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# COMMUNITY NEWS

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2013

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September 30th - October 4th



Monday 9/30/13

Dress up Day: Athlete or Celebrity

Final Voting (grades 7-12)

Volleyball in McGregor

Tuesday 10/1/13

Dress up Day: Formal or Royal



**Coronation 2:45** 

Volleyball Home vs Nash-Kee

Wednesday 10/2/13

Dress up Day: Duck Dynasty or

Redneck

Elementary Pep Fest 6<sup>th</sup> hour (1:30-2:00)

Powder Puff Volleyball 6:30

Thursday 10/3/13

Friday 10/4/13

Dress up Day: Opposite or Twin

JH Football in Cromwell

Powder Puff Football 6:00

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Dress up Day: Purple Pride Day

 $Pep\ Fest\ 7^{th}\ hour\ ({\tt on\ football\ field\ if\ weather\ permits})$ 

Tailgate Party (sponsored by Kids Plus) 5:30

Football Home vs Kelliher/Northome

Dance (following game) 9-11:30

\*\*community events are in bold\*\*

### **Hill City School Board**

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### **Committee Assignments for 2013**

Hill City, MN 55748

CommitteeRepresentativeMSHSLMark Meyer

Legislative Representative

Sue Kaslow (Tom Fasteland, Alt.)

Negotiations Committee

Sue Kaslow, Tom Fasteland, and

Martha Lentz (Brent Welk, Alt.)

System Accountability Committee

Jessica Lathrop (Martha Lentz, Alt.)

Community Education Advisory Council Mark Meyer (Tom Fasteland, Alt.)

Meet and Confer Tom Fasteland and Mark Meyer

(Brent Welk, Alt.)

Staff Development Martha Lentz (Jessica Lathrop, Alt.)
School and Community Health Team Tom Fasteland and Martha Lentz

Recertification Committee Brent Welk

ARCC Sue Kaslow
Comparable Worth Brent Welk

NESC Board Sue Kaslow Safety/Transportation Committee Tom Fasteland

Athletic Advisory Committee Brent Welk, Tom Fasteland Itasca Area Schools Collaborative Sue Kaslow (Mark Meyer, Alt.)

# For School Closings and Emergency Information Broadcasts RADIO STATIONS INSTANT AIFRT TV STATIONS

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99.9 FM	<b>Infinite Campus' Voice</b>	WDIO/WIRT
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	call parents between	KBJR
	5:00 - 6:00 a.m. for	WCCO
91.7 FM	school closings.	
	99.9 FM	99.9 FM 1320 AM 96.9 FM 93.9 FM 91.7 FM  Infinite Campus' Voice Messenger system will call parents between 5:00 - 6:00 a.m. for

### **Community Newsletter Deadline**

Hill City, MN 55748

Just a reminder, if you would like an article put in the Community Newsletter, it must be turned in to the school office by the 15th of the month to be put in the following months' newsletter. Newsletters are generally sent out by the 27th of the month. If you have any questions regarding this, please feel free to contact Brandi at (218) 697-2394, ext. 160.

# Itasca Alliance Against Sexual Assault Now Serving Aitkin County

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

Free and Confidential 24-hour Assistance

218-326-5008 218-927-6226 866-747-5008

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

Swatara, MN 55785

# 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 Vice Chairman Jessica Lathrop at 7:01 p.m. on Thursday, August 15, 2013.

Roll call showed the following members present: Sue Kaslow, Martha Lentz, Jessica Lathrop, Mark Meyer, and Brent Welk. Board Members absent: Tom Fasteland. Tom Fasteland arrived at 7:05 p.m. Also present were Superintendent/Principal Dean Yocum and Business Manager Ellie Hill.

- 1. The Board received information on options for the levy authority.
- 2. Discussion was held on various methods of getting the information out to the district taxpayers.
- 3. Workshop adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

# INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2 HILL CITY, MINNESOTA

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Independent School District No. 2, Hill City, Minnesota, was called to order by Chairman Tom Fasteland at 7:03 p.m. on Monday, August 26, 2013.

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

- 1. Approved the Agenda with additions.
- 2. Approved the following:
  - \*Minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 29, 2013;
  - \*Minutes of the Workshop of August 15, 2013;
  - \*July 2013 bills presented for payment;
  - \*Current bills through 08/08/13;
  - \*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. The proposed bus routes for the 2013-2014 school year were not available.
- 6. Student Council: no report.
- 7. System Accountability Committee: no report.
- 8. School and Community Health Committee: no report.
- 9. Safety/Transportation Committee: no meeting.
- 10. Negotiations Committee: No meeting.
- 11. Community Education Report: The budget has been finalized and starting on State report. Pony League has started.

- 12. Maintenance Supervisor report: The facility is ready for school to start.
- 13. Technology Coordinator Update: none to report.
- 14. IASC update: John Colosimo did update for law seminar. Discussion was held on MPASS system for principal evaluation.
- 15. Approved Marc Olig's request for use of up to two weeks sick leave for parental leave.
- 16. Superintendent/Principal Yocum informed the Board about offer vs. serve for kindergarten through grade 3 starting this school year.
- 17. Set the salary for athletic supervisors for all athletic events for the 2013-2014 school year at \$15.00 per hour.
- 18. Approved hiring the following for the 2013-2014 school year a salary of \$25 per night: Patty Valley as ticket takers for fall athletic events, Jeanie Crandall as Volleyball Score Bookkeeper, Alan Olson as Volleyball Scoreboard Operator, Laurie Holm as Libero Tracker, Jim Lamke as Football Timekeeper/PA, Clark Bailey as Football Scorekeeper, Dave Olson, Alan Olson, and Dave Lange as Field Down/Yard Judges, Tiffany Hocking and Tamara Benson as Volleyball linesmen.
- 19. Approved hiring Joni Tobeck as paraprofessional for 6.5 hours per day while school is in session for the 2013-2014 school year with a salary to be set according to the current AFSCME contract.
- 20. Approve hiring Jaime Humphrey as Early Start paraprofessional for approximately 788 hours for the 2013-2014 school year with a salary per hour set according to the grant.
- 21. Set the rate of pay for substitute instructors for the 2013-2014 school year at \$100.00 per day for short term substitutes and \$115 per day for long-term substitutes.
- 22. Reviewed the preliminary substitute instructor list for the 2013-2014 school year.
- 23. Approved the Assurance of Compliance with State and Federal Law Prohibiting Discrimination.
- 24. Adopted Resolution Authorizing a New Board Approved Referendum Authority.
- 25. Approved hiring Joshua Hirschey, Laurie Holm, and Phil Kneeland as Senior Class Advisors.
- 26. Approved hiring Marc Olig and Adam Johnson as Junior Class Advisors.
- 27. Superintendent/Principal Dean Yocum attended the MSBA Fall area meeting.
- 28. National Night Out is on September 8, 2013 from 4-7 p.m. The levy meeting will take place from 5:30 6:00 p.m.
- 29. The School Open House is scheduled for September 16, 2013 from 4-7 p.m. with the levy meeting to take place at 6:00 p.m.
- 30. Meeting adjourned at 7:53 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.

### PPRA Notice and Opt-Out for Specific Activities

The Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA), 20 U.S.C. § 1232h, requires Independent School Dist. No. 2 to notify you and allow you to opt your child out of participating in certain school activities. These activities include a student survey, analysis, or evaluation that concerns one or more of the following eight areas ("protected information surveys"):

- Political affiliations or beliefs of the student or student's parent;
- 2 Mental or psychological problems of the student or student's family;
- 3 Sex behavior or attitudes;
- 4 Illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating, or demeaning behavior;
- 5 Critical appraisals of others with whom respondents have close family relationships;
- 6 Legally recognized privileged relationships, such as with lawyers, doctors, or ministers;
- Religious practices, affiliations, or beliefs of the student or parents; or
- 8 Income, other than as required by law to determine program eligibility.

This requirement also applies to the collection, disclosure or use of student information for marketing purposes ("marketing surveys"), and certain physical exams and screenings.

Independent School Dist. No. 2 will provide parents, within a reasonable period of time prior to the administration of the surveys and activities, notification of the surveys and activities and be provided an opportunity to opt their child out, as well as an opportunity to review the surveys. (Please note that this notice and opt-out transfers from parents to any student who is 18 years old or an emancipated minor under State law.) To Opt-out: Contact **Kay Koerber, School Counselor at (218) 697-2394, ext. 110.** 

### 2012-2013 ANNUAL REPORT ON CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

The 2012-2013 Annual Report from the System Accountability Committee has been posted on the school's website (http://www.hillcity.k12.mn.us). If you do not have internet access or would like a paper copy, please feel free to stop in the office and request a copy. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the above information, please feel free to contact Patty Sawdey at (218) 697-2394, extension 104.

#### ATTENTION!!

#### **Hill City Alumni**

We are looking for information about any & all former Hill City athletes and Homecoming candidates throughout the course of our school's history, including those who no longer live in the area.

Any information passed along would be appreciated!!

You may deliver information to the school office or

Mail to

ISD#002, 500 Ione Ave, Hill City, MN 55748 Please make sure all correspondence reads Attention: Roger Rhodes, C/O Sandy Rasmusson. Thank you,

Roger Rhodes, Class of 2012

# BLOOD DRIVE A SUCCESS!

Thank you to all who helped make the blood drive a success. Thank you to the people that donated, Margie Gillson for recruiting all the donors, the "cookie" ladies, and all the other volunteers.

All of the help is greatly appreciated and I couldn't do it without YOU!!

Anne Bjerkness



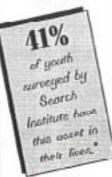


# deas for narents Practical Suggestions for Building Assets in Your Child

### FAST FACTS

### ASSET #3: Other Adult Relationships

Youth are more likely to grow up healthy when they receive support from three or more nonparent adults.



#### What Are Assets?

Assets are 40 key building blocks to help kids succeed. "Other adult relationships" is one of six support assets.

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child.

# Crucial Supporters

hink back to your childhood. . Was there one adult you really enjoyed talking with? Maybe it was a grandparent, a scout leader, an aunt, a coach, a neighbor, an older cousin, someone in your congregation, your plano teacher. This person helped you sort through growing up issues. Even if you can't recall any specific conversations you had. you will remember the warm feelings thinking about the person brings.

Young people need parents to talk to, but they also need other adults to bounce ideas off to ask questions of to laugh with to help sort through sticky situations. Researchers have discovered that young people who have other caring adults to talk with are-

- · Less likely to do risky things, such as use alcohol or other drugs or be sexually
- More likely to grow up successfully Even children in abusive, low-income, chaotic, or otherwise difficult situations have better



futures if they find at least one earing adult outside the home.

- Likely to think they can make a difference and that they matter.
- Better able to succeed in school

### Tell Them THANKS!

With your child, identify all the adults who regularly interact with her or him. Include teachers, grandparents, club leaders, coaches, cooks, bus drivers, aunts, uncles, employers, school administrators, paraprofessionals, custodians, neighbors, other extended family. and the parents of friends. Jot each a short note, telling them how much you appreciate their care, their dedication, and their interest in your

# time together

Three ways to encourage your child to build relationships with other adults:

- Help your child find an adult you · both truot who shares a similar
- hobby or internot with your child. Play games with other families
  - where teams consist of adults of one family paired with children from another family.
- Encourage your child to find an · adult-led program that he or ohe

### In Search of Other Adults

Thildren can link up with other adults through programs and opportunities such as these:

- Neighborhood get togethers
- Religious programs
- Music lessons
- Sports leagues
- Community recreation
- + Internships
- Family reunions and gatherings
- Kinship programs

- Tutoring
- · Theater projects
- · Youth groups
- · Hobby classes
- · Community bands, orchestras, and choirs
- · Carriers
- Montoring
- Service-learning programs in schools

Quick Tip: Help your child connect with three caring adults.



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

& Aitkin County

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#### Swap Experiences

Ask your child which adult he ar she enjoys being with most and why. Then tell about a significant adult from your childhood. Explain what you gained from that relationship.

#### More Stuff You Can Use

Contemporary Grandparenting. This book shaws the vital role of grandparents in childrens lives and how to nurture those relationships. (Available from Sage Publications, Inc., 2455 Teller Road, Thousand Oaks, CA 91320, 805-499 0721)

### talk together

Queetiens to discuss with your shild:

- · Which adult extende of our family would you like to get to know better? Why?
- If you had a rough question that you didn't want to discuss with me (ue), who would you go to?
- · How can we show our appreciation to the eignificant adults in your life?

### FINAL WORD

"I have always believed that I could help change the world because I have been lucky to have adults around me who did—in small and large ways." -Marian Wright Edelman, author and president of the Children's Defense Fund

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## October 2013

# Daily Learning Planner: Ideas Parents Can Use to Help

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	write it on t	your calendar.						

- 2. Teach your child how to prepare nutritious after-school snados.
- 3. Let your child see you reading today.
- 4. Pay your child a compliment today.
- 5. Plan a trip to a nearby museum.
- a. Visit the produce department at the gracery store. Ask your child to guess how much certain foods weigh. Have her use the produce scale to check her answer.
- 7. Ask your child, "What one thing makes you feel really excited?"
- B. Role play a sticky situation with your child. What would she do if her friend were teasing someone at school?
- 9. Make sure your child has access to basic reference books when he studies (atlas, dictionary, thesaurus).
- 10. Change chain at mealtime. Pretend to be the person who usually sits.
- 11. Help your child figure out the average height of the people in your family.
- 12. Draw a picture with your child today. Hang it on the refrigerator.
- 13. Do a crossword puzzle with your child.
- 14. With your child, create an indoor miniature golf course with obstacles. and ramps.
- 15. Take a walk and collect pretty leaves. Put them between clear self-stick. paper to make placemats.
- 16. Challenge your child to fold a piece of paper into a usable drinking cop.

- Children Do Well in School—Try a New Idea Every Day! 17. Start a project with your child, such as building a model. Make plans
- to work on it regulatly together. 18. Cut out six pictures from a magazine. Ask your child to tell you a story that involves something from each picture.
- 15. Do a library card checkup. Does every member of the family have a library card? If not, plan a trip to the library.
- 20. Ask your child, "What is the best job in the whole world!"
- 21. Consider giving your child an allowance. Discuss what she can use it for, such as buying things, saving and giving to charity.
- 22. Ask your child to help you plan a fun activity
- 23. Give your child a calendar. Suggest he fill it with important notes. about homework, tests and school activities.
- 24. Ask, "Where would you go if you could go anywhere in the world?"
- 25. Ask your child, "What are your three favorite songs!"
- 26. Let your child stay up later to read
- 27. Choose a news story and learn more about it with your child.
- 28. Help your child figure out the average time she spends reading per day.
- 29. Ask your shill how she helped others today.
- 30. Set up a special place for your child to study.
- 31. Have your child tape paper sowel rolls together to form a long chase. Start a small ball at the top and roll it to the bottom.



# Helping Children Learn Tips Families Can Use to Help Children Do Better in School October 2013

Hill City Elementary School Go Hornets!

## Ask these questions at your parent-teacher conference

Parent-teacher conferences are a great opportunity for you to get to know your child's teacher—and your child. By meeting with her teacher, you'll learn more about your child's strengths and weaknesses. Her teacher will also give you a better idea about what to expect throughout the rest of the school year.

Here are some questions you might ask your child's teacher:

- What will you cover in this grade this year?
- What are your expectations for homework? Has my child missed any assignments so far? If so, how can she make them up?
- How are my child's work habits? Does she use time in class well? Is she organized?
- Does my child read at the level you would expect for this grade?
- . Is my child able to do the math you expect for a student in this grade?
- Has my child missed any classes other than the ones I contacted the school about?
- Does my child qualify for any special programs?
- . Does my child get along well with the other students?
- What can I do at home to help my child be more successful?

Remember to bring paper and a pen to take notes on what your child's teacher says. Exchange contact information and find out the best way and time to get in touch.

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### Encourage writing in a variety of ways

Not everyone will grow up to be a best-selling author. But people who can put their thoughts into writing will be successful in any field.

Here are some ways you can help your child become a better writer:

- Encourage him to email or write letters to friends and family members.
- Read a book together, then
  write your child a letter about
  what you've read. Encourage him
  to write back to you. This will also
  help your child learn to read for
  meaning.
- Suggest he rewrite the ending to a movie you've just seen together. What would he change?
- Encourage your child to keep a journal. Help him choose or make a book with blank pages and pick out a special pen. Then encourage him to put thoughts and feelings on paper.

# Motivate your child with a study buddy

Sometimes, kids can learn better if they work with another student. A study buddy can be great for helping children master challenging material.

To make study sessions productive:

- Be clear about the purpose.
   Students should agree that they are getting together to study—not to play.
- Set goals. Decide what is going to be covered during a session—and stick to it!

Scorer G. Wood. How to Study: Like Your Personal Learning Style to Help You Succeed When It Counts, Learning Express.

### Use teachers' suggestions on ways to help at home

The National PTA asked teachers what they wished parents would do to help their children in school. Here's what they sald:

- Ask your child about school every day.
- Set an example. Show your child that learning is enjoyable and useful.



- Emphasize academics. Talk about how everyday experiences relate to what your child is learning in school.
- Follow daily routines that encourage healthy sleeping and eating habits.
- Encourage your child to do his best. Show that you believe education is important.

### A set of 'House Rules' can help simplify discipline

As a family, consider creating a set of "House Rules that will always be enforced. These should be rules and consequences regarding your family's biggest concerns. Creating rules and outlining consequences will create a house full of respectful, responsible family members.

Source R. Guarendi, Discipline That Lasts a Lifetime: The Best Gift You Gen Give Your Kids, St. Anthony Messenger Press.

# Helping Children Learn Tips Families Can Use to Help Children Do Better in School October 2013



### How much homework should elementary schoolers have?

Q: My two children could not be more different about homework. One spends about two hours a day on his school assignments. He asks for help constantly. He wants me to check over everything. My younger child says he doesn't have homework or he did it at school. When he does work at home, he races through it. How can I help them find a happy medium?

A: This is a snapshot of the challenges teachers face every day! Your children have the same parents and the same home environment. Yet they are as different as can be

Surprisingly, their problems have similar solutions. First, ask to talk with both teachers. Share what your sons are doing at home. How much time does each teacher expect homework to take?

Next, set a rule that there is daily study time at your house so your younger son might as well

bring work home from school; otherwise, you'll give him things to do, such as extra math problems to review.

Set some ground rules. At the start of every study session, go over the work they have to do and help make a list of priorities. Stay nearby as they work. Check at the end to see that they did what was on the list



### Is your child building responsibility?

Building responsibility is a lot like building muscles. The more your child acts in a responsible way, the more likely she is to do so again. The behavior she learns at home will show up at school. Are you helping your child be responsible? Answer yes or no to each of the statements below to find out:

- \_1. Is your child responsible for getting herself ready for school in the morning?
  - Do you have a regular homework time in your house? That makes it easier for your child to be in charge of her schoolwork.
- \_3. Does your child know that choices have consequences?
- \_4. Is your child responsible for getting her belongings and homework to school? Create a place where everything goes. Help her pack her book bag at night.

5. Do you keep from rushing to school if your child forgets something?

#### How did you do?

Fach yes mains you are helping your child build her "responsibility muscles." For each no answer, try that idea from the quiz.

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#### Put a limit on screen time

Kids spend an average of 7.5 hours a day in front of a screen. That's longer than some school days!

The more time children spend in front of screens, the less time they have to read, exercise or focus on school. To limit your child's screen time:

- Create rules. Studies show that when parents set limits, screen time drops.
- Remove screens from bedrooms.

Source "Reduce Screen Time," National Institutes of Health, www.ahlbi.nih.gov/health/public/heart/obesity/weran/reducescreen-time/index.htm.

#### Set high expectations for math and science

Math and science are extremely important in any of today's best-paying jobs—and developing positive attitudes about math and science starts as early as elementary school. Play games that encourage these subjects. Teach your child that brains, like muscles, get stronger with practice.

Source, J. Jacobs and others. "I Can. But I Don't Want To: The Impact of Pavents, Interests, and Activities on Gender Differences in Math." Gender Differences in Mathematics, Cambridge University Press.

### Raising a moral child pays off

It takes dedication and constant watchfulness to raise a child with good morals—but it's worth it. With your help, your child will grow up with a strong moral compass that will serve her well in school and in life.

To build your child's character:

- Explain how you make decisions
- Talk about examples. Discuss the decisions that TV characters make.
- Catch her showing good character.
   Tell her you're proud of her

Source, M.W. Berkowitz, "Cheracter Must Matter to Pavent First," The Topeka Capital-fournal, http://cjonline.com/ stories/081201/opi\_berkowitz.shtml.

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# **City of Hill City Council Meeting**

August 13, 2013

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, Joni Golden and Dave Lange.

The Pledge of Allegiance was cited.

Motion made by Rollins to pull the claim/bill for Lange's Nursery & Landscaping from the Consent Agenda due to a conflict of interest for Council member Lange to vote on, second by Baratto.

All members voted yes, Motion carried Motion made by Golden to approve the Consent Agenda, second by Rollins.

All members voted yes, Motion carried Nanci Blanchard was present to request a refund of the late fee on her water/sewer from July. Nanci's monthly payments are always received from her bank via a paper check in the mail. The July payment was never received and it generated a late fee on her account. Nanci wanted to know if a receipt or an e-mail could be sent when the check is received. Options are going to be looked into to see if the Utility Billing program can be set up automatically e-mail receipts.

There was also another citizen that has their payment sent from their bank by paper check that not received either and they received a late fee also.

Motion made by Baker to waive both late fees as the checks sent from the two banks have never cleared the bank, second by Lange.

All members voted yes, Motion carried Jennifer Hanson from Glorvigen, Theis, Lind & Company was present to give an overview of the 2012 annual audit. The Council had a couple of questions for her, but everything was in good order. There is approximately \$6,700.00 in a Housing Fund that needs to be given out from a past grant and the file will be pulled on this to see how to go about awarding this money. Also, the Sewer Fund seems to be losing some money and Jennifer advised the Council to keep an eye on this to see if rates will need to be increased to cover this.

Motion made by Baker to accept the 2012 audit, second by Baratto.

All members voted yes, Motion carried

# **City of Hill City Council Meeting**

August 13, 2013 (continued)

(These are unapproved minutes)

Motion made by Rollins to approve payment to Lange's Nursery and Landscaping in the amount of \$4,606.77, second by Baker.

Golden voted yes, Rollins voted yes Baker voted yes, Baratto voted yes Lange abstained, Motion carried

George Casper reported that a fire hydrant that needed to be moved and another fire hydrant that needed to be replaced has been done. That two new sewer pumps had been installed out at Quadna. The Hill Lake Park renovations are almost done for this year.

Council member Rollins stated that there were upset campers at the park due to the fact that the donated firewood was gone. There were 40 bundles of firewood purchased at \$2.30 a bundle from the Itasca County Probation Dept. to be sold at the park.

Motion made by Rollins to sell the firewood for \$5.00 a bundle (same price as businesses in town have been selling it for), second by Lange.

All members voted yes, Motion carried George Casper said that the RC Flyers would like

to see the swimming buoys removed by the weekend of September 7th so that they could land their planes there that weekend. The Council okayed George to remove the buoys after the Labor Day weekend.

George said that the class 5 was out on the streets and out on the airport road. Currently George and Pat Jordan are working on the storm sewer in the Hill Lake Park by the new tent sites.

Fire Chief Jeremy Nelson let the Council know that Tom Fasteland will be replacing Dick Kaslow as Secretary for the Fire Dept. and for the Relief Association.

Police Chief Madsen stated that Itasca County TZD (Towards Zero Deaths) has extra funds with a matching amount from the department. Madsen would like to purchase a new PBT at the approximate cost of \$575.00 (the city match would be approximately \$287.50) as one of the current ones is ten years old. The matching amount could come out of the Drug Fund. The Council felt this would be fine.

Council member Baratto asked Police Chief Madsen what was going on with the Pigeon issue in

# **City of Hill City Council Meeting**

August13, 2013 (continued)

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town. Madsen stated that he had talked to a citizen in regard to feeding the pigeons as there was a compliant from a neighbor. The citizen stated that she fed the squirrels and birds but did not want the pigeons around either. Madsen said that he would talk to the DNR and see what their suggestion was to get rid of the pigeons. Madsen talked to the local Conversation Officer who told him to have the citizen contact Aitkin Wildlife. Madsen said that he told this citizen that. There was discussion on how do get rid of these pigeons. No solution was reached on this.

Mayor Baker said that everyone was doing a great job.

Clerk Gillson let the Council know that the training training on the new accounting a payroll software will be on August 20, 2013. Also, the State of Minnesota had certified the amount of the Local Government Aid to be given to the city in 2014 would be \$91,000. This is up from 2013 which was certified at \$54,550.00.

Council member Baratto handed out a paper to the other Council members showing grants that were awarded to various city's and wanted to know how come we did not know about these grants. It was explained that there are grants out there, but you have to know what you want a grant for. The city of Remer received a grant of \$332,500.00 for owner-occupied housing and commercial building rehabilitation. Clerk Gillson was asked to contact Remer to find out how they found out about this grant and report back at the next meeting.

Council member Golden reported that the Personnel Committee had not met due to two of the four members had a scheduling conflict with the meeting date. Another meeting date would be set up.

George Casper on the Facilities/Equipment Committee stated he would like to set a date up for the Committee to do a walk around of city buildings to see if there are areas that need to be attended to. And also that they are needing to purchase a lawn mower.

Council member Baratto said that the Land Use Committee was still working on a new Zoning/Building Permit Application.

Amy McCartney's Zoning/Building Permit was again addressed. Council member Rollins did not agree with the decision from the Workshop that she not

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be charged a penalty for not having a Zoning/Building Permit before erecting a fence/dog enclosure. It was also discovered that her dogs are not licensed. There was discussion on this and the various opinions of the Council was voiced.

Motion made by Lange to authorize, with the recommendation from City Attorney Dimich, to charge her \$50.00 for the Zoning/Building Permit (which she has already paid). There was more discussion about the unlicensed dogs. Second to this motion was made by Rollins contingent upon Amy getting her dogs licensed.

All members voted yes, Motion carried

Rollins would like the fence ordinance reviewed at the next Council meeting.

Fire Chief Jeremy Nelson let the Council know that the Fire Dept. had been awarded a FEMA grant in the amount of \$20,930.00 for turnout gear with a 5% match from the city.

Motion made by Lange to accept the FEMA grant, second by Rollins.

All members voted yes, Motion carried

George Casper said that he had been asked about making the volleyball court down in Hill Lake Park in sand versus the grass that it was on. There had also been another request for this at City Hall from someone who plays on a team and when they had a tournament, the one volleyball court was not enough.

Motion made by Lange to make the volleyball court at the Hill Lake Park in sand, second by Rollins.

All members voted yes, Motion carried

George Casper asked the Council if he could take the city truck to Grand Rapids as he had a personal appointment there but he also needed to pick up materials for the storm sewer that they are working on. The Council said that it was fine.

George Casper wanted to let the Council know that he wanted to get the portable generator and a pump that the Council had approved him getting last year. The Council said that it was already approved and to go ahead and purchase them.

Motion made by Rollins to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 p.m., second by Baker.

All members voted yes,Motion carried
Diana Gillson
Clerk/Treasurer

## **JACOBSON COMMUNITY NEWS**

### **OCTOBER 2013**

www.jacobsonnews.com

### **Organizations and Events**

# Carmel Lutheran Church Bazaar

Carmel Lutheran Church Harvest Bazaar Saturday October 5, 2013 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Lunch Available

# Jacobson Halloween Party

October 26, 2013
Costume and Pumpkin
registration at 4:30
Costume parade at 5:15
Free Hot dog meal 5:15
Spook house, haunted hayride, hay
maze, stories and treats
Everyone welcome, free admission

**Jacobson Seniors** 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 October 14. Hostesses are Charlotte Henningsgaard and Shirley Carlson at her home. Call Marsha 326-6865.

#### **Ball Bluff Township Board Meeting**

Thursday Oct 10, at the Jacobson Community Center for the Board meeting at 7:00 p.m. All residents are encouraged to come and participate.

#### Jacobson Fire & Rescue

Meetings are at the Fire Hall at 7:00 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday monthly: Business Meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday monthly: 1<sup>st</sup> Responder & Fire Training

### **Jacobson Food Shelf**

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

### **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: 10:00 children's Sunday School (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

Lay Minister Mark Wagner 218-246-3179

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





Saturday, September 28, 6-9 pm

Dancing—Live Music—Food—Refreshments—Memories

All Ages - We hope all generations attend

HOSTED BY SPANG 4-H CLUB

**Live Music** 

Kenny Hurlbut and Friends Band

**Jacobson Community Center** 

3 miles south of Hwy 200 on the River Road
Free—donations accepted

Questions:

Contact Roxanne at 244-6789
Or Michelle at 244-9719

Or Roxane Jenkins at 244-6789





### REMER FALL BAZAAR

Remer High School Gymnasium

Saturday, October 26th

8:00 am - 3:00 pm

crafts, gift items, baked goods & much more



**Interested Vendors Please Contact:** 

Jocelyn at (218) 566-2707

Esther at (218) 326-4027

<u>Dawn</u> at (218) 697-2766

# Thank You!

Funding support provided by: Lake Country Power—Operation Round Up

BIG thanks goes out to Hill City First Responders

for showing up so quickly!

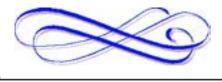
Thanks to Woodland Bank for the nice plant.

Thanks to Assembly of God for their thoughtful gift to keep me warm.

Thanks to all who sent cards.

I'm recovering fine thanks to all of you!

Herbert Dropps







# Kids Plus

### **Korner**

Kids Plus will be Hosting/Sponsoring a Tailgating Party Before the Homecoming Football Game on October 4th. It's Community Pot Luck so Please bring a dish to share and join us for Hamburgers and Hot Dogs Games and Fun!!

Festivities and Food will begin at 5:30 pm
Football game begins at 7:00 pm
Come out and Show off your
HORNET PURPLE PRIDE

Our Youth Board meets once a month to create ideas for events and then works together as a group to make it happen! If you are a <u>Student in Grades 7-12</u> and want to participate in *Kids Plus* watch the daily announcements and posters in the halls for meeting times and dates!! If you are a Parent & are interested in volunteering some time for things watch in this Monthly Newsletter for *Kids Plus Korner* Details!!

Or call Jessica for more Questions 697-2394 Ext 172 or my Email is jlathrop@hillcity.k12.mn.us



# <u>Kids Plus</u>

# <u>Korner</u>

Kids Plus is a Grant Funded Program that was started hereat our school in the Mid 90's by a group of Parents/Community members

that saw and grabbed the opportunity to share in an organization that Builds Leadership Skills, Community Service and above all gets Parents, Youth and Community together -- Giving Back.

Many of you know about the Summer Camp but Kids Plus does many more events throughout the School year, for ALL ages!

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Kids Plus Korner Details!!

Or call Jessica for more Questions **697-2394 Ext 172** or my Email is **jlathrop@hillcity.k12.mn.us** 

If you wish to Purchase an Open Gym **Season Pass**.. Which includes:

## <u>OPEN GYM</u>

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

and (Excluding Holiday Breaks)

# **CARDIO ROOM**

MON-FRI 6-8:30am SUNDAY 6-8:00pm WEDNESDAY 6-8:00pm

Students: \$15.00/session \$30/Year Community: \$20.00/session \$40/Year

Punches Left on Punch cards will be put towards first pass.

Return or Send Payment and this Form to the School
NAME:
PHONE NUMBER:
500 Ione Ave. Hill City MN, 55748



volunteer your time to Coach our Elementary Boys Basketball Team...

It's Only 1 to 2 days a week for a couple of months, so if you are interested Please Contact Community Ed. at 697-2394 Ext. 172 or jlathrop@hillcity.k12.mn.us

### AARP MN Driver Safety Program 8 Hour Class

Register by: October 11th, 2013

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.

8 Hour Class: October 15th AND 16th 5-9pm

Location: Hill City School, Room 227

Min. # Required: 8

Max. #: 30

**Cost:** \$12 for members \$14 for non members

Register by October 11th but you should bring your payment to the

class.



For questions concerning this class, please contact Jessica Lathrop Hill City Comunity Ed. at 697-2394 X172.

# There will be NO Open Gym on Wednesday Oct. 2

As part of the Fall Homecoming Festivities there will be a Powder Puff Volleyball Game from 6-8 pm in the School Gym on this night. But Please feel Free to come and watch!!

AARP Driver's Safety Class October 15th <u>AND</u> 16th Register by: October 11th

Bring your payment with you to the class

\$12 for members \$14 for non members

Name:	
DOB:	_
	Contact information:



Signature

Date

Send or Bring Registration forms to: Hill City School Comm. Ed., 500 Ione Ave, Hill City, MN 55748

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

## **Dance Team**

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



(3 sessions per school year) (payable to Hill City Comm Ed)

**Instructor**: Dreams Come True Dance

**Studio Instructors** 

**Ages**: K-8th grade

**Starts**: Tuesday Oct. 1st

Practices will continue to be Tuesday evenings with some

additional events

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

This Class has a Minimum of at least 8 Dancers

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



# Open Cardio Room

Season Passes available

\$20.00/session \$40.00/year

Passes also good for Open Gym!!!!

Mon-Fri 6:30am-8am Sun. and Wed. 6pm-8pm

# Hill City School Cardio room includes:

Tredmills, Elipticals, stationary bicycles and a flat screen tv so you won't miss your shows!

(See Season Pass ad for mail-in instructions)

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

### Dance Team

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

Students Nar	me:	
Age:	Grade:	
Contact infor	mation:	
Home Ph:		
Work Ph:		

Cell Ph: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

has my permission to participate on the Dance Team.

Parent or Guardian Signature

Date

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

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

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



Hill City
Community Ed.
& Early Childhood
Are Proud to Present:

### **Family Reading Night**

The Second Thursday of EVERY Month
For Families with Children
Ages 0-3rd Grade
in Community Rm. 250
From 6:00-7:00 pm
The Cost to You is FREE
Time spent with your Children
Reading Books & Doing Crafts...Priceless!

Our October 10th Experience with Special Guest Reader **Mrs. Nix-Vroman** will be:

# Skippyjon Jones

- By Judy Schachner

We Hope to see you there!!!!

### After School Art!

After School Art is being offered twice a month!

It will be the SECOND and FOURTH Thursday of each month 3:15-4:30



#### Featuring:

Our own Art Teacher Ms. Waterworth and The High School Art Club!

Who: All students are invited! Time: 3:15-4:30pm Where: The Art Room

Cost: \$10 per month or \$55.00 for the year

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

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

### **After School Art!**

3:15-4:30pm

\$10 per month or \$55 per year

ı	Name:	]
l	Grade: Contact Information:	j
 	Phone: Email:	
] ]	All Year	
	Month by Month	
] ]	participate in the After School Art program	
ı	Parent/Guardian Signature Date	

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



# Adult Volleyball Open Gym

You will now be able to purchase a Season Pass for each session of Open Gym. Session 1- <u>Sept. to Dec.</u> and 2- <u>Jan. to May</u>. Each session will be Students:\$15.00 & Community:\$20.00

(or \$30.00/year)

(or \$40.00/year)

Purchase your Season Pass Today from Jessica Lathrop

If you have Punches remaining on your Card from last year

please feel free to use them up First.

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

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



# Basketball Open Gym

You will now be able to purchase a Season

Pass for each session of Open Gym.
Session 1- <u>Sept. to Dec.</u> and
2- <u>Jan. to May</u>. Each session will be
Students:\$15.00 & Community:\$20.00

(or \$30.00/year) (or \$40.00/year)

Purchase your Season Pass Today from

Jessica Lathrop

If you have Punches remaining on your Card from last year

please feel free to use them up First.

Join us every

Sunday evening from

6:00 pm 8:00 pm in the

Hill City School Gym

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



# ISD #2 Breakfast Menu October 2013



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Oatmeal/Cereal Yogurt	French Toast Sticks, Sausage	Oatmeal/Cereal Yogurt	Wg Cinnamon roll Cheese Stick	5
		Fruit Juice	links, Diced Pears Juice	_	Fruit Juice	
6 Breakfast -	7	8	9	10	11	12
<u>OFFERED</u>	Wg Bagel	Oatmeal/Cereal	Wg Pancakes	Oatmeal/Cereal	Wg Cinnamon roll	
DAILY:	Cream Cheese	Yogurt	Cheese Stick	Yogurt	Cheese Stick	
Milk	Apple	Fruit	Green Apple	Fruit	Fruit	
Offer-vs-Serve	Orange Juice	Juice	Juice	Juice	Juice	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	Blueberry Muffin	Oatmeal/Cereal	Cinnamon Roll	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	
	Cheese Stick	Yogurt	Yogurt			
	Oranges	Fruit	Peaches			
	Apple Juice	Juice	Juice			
20	21	22	F	24	25	26
	Wg Bagel	Oatmeal/Cereal	French Toast	Oatmeal/Cereal	Wg Cinnamon roll	
	Cream Cheese	Yogurt	Sausage Links	Yogurt	Cheese Stick	
	Apple	Fruit	Apple	Fruit	Fruit	
	Orange Juice	Juice	Juice	Juice	Juice	
27	28	29	30	31		
	Assorted Muffins	Oatmeal/Cereal	Wg Pancakes	Oatmeal/Cereal		Menu subject to
	Cheese Stick	Yogurt	Sausage Links	Yogurt		change at
	Oranges	Fruit	Banana	Fruit		anytime
	Fruit Juice	Juice	Juice	Juice		



# ISD #2 Lunch Menu October 2013



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6 Lunch -	7	Shrimp Poppers Broccoli Rice, Roll Fruit	BBQ Pork/Wg Bun, Coleslaw Baked Beans Fruit	Chicken Taco Corn Pineapple Pears	4 Hamburger/Wg bun, Fries Coleslaw Fruit	5
<u>OFFERED</u>	Bosco Sticks	Chicken Rice	Goulash	Quesadilla	Chow Mein	
Milk, Salad Bar Choice of Fruit	Marinara Sauce Broccoli Fruit	Soup, Ham & Turkey/Wg Bun Salad Bar, Fruit	Green Beans Peaches, Apple Bread	Black Bean Salad Pineapple	Rice Fruit	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Offer-vs-Serve	Unbreaded	Minestrone Soup	Pepperoni Pizza	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	
	Chick Patty, Bun	Ham Sandwich	Corn			
	Broccoli	Salad Bar	Salad Bar			
	Salad Bar, Fruit	Fruit	Fruit			
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	Chicken Nuggets	Ham Au Gratins	Sloppy Joe/Wg	Chicken Taco	Sub Sandwiches	
	Diced Carrots	Beans, Bread	Bun, Tater Tots	Salad Bar	Corn	
	Wg Roll, Fruit	Salad Bar	Peas, Fruit	Pineapple	Salad Bar	
	Salad Bar	Fruit	Salad Bar	Orange	Apricots or Banana	
27	28	29	30	31		
	Chicken Strips	Fish Patty/Wg	Chili	Stuff Crust Pizza		Menu subject to
	Sweet Potato Fries		Grilled Cheese	Peas		change at
	Green Beans	Broccoli	Salad Bar	Salad Bar		anytime
	Fruit, Salad Bar	Fruit	Fruit	Fruit		•



# ISD #2 Activities October 2013

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		Homecoming Coronation 2:45 VB vs Nash-Kee ABC 5:45 Home	Powder Puff VB 6:30-8:30	Powder Puff FB 6-7 FB vs Cromwell C 5:15 Away	FB vs Northome A 7:00 Home	5
Open Gym BB 6-8 Gyms A&B	7	VB vs Bigfork ABC 5:45 Away	Open Gym VB 7-9	FB vs Floodwood C 5:30 Home VB vs. Crosby ABC 5:45 Home	FB vs Lake of the Woods A 7:00 Away	12
Open Gym BB 6-8 Gyms A&B	FB vs Bigfork C 5:00 Away	Wic 9-4 CR 250  VB vs Isle ABC 6:00 Away	FB vs McGregor A 7:00 Home Open Gym VB 7-9 Gym A	NO SCHOOL  VB Sartell Trny  AB Away	NO SCHOOL	19
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