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PRINCE AND PRINCESS CROWNED AT HILL CITY SCHOOL FOR WINTERFEST



Pictured above: Prince Austin Lamke and Princess Katie Koran.

Winterfest was an eventful week at Hill City School starting with coronation of Prince Austin Lamke and Princess Katie Koran on Monday. The candidates for princess were Mandie Hilton, Katie Koran, and Natasha Simons. The candidates for prince were Jacob Brenholt, Austin Lamke, and Brandon Nelson. The junior escorts were Sage Ahonen and Hayden Passig. School spirit was exhibited by students participating in the different dress up days: Opposite, Black Out, Cartoon Character, Hillbilly, and Hornet Spirit Days; along with the pep fests during the week to cheer on the basketball teams.



Pictured above from left to right: Prince Candidates - Brandon Nelson, Jacob Brenholt, and Austin Lamke.



Pictured above from left to right: Princess candidates - Katie Koran, Mandie Hilton, and Natasha Simons.



Pictured above: Junior escorts - Saige Ahonen and Hayden Passig.

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Committee Assignments for 2012

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Negotiations Committee

System Accountability Committee
Community Education Advisory Council
Meet and Confer

Staff Development
School and Community Health Team
Recertification Committee
ARCC

Comparable Worth
NESC Board
Safety/Transportation Committee
Athletic Advisory Committee
Itasca Area Schools Collaborative

Representative

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

For School Closings and Emergency Information Broadcasts

RADIO STATIONS

KKIN	Aitkin	930 AM
KKIN	Aitkin	94.3 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

**Honeywell's Instant
Alert 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

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- 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 Greg Bounds at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, December 19, 2011.

Roll Call showed the following members present: Greg Bounds, Martha Lentz, Jodi Gulbraa, Sue Kaslow, and Tom Fastland. Board Members absent: Mike Murphy. Also present was Superintendent/Principal Dean Yocum, Business Manager Ellie Hill, Maintenance Supervisor Eric Hill, and Community Education Programmer Stacey Johnson.

1. Approved the Agenda with addition.
2. Approved the following:
 - *Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Nov. 28, 2011;
 - *Minutes of the Workshop Session of Dec. 12, 2011;
 - *November 2011 bills presented for payment;
 - *Current bills through 12/08/11;
 - *Investments and wire transfers;
 - *Reviewed the Activity Fund Statement;
 - *Reviewed Cash Receipts including donations.
3. No comments and requests from visitors.
4. Business Manager Ellie Hill presented tax and budget information.
5. Set the 2011 Payable 2012 Levy at \$398,656.03.
6. There was no report from the School Attorney.
7. No transportation report.
8. Student Council met last week. Six members helped with the Christmas gifts. They are working on school spirit and they also want to recognize active duty service members.
9. No System Accountability meeting.
10. The School and Community Health Committee met and discussed the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program, the education program will begin second semester. They also discussed the worksite health and wellness grant. The Health Fair is to be held on March 23, 2012.
11. Approved the 2011-2013 AFSCME contract.
12. Approved the 2011-2013 Business Manager contract.
13. Approved the 2011-2013 Maintenance Supervisor contract.
14. Approved the 2011-2013 Technology Coordinator contract.
15. Approved the amended page 23, Schedule "A" of 2011-2013 HCUE contract to read "SALARIES 2011-2012."
16. Approved the 2011-2014 Superintendent/Principal contract.
17. A Community Education report dated December 19, 2011 was handed out listing the classes being offered.
18. Maintenance Supervisor Eric Hill reported that the carpeted walls will be steam cleaned over the Holiday break.
19. No Technology Coordinator update.
20. Approved the Red Cross use of the school in the event of a large-scale disaster as a shelter or service center.

21. Superintendent/Principal Yocum stated that the Food Service audit/inspection went well with no findings of any nature.
22. Superintendent/Principal Yocum passed around a thank you from the 9th grade Class for allowing them to go on the Duluth trip.
23. Approved the amended final seniority list for the 2011-2012 school year due to moves in steps/lanes per HCUE contract settlement.
24. The Organizational Meeting in is scheduled for Monday, January 9, 2012 at 6:30 p.m.
25. The 2012 MSBA Leadership Conference is January 12-13, 2012. Tom Fastland may attend on January 12.
26. Meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2
HILL CITY, MINNESOTA

The Organizational Meeting of the Board of Education of Independent School District No. 2, Hill City, Minnesota, was called to order by Chairman Greg Bounds at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, January 9, 2012.

Roll Call showed the following members present: Greg Bounds, Martha Lentz, Sue Kaslow, Tom Fastland, Jodi Gulbraa, and Mike Murphy. Board Members absent: None. Also present was Superintendent/Principal Dean Yocum.

1. Approved the Agenda with additions.
2. Greg Bounds was nominated for Chairman. There were no other nominations. Greg Bounds was elected as Chairman.
3. Jodi Gulbraa was nominated for Vice-Chairman. There were no other nominations. Jodi Gulbraa was elected as Vice-Chairman.
4. Set the annual salary for Chairman at \$450.00 per year.
5. Sue Kaslow was nominated for Clerk. There were no other nominations. Sue Kaslow was elected as Clerk with an annual salary of \$450.00 per year.
6. Martha Lentz was nominated for Treasurer. There were no other nominations. Martha Lentz was elected as Treasurer with an annual salary of \$450.00 per year.
7. Set the salary for all Board Members at \$55.00 per meeting.
8. Set the salary for filling in for the Chairman and/or Clerk at \$30.00 per meeting in addition to the regular meeting rate.
9. Set the fixed asset threshold at \$3,000.00.
10. Appointed representatives to the Minnesota State High School League.
11. Appointed Sue Kaslow as the Legislative Representative with Tom Fastland as alternate.
12. Appointed Sue Kaslow, Martha Lentz, and Greg Bounds to serve on the negotiations committee with Tom Fastland as alternate and alternate is to be paid for all negotiation meetings attended.

13. Set Regular Board Meetings on the 4th Monday of each month beginning at 6:30 p.m. with adjournment by 10:00 p.m.
14. Set reimbursement for mileage for personal vehicles on school business at the Federal Rate.
15. Designated John Colosimo and/or the firm of Ratwik, Roszak, Maloney & Bartel as school attorneys.
16. Set posting places for Regular and Special Board Meetings and designated radio and television stations for emergency school closings.
17. Appointed Martha Lentz to serve on the System Accountability Committee with Mike Murphy as alternate.
18. Appointed Jodi Gulbraa to represent the Board on the Community Education Advisory Council with Greg Bounds as alternate.
19. Set reimbursement rates for meals and lodging.
20. Appointed Mike Murphy and Tom Fasteland to serve on the Meet and Confer Committee with Greg Bounds as alternate.
21. Appointed Jodi Gulbraa to serve on the Staff Development Committee with Martha Lentz as alternate.
22. Appointed Tom Fasteland and Martha Lentz to serve on the School and Community Health Team.
23. Appointed Mike Murphy to serve on the Recertification Committee.
24. Appointed Sue Kaslow to represent the Board with ARCC.
25. Appointed Tom Fasteland to serve on the Comparable Worth Committee.
26. Appointed Tom Fasteland to serve on the Safety/Transportation Committee.
27. Appointed Jodi Gulbraa to represent the School Board with NESC Board.
28. Appointed Greg Bounds and Tom Fasteland to serve on the Athletic Advisory Committee.
29. Appointed Sue Kaslow to serve on the Itasca Area Schools Collaborative with Jodi Gulbraa as alternate.
30. Approved hiring Stacie Moren as temporary part-time paraprofessional for 3.75 hours per day starting January 10, 2012 through March 30, 2012.
31. Approved unpaid medical leave for Mendy Oukrop for up to five weeks.
32. Approved hiring Stacey Johnson as long term substitute paraprofessional.
33. Meeting adjourned at 7:06 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.

Hill City Elementary Garden Fresh Project

Do you struggle as a parent with getting your child to eat vegetables? Here are some ideas from the Fruits and Veggies More Matters website for involving your child in food shopping and preparation that might help increase the excitement about eating fruits and vegetables:

How can kids help?

- Let them wash fruits and vegetables when preparing for cooking or eating.
- When shopping, let them select a new fruit or vegetable to try... or several!
- Let them snap the green beans, snap peas, or break the flowerets from the broccoli or cauliflower.
- Play "I Spy" in the produce section when grocery shopping.
- Let them tear the lettuce for salads and sandwiches.
- Let them measure the frozen vegetables before cooking them.
- Older children can peel and slice carrots, cucumbers, potatoes... the list goes on!
- Make applesauce from fresh apples. Let them help stir and add the cinnamon.
- Let them sprinkle herbs and other seasonings onto vegetables.
- Pull out the potato masher!

For more ideas, information and recipes, visit:

www.fruitsandveggiesmorematters.org

ideas for parents

Practical Suggestions for Building Assets in Your Child

FAST FACTS

**ASSET #33:
Interpersonal
Competence**

Youth are more likely to grow up healthy when they have empathy, sensitivity, and friendship-making skills.

43%

*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. "Interpersonal competence" is one of five social competencies assets.

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

The Complexities of Interpersonal Competence

From a glance, interpersonal competence seems easy. Most children know how to make friends. They get upset when something bad happens to a friend, and they notice when someone is acting differently. They display some sense of sensitivity.

Yet interpersonal competence involves not only a young person's relationship-making and -keeping skills but also emotional competence. According to Daniel Goleman, Ph.D., author of *Emotional Intelligence*, interpersonal competence builds on emotional skills such as:

- Monitoring your own expressions of your feelings.
- Being able to read people's reactions and feelings—even when people don't articulate them in words.
- Adjusting social interaction based on the interaction you're having with another person or a group of people.

This competence is tricky even for adults, especially since some people's emotions are



easier to read than others'. Yet, young people who practice the skills of being in touch with their own needs and feelings and know how to appropriately express their feelings are more likely to understand and deal with the needs and feelings of others.

Building interpersonal competence is a lifelong process. Each relationship and each interaction matters. Each relationship and each interaction allows young people to practice, learn, and master the skill of empathy, sensitivity, and friendship building.

Quick Tip:
Examine how you interact with people.

Helpful Hints

Tips that make building interpersonal skills in your child easier:

- **Practice interpersonal skills, such as meeting people, starting conversations, asking questions, and finding similar interests.**
- **Invite people over for dinner regularly. Invite your children's friends. Invite your friends. As a family, spend time talking with your guests.**
- **Plan ways to get to know your children's friends and for your children to get to know your friends.**
- **Model empathy and sensitivity with your child. Discuss why they are important interpersonal skills.**

Intentional About Friendship

You can help your child develop interpersonal competence by:

- Creating a home where friends are always welcome.
- Giving your child friendship-making suggestions.
- Allowing your child to grieve when relationships turn sour or fade.
- Introducing your child to people of many different ages.
- Initiating conversations with your child about relationships.

Become More Aware

Be sensitive to your child's temperament when it comes to interpersonal competence. An introverted child can have competence in this area even though he or she may have only one or two close friends.

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

time together

Three ways to nurture interpersonal competence in your child:

1. Build empathy in your child by modeling and talking about your emotions appropriately.
2. Go to a public place and guess what kind of mood people are in by the way they walk and look.
3. Welcome your child's friends into your home. Spend time talking with and getting to know them.



talk together

Questions to discuss with your child:

- What do you like to talk to about your feelings? Why?
- Overall, how do you feel about the relationships in your life? Why?
- What's easiest for you: being empathetic, being sensitive, or making friends?

More Stuff You Can Use

LifeStories. This game encourages people to share stories about themselves and build interpersonal competence. Play it with friends, relatives, and neighbors. (Available from Animal Town, P.O. Box 485, Healdsburg, CA 95448; 1-800-445-8642.)

Final Word

"Parents can do much to help their children: learning how to recognize, manage, and harness their feelings; empathizing; and handling the feelings that arise in their relationships."

—Daniel Goleman, Ph.D., author of *Emotional Intelligence*

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

1. Try a new kind of transportation with your child, such as a bus or train.
2. Talk with your child about what she does right. List as many things as you can.
3. Choose one or two of your child's interests. Discuss educational opportunities in those areas.
4. Clean out closets with your child. Donate extras to charity.
5. Talk about your child's schedule. Does he have enough "down time"?
6. Visit the library. Check out a book about African American history. Talk about your own family history.
7. Get to know your town. Look in the newspaper for a list of things to do. Which ones appeal to your child?
8. Today is the birthday of Jules Verne. Use a globe or atlas to help your child plan a "trip" around the world.
9. Check out a funny book at the library. Share it at dinner.
10. Show your love for your child by reading to her.
11. Ask your child to give you a "six o'clock report" about his day. He should pretend he's a news anchor.
12. Make a date to take your child out for breakfast. Then do something active together.
13. Find a world map at the library. Use your finger to trace where your family came from.
14. See how many red or heart-shaped foods you can serve for dinner tonight.
15. Have each family member bring an interesting fact to dinner.
16. Play a game of charades with your child. Use hand gestures and motions to describe your word.

17. Read a favorite fairy tale to your child.
18. A *rebus* is a story that replaces some words with pictures. Make a rebus with your child.
19. When your child makes a good decision, reward her with praise.
20. Good grade on a test? Make your child "King" or "Queen" for the day.
21. Put three items in a bag. Have your child and a friend use them as props for a five-minute skit.
22. It's the birthday of George Washington. How many facts can your child list about this famous president?
23. Talk about outer space with your child.
24. Are your kids fighting? Have them switch roles—it helps them see the other person's point of view.
25. Solve math problems with yummy treats. Use chocolate chips or gummy bears for adding and subtracting.
26. Start a family library. Let your child have his own space for his books.
27. Tie a string between two chairs. Use a balloon and play indoor volleyball with your child.
28. Talk with your child about choices and consequences.
29. It's a Leap Year. Have your child count to 100 by fours.



Helping Children Learn

Tip Families Can Use to Help Children Do Better in School



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ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Hill City Elementary School
Go Hornets!

Beat the winter doldrums with a fun and local family field trip

Teachers know that a lot of real learning takes place outside the classroom. That's why they take students on field trips. But you don't have to wait for a school trip. Why not take your family out for an "inside view" of the workings of a local newspaper or other business? Your entire family will learn something—and usually for a bargain. Most tours are free.

To plan your tour, check your phone book, tourist bureau or chamber of commerce. Some places have tour guides, just waiting to explain what they do, why and how. Or ask a friend who might be willing to guide you through a place your child is curious about.



Wherever you visit, ask your child to follow these rules:

- **Do some research before you go.** Knowing a little in advance can foster good questions and help you get the most out of a visit.
- **Be polite and quiet.** Remember that in a place of business, business must go on.
- **Raise your hand** to get the guide's attention if you have a question.
- **Stay together.** Don't go anywhere that's off limits. Areas of a building are often restricted for safety reasons.

Send a thank-you note when you get home. Writing and drawing pictures of what he's seen helps your child give back and show what he has learned. Tour guides and businesses enjoy knowing what children liked best.



'Discipline' is another word for 'teach'

Some parents think that the word *discipline* means punishing a child. But actually, the word discipline comes from the Latin word for teaching. Experts say parents are more effective when they think about discipline as a way of teaching kids to behave in appropriate ways.

And one of the best ways to "teach" is to reward your child for doing something right. Suppose you're working at your computer.

You see your child is working quietly on her math homework. Take a short break. Say, "I am so happy you are letting me do my work. And I see you're working hard on your math. When we're finished, let's do something together." Then spend five or 10 minutes playing together doing something your child enjoys.

Source: T. Parker-Pope, "It's Not Discipline, It's a Teachable Moment," *The New York Times*, www.nytimes.com/2008/09/15/health/healthspecial2/15discipline.html.

Rhyme in special valentines

When sending Valentine cards this year, Help your child bring special cheer. Take a small amount of time To make a list of words that rhyme. Form the words to make a line, And send them to your Valentine!

Your child can 'meet a president'—through books

Reading historical fiction or a biography is a great way to make the past come alive for your child. Together, celebrate Presidents Day on February 20 by reading about a president. Keep these tips in mind:

- **Ask** your librarian for recommendations. You may want to read about a president from your state.
- **Look** for a book with illustrations. A picture really is worth a thousand words.
- **Read** aloud if the book is challenging for your child.
- **Discuss.** Would your child want to have been this president?



Source: E.R. Codell, *How to Get Your Child to Love Reading*, Algonquin Books.

Soften needed criticism

When you have to criticize your child's schoolwork, do it with love. The goal is to help her learn—not to make her feel bad. Include praise with the criticism. For example, "Your story's plot is so creative! More details would make it even better."



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Q&A How can parents help their children cope with change?

Q: I am divorced and remarried. My older daughter seems to be coping just fine, but my 10-year-old worries me. She gets mad about everything. She doesn't want to follow the rules of our home. She says her stepfather and I are picking on her. I think she needs professional counseling, but we can't afford it. What can we do?

A: You are right to be concerned about your daughter. First, make an appointment with the school counselor. If appropriate, have your ex-husband attend the meeting, too. The counselor can discuss your concerns and may be able to recommend books or a support group. He may also connect you with free community resources for families coping with divorce.



Encourage your daughter to join an activity such as a sports team or a drama group—anything that can give her a new focus and friends. Allow her to invite a friend to join your family for an outing or a game night.

Schedule one-on-one time with your daughter. Talk about your love for her. Even if she doesn't reply, she will listen. Remember, she is only 10 and doesn't have the tools to sort all this out by herself. Time, structure, encouragement and steadfast support will help her through.

Parent Quiz

Are you promoting school attendance?

Kids can't learn if they aren't in school. Yet every day children are tardy or absent from school for reasons that could be avoided. Answer the following questions yes or no to see if you're doing everything you can to be sure your child is in school every day:

1. Does your child know you think it is important to go to school every day?
2. Do you take time at night to get ready for the next day so your child can get out the door on time in the morning?
3. Do you know the attendance policy and call the school to report if your child is too sick to come to school?
4. Do you and your child practice good hand-washing techniques? It can reduce absences by as much as 50 percent.

5. Do you try not to schedule routine appointments during school time?

How did you do? Each yes answer means you are helping your child get to school regularly. For each no answer, try that idea from the quiz.

“Those who get lost on the way to school will never find their way through life.”

—German proverb

Parents' upbeat attitudes encourage kids' studying

Begging and threatening children to study doesn't work well. Instead, talk about the many benefits of education and try these ideas to motivate your child to learn:

- **Be a learner yourself.** Let your child see you read and tackle new projects.
- **Share what you learn.** Show excitement about things that fascinate you.
- **Ask about school.** Express genuine curiosity about your child's learning.
- **Never lose faith.** If your child has learning problems, resolve them together.
- **Give compliments.** When your child tries hard—even if he struggles—admire his efforts.

Source: R.J. Wlodkowski, *Motivation for Learning*, National Education Association.

Make all the world a stage

Here's a fun activity for a wintry day: Check out a children's play at the library. Read it aloud as a family. Let each person pick a part. (Adults can also sit in the audience.) Have fun watching each other perform.

Don't forget about playtime

Children need to work hard, but they need to play hard, too. Elementary schoolers still use toys to play, but they also love to play games with friends. You might suggest:

- **Ball games** such as kickball.
- **Table games** including jacks and puzzles.
- **Word games** that involve talking or writing.
- **Art activities** with paint, clay, etc.



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Events & Meetings**JACOBSON
SNOWMOBILE
CLASSIC RIDE**

Saturday, February 18, 2012
Registration at PARK
Starting at 10:00 a.m.
Leave from Norm's Forestry
Station at noon
Pancake breakfast at
Jacobson Community church
prior to ride

Jacobson Civic Club

Will meet on February 13 at 1:00 P.M.
Sandy Schleh and Sue Dorion are
hostesses. Want to join us? Call
Marsha 326-6865

Ball Bluff Township Board

Will meet at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday,
February 14, 2012 at the Jacobson
Community Center.

Jacobson Seniors We 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 Book Club

meets February 15 at the Jacobson
Community Center at 6:30 p.m.
Interested? Call Joan Remus
218-752-1008

East Central Regional Library

stops at the Community Center every
other Tuesday morning from 10:00 –
10:30 a.m. Coffee has been provided
by the Community Center following the
library time. If anyone would like to stop
by to check out a book or chat, join us.
February 14th and the 28th. If you don't
have a library card, Lisa can help you
with that.

Jacobson Fire & Rescue

Meetings are at the Fire Hall at 7:00
1st Thursday monthly: Business Meeting
with Relief Association to follow on even
months.

3rd Thursday monthly: Fire and First
Responder 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. February 2nd and
16th. For information or emergency service,
call 218-426-4799 or 218-752-6634. All
donations are welcome and greatly
appreciated.

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

Sunday mornings:

10:00- Sunday School 1st & 3rd Sundays

11:00-Worship, 12:30-Fellowship

Quilters and crafters meet each week at
9:30 a.m.

WELCA meets the second Tuesday of each
month at 9:30 a.m.

Vicar Mark Wagner & Brenda

PHONE 218-246-3179 Cell 218 341-1832

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

**City of Hill City
Council Meeting
January 10, 2012**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the regular Council meeting was held in the Community Room. Mayor Baker presided over the meeting and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Members present: Larry Baker, Scott Martin, Ken Rollins, Dave Lange and Audrey Baratto.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Motion made by Baker to approve the minutes of the Council Meeting on 12/12/11, second by Rollins.

All members voted yes, Motion Carried

Amy Bergum was present to ask the Council for a one time courtesy to waive the \$100.00 turn off fee that was applied to hers and one other account. Due to the fact that the bills go to the property owner, not the renter, and she stated that she has never received a bill from the property owner. She also asked if a tag could be put on both of their doors when a shut-off notice has been sent to the owner. After a lengthy discussion the Council stated that they could not waive the fee or put notices on their doors because if they do it for them they would have to do it for everyone.

Motion made by Baker to approve the Joint Powers Agreement with the BCA pending the approval from the Aitkin County Attorney's office for them to be included in the agreement, second by Lange.

All members voted yes, Motion Carried

Motion made by Martin to approve the DARE contract with the Hill City School in the amount of \$3,000.00, second by Rollins.

All members voted yes, Motion Carried

Fire Chief Nelson presented the Council with a packet of information on different ways to do fair-share for fire coverage with the surrounding Townships. The packet will be attached to the minutes. Fire Chief Nelson will bring updated packets using the 2011 numbers to the next City Council meeting.

Fire Chief Nelson informed the Council that he needed to order 4 pagers. There is a special now to buy 5 and get the 6th one free so this is what he is going to do. Because of the narrow band requirement by the end of the year both the Fire Department and First Responders will have to update their pagers and radios.

Council Member Baratto asked about the Bergeron property. She was informed that we have closed on the property and just received the code to get into the house. Mrs. Stansberry was present to voice her concerns about the Fire Department doing fire training on the house. She was informed that there has been no decision as to what the City is going to do with the property. If the Fire Department does training with it they will have to get multiple permits from multiple agencies. Fire Chief Nelson, Police Chief Madsen and Maintenance Assistance George Casper will do a walk-through of the house and give a report at the next meeting.

Motion made by Martin to approve the Resolution setting the 2012 Appointments for City Attorney, Official Newspaper, Depository, Commissioners etc, second by Baker.

All members voted yes, Motion Carried

Motion made by Baratto to approve the bills as presented, seconded by Rollins.

All members voted yes, Motion Carried

**City of Hill City
Council Meeting
January 10, 2012 (continued)**

Motion made by Martin to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 p.m., second by Baker.

All members voted yes, Motion Carried

Tami Meyer
Deputy Clerk

**CITY OF HILL CITY
RESOLUTION 2012 – 2
RESOLUTION SETTING 2012 APPOINTMENTS**

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Hill City, Minnesota, that the following appointments are effective for the calendar year 2012:

- Regular meeting date is the second Tuesday of every month at 6:00 pm in the Community Room. Note: Should Council not be able to hold meeting on this date, the change will be posted in the Post Office and at City Hall.
- Official Bank Signers: Diana Gillson, Larry Baker, Audrey Baratto and Ken Rollins.
- Official Depository is designated as: Woodland Bank
- Official Newspaper is designated as: Grand Rapids Herald Review
- Mileage Reimbursement Rate set as: \$.555 per mile (IRS Rate)
- Appointment of Acting Mayor: Audrey Baratto
- Official City Attorney: John Dimich
- Official City Engineer: SEH
- Official City Auditor: Glorveign, Theis, Lind, & Company

Commissioner Appointments:

- Public Safety: Larry Baker
- Water/Sewer: Dave Lange
- Streets/Airport: Scott Martin
- Park/Recreation: Ken Rollins
- Administration/Maintenance: Audrey Baratto

Committee Appointments:

- Land Use (3 or 4 people): Audrey Baratto - Chair, Jeremy Finke, George Casper, and Mike Boleman

Adopted this 10th day of January 2012

ATTEST:

Larry Baker, Mayor

Tami Meyer, Deputy Clerk

**City of Hill City
Special Meetings
January 17, 2012**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Special Meeting was held at City Hall in regard to Utility billing procedures. Members present: Larry Baker, Audrey Baratto, Scott Martin and Dave Lange. Ken Rollins was absent. City staff present: Head Maintenance/Public Works-Jeremy Finke, Maintenance Assistant-George Casper, Deputy Clerk-Tami Meyer, Police Chief-Jeff Madsen and Clerk/Treasurer-Diana Gillson.

Mayor Baker called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

Per the Minnesota Basic Code of Ordinances (City Ordinances), all water/sewer billings have to be sent to the owners of the property versus to renters of the property. Due to a law change and after speaking with City Attorney Dimich and the League of Minnesota Cities, it was discovered that renters of property need to be notified of water shut-offs for nonpayment prior to the disconnection of water service.

Currently, water shut-off notices are mailed to the property owners 10 days prior of the actual disconnection of the water service for nonpayment. After checking with other City's on how they handle this notification to renters and/or the occupant of properties, and since the City is not always notified of a "rental situation" and do not have the mailing addresses of renters, all buildings will have a "door hanger" physically placed on the door of the building where the water disconnection will occur due to nonpayment. On these door hangers it needs to show the dollar amount due to avoid water shut-off, the date and approximate time of water shut-off, a contact phone number for further information and a brief description of tenants rights.

Presently there are between 50 and 70 disconnection notices mailed monthly to property owners for nonpayment. The City will now have to also fill out the door hangers and City staff will have to physically place the hangers on 50 to 70 doors monthly.

Motion made by Lange to have a Public Hearing at 5:30 p.m. on February 14, 2012 to amend the fee schedule (Ordinance #122) to increase the fee for late payments and make changes to other fees that the City charges, second by Martin.

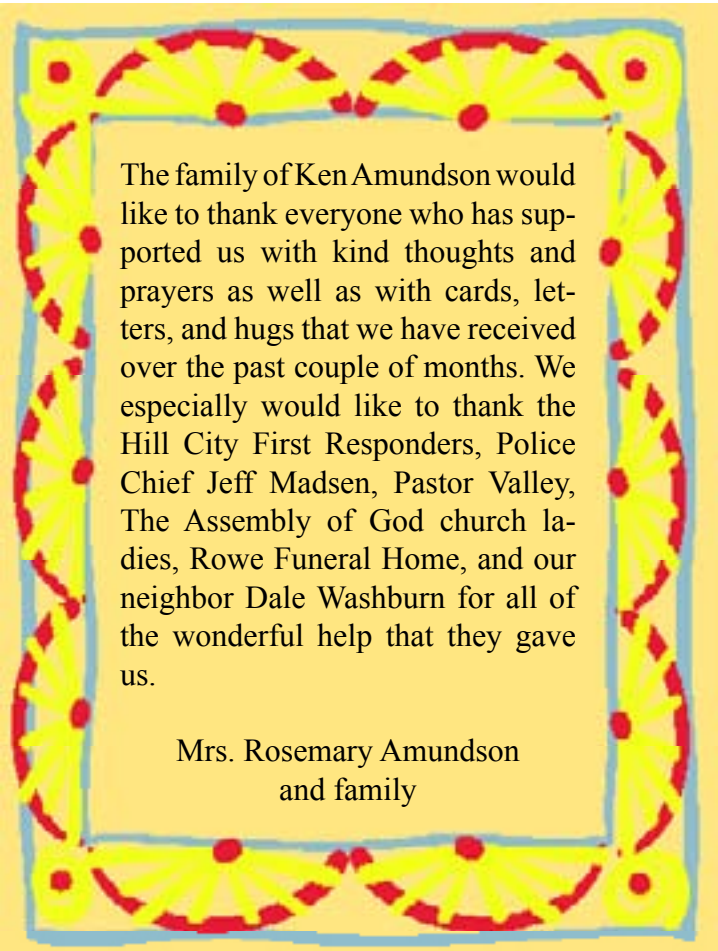
All members voted yes, Motion carried

Motion made by Martin to order 1,000 Flame Orange fluorescent door hangers at an approximate cost of \$177.00 plus a design/layout charge of \$56.00 per hour, second by Baratto.

All members voted yes, Motion carried

Motion made by Lange to adjourn the meeting at 4:32 p.m., second by Martin.

Diana Gillson
Clerk/Treasurer



The family of Ken Amundson would like to thank everyone who has supported us with kind thoughts and prayers as well as with cards, letters, and hugs that we have received over the past couple of months. We especially would like to thank the Hill City First Responders, Police Chief Jeff Madsen, Pastor Valley, The Assembly of God church ladies, Rowe Funeral Home, and our neighbor Dale Washburn for all of the wonderful help that they gave us.

Mrs. Rosemary Amundson
and family



**The Hill City Thrift Shop
THANKS YOU!!
FOR YOUR SUPPORT**

Over the last two years we have been working to raise funds to preserve art in ISD #2's elementary. With help from you, the community, we have raised \$3,300 and would like you to know this fund has been disbursed amongst the elementary classrooms.

Sincerely,

All of us at your local non-profit shop

OPEN
Thursday, Friday, and Saturday
9-5

13TH ANNUAL ICE FISHING CONTEST

Major Door Prizes

. February 11th

- . Noon- 3:00 p.m.
- . On Hill Lake, Hill City.
- . \$10.00 per ticket
- . one hole per ticket,
- . may fish up to two holes.

- . Quick fish III Portable Fish Shelter.
- . Eskimo Stinger Power Auger.
- . Ice 35 Flasher.
- . Lowrance out and back GPS.
- . Ice Fishing bag and gear.

Rod Reel and Combo for first 75 kids under 12!

\$ 200 biggest fish

\$ 100 second biggest

\$ 50 third biggest

- . Holes will be provided.
- . You may buy as many tickets as you wish.

Sponsored by: Hill City Area Lions Club, L&M Fleet Supply, and Ben's Bait and Tackle.

**** Continuous Door Prizes during contest****

Sponsored by Hill City Area Lions Club.

Made by Tess Hatfield

BENEFIT FOR DICK KASLOW

**Saturday, February 4th • 5pm til Done
at Buckshot's Bar and Grill in Hill City
Chili Feed 5pm-7pm • Raffles to follow**



Please join us in helping out a
Local fellow fire fighter.
DONATIONS WELCOME.



Dick has been diagnosed with Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis. He is in need of a lung transplant. He is on the list to receive one, but for now he spends most of his time on oxygen. Dick has been a very active member of the Hill City Fire Department for the last 23 years. All proceeds from the Chili Feed and Raffles will go to help Dick's family with the medical bills. He has very frequent trips to the Cities for testing, so he has many other added expenses.

6th ANNUAL

STARS OF THE NORTH SHOP HOP

Bus on

Saturday, March 3, 2012

For \$35 you can hop on the bus and ride the whole route, which includes 8 quilt shops!! There will be eight \$100 gift basket shop door prizes, eight \$25 gift certificate bus prizes, and a day of fun with quilting friends!

Bring a sack lunch, we'll provide supper.

**Registration forms are available at
Elaine's Corner/Roadside Market**

Questions: call Elaine 697-2563

Space is limited.

Sign up now!!

Registration deadline is February 22, 2012

Intro to Photoshop

Have you ever wondered how they edit photos and create awesome projects? Here is your chance to learn. The High School art teacher is doing a one night how to on using the program photoshop.



**When: March 12th
Time: 6pm**

Where: School art room

Fee: FREE!

Questions please contact Stacey Johnson at sjohnson@hillcity.k12.mn.us or 697-2394 x 172

AFTER SCHOOL TUTORING GRADES 7 - 12 FREE

**Tuesday Afternoons:
3:30 pm - 4:30 pm
Mr. Johnson's Room**

**Thursday Afternoons
3:30-4:30
Mr. Olig's Room**

(Dates are subject to change)



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

After School Art!

Attention!! Starting in January we will be offering after school art twice a month!

The schedule for after school art is as follows:



Feb. 9, Feb. 23
March 8, March 22
April 12, April 26
May 10, May 24

Who: All students are invited!

Time: 3:15-4:30pm

Cost: \$5 per month or \$35 per year

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

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

After School Art!

3:15-4:30pm

\$5 per month or \$35 per year



Name: _____

Grade: _____

Contact Info: Home Ph: _____

Cell Ph: _____

Email: _____

____ All Year

____ month by month

_____ has my permission to participate in the after school art program.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Stacey at 697-2394 x172 or at sjohnson@hillcity.k12.mn.us.



Adult Volleyball Open Gym

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

Fee:\$1.00 per time

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

WALKING IN THE SCHOOL

Did you know Walking can...

- * Burn Body fat
 - * Control your appetite
 - * Increase your energy
 - * Help relieve stress
 - * Lower high blood pressure
 - * Slows aging
 - * Improves efficiency of your heart and lungs
 - * Relieves most cases of chronic backache
 - * Helps promote restful sleep
 - * Helps control and prevent diabetes
- AND MUCH MORE!



The school will be open on all school days for anyone interested in walking the halls from **7:00-7:45am.**

All walkers must sign in at the office the morning of your walk

BASKETBALL OPEN GYM



Every Sunday Night
6-8pm

Hill City School
Gymnasium

Cost is \$1.00 per night



Guitar Lessons

Have you ever wanted
to learn how to play the guitar?
Now's your chance! Lessons
will be provided throughout
the year.



Instructor: Phil Kneeland

Where: Hill City School

Cost: Private session \$15/ half hour
Semi-private session \$10/half hour
(fees made payable to Phil Kneeland)

Please contact Phil Kneeland at (218) 697-2394
ext. 186 to set up lesson dates and times.

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



YOGA

Yoga is now being offered
in Hill City!

All ages are welcome to
participate. Participating in Yoga has many
benefits for your mind body and soul. Some of
the benefits of yoga are, but not limited to:

Increase in Strength

Increase in Flexibility

Better Posture

Helps with Fatigue, Tension and Stiffness

Help lower Blood Pressure

Increase range of joint motion

Yoga will be taught by certified instructor Elizabeth Ulseth

Where: Hill City School Gym

Who?: Everyone!

When: Monday nights 6:15-7:15 pm

Cost: \$5 per class

Any questions/comments or concerns please contact Stacey Johnson at Hill City
Community Education at 697-2394 ext. 172 or sjohnson@hillcity.k12.mn.us





ISD #2 Lunch Menu February 2012



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Brk: Lumberjack Sausage Pizza Salad Bar Fruit/Milk	2 Brk: Cereal/Toast Bean N Ham Soup Cheese Sand/Toss Salad/Fruit/Milk	3 Brk: Cinn Roll Pork Patty/Bun Broccoli Apple Crisp/Milk	4
5 Breakfast - <u>OFFERED DAILY:</u> Cereal Assortment Orange Juice or Fruit Cheese Slice or CheeseStick	6 Brk: Brk Round Chicken Nuggets Fries/Green Beans Apple Slices/Milk	7 Brk: Cereal/Toast Bean Burrito Salad Bar/Corn Oranges/Milk	8 Brk: Scramble egg Italian Rotini w/meat/Tossed Salad/Fruit/Milk	9 Brk: Cereal/Toast Turkey Noodle Soup Cheese Sandwich Salad/Fruit/Milk	10 Brk: Cinn Roll Fish Patty/Bun Coleslaw/Carrots Cherry Crisp/Milk	11
12 Lunch- <u>OFFERED DAILY:</u> Bread Offer-vs-serve for Grades 4-12	13 Brk: Brk Bagel Chicken Patty/Bun Gr. Beans/Graham Cracker/Pears/Milk	14 Brk: Cereal/Toast Stuff Crust Pizza Salad Bar/Cookie Apple/Milk	15 Brk: Brk Burrito Chicken ala King Carrot Sticks Peach Crisp/Milk	16 Brk: Cereal/Toast Chili/Tossed Salad Grill Cheese Sand Applesauce/Milk	17 Brk: Cinn Roll Hot Dogs/Bun Baked Beans/Potato Salad/Coleslaw Fruit/Milk	18
19	20 NO SCHOOL	21 NO SCHOOL	22 Brk: Brk Pizza Italian Dunkers w/sauce/Green Beans/Peaches/Milk	23 Brk: Cereal/Toast Chicken Vegi Soup Peanut Butter Sand Salad Bar Fruit/Milk	24 Brk: Cinn Roll Shrimp Poppers Coleslaw Broccoli & Rice Pineapple/Milk	25
26	27 Brk: Brk Round Chicken Strips Potato Coins Peas/Pears/Milk	28 Brk: Cereal/Toast Minestrone Soup Ham Sandwich Broccoli & Carrots Fruit/Milk	29 Brk: Fr Toast Hamburger/Bun French Fries Corn/Fruit/Milk			Menu subject to change at anytime



ISD #2 Activities February 2012



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 VB Open Gym 7:00 - 9:00	2 BBB vs LFBF AB Away 5:45	3 GBB vs Wrenshall ABC Home 5:45	4
5 Open Gym VB 4:30 - 5:50 Open Gym BB 6:00 - 8:00	6 GBB vs McGregor ABC Away 5:45	7	8 VB Open Gym 7:00 - 9:00	9 GBB vs Bigfork ABC Away 5:45 BBB vs Barnum AB Home 5:45	10 GBB vs Onamia AB Home 5:45 BBB vs Onamia AB Home 5:45	11 GBB vs DR Tny 7th Away TBD Elem. BB Tny Home
12 Open Gym VB 4:30 - 5:50 Open Gym BB 6:00 - 8:00	13	14	15 VB Open Gym 7:00 - 9:00	16 BBB vs Wrenshall AB Away 5:45	17 GBB vs Ogilvie AB Home 5:45 BBB vs Ogilvie AB Home 5:45	18
19 Open Gym VB 4:30 - 5:50 Open Gym BB 6:00 - 8:00	20 NO SCHOOL	21 NO SCHOOL GBB vs Cherry ABC Home 5:45	22 VB Open Gym 7:00 - 9:00	23 GBB vs Northland ABC Away 5:45	24 BBB vs Northland ABC Home 5:45	25 GBB vs Crosby-Iron AB Away 2:00 BBB vs HC Tny 8th Home 9:00 am
26 Open Gym VB 4:30 - 5:50 Open Gym BB 6:00 - 8:00	27 School Bd Mtg 6:30 p.m. BBB vs MIB ABC Home 5:45	28	29			



IMPORTANT REMINDERS

No School for Elementary Students on February 17
due to Elementary Conferences

No School for ALL Students on February 20 and 21
(Feb. 20 - President's Holiday, Feb. 21 - Teacher Workshop)