provide job related training skills, and to build a strong foundation for the future of our Community.

So this will NOT be the last of a Summer Camp for Hill City! With some adjustment, we will be able to reintroduce this for next summer... with hopefully *new, fresh* ideas with *bigger and better* activities.

Please watch for the next school year s happenings for Kids Plus in upcoming newsletters.  
Have a Great Summer :o)

**Right-Way Driving**



will be having classroom driver's education at the Hill City School beginning:

**July 22nd**

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

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

Questions Contact: Right-Way Driving at 327-4880 or Hill City Comm Ed at 697-2394 X172

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



**Hill City Pony League Football  
4-6th Grade  
\$20**

**Practice will start  
Tuesday, August 20th  
5 pm**

Reminder that all players need to get a physical completed by a physician. Forms can be found in the school office or at the clinic

If you need assistance with the fee or have questions please contact Community Ed at 697-2397, ext 172

**Pony League Football  
4-6th Grade**

FEE: \$20 (made payable to Hill City Community Education)

Students Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact info: Home Ph: \_\_\_\_\_  
Work Ph: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cell Ph: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ has my permission to participate in Pony League Football.

Parent or Guardian Signature Date

Please bring registration form, fee and physical exam form to the first practice

Questions about league or fees please contact Hill City Community Education at 697-2394 X172



# Hill City American Legion James Kobernat Post 340



*Will Perform Memorial Day Services:  
Monday, May 27, 2013*

Hill Lake Cemetery.....10:00

Macville Cemetery.....10:45

Veterans Memorial Park.....11:30