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HILL CITY STUDENTS ARE REGIONAL WINNERS AT BUSINESS PROFESSIONALS OF AMERICA COMPETITION IN GRAND RAPIDS

COMMUNITY NEWS

Serving Morthern Minnesota Communities

Hill City, Jacobson, and Swatara

The Hill City BPA members competed in the regional competition in Grand Rapids on January 26th and 27th. Doing extremely well, 8 members placed to go to the cities for the state competition on March 8th, 9th, and 10th. Good luck at state, girls!!



Pictured above are the Hill City BPA Regional Winners: Front row from left to right - Jenna Ihle: 2nd place in Desktop Publishing, Mandie Hilton: 1st place in Desktop Publishing and 1st place in Computerized Accounting, Tasha Simons: 3rd place in Graphic Design. Back row: Tess Hatfield: 3rd place in Extemporaneous Speech, Miranda James-Smith: 1st place in Global Marketing Team, and 5th place in Marketing Concepts, Caitlin Crandall: 1st place in Global Marketing, Emily Bounds: 5th place in Information Technology, and Mandi McNiel: 5th place in Desktop Publishing.

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Committee Assignments for 2012

<u>Committee</u>

MSHSL Legislative Representative Negotiations Committee

System Accountability Committee Community Education Advisory Council Meet and Confer

Staff Development School and Community Health Team Recertification Committee ARCC Comparable Worth NESC Board Safety/Transportation Committee Athletic Advisory Committee Itasca Area Schools Collaborative

Representative

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

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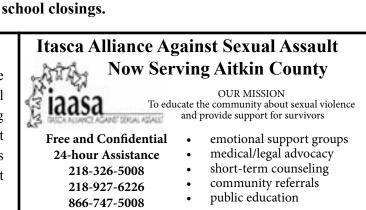
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Community Newsletter Deadline

Just a reminder, if you would like an article put in the Community Newsletter, it must be turned in to the school office by the 15th of the month to be put in the following months newsletter. Newsletters are generally sent out by the 27th of the month. If you have any questions regarding this, please feel free to contact Patty at (218) 697-2394, ext. 104



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INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2 HILL CITY, MINNESOTA

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Independent School District No. 2, Hill City, Minnesota, was called to order by Chairman Greg Bounds at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, January 23, 2012.

Roll Call showed the following members present: Sue Kaslow, Martha Lentz, Greg Bounds, Jodi Gulbraa, and Mike Murphy. Board Members absent: Tom Fasteland. Tom Fasteland arrived at 6:32 p.m. Also present was Superintendent/Principal Dean Yocum, Business Manager Ellie Hill, and Maintenance Supervisor Eric Hill.

- 1. Approved the Agenda as presented.
- 2. Approved the following:
 - *Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Dec. 19, 2011;
 - *Minutes of the Organizational Meeting of Jan. 9, 2012;
 - *December 2011 bills presented for payment;
 - *Current bills through 01/12/12;
 - *Investments and wire transfers;
 - *Reviewed the Activity Fund Statement;
- *Reviewed Cash Receipts including donations.
- 3. No comments and requests from visitors.
- 4. There was no report from the School Attorney.
- 5. No transportation report.
- 6. Student Council will meet in March.
- 7. System Accountability meeting is March 20, 2012.
- 8. The School and Community Health Committee met and discussed the Health Fair plans and booths for March 30, 2012. They discussed getting parents and students advanced notice of the Bloodmobile for donating blood. The next meeting is set for February 17, 2012.
- 9. First reading of the recommended bus transportation specifications and conditions.
- 10. First reading of the recommended Transportation Contract.
- 11. No Community Education report.
- 12. Maintenance Supervisor Eric Hill stated he got to plow snow today.
- 13. No Technology Coordinator update.
- 14. First reading of the 2012-2013 School Calendar.
- 15. Approved hiring a long term sub in a full time janitorial position through June 30, 2012, through the Jobs Program.
- 16. Discussion was held on the possible bell schedule for next year.
- 17. No Old Business.
- 18. Approved the School Liaison Officer Agreement for the 2011-2012 school year with the City of Hill City.
- 19. Adopted the Resolution Directing the Administration to Make Recommendation for Reductions in Programs and Positions.
- 20. Need to set Meet and Confer Committee dates.
- 21. Need to set policy manual revision committee dates.
- 22. Meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2 HILL CITY, MINNESOTA

The Special Board Meeting of the Board of Education of Independent School District No. 2, Hill City, Minnesota, was called to order by Vice Chairman Jodi Gulbraa at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, February 6, 2012.

Roll Call showed the following members present: Martha Lentz, Jodi Gulbraa, Tom Fasteland, Mike Murphy, and Sue Kaslow. Board Members absent: Greg Bounds. Also present was Superintendent/Principal Dean Yocum and Business Manager Ellie Hill.

- 1. Approved the Agenda with additions.
- 2. Approved the transportation bids/contract.
- 3. Approved the extended unpaid medical leave for Mendy Oukrop until medically cleared to return to work for up to six months.
- 4. Meeting adjourned at 7:04 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 School Health Fair

March 30, 2012

1:00-3:00

Elementary Gym

- ✓ 7th, 8th & 10th Grade Health Projects
- Blood Pressure Checks
- ✓ Nutrition Information
- ✓ Healthy Snack Ideas & Samples
- ✓ Smoking Cessation Information
- ✓ Stress Management Information

HILL CITY SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

SECOND QUARTER 2011-2012

Grade 12 A Natasha Simons B Jacob Brenholt Alyssa Jensen Austin Lamke Brandon Nelson Jordan Rogers Jacob Swing

Grade 11 A

Taylor Becker Timothy Benson Caitlin Crandall **B** Chantel Huff Tyler Klennert

Grade 10

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Grade 9

Α **Brittany Benson** Alexandra Blanchard **Emily Bounds** Tess Hatfield Jenna Ihle Jessica Ihle Samantha Katzenberger Mandi McNeil Phillip Niesen Monika Olson Parker Semmler Haylee Smith Marcus Wagner Kyle Yotter В Hallie Bishop Shaila Holm Zane Nielson Cody Selger Dale Simmens Lacey Washburn

Grade 8 A

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Grade 7 A

Lane Gerber Kailey Gilmer Brendon Gould Selket Jewett Hayley Lathrop **B**

Abigail Knapp Madison Lathrop Mark Meyer Logan Mickelson Brady Wagner Joseph Washburn

understand other

HEALTHY YOUTH

Practical Suggestions for Building Assets in Your Child

FAST FACTS

ASSET #34: Cultural Competence

Youth are more likely to grow up healthy when they have knowledge of and comfort with people of different cultural/racial/ ethnic backgrounds.

> 35% of youth surceyed by Search Institute have this asset in their lices.

What Are Assets?

Assets are 40 key building blocks to help kids succeed. "Cultural competence" is one of five social competencies assets.

* Based on Search besiter surveys of sknowt 100,600 66- is 12th-grade guith homoglout the World Status

Fostering Cultural Competence

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In an ideal world, we would all know and feel comfortable with people of different cultural, ethnic, and racial backgrounds. We would have caring relationships with many different people. We would participate in a variety of cultural customs.

Yet even in communities that are diverse in terms of ethnicity, race, and culture, the majority of people spend time with people who look like them, think like them, and often act just like them. Many people do this not because they are prejudiced, but because they don't know how to begin reaching out to people who are 'different.'

However, even if you feel uncomfortable interacting with people from other races, religions, cultures, etc., your child is growing up in a world that is more diverse racially, economically, religiously, linguistically, and in other ways, than the world you grew up in. As adults they will need to have skills to deal with people from a wide variety of backgrounds and perspectives.

'Cultural competence' doesn't mean that we all have to like each other. It does mean that we treat each other with respect, tolerance, and equality. It means we strive to cultures, and perhaps come to appreciate and value them. It means we want to learn about the values, perspectives, and ideas of people who are different from us. Before your child can feel competent dealing with people of various cultures, your child first needs to develop an ethnic awareness and cultural identity of her or his own. What's your family's ethnic heritage? How do you feel about it? Do you celebrate it? When you listen to stories from your family history, what have you heard about how your ancestors viewed and lived with people who were different from them?

The way we feel about ourselves and the way we react to racism may reflect assumptions that are centuries old, say Darlene Powell Hopson, Ph.D., and Derek S. Hopson, Ph.D., clinical psychologists and authors. With your child, explore your feelings about people who are different from you. Talk about where your cultural competencies are strong and where they need some nurturing. Together you can foster a sense of cultural competence in each member of your family.

> Quick Tip: Expose your children to different kinds of people.

Helpful Hints

Tips that make building cultural competence with your child easier:

- Examine images that television, movies, and books project of people of various cultures. Discuss what's authentic and what's stereotypical and how you can determine the difference.
- Together learn words from another language.
- Cook a meal from a different culture.
- Celebrate cultural customs and rituals from your own heritage.

Worthwhile Goals

Treate an open family atmosphere that encourages

discussion about differences. Set goals such as these

- Encourage children to talk about their own physical characteristics and those they observe in others.
- Help children feel proud, yet not superior, about their cultural, ethnic, and racial identity.
- Encourage children to be curious about learning about their own culture as well as others.

 Discuss all responses that arise from being more culturally open and encourage children to talk about where their prejudices and discomfort come from.

3 Important Steps

When your child has a negative reaction to a cultural or racial difference:

- I. Immediately find out more about what happened and what your child is feeling.
- Ask questions to help your child figure out why he or she responded that way.
- 3. Point out harmful, hurtful responses and suggest alternatives that promote
 - cultural competence.

FINAL WORD

time together

Three ways to build cultural competence in your child:

- Read articles together or rent videos that focus on cultures different from your own. Talk about what you learn.
- Encourage your child to get a pen pal from a different country. Contact International Pen Frienda, Department C-LBL PD. Bax 963, Pianeer, CA 95666 ar World Pen Pala, 1694 Come Roonue, St. Paul, MN 55108.
- Invite to disner a family that is culturally or ethnically different from your own. Share atories about different customs, traditione, holidays, foods, etc.

More Stuff You Can Use

40 Ways to Raise a Nonracist Child. This book give practical agespecific advice (from infancy through the high-school years) on how to teach children to shun prejudice. (Available from HarperCollins Publisher, P.O. Box 588, Scranton, PA 18512; 1:800-331:3761)

"In order for the races to survive together in a fair and productive society, we have got to learn to talk and accept our differences." —Barbara Mathias, coauthor of 40 Ways to Raise a Nonracist Child

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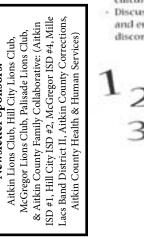
- 1. Start giving your child an allowance. Discuss what she will use it fot, such as buying things, saving and giving to charity.
- 2. It's the birthday of Dr. Seuss. Read one of his books with your child.
- 3. Have your child write a letter to a lawmaker.
- 4. Go to a nearby park or running trail. Everyone run like the March wind!
- 5. Find pictures of people in the newspaper. Ask your child to make up a story about each picture.
- 6. Set aside some time this month to do something together you enjoyed as a child.
- 7. Come up with unique pizza toppings with your child.
- 8. On a visit to the library, use reference books or the Internet to look up events that happened on the day your child was born.
- 9. How many farm animals can your child name?
- 10. Plan a later bedtime so everyone can read in bed tonight.
- 11. Show your child which way is north, south, east and west.
- 12. Check ads for prices ending in 98 or 99 cents. How much would four of these items cost? Round off and estimate.
- 13. Ask your child to design and name a new car. Look at advertisements in the newspaper for ideas.
- 14. Write an encouraging note and tuck it in your child's jacket pocket or a school book.
- 15. Pretend you are in an opera. Sing everything you say to each other today.
- 16. Teach your child how to sew on a button today.
- 17. Pay your child a compliment.

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

- 18. Make today punctuation day. See how many types of punctuation you come across. What does each stand for?
- 19. Give your child a book or article about his favorite hobby.
- 20. It's Clutter Awareness Week. Brainstorm about ways to reduce the clutter in your house.
- 21. Have a family dinner by candiclight. Have each person share their favorite part of their day.
- 22. Together, think of several words that start with the same letter. Put them in a sentence that makes sense.
- 23. Ask your child to put on a talent show with her friends.
- 24. Today is the birthday of magician Harry Houdini. Learn a magic trick!
- 25. Help your child start a collection.
- 26. Make today your child's special day. Let him choose what you'll do.
- 27. Review math facts at the dinner table tonight.
- 28. Play a rhyming game. Take turns making up a short sentence. Answer with a sentence that rhymes.
- 29. With your child, think of words that sound like what they mean, such as buzz, smash, hiss and thump.
- 30. Have your child choose a newspaper headline. Turn it into a question. Does the article answer the question?
- 31. Ask your child to describe the weather.



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Hill City Elementary School Go Hornets!

Decrease your family's stress by increasing time spent outdoors

Statistics show that most kids spend over six hours a day watching TV, playing video games or checking out Internet sites. Childhood obesity has doubled. And many families are coping with serious stress.

And these problems seem to have occurred more frequently as people spend less time outdoors. Spending time outside is fun for kids and is a great way for them to let off steam and burn calories. Research says outdoor play can help them reduce stress, focus and do better in school.

If it's hard to get your child out the door, go with her. Kids tell researchers they'd like their parents to spend more time outdoors with them.

So this spring, start a new routine. Have one "outdoors hour" each day. Turn off electronic devices. Get up and get the family outside. You might:

- Go for a walk, run or bike ride. See if you can walk for at least 30
 minutes a day.
- Head to the playground. Or find a neighborhood basketball court and shoot some hoops together.
- Explore nature. Get some books on birds or trees from the library. Then head to a nearby park, a wooded area, or even your own backyard. Start a list of birds you see or make a scrapbook of leaves.

Source: "Be Out These Discussion Guide," National Wildlife Federation, www.nwfaffikates.org/ht/a/ GetDocumentAction/l/22557.

Knowledge cards review math terms

Understanding key terms is a first step to success in math. For example, in math a product isn't something on the shelf of a store—it's the answer to a multiplication problem.

To help your child master math vocabulary, have him create "knowledge cards." Here's how:

- Look through his math book. Together make a list of the vocabulary words he needs to know.
- Give him some index cards. On the front of each card, have

him write a vocabulary word. Have him create a drawing or a diagram that illustrates the meaning of the word.

 Have him write the definition on the back of the card. Ask him to explain it in his own words.

If he reviews these knowledge cards often, your child will be familiar with the terms on the next math test.

Source: H.F. Silver, J.R. Brunsting and T. Walsh, Math Tools Geades 3–12, Corwin Press.

Repetition builds fluency

Teachers talk about fluency—a term that means reading smoothly and with expression. If your child reads word by word and if his reading sounds "choppy," he needs to work on building fluency. To help:

- Review words that appear in the story before he starts to read.
- Read the story aloud to demonstrate fluent reading for your child.
- Read the story aloud together.

Source: "Fluency," Reading Rockets, www.readingrockets.org/ helping/target/fluency/#do_parents.

Prep for standardized tests

Spring is test time for many children. To help your child prepare:

 Remind her to follow directions.
 Before giving a test, teachers tell students



things they need to know. Should they try to guess? Should the essay question be written on every other line? Make sure your child listens carefully.

 Give your child practice in following directions. Give her a recipe and ask her to follow it. Or ask her to look through a newspaper article and circle all the nouns. Try timing your child as she complete these tasks—standardized tests often have a time limit.

Plant seeds of responsibility

Spring is a great time to plant a garden. Whether you have an outdoor plot or indoor pots, allow your child to take responsibility for at least one plant. Shop for the seeds together. Help your child plant them and expect him to be responsible for watering and weeding.







When is a child's 'sickness' really school avoidance?

Q: My son frequently says he's too sick for school. He has a headache or his throat hurts. Since we don't want to spread illnesses, I tend to give in. But he's never sick on weekends. What should I do?

A: You're right to worry about sending a sick child to school. He could infect the whole class. So there are times when he should stay home.

Does he have a fever? Children should not go to school if they have a fever. Also keep him home if he's vomiting or has diarrhea. Check the school handbook or website for guidelines on when to keep your son home.

But mysterious illnesses that never seem to

occur on weekends could be a signal that something else is going on. Talk with his teacher. Ask if your son is struggling with a subject (if he is, missing school will make it worse) or if he appears to be having problems with other students.

If you suspect your son is just avoiding school, don't let him stay home. Missing even one day every two weeks can lead to serious learning problems. Your son's teacher, the school nurse and the counselor can work with you to reduce his anxiety and make attending class a more positive experience.

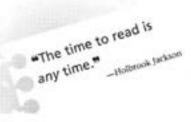
Parent P Quiz P Are you a reading role model?

There's no question that your attitude about reading has a big impact on how your child feels about picking up a book. When you show your child how much you value reading, she's likely to follow your lead. Answer the following questions yes or no to see if you're a reading role model:

- _1. Do you try to read something for pleasure each day?
- _2. Do you try to share interesting things that you've read with your child? It may be a short news story or something you read on the Internet.
- _3. Do you keep a book handy for times you may have to wait—in the doctor's office or in a long line?
- _4. Do you keep books and magazines nearby in your home to make it easy for family members to find something to read?

__5. Do you read food labels and talk about the information with your child at the store?

How did you do? Each yes answer means you are a role model for reading. For each no answer, try that idea from the quiz.



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Looking back can encourage

Mastering a new skill is hard. Sometimes kids may feel that they'll never learn it. When your child gets discouraged, turn her focus from how far she has to go to how far she's come. Say:

- "Last year you couldn't add three-digit numbers. Now that's easy for you."
- "You thought you'd never finish your report, but you did it and it was great!"

Remind your child that practice and perseverance contributed to her success in the past. Tell her that you know she'll work hard and succeed again.

Ask questions to develop, improve your child's mind

Your child needs sharp thinking skills for decision-making and problem-solving. To stimulate your child's thinking:

- Don't just nod when your child gives an opinion. Ask why he feels that way.
- Give your child the chance to change your mind occasionally. Challenge her to come up with information you might not have considered at first.
- Discuss the plot when watching TV or a movie together. Did it make sense? What could have improved the show?

Restocking rekindles interest

Remember how excited your child was to shop for supplies at the start of the school year? Recapture that enthusiasm with a special trip to the store for something small: some new markers,



self-stick notes or pens. Making sure she has a well-stocked study spot is a great way to say "I think learning is important."

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SPANG TOWN BOARD MEETING December 28, 2011

The regular meeting of the Spang Town Board was held at 7:00 PM on Tuesday December 28, 2011 at the Spang Town Hall. People in attendance at this meeting were Chairperson Joseph Benes, Supervisor Michael Baltus, Supervisor Randal Washburn, Treasurer Roberta Truempler, and Clerk Grace Derfler. Guests: Michael Truempler, Emily Benes & Bob Derfler.

Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Joseph Benes. Those present said the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Motion made by Randal Washburn, seconded by Michael Baltus, and carried to approve the minutes of the November 22, 2011 meeting with correction.

Roberta Truempler- Treasurer presented the financial report from November 22, 2011 to December 28, 2011. Michael Baltus made motion second by Joseph Benes and carried to accept treasurer's report.

Old Business-

Roberta Truempler presented the board with the cabinet plans for the office. It was decided to also look at base cabinets. Roberta did a great job on the plans.

Notes from the December 27, 2011 meeting with Hill City Fire Department were reviewed. There will be a council meeting on January 10, 2012 to discuss the fire contracts with the townships. The board wanted to know from the Hill City Council- "what does the city get from the residents that do not pay taxes".

As requested by the board, a letter was sent to United Methodist Church requesting payment of \$35 for rental of the hall for a funeral. The board received the payment of \$35.

New Business-

Clerk- presented the board with letter from Wildwood Township on their new clerk. Effective January 1, 2012 Darlene Vobejda will be the new clerk.

Clerk reported on the following items:

Change in social security payroll tax

MN- Dept. of Health water report for the hall

Next meeting with the Hill City Council- January 10, 2012- fire contract

New W-2's forms and I-9 forms for 2012

Reminder- January 2012 board meeting- audit books Six (6) year term for supervisor resolution will be decided at the annual meeting if it should be put on the ballot

Roberta Truempler read letter she received from Friends for Animal Welfare, Inc., requesting a donation.

Public Input- None

Being no further business, Joseph Benes made motion, second by Michael Baltus and carried to adjourn the meeting @8:10pm

City of Hill City Special Meeting 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

City of Hill City Emergency Meeting February 2, 2012

An Emergency meeting was called by Mayor Larry Baker in regard to the purchase of the Terry Minnick property located at 100 Park Ave. Members present: Mayor Larry Baker, Dave Lange, Scott Martin and Ken Rollins. Audrey Baratto was absent. Mayor Baker called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

Motion made by Rollins to purchase the property located at 100 Park Ave., Hill City, MN to expand the Hill Lake Park for the price of \$13,000.00, second by Lange.

All members voted yes, Motion carried Clerk Gillson to contact City Attorney Dimich to get the purchasing papers started. Clerk Gillson will also contact Bob Beaver, City Engineer, to set up a meeting for potential renovation of the Hill Lake Park.

Motion made by Martin to adjourn the meeting at 1:10 p.m., second by Lange.

All members voted yes, Motion carried

Diana Gillson Clerk/Treasurer

City of Hill City Council Meeting February 14, 2012

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the regular Council meeting was held in the Community Room. Mayor Larry Baker presided over the meeting and called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. Members present: Larry Baker, Audrey Baratto, Dave Lange, Ken Rollins and Scott Martin.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Motion made by Lange to approve the minutes of the regular Council meeting of 1/10/12, the minutes of the Special Council meeting of 1/17/12 and the minutes of the Emergency meeting of 2/2/12 with a change to the Emergency meeting minutes of the members present (Dave Lange was present twice), second by Rollins.

All members voted yes, Motion carried Fire Chief Jeremy Nelson had presented the Council and the townships within the Hill City Fire Departments coverage area with a different way of calculating the cost of the Fire Contracts. The current calculation to the City and the Townships is based off from the tax capacity's of the City and each Township while the new calculation is based off the percent of populations, plus the percent of 3 year average of calls, plus the percent of tax capacity's, then divided by 3. This would equal the percent of the Fire Departments budget that each entity would pay.

The City of Hill City's Fire Department currently covers the City of Hill City, Hill Lake Township, Spang Township,

City of Hill City Council Meeting February 14, 2012 (continued)

MacVille Township, Wildwood Township and three Unorganized Townships. At the meeting there were representatives of all but MacVille and Wildwood Townships.

There was discussion and questions from the Townships in regard to the new way of calculating the cost of the Fire Department coverage. Overall, the Townships present at the meeting and the Council agreed that the new way of calculating the Fire coverage cost seemed to be the fairest method to both the City and the Townships.

Motion made by Martin to approve the new method of calculating the Fire Contract figures for fire coverage beginning in 2013 due to the fact that budgets are all in place for the 2012 year, second by Lange.

All members voted yes, Motion carried The Townships also commended Fire Chief Nelson for all the work he had done with coming up with this new way of calculating the cost of the fire coverages and also thanked the Council for working with the townships and being receptive to the change.

The Hill City Fire Relief Association had been approached by the owners of Hill City Liquor in regard to them obtaining a Gambling Premise Permit for pull-tabs.

Motion made by Baker to approve The Hill City Fire Relief Association for a second Gambling Premise Permit at Hill City Liquors as long as all the proper paperwork is obtained, second by Lange.

All members voted yes, Motion carried At the Emergency meeting of 2/2/2012, the Council had voted to purchase the property located at 100 Park Ave. in Hill City for the price of \$13,000.00 which was the price that the owner had stated he would sell it to the City for. A week later the owner called back and stated that he had received other offers on the property and now wanted \$19,500.00 for the property.

Motion made by Lange to start the eminent domain process on this property if the owner would not accept the \$13,000.00 that he had originally agreed to, second by Martin.

All members voted yes, Motion voted yes Fire Chief Nelson stated that the Fire Department did not want to do a "training burn" on the house and garage located at 433 Ione Ave. that the City now owns due to the costs involved, necessary permits, etc. It was decided that it would be more cost effective to do the clean-up with dumpsters. Dave Lange volunteered his time and backhoe to crush and fill the dumpsters.

Motion made by Baker to have Dave Lange volunteer his time and backhoe to crush and fill the dumpsters to tear down the buildings at 433 Ione Ave. with the City paying for his fuel, second by Rollins.

All members voted yes, Motion carried

City of Hill City Council Meeting February 14, 2012 (continued)

Clerk Gillson asked permission from the Council to seek out grants working with SEH (City engineers) for the expansion of the Hill Lake Park. The Council approved this but would like Deputy Clerk Tami Meyer to work on this.

On Monday, March 5th, the Blandin Foundation is having a Blandin Community Listening Meeting in the Hill City Community Room from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. All citizens and business owners are welcome. There may be a quorum of the Council present.

It was decided to advertise in both the Grand Rapids Herald Review and in the Aitkin Independent Age for the Hill Lake Park Attendant for the 2012 season in March with interviews in April.

Park and Rec. Commissioner Rollins stated that there was a broken spring toy in the Hill Lake Park that he would like to replace at an approximate cost of \$700.00. He stated he would get together with the Maintenance Dept. and get something ordered.

Due to a Community Room conflict, the March Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 14th versus Tuesday, March 13th.

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

All members voted yes, Motion carried Motion made by Martin to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m., second by Baratto.

> Diana Gillson Clerk/Treasurer

SAVE THE DATE: MAY 24, 2012 for the SPRING EXPO!!!

What is the Expo, you say, well it is where the students of our school, Kindergarten through 12th Grade, get to show off what they have done at school. There will be presentations, displays, demonstrations, and much more. Keep an eye out in the next newsletter for more information.

STUDENTS..... Anyone have a talent they would like to show? There will be a talent show at the SPRING EXPO. If you are interested, contact Mr. Olig.

JACOBSON COMMUNITY NEWS MARCH 2012

St Urho's Day Pancake Breakfast Jacobson Community Center March 11, 2012 7:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Meetings

Jacobson Civic Club

Will meet on March 12 at 1:00 P.M. Elva Boatman will hostess. Want to join us? Call Marsha 326-6865

Ball Bluff Township Board Annual Meeting

7:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 13, 2012 at the Jacobson Community Center. All registered voters in Ball Bluff Township are encouraged to attend. The Board will meet at 6:00 p.m. prior to the annual meeting.

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 March 21 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. March 13th and 27th. If you don't have a library card, Lisa can help you with that.

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

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

During March, the Jacobson Food Shelf will be participating in the Minnesota Food Share Campaign and, during March and April, the Feinstein Foundation Million Dollar Challenge. We will be collecting money and food during these months and reporting the total dollars and pounds to both of these organizations. We will get a proportional match from both organizations, based on the amounts we collect during the time the programs cover.

Monetary donations can be sent to Jacobson Food Shelf, P. O. Box 616, Jacobson, MN 55752. Food donations can be dropped off at Carmel Lutheran Church on Sundays from 12 to 1 p.m. or by appointment—call 218-426-4799 to set up a time. All donations are welcome and greatly appreciated.

Jacobson Food Shelf will be open on the first and third Thursday at Carmel Lutheran from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. March 1st and 15th. For information or emergency service, call 218-426-4799 or 218-752-6634.

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

Lenten Service March 21: Soup supper at 6:00 with service at 7:00 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



Character Counts!

Everywhere! All the time!

★ Explore the Six Pillars of **Character!**

★ Weekly updates with ideas to reinforce lessons!

★ Graduating Character May 3!

Allow your child to explore the qualities of good character and reasons why character is important.

We combine learning with having fun to teach good character and ethical decision making in a way that

is meaningful and memorable. We email updates to parents after each Club meeting so you can reinforce the ideas at home.

There will be a "Graduating Character" ceremony on Thursday, May 3, 2012 at 4:00 at the school which all parents and guardians are invited to attend.



Kinship of Aitkin County

Thursdays 3:15 - 4:30 March 15 - May 3, 2012 at the Hill City School

Good Character

Club



CHARACTERCOUNTS!

Grades 1-3

Free!

Rockin' For Rylie

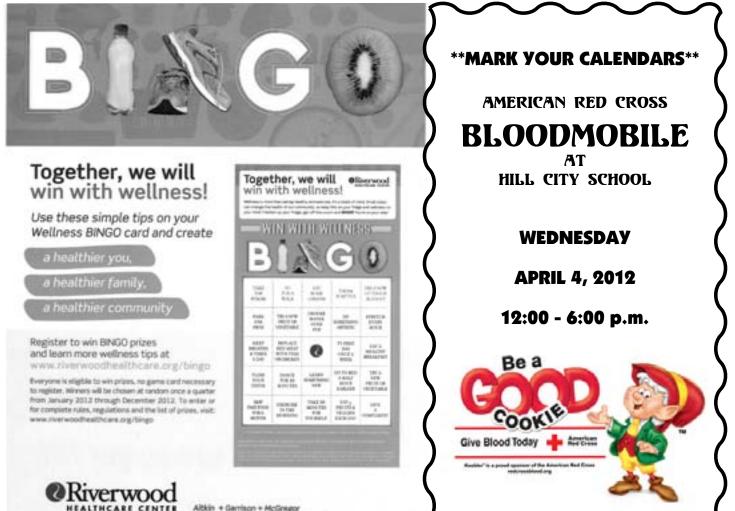
Rylie Jo Pederson is a happy 1 ½ year old little girl from Hill City. She is the daughter of Nic and Teresa Pederson and younger sister to Natalie and Samantha. On May 25, 2011 she was diagnosed with Pre-B Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia and has been going through extensive treatment since. She had a bone marrow transplant on Feb. 3, 2012 with her brave older

sister as the donor. The Hill City Fire Relief Association is having a benefit raffle on May 19th to help offset the rising costs associated with her care. Raffle tickets will be \$5 and will be available around town.

We are also hosting a CO-ED Volleyball Tournament on Saturday, March 3 at Hill City School, cost is \$60 per team. Email or call Tina Harcey to register a team or with questions at tinaharcey@yahoo.com or (218) 398-0408.

Rockin' For Rylie T-shirts (\$10) and bracelets (\$3) are also available. Contact Tina Harcey (info above) or Nikki Pearson. 697-2461 or enpearson@centurylink.net. to buy.





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RAISING READERS: A LITERACY GUIDE FOR PARENTS

- Are you a parent of a student who is struggling to read?
- Does your child dislike reading?
- Do you have an infant or toddler and want to learn more about literacy now?

Join Katelyn Dokken, ISD 318 Minnesota Reading Corps Volunteer Coordinator, as we discuss why reading aloud to kids every day is important to their development and literacy skills later in life. Develop your expertise as a parent reading aloud to your children while increasing your knowledge of current trends in the literacy field.

WE WILL:

- Explore activities and games meant to ignite your child's love of reading and create a lasting love of books and the written word.
- Discuss strategies for working with a struggling reader,
- Discover a list of great children's books for all age levels and interests
- Gain knowledge of Internet resources including literacy blogs written by parents and teachers.
- Take home literacy activities and games for every grade level from 0-3rd grade

WHO: Parents of children age 0-3rd grade

TIME: 6:00-8:00pm

FEE: FREE

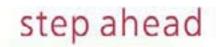
CHOOSE FROM TWO DATES AND LOCATIONS:

DATE: Thursday, February 9th, 2012

LOCATION: ISD 318 Administrative Services Building—Room #135 Date: Tuesday, April 24th, 2012

LOCATION: Coleraine Public Library

Please register ahead of time at www.getlearning.org or 327.5730



a place for parents

Step Ahead provides support to link families, communities, and educational opportunities so children thrive.

Join us on Facebook: Search Step Ahead of Itasca County.

Open hours: Thursdays 11:00am-3:00pm, Parent Room 140 Come check out our lending library or search the library through our website.

Located in the ISD 318 Administrative Services Building 820 NW 1st Avenue - Grand Rapids, MN 55744 218.327.5753 - www.getlearning.org, under partner links



What's new in Hill City?

All are invited to a conversation with new Blandin Foundation CEO Kathy Annette about the community's opportunities, challenges and priorities.

Monday, March 5

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Hill City School Community Room

Childcare provided!

Your RSVP appreciated to info@blandinfoundation.org or 1-877-882-2257

HOMEMAKER WANTED Spectrum Health Companies We are looking for a dependable part-time homemaker in the Hill City area. Duties include: light housekeeping, meal preparation, and laundry. Must enjoy working with the elderly or disabled. Experience preferred, but not required. Please contact Danee with Spectrum Health Companies, at 218-741-3013. HOMEMAKER WANTED Spectrum Health Companies We are looking for a dependable part-time homemaker in the Hill City area. Duties include: light housekeeping, meal preparation, and laundry. Must enjoy working with the elderly or disabled. Experience preferred, but not required. Please contact Danee with Spectrum Health Companies, at 218-741-3013.



LEAPING LEPRECHAUNS!

Come enjoy the **family fun** on St. Patrick's Day where there will be food, fun and friends!

- Who: Families with Children ages 0-grade 3 When: Thursday, March 15th from 5-7 pm Where: Hill City School Commons What: Start the evening with a "Green Pot Luck."
 - Next there will be St. Paddy Day's activities, stories, and a hunt for the Leprechauns Gold.

What to bring: A Green Dish to share at the potluck, a great imagination and sense of fun!

This is not a "drop off" event. Adult must accompany children.

PTO, Early Start, and Kids Plus are excited to offer this fun event. Come join in the merriment.

Contact Kathy at 218-697-2394, ext. 177 with any questions.



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! | After School Art! | | | |
|--|---|--|--|--|
| Attention!! We are offering after school art twice a month! The schedule for after school art is as follows: | 3:15-4:30pm \$5 per month or \$35 per year Name: Grade: Contact Info: Home Ph: | | | |
| March 8, March 22 April 12, April 26 May 10, May 24 | Cell Ph: Email: All Year | | | |
| Who: All students are invited! | month by month month by month has my permission to | | | |
| Time: 3:15-4:30pm | participate in the after school art program. | | | |
| Cost: \$5 per month or \$35 per year | Parent/Guardian Signature Date | | | |
| 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 | 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 | Kids Plus Summer Camp Starts the week of June 4 and ends the week of August 16 | | | |
| Join us every Wednesday evening from 7:00 pm 9:00 pm | Grades K-6 Cost: \$25 for the year or \$1/day (includes a craft each day and snack) | | | |
| in the Hill City School Gym | Hill City Days and Times to be Determined | | | |
| Fee:\$1.00 per time For more information please contact Stacey at 697-2394 ext. 172 or sjohnson@hillcity.k12.mn.us | For more information, contact Stacey at 697-2394 X172 or sjohnson@hillcity.k12.mn.us | | | |

BASKETBALL OPEN GYM

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

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Guitar Lessons

Have you ever wanted to learn how to play the guitar? Nows 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



Hill City Baton Twirlers

Bring your baton and a smile. Parents are welcome to attend the first class for a short informational session.

Grades:K-12Cost:\$25Dates:Wednesdays, March 28 - May 30Time:3:15 pm - 4:30 pmWhere:Gym BRegister by:March 21Instructors:Jessie Ahonen & Erin BolemanContact #:244-4259

For assistance with class fees or questions concerning this class, call Stacey at Comm Ed @ 697-2394 X172, sjohnson@hillcity.k12.mn.us Baton Preregistration by: March 21 FEE: \$25

Students Name: _____

Age: Grade:

Contact info: Home Ph:_____

Work Ph: _____

Cell Ph: _____

Email: _____

__has my permission

to participate in the Baton Class.

Parent or Guardian Signature Date

Return this form with fee, made payble to Hill City Community Education, to the school office - no later than March 21 -

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



ISD #2 Lunch Menu March 2012



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------|
| | | | | 1 Brk: Cereal/Toast | | 3 |
| | | | | Beef Taco | Cheese Quesadilla | |
| | | | | Salad Bar/Bread Pineapple/Milk | Salsa/Sour Cream Corn/Orange/Milk | |
| 4 Breakfast - | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | | 10 |
| OFFERED DAILY: Cereal Assortment | Brk: Brk Pizza | Brk: Cereal/Toast | Brk: Lumberjack | Brk: Cereal/Toast | Brk: Cinn Roll | |
| Orange Juice or Fruit | Corn Dog/Mix | BBQ Pork/Bun | Hamb. Gravy | Chicken Fajita | Tomato Soup | |
| Cheese Slice or | Veg/Potato Rounds | Green Beans | Mashed Potatoes | Salad Bar/Carrots | Grilled Cheese | |
| CheeseStick | Applesauce/Milk | Orange Slices/Milk | Corn/Fruit/Milk | Peaches/Milk | Pears/Milk | |
| 11 Lunch- | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| OFFERED DAILY: Bread | Brk: Brk Bagel | Brk: Cereal/Toast | | Brk: Cereal/Toast | | |
| Offer-vs-serve for | Sausage Pizza | Ham w/AuGratins | 115 | White Chick Chili | 5 | |
| Grades 4-12 | Salad Bar/Corn | Peas n Carrots | PotatoRounds/Green | Turkey/Cheese Sand | Coleslaw/Carrots | |
| | Dog/Fruit/Milk | Bread/Fruit/Milk | Beans/PeachCrisp | Mand. Oranges/Milk | | |
| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | | 24 |
| | | Brk: Cereal/Toast | | Brk: Cereal/Toast | | |
| | Unbread Chick Patty | Turkey Noodle Soup | Chick Chow Mein | - | Cheese Lasagna Spinach Salad | |
| | Green Beans | | Rice/Noodles/Salad | Salad Bar/Corn | Sliced Carrots | |
| | Apple Slices/Milk | | Applesauce/Milk | Oranges/Milk | Peaches/Milk | |
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | |
| | NO SCHOOL | Brk: Cereal/Toast | | Brk: Cereal/Toast | 01 · | Menu subject to |
| | | Pork Patty/Bun | Beef/Bean Burrito | 10 | Shrimp Poppers Coleslaw & Carrots | change at |
| | | Diced Carrots | Salad Bar | Sauce/Green Beans | Broccoli & Rice | anytime |
| | | Applesauce/Milk | Mixed Fruit/Milk | Cherry Crisp/Milk | Pineapple/Milk | |



ISD #2 Activities March 2012



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|--|---------------------------------|--|--|--|----------|
| | | | | I Family Bd Game Night 3:10-6:00 | 2 BBB vs Walker ABC Away 5:45 | 3 |
| 4 Open Gym BB 6:00 - 8:00 | 5 Family Bd Game Night 3:10-6:00 | 6 | 7 Special Bd Mtg 6:30 pm VB Open Gym 7:00 - 9:00 | 8 Family Bd Game Night 3:10-6:00 | 9 Elem Spring Arts Program 1:30 pm | 10 |
| 11 Open Gym BB 6:00 - 8:00 | 12 Family Bd Game Night 3:10-6:00 | 13 | 14 VB Open Gym 7:00 - 9:00 | 15 Family Bd Game Night 3:10-6:00 | 16 | 17 |
| 18 Open Gym BB 6:00 - 8:00 | 19 Family Bd Game Night 3:10-6:00 | 20 Sys Acct Mtg 2:30 p.m. | 21 VB Open Gym 7:00 - 9:00 | 22 Family Bd Game Night 3:10-6:00 | 23 | 24 |
| 25 Open Gym BB 6:00 - 8:00 | 26 NO SCHOOL School Bd Mtg 6:30 p.m. | 27 | 28 VB Open Gym 7:00 - 9:00 | 29 Family Bd Game Night 3:10-6:00 | | 31 |

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.



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



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 Boold 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

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