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The Hill City High School class of 2013 invites Hill City community
members, parents and especially ALUMNI to help us celebrate Hill City
High School Homecoming 2012, October 8th-12th. There are many
exciting activities planned-we hope you'll consider joining us!



Friday:

Coronation, 2:15 HCHS Assembly, including a special multimedia presentation celebrating 100 years of Homecoming at Hill City.



Volleyball game vs. Bigfork-5:45 pm \* The volleyball team is sponsoring a Breast Cancer Awareness Pink Out night. Wear your pink, help us fight cancer, and cheer on our girls.

Thursday: Volleyball vs. Crosby-Ironton (Away)

Football game vs Isle, 2:00 pmPost game BBQ and potluck sponsored by Kids Plus. Join us after the football game to share laughs and stories. Bring a dish to share.

**Special Invitation:** Former Homecoming Royalty, please join us on Monday for Coronation. If you are interested in helping us create a living timeline of Homecoming Royalty, please contact Laurie Holm at: lholm@ hillcity.k12.mn.us or (218) 697-2394 ext. 118.

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#### **Committee Assignments for 2012**

#### **Committee**

MSHSL Legislative Representative Negotiations Committee

System Accountability Committee Community Education Advisory Council Meet and Confer

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

#### **Representative**

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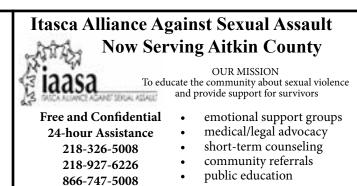
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school closings.

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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 Vice-Chairman Jodi Gulbraa at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, August 27, 2012.

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

- 1. Approved the Agenda with additions.
- 2. Brent Welk took his Official Oath of Office.
- 3. Seated Jodi Gulbraa as chairman.
- 4. Approved the following:
  \*Minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 23, 2012;
  \*July 2012 bills presented for payment;
  \*Current bills through 08/10/12;
  \*Investments and wire transfers;
  \*Reviewed the Activity Fund Statement;
  \*Reviewed Cash Receipts including donations.
- 5. No comments or requests from visitors.
- 6. There was no report from the School Attorney.
- 7. Approved the proposed bus routes for the 2012-2013 school year.
- 8. Discussion was held on the parent pick-up/drop off location at the school
- 9. Student Council: none to report.
- 10. System Accountability Committee: none to report.
- 11. School and Community Health Committee: none to report.
- 12. Negotiations Committee: none to report.
- 13. Community Education Report: none to report.
- The facility is ready for school and the sports bus building construction is to start on September 4, 2012.
- 15. No Technology Coordinator update.
- 16. Discussed employee request to have benefits paid by the district spread out over the whole school year.
- 17. The Board evaluated food service revenues and expenditures. Approved the elimination of the dishwasher position.
- 18. Industrial Technology teacher update: we are exploring options.
- 19. Set the salary for athletic supervisors for all athletic

events for the 2012-2013 school year at \$15.00 per hour.

- 20. Approved hiring the following for the 2012-2013 school year with a salary of \$25.00 per night: Tami Meyer and Patty Valley as ticket takers for fall athletic events, Jeanie Crandall as Volleyball Score Bookkeeper, Alan Olson as Volleyball Scoreboard Operator, Nikki Brant as Libero Tracker, Jim Lamke as Football Timekeeper/PA, Clark Bailey as Football Scorekeeper, Dave Olson, Alan Olson, and Dave Lange as Field Down/Yard Judges, Tiffany Hocking and Tara St. Martin as Volleyball linesmen.
- 21. Approved awarding the bids for the storage sheds: Shed #1 to Mark W. Holm in the amount of \$358.88, Shed #2 to Mark W. Holm in the amount of \$428.88, and Shed #3 to Robert Hill in the amount of \$100.00.
- 22. Set the rate of pay for substitute instructors for the 2012-2013 school year at \$90.00 per day for short term substitutes and \$100.00 per day for long-term substitutes.
- 23. Reviewed the preliminary substitute instructor list for the 2012-2013 school year.
- 24. Approved the request for unpaid medical leave for Mendy Oukrop.
- 25. Approved the Assurance of Compliance with State and Federal Law Prohibiting Discrimination.
- 26. Tom Fasteland was nominated for Vice-Chairman.
- 27. Appointed Tom Fasetland as Vice-Chairman.
- 28. Approved hiring Adam Johnson as Assistant Football Coach for the 2012-2013 school year with a salary to be set according to the current HCUE Master Agreement.
- 29. Approved hiring Chuck Holm as Junior High Football Coach for the 2012-2013 school year with a salary to be set according to the current HCUE Master Agreement.
- 30. Superintendent/Principal Yocum attended the MSBA Summer Seminar.
- 31. Brent Welk attended the MSBA Phase I and II school board training.
- 32. Meeting adjourned at 8:04 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. School Staff Phone Extensions

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# **Honor Flight Northland** "We can't all be heroes. Some of us have to stand on the curb and clap as they go by."

- Will Rogers -

Last November the Senior Class of HCHS coordinated a penny drive to raise money for the Honor Flight program. Including a generous \$600 donation from the Lions Club, the students were able to raise \$1200! The hope was that we would be able to sponsor one or more local veterans for the September 25, 2012 Honor Flight. We are proud to announce that **not just one but three area WWII veterans** applied for and were selected to fly to Washington, DC to experience the memorials in honor of their service. Danny Ashton, Floyd Dropps and Adolph Carlson are the local veterans we are so proud to honor with this flight. Some information on the Honor Flight program:

"The goal of the Honor Flight program is helping every single veteran in America, willing and able of getting on a plane or a bus, visit THEIR memorial. Since America felt it was important to build a memorial to the service and the ultimate sacrifice of her veterans, the Honor Flight Network believes it's equally important that they actually get to visit and experience THEIR memorial. Top priority is given to America's most senior heroes - survivors of World War II and any veteran with a terminal illness. The program will naturally transition to Korean War, Vietnam War and all other veterans who served, on a chronological basis. Of all of the wars in recent memory, it was World War II that truly threatened our very existence as a nation and as a culturally diverse, free society. Now, with over one thousand World War II veterans dying each day, our time to express our thanks to these brave men and women is running out. Learn more about the Honor Flight Program at www. honorflight.org".

Sadly, Mr. Ashton is an all too poignant reminder of the urgency of getting our veterans to Washington, DC to see their memorials. In August, Dan Ashton passed away. We are so very proud of his service to our country, as well as his dedication to our community throughout his whole life. Mr. Ashton served in the Army and was stationed in Germany during WWII. He was awarded a Good Conduct medal, as well as a medal for being involved in the final campaign. Mr. Ashton was a lifelong member of the VFW in Palisade. Dan will be missed, but the memory of his military service is marked in our hearts as well as in the stone of the Veteran's Memorial





Wall in Hill City.

Floyd Dropps is another local veteran who will be flying to DC on September Mr. Dropps served in the Marines, 25th. and was on the island of Iwo Jima when the famous photograph of the flag being raised was taken (although not one of the Marines raising the flag.) Floyd came in and shared some service memories with Mrs. Holm's classes on more than one occasion. He received the Purple Heart medal, and was kind enough to let the students pass that medal around (along with the bullet that was recovered from his injury!) Mr. Dropps is proud of his service and of the fact that his son enlisted in the Navy as well. When asked for final thoughts he shared, "I think

that the Atomic Bomb saved many lives on both sides. Even though it was bad for the people who were right there, many others on both sides would have died."

Finally, Adolph Carlson, who served 23 months in the Army during WWII will be on the flight. Mr. Carlson was gracious enough to sit for an interview with Hill City students, and gave them a chance to learn more about the war and his service. He was stationed in Okinawa, where he was among the troops preparing to invade Japan. From there, Adolph was sent to Korea, where he was promoted to Sergeant and in charge of his platoon. When asked the very personal and oftentimes controversial question about the decision to use the atomic bomb,



Mr. Carlson replied, "Truman ok'ed atomic bombs and it was a good thing because otherwise the war would have been different." He also wanted students to understand, "If we hadn't won WWII, the world would be a different place."

So again, let's honor and thank our veterans for their sacrifice and devotion to our country. The freedoms we enjoy today, remember, were not free. And we can all be proud of the veterans and active service members in our community who make sacrifices to ensure our freedom and democracy. The Senior Class will again be sponsoring a fundraiser of some kind starting around Veterans Day in November, to raise money for the Honor Flight.



What: International Walk to School Day When: Wednesday, October 3, 2012 Where: Hill City School Why: Health and activity

On Wednesday, October 3, 2012, students at Hill City School will be offered the chance to walk to school with their classmates, staff, parents, and community members. Students will meet at 8:10 a.m. at either Sunny's or the DNR office parking lot. From there, they will all walk as a group to the school using safe routes.

Students wishing to walk to school that day who normally ride the bus need to return a signed permission slip to the office by October 1 (see permission slip below). Other students wishing to participate need to meet at one of the meeting places by 8:10 a.m. to walk with the group. Parents are encouraged to join us in walking to the school. Walking with your child will give you more time with your child and will show them that you know the importance of everyone getting daily physical activity.

When students arrive at the school, they will be met by a crowd of cheering staff and community members, music playing, and stickers. Any students that play sports are encouraged to wear their uniforms to add to the school spirit.

Students who are unable to walk to school that day will have the chance to walk in their physical education class that day. Both the elementary and high school students will be walking during their phy. ed. time on Wed., Oct. 3.

Parents, please ensure your child wears comfortable shoes for walking and is dressed for the weather. In case of severe weather, we will cancel the walk and students will just walk in physical education class for the day.

Please join us in celebrating this international day.

I give permission for my child(ren)

to be dropped off by the bus at either Sunny's or the DNR office parking lot to participate in the Walk To School event at Hill City School on October 3, 2012.

Parent signature

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

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

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

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

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

# October 2012

- 1. Teach your child how to prepare nutritious after-school snacks.
- 2. Plan a family talent show. Have everyone practice their acts this week.
- 3. Role-play a sticky situation with your child. What would she do if her
- friend were teasing someone at school? 4. A good breakfast helps kids learn. Start the day with a healthy breakfast.
- 5. Do a crossword puzzle with your child.
- 6. With your child, make awards for all your talent show participants.
- 7. Start giving your child an allowance. Discuss what he can use it for, such as buying things, saving and giving to charity.
- 8. Take a walk and see if your child can identify the trees you pass.
- 9. Give your child some string and a button. See if she can thread the string through the button holes and make the button spin.
- 10. Keep a notebook handy when watching TV. Have your child jot down five new words. Look them up later.
- 11. Time different things you and your child do in a day.
- 12. Give your child a whistle to blow if he is in danger. Warn your child that he should only blow it when there is danger.
- 13. Look through the newspaper with your child. What headlines interest her? Read an article together and discuss it.
- 14. Have a family dinner by candlelight. Ask each person to share the week's experiences.
- 15. When your child beings home schoolwork, focus on what is right before noting what is wrong.
- 16. Provide a regular place to display your child's best schoolwork. Change the display often.
- 17. Make up a song featuring your child's name.

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

- 18. Review math facts at the dinner table tonight.
  19. Tell your child that you love him.
  20. With your child, make a fall decoration for your table.
  21. Have your child glue craft sticks together to make a frame and decorate it with buttons and markers.
  22. Watch a nature-oriented show with your child.
  23. Take a walk and collect pretty leaves. Put them between clear self-stick paper to make placemats.
  24. Ask your child to come up with words with both a suffix and a prefix (such as replacement).
- 25. How many types of punctuation can your child find today?
- 26. Write down the ages of family members. Express them in math terms—Dad is 25 years older than Mike.
- 27. Challenge your child to build an animal out of five pipe cleaners.
- 28. At the library, use books and the Internet to learn more about careers in which your child is interested.
- 29: Plan an exercise "date" with your child. Pick an activity you both enjoy, such as walking or tossing a ball.
- 30. Every time you talk with your child on the phone, end by saying, "I love you."
- 31. Make up a story with your child.



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Hill City Elementary School Go Hornets!

## Make the most of parent-teacher conferences by preparing ahead

Parent-teacher conferences are a great way to establish a relationship with your child's teacher. You are the one who knows your child best, and your insights help make the year a success. Make every effort to attend.

Before the conference:

- Write down topics you want to discuss. Note areas where your child may be struggling. Include positive notes to discuss as well.
- Talk with your child. What does he like or dislike about school? Ask, "Is there anything you'd like me to discuss with your teacher?"
- Look over papers your child has brought home, handouts and textbooks. Do you have questions about your child's progress or how you can help at home?



At the conference:

- Be positive. Offer to work with his teacher to make this a great year for your child.
- Make plans for keeping in touch. Ask when to call or email the teacher. If necessary, schedule a follow-up meeting.

After the conference:

 Talk with your child again. Let him know, in upbeat terms, how the meeting went. Tell him how excited you are to work with his teacher.

Source: "Making Parent-Teacher Conferences Work for Your Child," PTA, www.pta.org/2532.htm.

## Success takes work and organization

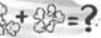
Your child finished her homework, but she couldn't find it when she got to class. You missed the parent-teacher meeting because you never saw the flyer. What's the problem? It could be a bad case of the *messy backpack*! If your child's backpack looks like a tornado hit it:

- Set up a system. Designate one folder for homework and take-home papers. Label others with subject names.
- Check it every day. Look through the folders together. What assignments does your child have? What should you read, sign or return?
- Clean out the junk. Before bed, have your child repack her backpack. Include only items she will need for school the next day.
- Have a "launch pad." Once your child's backpack is ready to go, put it by the door where she won't forget it.

#### Pop up some math fun!

October is National Popcorn Poppin' Month. Improve your child's addition and subtraction skills while

enjoying popcorn. Say, "If you have six pieces of popcorn and



I give you five, how many will you have?" "If you have 10 pieces of popcorn and I eat four, how many will you have left?"

#### Does your child arrive at school ready to learn?

Your child works hard to do well in school, but you can contribute to his success, too. Be sure he has:

- Enough sleep. Children between seven and 12 years of age need 10 to 12 hours each night. Proper rest will help your child concentrate in class.
- A healthy breakfast. Studies show that kids who eat breakfast do better in school, earn better grades and have fewer behavior problems.
- High expectations. When you believe your child can do his best, he'll believe it too. Tell him that you know he'll be working hard in school and you're excited about how much he is learning.

#### Questions help your young author with writer's block

The book report is due tomorrow, but your child stares at any empty sheet of

- paper. To get her started, ask:
  - Can you describe the main character? What did she look like? What words describe her? Was she brave, curious or clever?



- What problem did the character overcome? How did she do it?
- What would you say if you were writing an advertisement for this book?



# A How can parents foster responsibility in children?

Q: My son frequently misses the bus. Then I'm late for work because I have to drive him to school. He also forgets things. I end up taking his book report or his math homework to school. How can I get him to be more responsible?

A: Right now, your son doesn't have to be responsible. He knows that Super Mom is ready to help.

It will never be easier for your son to make a few mistakes—and learn from them—than it is right now in elementary school. But first, he has to know that you're about to stop being his own personal rescue squad.

You should also:

- Talk with his teacher. Tell her what you plan to do. (She'll probably be glad.) Make sure she knows that if he forgets his things at home, he may not have a book or report in class. Tell her you want him to live with the consequences.
- Begin bedtime and morning routines. Set an alarm clock. Make bedtime earlier if he still can't get up in the morning.
- Have a backpack plan. Have your son put everything in his backpack before going to bed. Then have him put it by the door.

Once your son learns you won't be responsible for him, he'll start being responsible for himself.

# Parent P Are you helping your child stay active?

America's kids sit too much and move too little. As a result, childhood obesity is a growing health problem. Parents can encourage children to be more active and have fun at the same time. Are you doing what you can to encourage your child to be active? Answer yes or no to each question:

- \_\_1. Do you make physcial activity part of everyday activities?
- \_\_\_2. Do you make time for family fitness? Do you block out some time when you can be active as a family?
  - \_3. Are you a good role model? Do your kids see you being active and exercising?
  - \_\_4. Do you turn off the TV and the computer at some times of the day?
  - \_5. Have you planned activities you can do regardless of the weather?

How did you score? Each yes means you're helping your child be more active—and healthier.

#### Offer helpful advice when homework is 'too hard'

Your child is frustrated again. "This math homework is too hard!" he says. What should you say and do? Try these tips:

- Remind him of other "hard" things that are easy for him now, like subtraction.
- Break difficult tasks into smaller pieces. Have him do half of the problems. Take a break before completing the rest.
- · Review examples in his textbook.
- Talk about the link between effort and success. Don't give up after his first try.
- Tell him you'll get help. If he truly is struggling, contact his teacher. Explain where your child had trouble. Ask what you can do to help at home.

#### Have some fall craft fun

With your child, gather some colorful leaves on your next walk. Place them between two pieces of wax paper and press them in a book. A week later, place the leaves between two pieces of contact paper to make place mats.

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#### A story a day builds every child's literacy skills

Reading together daily reinforces your child's reading skills. To emphasize its importance:

- Find stories at your child's reading level. Don't push her to read stories that are too difficult.
- Stop occasionally to ask, "What do you think might come next?"
- Have your child retell the story in her own words.
- Be enthusiastic. Laugh together. Read aloud using funny voices.

Source: "Supporting Your Beginning Reader," International Reading Association, www.reading.org/Libraries/Parents/ ph1071\_support.sflb.asbx.

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ideas for parents Practical Suggestions for Building Assets in Your Child

#### FAST FACTS

#### ASSET #37: Personal Power

Youth are more likely to grow up healthy when they feel they have control over things that happen to them.

> 45% of youth ouroeyed by Search Institute have this aspet in their lives."

#### What Are Assets?

Assets are 40 key building blocks to help kids succeed. "Personal power" is one of four positive identity assets.

\* Based on Bearch Income surveys of almost 100,000 bet to 12th grade youth Arrespond the United States

# **Every Person Can Make a** Difference

Aja Henderson of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, noticed a problem. A lot of her friends and the neighborhood children didn't have anyone to take them to the library. Many parents worked, and by the time the parents got home, the libraries were closed.

If Aja hadn't had personal power, she would have felt helpless, victimized, and passive. But Aja had a strong sense of personal power. At the age of 12, she opened her own library-in the den of her home.

Today, more than 3,000 titles make up Aja's library, and young children, teenagers, and adults all use it. The library, open seven days a week, doesn't have any set hours. 'Sometimes people knock on our door early in the morning before I go to school, or someone stops by pretty late at night," Aja says. "I never turn anyone away. I'm proud that people like to read, and that they'd even give up a Saturday afternoon to spend time at my library."

Aja doesn't think what she has done is anything out of the ordinary. Tm just a normal American kid,' she says. 'If I can do something like this, so can other kids. It just takes a little work and some creativity."

#### Traits of Children with Personal Power

- They believe that when good things happen to them, they somehow contributed or had some control in that event.
- They do not blame themselves for bad things happening to them; instead, they focus on positive steps they can take to remedy the situation.
- They are active, not passive.
- They feel empowered, not helpless or victimized.
- They believe they can make a difference.



# time together

Three ways to help your child develop personal power:

- Encourage family members to · point out "victim mentality comments" and "personal power comments" when family members tell about their day.
- Advocate that family members L develop healthy lifestyle habita. People with personal power are less likely to be tired, stressed, and abuse mood-altering substances than people who feel helpless and victimized.
- Build social competencies in your J. child, such as planning, decision making, nonviolent conflict resolution skills, and interpersonal competence. Socially competent young people are more apt to feel a sense of personal power

#### PTO Parent Teacher Organization

#### WHAT IS PTO AND WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO ME?

Research shows the importance of having parents, teachers, and community involved in the lives of children and teens. When you are involved with your community and school, kids learn that what we do for each other matters, we all make a difference, and that adults really do care about them and their activities. PTO is one way you can work with the school to provide quality educational experiences for your community's kids

PTO is a group of parents with children (or grandkids) ages 0 to grade 12., teachers of preschool through high school, the school prin cipal., board member, and new this year, high school students from class groups. PTO meets once a month, on the first Wednesday of each month from 4-5 in Room 205 at the Hill City Schhol. Days and times may be negotiable depending on the needs of the participants.

#### WHAT DOES THE PTO DO?

PTO helps plan and implement school activities with other school groups, such as the Walk To School day, Winter Carnival and other family events, and the EXPO. We gather volunteers to help teachers in the classrooms, make decisions about family events, and informational speakers for parents. We do some of the "behind the scenes" work that allows Hill City School provide opportunities for your children. We also help address issues that arise during the school year, as needed and appropriate . We even trim up the labels that are collected, and help get them ready to send in.

We have a President, Vice-President, and Secretary position. These positions are currently elected within the PTO Committee, once a year.

#### WAYS YOU CAN HELP OUT!

Attend PTO meetings Fill out the PTO Volunteer Sheet Help with Special Events Collect and bring in box tops, labels for education, and Kemps Nickels for Education Attend Special Events at the school Tell kids everyday how important they are, and that they matter! JACOBSON COMMUNITY NEWS

## **OCTOBER 2012**

www.jacobsonnews.com

#### **Organizations and Events**

**Carmel Lutheran Church Bazaar** 

Sat. Oct. 6 from 10 am. until 2 pm. Items for sale will include gifts, crafts, fresh produce, baked goods, quilts, woven rugs, white elephant table as well as a holiday corner. You are welcome to come and browse. The ladies will be serving lunch of soup, croissant sandwiches, sloppy joes and desserts.

#### FREE HOMECOMING DANCE FOR SENIORS (55+)

Sat. Oct 6, from 7-10:00 p.m. Dancing to Vern Bishop and the Moose River Band Refreshments and photos At Jacobson Community Center Sponsored by Spang 4H and MN 4H Foundation Everyone Welcome-Call Michelle Nelson at 218-244-9719 for more information

#### FLU SHOT CLINIC AITKIN COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH

Thursday, October 11<sup>th</sup> 11:00-11:30AM Jacobson Community Center BRING YOUR INSURNCE CARDS!!! We bill: Medicare, Humana Gold, UCare, Unicare MA, Blue Plus, IMCare, Blue Cross, Medica, and Health Partners otherwise the cost is: FLU SHOTS \$30.00

#### Jacobson Halloween Party

October 27, 2012 Costume and Pumpkin contests registration at 4:30 Costume parade at 5:15 Free Hot dog meal 6:15 Spook house, haunted hayride, hay maze, stories and treats Everyone welcome, free admission

#### Jacobson Seniors meet every

Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. with a potluck at noon. Come for the cards, coffee and conversation.

#### Jacobson Civic Club

Will meet on October 8. Hostesses are Charlotte Henningsgaard and Shirley Carlson at her home. Call Marsha 326-6865.

**Ball Bluff Township Board Meeting** Tuesday, October 9, 2012, at the Jacobson Community Center for the Board meeting at 7:00 p.m. All residents are encouraged to come and participate.

#### Jacobson Fire & Rescue

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

#### **Jacobson Food Shelf**

Jacobson Food Shelf will be open on the first and third Thursday at Carmel Lutheran from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. October 4 and 18. For information or emergency service, call 218-426-4799 or 218-426-4712.

#### Jacobson Churches

Jacobson Community Church The public is invited to the "little white church in downtown Jacobson." Sunday mornings: 9:30 a.m. to 10:20 Sunday School for all 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Worship Bible study on Wed. evenings at 7:00 to 8:00 PM.

#### Carmel Lutheran Church Everyone welcome.

Sunday mornings: 10:00 children's Sunday School (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun) 11:00-Worship, 12:00-Fellowship Quilters and crafters meet every Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. WELCA meets the second Tuesday of each month at 9:30 a.m. Council meets 3rd Thurs. of the month@ 7:00 p.m. Lay Minister Mark Wagner 218-246-3179

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

Jacobson Halloween Party Sat., Oct. 27th

Jacobson Community Center

Haunted House Haunted Hayride Ghoulish Storytelling Scary Pictures and Treats Bonfire For more info visit: www.Jacobsonnews.co

Free Admission

#### Schedule of Events

- Costume & Pumpkin Contest Registration
- from 4:30 pm—5:00 pm
- Costume Parade 5:15 pm
- Hot Dog Meal at 6:15 (no potluck)

Event Sponsors: Jacobson Community Center and Jacobson Landing Recreation Area Funding support provided by: Lake Country Power—Operation Round Up



Dancing—Live Music—Refreshments—Photos- Memories

#### Senior Homecoming Dance (55+)

Alcohol free event—all ages welcome HOSTED BY SPANG 4-H CLUB

#### Live Music

Vern Bishop and the Moose River Band

#### Jacobson Community Center

3 miles south of Hwy 200 on the River Road

Free

#### **Questions:**

Contact Libby Berg at 398-0938 ©r Michelle Nelson at 244-9719 Or Roxane Jenkins at 244-6789

Event sponsors: Minnesota 4-H Foundation, Spang 4-M, Jacobson Community Center

Minnesota 4-H

#### Do you want to learn 4-H Has how to train your dog, but don't know how? Something Love Horses, but live in town? for Everyone Want to participate in shooting sports? Curious how to design, build and program a robot? Want to garden, but everyone you know has **JOIN THE CLUB** a brown thumb? Do you enjoy singing, **Spang 4-H Club** dancing, painting or just clowning around? Itasca County 4-H Open House & Fall Below is a sampling of projects. Visit www.mn4h.org for a full list: Enrollment Arts & Crafts Photography For all youth grades K - 12 Clothing & Textiles Plant Science Dog Care and Training Rabbits Monday, October 1 Electricity Foods & Nutrition Robotics/Rocketry/GPS 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Itasca County Courthouse Shooting Sports Shop (wood/metal) Geology Horse Small Engines Leadership Video Pets Wildlife Performing Arts Spang 4-H Club meets the 3rd Monday of each month 6:00 pm. Spang Community Town Hall For more information contact: Roxane Jenkins: 697-2430 or Michelle: 244-9719 Enroll Online at: www.4honline.com UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA EXTENSION Driven to Discover\* Itasca County 4-H 218-327-7486 www.mn4h.org or radai002@umn.edu

# Harvest Bazaar Carmel Lutheran Church

3 Miles South of Jacobson on Hwy 65

- Many Gift Items
- · Crafts
- Fresh Produce
- · Quilts
- Bake Sale
- Ruga
- White ElephantTable
- \* Holiday Corner

Saturday Oct. 6 10 A.M. 2 P.M.

> 2012 Lunch

- Service
  - Croissant
     Sandwiches

• Soup

- Sloppy Joes
- Desserts

# GOLDEN AGE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

A meeting will be held in the Community Room at Hill Lake Manor

Wednesday, October 10, 2012 at 2:00 P.M.

to elect officers and set an annual schedule of activities.

All people age 55 and over are welcome!!

Coffee and cookies will be served and Bingo played.

Invite your friends and neighbors!

#### KIDS HALLOWEEN PARTY!!!!

Come join us @ the volleyball court alongside of Buckshot Bar & Grill

from

12:00 pm until 4:00 pm

on Saturday Oct 27<sup>th</sup>



We love to see the kids and parents dressed up in a costume.

Free Pumpkin carving Free Hot Chocolate Get a Hot Dog and Chips for just \$1.50 Get a Sloppy Joe sandwich and chips for \$3.00 Last Call Entertainment will be here for some music and games for your enjoyment!!!! Hope to see you here !!



TRUNK OR TREAT! COME JOIN US FOR THE 2ND ANNUAL TRUNK OR TREAT! OCTOBER 31 FROM 5:00-6:30 PM. THE STREET WILL BE BLOCKED OFF IN FRONT OF THE CHURCH AND YOU AND YOUR CHILD CAN MOVE FROM CAR TO CAR GETTING CANDY! OPEN TO ALL KIDS! ALSO OPEN TO ANY ADULT THAT CONTACTS PASTOR GERARD VALLEY AT HILL CITY ASSEMBLY OF GOD AT 697-2662 IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADD YOUR "TRUNK" TO THIS NIGHT OF FUN. THERE WILL BE HOT COCOA **AVAILABLE ALSO!** 

# Day at the Farm Come and Enjoy Lunch with **RICK NOLAN** Candidate for Minnesota Congressional District 8 Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup> 11:00 am to 3:00 pm Main dish and drinks provided by Hosts Please bring a dish to pass. Place: Jake Niesen Family Farm 39133 650<sup>th</sup> st., Swatara, MN Directions: From Hill City. Take hwy 200 west to County road 29 (aka Swatara Road). Turn south on Co. Rd. 29. Go south for 2<sup>th</sup> miles, turn west on 650<sup>th</sup> st. Second home on the south side.

# **BLOOD DRIVE A SUCCESS!**

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

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

Anne Bjerkness



American Red Cross



It's time for Kidmo to start! Kidmo is Hill City Assembly of God's afterschool program for kids in kindergarten through 5th grade. We meet at the brick wall outside of the school office, every Monday ( there is school) until 5,00pm. We have snacks, lots of fun, learn about different countries, and do our homework and of course learn how to be better kidsl All kids are welcome, and it is a free program! You must send in a note to the school to give us permission to take your child. Please call Pastor Patty @ 218-340-3001 with any questions.



Come do your Winter/Holiday Shopping for kids, grandkids, great-grandkids, nieces, nephews and YOU!!

# **Hill City Thrift Shop** "Shop and Compare"

Located on Highway 169

Open Th, F, S from 9:00 to 5:00

"Where prices are in tune to our customer's needs"

We have a mixture of thrift and new items. The new items come from a high-end department store for which we can offer at a fraction of the price.

\*Our clothes/accessories such as tops, coats, shoes, headbands, hats, gloves, mittens are all current styles. We have a huge assortment of holiday items including Christmas trees.



Come check us out or make a commitment to your community by volunteering! Call 218 697 2424.

#### Honor Wall at Hill City School



Hill City School is looking to honor our community members that are currently serving in the military.

If you or a family member is currently serving in the military we would like you to give us some information so we may honor them by placing that information in our school.

# Please give us a brief summary of what branch they are serving, rank, location and a picture.

(all pictures will be returned). Please drop information off at the school office or mail to:

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



If you have any questions or suggestions please contact Stacey Johnson at 218-697-2394 ext. 172 or sjohnson@hillcity.k12.mn.us

#### AARP MN Driver Safety Program (formerly 55 Alive)

#### Register by: November 12th

Taking this class is an easy and sure way to reduce your motor vehicle insurance premiums. State law requires all auto insurance providers to reduce premiums by 10% for policyholders who are 55 or older, when a certificate of class completion is provided to them. If you have never taken the class before, you need to take the initial 8-hour class first, and then every three years the 4-hour refresher is taken. No tests are given. All participants will be issued a certificate at the end of the class. You must have a valid driver's license with you at the beginning of the class so that a certificate can be issued. (Contact Stacey for a full schedule of local classes if needed)

#### Veterans and Spouses FREE

4 Hour Refresher: Nov., 15th 5-9pm Location: Hill City School, Room 227 Min. # Required: 8 Max. #: 30 Cost: \$12 for members \$14 for non members (payable at the door to AARP)

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



Adult Volleyball Open Gym

Starting Sept. 12th

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

# Fee:\$1.00 per time

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

#### AARP Driver's Safety Class

**Register by: November 12** 

**Veterans and Spouses Free!** 

\$12 for members

\$14 for non members

(payable at the door to AARP)

Name: \_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_

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Contact info:

Home Phone

Work Phone

Cell Phone

Email

Date

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

Signature

For questions concerning this class, please contact Stacey @ Hill City
<u>Community Education at 697-2394 X172</u>.

After School Art!	After School Art!
After School Art is being offered twice a month! The schedule for after school art is as follows:	3:15-4:30pm I \$10 per month or \$50 per year I Name: I Grade:
Nov. 8 & Nov. 29 Dec. 6 & Dec. 20 Jan. 10 & Jan. 24 Feb. 14 & Feb. 28 Mar. 14 & Mar 28 Apr. 11 & Apr. 25 May 9 & May 23 Who: All students are invited! Time: 3:15-4:30pm	Contact Info: Home Ph: Cell Ph: Email: All Year All Year month by month has my permission to participate in the after school art program.
Cost: \$10 per month or \$50 per year This program does not require registeration but it is helpful to determine the amount of supplies needed. If you have any questions or concerns or need assistance with fees please contact Stacey at 697-2394 x. 172 or at sjohnson@hillcity.k12.mn.us	Parent/Guardian Signature       Date         If you have any questions or concerns please contact Stacey at 697-2394 x. 172 or at sjohnson@hillcity.k12.mn.us
🕬 Guitar Lessons	WALKING IN THE
Have you ever wanted to learn how to play the guitar? Nows your chance! Lessons will be provided throughout the school year. Instructor: Phil Kneeland Where: Hill City School Where: Hill City School Cost: Private session \$15/ half hour Semi-private session \$10/half hour (fees made payable to Community Education) Please contact Phil Kneeland at (218) 697-2394 ext. 186 to set up lesson dates and times.	<section-header><ul> <li>SCHOOL</li> <li>Did you know Walking can</li> <li>* Burn Body fat</li> <li>* Control your appetite</li> <li>* Increase your energy</li> <li>* Help relieve stress</li> <li>* Lower high blood pressure</li> <li>* Slows aging</li> <li>* Inproves efficiency of your heart and lungs</li> <li>* Relieves most cases of chronic backache</li> <li>* Helps promote restful sleep</li> <li>* Helps control and prevent diabetes</li> <li>AND MUCH MORE!</li> <li>The school will be open on all school days for anyone interested in walking the halls from <i>T</i>:0-7:45am.</li> </ul></section-header>



#### ARCHERY

NASP Intro to Archery For first time shooters

Dates: Oct. 25, Nov. 1, Nov. 8, Nov. 15

Time: 6 pm – 7:30 pm Fee: \$5 – payable to Hill City Comm. Education Grades: 4th grade or older (with no previous experience) Contact: Michelle Nelson 218-244-9719

This class is for first time shooters, with no previous National Archery in the Schools (NASP) training or instruction. Want to learn how to shoot a bow in a safe, supervised setting by certified NASP instructors? Here's your chance! No experience or equipment is needed. First class will be safety and technique with string bows. The remaining sessions will be practicing the same principals with the Genesis Bow.

Parents are welcome to observe, but must remain in the bleachers at all times. We respectfully request that you make arrangements for younger siblings not to be in the gym during practice.



#### Archery and Beyond

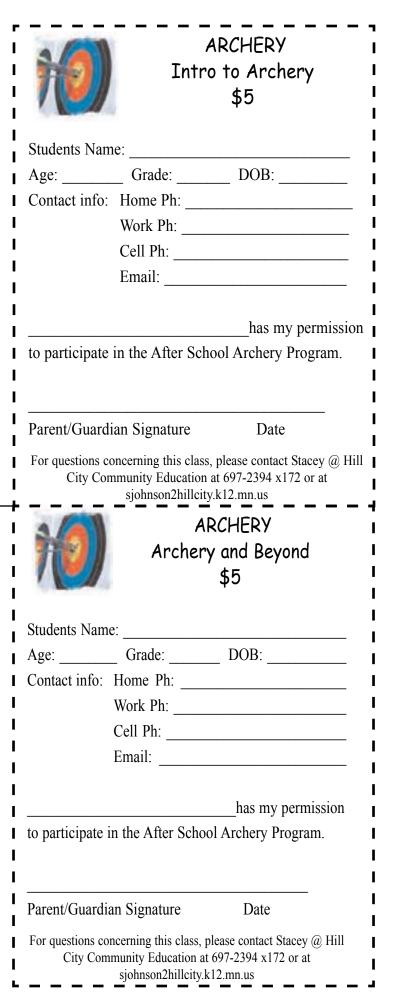
Develop your hidden talent. Participants will learn archery basics from NASP, National

Archery in the Schools certified instructors. Learn range safety and proper shooting techniques. No equipment needed. Come join the team or come try out the six session course and decide whether or not you would like to join the Hill City Archery Team

and compete, locally, regionally, state and possibly beyond! There is an additional fee to join the team of \$50 with a family cap of \$80 (payable to Hill City Archery Club), which includes team t-shirt and competition fees. Team forms and schedules will be available at the first night of practice. The season ends with the State Competition on March 23.

Dates: Nov 27, Nov 29, Dec 4, Dec 6, Dec 13, Dec 18
Times: Session 1 (4th & 5th graders) 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Session 2 (6th grade and up) 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Fee: \$5 - payable to Hill City Comm. Education
Grades: 4th - 12th grade
Contact: Michelle Nelson 218-244-9719

Parents are welcome to observe, but must remain in the bleachers at all times. We respectfully request that you make arrangements for younger siblings not to be in the gym during practice.



# BASKETBALL OPEN GYM

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

AFTER SCHOOL TUTORING GRADES 7 - 12 FREE

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

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

(dates are subject to change)

Students are highly encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity!

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



Open Cardio Room

Every Wednesday evening from 7-9pm and Sunday Evening from 6-8pm

Hill City School

## Cardio room includes:

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



# Fee:\$1.00 per time

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



# Elementary Basketball

Grades: 3rd-6th Grade

# **Starting in November**

Practice is every Wednesday after school until 4:30 pm.

# Coaches Needed for boys and girls all levels!

If you are interested in coaching contact Stacey Johnson at 697-2394 ext. 172 or sjohnson@hillcity.k12.mn.us





# ISD #2 Lunch Menu October 2012



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Brk: Brk Bagel	2 Brk: Cereal	<b>3</b> Brk: Lumberjack	4 Brk: Cereal	5 Brk: Cinn Roll	6
	Chicken Nuggets Rice/Green Beans	Lasagna Rolls with Sauce/Salad	Vegie Beef Soup Ham Sand/Carrots	Goulach/Bread Mixed Vegies	Shrimp Poppers Tater Rounds/Peas	
	Pear or Apple/Milk	Fruit/Milk	Fruit/Milk	Peach or Apple/Milk	& Carrot/Fruit/Milk	
7 Breakfast - <u>OFFERED DAILY:</u> Cereal Assortment	8 Brk: Brk Bagel	9 Brk: Cereal	10 Brk: French Toast		Brk: Cinn Roll	13
Orange Juice or Fruit Cheese Slice or CheeseStick			Tomato Soup Grill Cheese/Pear or Mixed Ernit/Mills			
14 Lunch- OFFERED DAILY:	Broc/Carrots/Milk 15 Driv: Driv: Driv: Dagal	Pear or Apple/Milk 16 Brk: Cereal	Mixed Fruit/Milk 17 Brk: Cinn Roll	Pineapple/Milk 18 NO SCHOOL	Mix Fruit/Milk 19 NO SCHOOL	20
Bread Offer-vs-serve for Grades 4-12	Brk: Brk Bagel Chicken Patty Sweet Potato Tots Kiwi/Milk	Italian Dunkers Rice w/Broccoli Oranges/Milk	Pork Patty Mixed Vegies/Apple or Peaches/Milk		NU SCHOOL	
21		23 Brk: Cereal	24 Brk: Fr Toast	25 Brk: Cereal	<b>26</b> Brk: Cinn Roll	27
	Hot Dog/Potato Salad/Baked Beans Peach or Apple/Milk	Rotini Pasta/Carrots Romaine Salad	Santa Fe Wrap	Burrito w/fixings Mandarine Orange or Kiwi/Milk	Fish Patty/Bun	
28	Brk: Brk Bagel Turkey Corndog Gr Beans/Salad	30 Brk: Cereal Chick Noodle Soup Grill Cheese/Vegie Stick/Mix Fruit/Milk	<b>31</b> Brk: Lumberjack Pepperoni Pizza Spinach Salad/Corn Bread/Fruit/Milk			Menu subject to change at anytime



# ISD #2 Activities October 2012



	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
7	Cardio	1 VB vs McGregor ABC Home 5:45 FB vs Carlton JV Home 5:30 8 Homecoming	2 VB vs LFBF ABC Home 5:45 9 VB vs Bigfork	3 Cardio Room 7-9 VB Open Gym 7:00 - 9:00 10 Cardio Room 7-9	4 VB vs Laporte ABC Away 5:45 FB vs Cromwell JH Home 5:00 11 VB vs Crosby-Iron	5 FB vs Nevis A Away 7:00 12 FB vs Isle	6
	6:00 - 8:00	<b>Coronation</b> 2:15	U U	VB Open Gym	ABC Away 5:00	A Home 2:00 Powder Puff FB 5:00-7:15	
14	Cardio 6:00 - 8:00	<b>15</b> FB vs Bigfork JH Home 5:00	16 VB vs Isle ABC Home 5:45	<b>17</b> Cardio Rm 7-9 VB Open Gym 7:00 - 9:00 FB vs Northland A Away 7:00	18 NO SCHOOL	19 NO SCHOOL	20
21	Cardio 6:00 - 8:00	22 School Bd Mtg 7:00	23	24 Cardio Room 7-9 VB Open Gym 7:00 - 9:00	-	26	27
28	Cardio 6:00 - 8:00	29	30	<b>31</b> Cardio Room 7-9 VB Open Gym 7:00 - 9:00			

