

# Solway Section Lines

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## Munger Goodfellowship Club

Many of the groups and organizations within Solway Township have been active for many decades. One of the groups with several generations of longevity is the Munger Goodfellowship Club. Recently the following history surfaced that was written in 1970 by Anna Leiste with additions by Lorraine Weiler. Thought you might find it interesting.

### "History of Our Club"

We organized in 1920 with Mrs. A. A. Holt as President, Mrs. A. F. Ahlgren Vice President, Mrs. W. W. Watson as Secretary and 10 other members.

The purpose of our club is to work for our school, homes and community. We met once a month at the school, in later years we have met in homes of members.

There were no dues, money was raised by having programs – at Christmas, treats were given school children, gifts to the teachers.

Miss Stillwell, 1<sup>st</sup> Home Demonstration Agent often visited our club, came on morning passenger train and returned on afternoon train. Miss Julia Newton, State Home Demonstration Agent also visited our club.

In 1925 Mrs. A. F. Ahlgren wrote to our State Senator for Aid to transport our school children to Proctor High School. This was obtained. In 1939 we purchased stone dishes, kettles, etc. and started and sponsored the Hot Lunch Program in our school.

We started and planted the hedge at Munger School.

We furnished dishes, coffee pots and silverware for Town Hall when first built. We put drapes on the windows in our Town Hall.

Over the years a total of 116 have been members. This year, May 3, 1970 we celebrated our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at Munger School. About 250 former members and friends attended.

*By Anna Leiste*

**Added on for 1970 by Lorraine Weiler**  
Give Senior Citizens a treat at Christmas.

Plant and care for the perennial garden at Solway Town Hall.

Put in a booth at the Proctor Fair.

Have lessons on recycling, cooking, household hints and tips.

## Thank You Goodfellowship Club

The Goodfellowship Club members continued to help beautify our townsite. The Club again purchased geraniums to decorate the town hall this summer. Betty Everett and Shirley Nylund demonstrated their "green thumbs" in planting the flowers. Our gratitude goes out to Betty and Shirley and the rest of the Club members for their donation.

## SOLWAY TOWN BOARD

**Chairperson:** Ron Gajewski

**Supervisors:** Clare Stromlund and Scott Welsh

**Clerk:** Regena Merritt

**Treasurer:** Cindy Moe

**Office Hours:** T, W, Th 9-3

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## Road Maintenance Schedule 2009

### May: Completed

- § 1,287 tons (118 loads) gravel applied to township roads

### June: Completed

- § 3,800 gals. of calcium chloride applied for dust control

### July:

- § Roadside mowing of road shoulders will be done by township personnel

Township roads will be graded every 3 weeks.

## The South St. Louis County Fair

The South St. Louis County Fair dates are August 19-23. Entries in the Industrial Building will be Tuesday, August 18. Divisions: flowers, baking, canning, home arts M, N, O, youth, agriculture, booths and scare-crows. Entries in the barns will be Wednesday, August 19. Divisions: beef, dairy, goats, sheep, swine, rabbits and poultry.

Entertainment will be 4 days of Horse Shows, a Parade of Breeds, Open Dog Show – Sat., 4 days Dock Dogs, 4 days Lumberjack Show, 5 days Petting Zoo, Wrestling on Friday, Local Tractor Pull on Sat., Kiddie Tractor Pull on Fri., Tricia and the Toonies on Sat., Amateur Talent Show Thurs., Outstanding Sr. Volunteer Awards on Sun., 5 days of 4H exhibits and events, Enduro Race Thurs., and car races Sun. See you at the Fair in Proctor.

## Rental Availability to Increase

As mentioned in the April '09 Newsletter, discussion at the Annual Meeting surrounded availability of the town hall for resident rental use. It was recommended by the electorate that only township rentals be allowed and this policy was established by the Board.

In addition the electorate supported making the downstairs more comfortable for rental groups so both the upstairs and downstairs could be used simultaneously for smaller gatherings. Consequently the downstairs is being redecorated:

- § A new kitchen with new cabinetry, counters, and appliances is being completed
- § the walls are being refurbished and repainted
- § the entry area is being tiled
- § the main area of the downstairs is being carpeted as well as both the front and back interior staircases
- § round tables and padded chairs will be added after the redecorating is complete

The downstairs will be a much more inviting area for gatherings. These improvements will be paid for out of aggregate tax revenue.

The upstairs of the town hall was repainted and padded chairs were already purchased for that area.

## Recycling Update

Plastic Recycling – Did you know? With more uses for recycled materials, you can now recycle more types of plastic!

### Quick Tips for Recycling

- § Check the bottom of your containers to make sure they are labeled #1-7.
- § Rinse containers to make recycling easier and more efficient.
- § **No Film or Foam. This includes any Styrofoam, plastic bags, or wrap.**
- § No plastic cups, plates, or utensils.
- § No flower pots or trays.
- § No buckets 5 gallons or larger.
- § No plastics that contained motor oil, antifreeze, or other automotive fluids.

## Dog Agility Trials Are Back

If you attended the Trials last year and enjoyed them, mark your calendar for Saturday, July 18th and Sunday, July 19th when they'll be back at Solway. If you missed them last year, bring the family and spend a couple hours watching the dogs compete.

The Arrowhead Dog Agility Association hosts the USDAA sanctioned trials with over 100 dogs and their owners anticipated to take part in the competitions. Set up of the course takes place on Friday the 17th with competitions beginning Saturday morning. Dogs will run the course from after breakfast to supper time on both Saturday and Sunday.

Participants come from all over the United States and Canada. Food concessions are available. Admission is free to everyone!

## Halloween Carnival

This year's Halloween Carnival will be held Friday, October 30. This event will again be put on by Solway's Special Events Committee. If you'd like to be involved in planning and carrying out this Carnival give the town hall a call (729-5134) and let us know so you'll be notified of planning meetings. We always need more help. We've been fortunate to have adults and teens stepping up to help out in the past. In the meantime be sure to mark the date on your calendars.

## Country Music Show Dates

Bill Palto and his entourage of singers and musicians continue their country music shows at the town hall.

During the summer the show is scheduled for July and August but not in September. Bill is taking September off. The show resumes in October and will play in November and December as well. The following are the second Saturday of the month dates: July 11<sup>th</sup>, August 8<sup>th</sup>, September – no show, October 10<sup>th</sup>, November 14<sup>th</sup>, December 12<sup>th</sup>.

Come early, bring a food dish, and enjoy the potluck that runs from 5 to 6 pm. The music begins at 6 and continues to 9:30 pm. Bring your dancing shoes if you wish to enjoy the dance floor. There is no admission charge but Bill puts out a donation can for free will offerings if you'd like to contribute.

## Lakehead Harvest Show

The 48th Annual Show will be August 28, 29, 30, 2009. The show grounds are located at 70 East St. Louis River Road which is east of Canosia Road. Donation \$7.00 daily or \$13.00 for the weekend. Children 11 years and under are FREE. Handicapped parking and toiletries are available. The grounds are open daily at 10:00 am.

Demonstrations include: saw milling, threshing, black-smithing, wood shingle making, antique rock crushing, field work and potato digging, daily parades of tractors and vehicles. Other attractions: food concessions, steam and gas model engines and tractors, flea market, ladies activities, church service Saturday evening.

Don't miss the antique and classic tractor pull demonstration on Saturday at 2:30 pm. Steel wheel class and crawlers will be at the end of the pull. For your added comfort bring a lawn chair.

## Community Clubs News...

### Flamettes

We will be meeting on Monday, September 14, 2009 at 7:00 pm to begin our new year. Come and join us. Our dance will be October 24, 2009 so be sure to put that date on your calendar. Watch for our flyers this fall. We had a good year and the firemen were able to get some more pagers and other small things from the money we raised.

### Solway Senior Citizens

55 Alive met at Solway Town Hall in April for a refresher course and they will be here again this fall on September 29.

Our club celebrated Mother's Day in May and Father's Day in June. We had a speaker from the Epilepsy League talk to us in June about falling. Some of our members went to the County Senior Picnic in June. We will be having a catered picnic meal in July and playing bingo. Plans are being made for our Country Bazaar September 19 so be sure to put that on your calendar and come to shop and have lunch. There will be a white elephant sale, crafts, a raffle, and baked goods. October 3 our Monday Group will be having their Fall Craft Show.

We meet the third Thursday of each month at 1:00 pm for a short meeting, bingo, maybe a speaker and lunch of course. Come and join us and maybe you might want to join our club. Everyone over 55 can join. Dues are only \$2 a year. We also have a \$2 attendance prize each month for a man and a woman. Hope to see you soon.

### Munger Goodfellowship Club

For our April meeting we made a quilted egg for Easter. In May we met at Floodwood with other area Homemakers for a Recognition Luncheon and we also served lunch at the Monday Group Craft Sale. In June we had an auction at our meeting. These are some of the things we do to raise money for our projects – one of which is planting geraniums at Solway Town Hall. Special thanks to Mother Nature on the Canosia Road and to Karen Nelson for their donations also. We appreciated that very much!

We will be having a picnic in July and meet with Maple Grove Homemakers in September for lunch, conversation and bingo. We will also be making plans for the lunch at the Monday Craft Sale October 3.

We are always looking for new members. Call Betty at 729-8653.

### Maple Grove 4-H Club

The May meeting theme was "Nature and Spring". The members brought items of spring such as Marsh Marigolds (cow slips), Bleeding Hearts, grass, chives, dandelions, an allergy and even soccer shoes. The sounds of spring mentioned were frogs, robins, motorcycles, thunder, and gravel trucks.

Georgi Keppers gave a very interesting and enjoyable musical demonstration. She explained the parts and assembly of her wind instrument and played a song. Keil Amundson will demonstrate in July. The 4-H meeting is the third Monday of each month at 6:00 pm at the Solway Hall.

## Fall Fun Day

Our 2nd Annual Fall Fun Day will be held Saturday, September 26 starting at 11:00 am and continuing until 5:00 pm. Solway Volunteer Fire Department will have an open house featuring; kids dress up; exploring fire trucks; equipment displays and demonstrations; fire prevention materials, etc. Cash bingo will be available for all downstairs in the town hall. Children's games and races will be held. Food concessions will be available. Watch for flyers that will be provided as the day's program is finalized.

## Burning Permits

Burning Permits are required in Solway Township, and are issued by State Fire Wardens. The Wardens in Solway Township are:

Dennis Essig , 6365 Morris Thomas Rd— 624-3832  
 George Hughes, 6995 Morris Thomas Rd—879-27224  
 Duane Rands, 4535 Caribou Lake Rd—729-8672  
 John Rogalla, 3688 Sandberg Rd—628-1429

## Fire Department News

The Fire Department would like to start by thanking everyone for the support this spring during our Bingo and Pancake Breakfast. They both were very well attended and everyone present had a good time. These fundraisers are important to the department as it allows us to have some extra money to purchase needed equipment. Monies from these fundraisers were used to purchase new flashlights, chain saw, hand tools and tool chest for fire hall, hose fittings, and other miscellaneous items. The fire department would not have the equipment we have today were it not for the generous support from the residents of the township and nearby areas.

This spring we have been busy training, responding to calls, and applying for more grant monies. We have begun Firefighter II training for all members of the department in-house using training materials we received in a prior Homeland Security grant. Our goal is to complete the training and state certification testing for all personnel over the course of the next year. Firefighter II training is becoming a new requirement for volunteer firefighters. We also applied for two Homeland Security grants this year; one being a vehicle grant to replace our old tanker, and the other an equipment grant to purchase hydraulic extrication tools and other rescue equipment. Hopefully, we will be awarded the grants.

We are working with the township to have a 2nd Annual Fall Fest in September. Some of the activities we are working on at the fire department for this event is

an open house, safety demonstrations, Safety Hopper for the children, EDITH House, etc. Hopefully the weather will be better this year as last year it rained the whole time.

With the 4<sup>th</sup> of July quickly approaching we would like to remind everyone to be safe doing activities this summer and be especially safe while using fireworks. In Minnesota, only certain fireworks are legal to use; examples of items that are permitted include sparklers, cones and tubes that emit sparks, and novelty items like snakes, and party poppers. Explosives and aerial fireworks are prohibited for possession and use. Prohibited fireworks include firecrackers, bottle rockets, missiles, roman candles, mortars and shells.

Lastly, we would like to let everyone know we are still looking to increase our membership. If you are 18 years of age or older, like helping other people, and serving your community please stop by the fire hall on a Tuesday night or call the fire hall at 729-6304.

## Notary Service

Your town clerk is a State Licensed Notary. If you have documents that need your signature notarized just call our clerk during office hours and arrange when you can stop in to see her. If she's not there when you call leave a message and she'll return your call when she gets back. This is a free service. Call 729-5134.

## Thank you to Maintenance Personnel

The Solway Town Board would like to thank our maintenance personnel for the fine work they do in keeping our town properties well groomed and attractive looking. We receive many compliments from residents and visitors alike that our facilities, buildings and grounds are always well cared for and make our townsite the finest in the area.

## Unacceptable Items Collection Program at Townsite

During October we will attempt to arrange a drop-off at the townsite for non-recyclable items. This service was available the last two years and well used by residents. Arrangements are still being made and final plans will be in the October newsletter.

Items collected include: stoves, hot water heaters, refrigerators, freezers, microwaves, air conditioners, TVs, computer components, VCR/DVD's, radios, tires, etc. There are collection fees for the items.

Watch for details on date, times, fees, etc. in the next newsletter.

## What is Lyme Disease?

Lyme disease is a bacterial disease that is transmitted to humans and animals by the bite of an infected deer tick (also called the black-legged tick). The illness may affect the skin, joints, nervous system, heart and other areas of the body.

### Signs & Symptoms in humans

Recognizing the early signs and symptoms of Lyme disease is important. If you have one or more of these signs and symptoms within three to 30 days after a deer tick bite, see your physician immediately:

- ◆ Within 1 to 2 weeks of being infected, people may have a bull's-eye skin rash - a red ring with a central clearing although not all rashes have a central clearing.
- ◆ Some people have Lyme disease and do not have any early symptoms.
- ◆ Fever and chills.
- ◆ Muscle and joint pain.
- ◆ Fatigue.
- ◆ Headache.

If a person is not treated early in the disease, these late signs and symptoms may develop weeks, months or years after the tick bite:

- ◆ Multiple rashes.
- ◆ Facial paralysis on one side.
- ◆ Weakness, numbness or pain in arms and legs.
- ◆ Irregular heartbeat.
- ◆ Memory, concentration problems.
- ◆ Chronic arthritis in one or more joints, usually the knees, which may be swollen and painful.

## 2010 Census Information

The U.S. Constitution (Article I, Section 2) mandates a headcount every 10 years, of everyone residing in the United States: in all 50 states, Puerto Rico, and the Island Areas. This includes people of all ages, races, ethnic groups, citizens, and noncitizens. The first census was conducted in 1790 and has been carried out every 10 years since then.

The next census occurs in 2010. The 2010 Census will be short form only—just 10 easy questions. The population totals from this census will determine the number of seats each state has in the House of Representatives. States also use the totals to redraw their legislative districts.

The totals also affect funding in your community, and data collected in the census help inform decision makers how your community is changing. Approximately \$300 billion in federal funding is distributed to communities each year.

Fund Allocations for:

- Title I grants to educational agencies (\*school districts across the nation)
- Head Start programs
- Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) (food grants)
- Public transportation
- Road rehabilitation and construction
- Programs for the elderly
- Emergency food and shelter
- Empowerment zones
- Where jobs and job programs are needed

Census data help potential homeowners research property values, median income, and other demographic information about a particular community.

The data help determine locations for commercial enterprises, such as food stores, pharmacies, and other essential services.

Your answers are protected by law (Title 13 of the U.S. Code, Section 9) and are strictly confidential. It is illegal for the Census Bureau, or its employees, to share your personal information with any other government agency—not law enforcement, IRS, Welfare, FBI, Immigration, etc.

All Census Bureau employees are subject to a \$250,000 fine and/or a 5-year prison term for disclosing any information that could identify a respondent or household.

## Cemetery Reminder

Township Cemetery regulations require that all flowers and planters allowed in our cemetery must be removed by September 30th.

## Arrowhead Transportation Bus Service

AEOA – Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Act – offers bus service from Solway Township to the Miller Mall area and downtown Duluth, medical clinics and hospitals. This is how it works:

- Buses run on Wed. and Fri. traveling down Hwy #2 area around 9:20 am
- Buses can pick you up at your door or a group can meet at the Town Hall
- Buses arrive at Miller Mall area around 10:00 am and shuttles are boarded from there to clinics, downtown, Super One, etc.
- Bus leaves Miller Mall area for home at 2:00 pm
- A one way trip is \$1.75 and round trip \$3.50

Call 1-800-223-1850 for reservations or more information.

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## *Solway Section Lines*

### **Township Events Calendar**

July 9.....Bookmobile 3:00 pm Town Hall  
July 11 .....Country Music Show and Potluck 5:00 pm  
July 14 ..... Town Board Meeting 6:30 pm  
July 18-19..... Dog Agility Trials  
July 30 .....Bookmobile 3:00 pm Town Hall  
August 8 .....Country Music Show and Potluck 5:00 pm  
August 11..... Town Board Meeting 6:30 pm  
August 17..... Property Tax Refund Due Date  
August 19-23.....South St. Louis County Fair Proctor  
August 20.....Bookmobile 3:00 pm Town Hall  
September 8 ..... Town Board Meeting 6:30 pm  
September 10 .....Bookmobile 3:00 pm Town Hall  
September 19 .....Senior Bazaar  
September 21 ..... Newsletter Articles Due  
September 26 .....Fall Fun Day 11:00 am—5:00 pm  
October 1.....Bookmobile 3:00 pm Town Hall  
October 3..... Fall Craft Show  
October 10 .....Country Music Show and Potluck 5:00 pm  
October 13 ..... Town Board Meeting 6:30 pm  
October 22 .....Bookmobile 3:00 pm Town Hall  
October 24 .....Flamettes Dance  
October 30 .....Halloween Carnival