

Solway Section Lines

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Road Maintenance for 2016

The Township Roads inspection was held April 29, 2016 this year. Grading, gravel application, dust control, culvert replacement, ditching, sign replacement, roadside brushing and mowing were planned for May, June, July and August.

- 151 loads of gravel were applied to the roads the week of May 23rd.
- 8,200 gallons of calcium chloride were applied to roads during June.
- Ditching projects were scheduled for Van Gassler Road, N Sandberg Road and the Baily Road turnaround.
- Roadside mowing will continue over the summer months.
- Brushing will take place the beginning of July.
- The parking lot and tennis court were crack filled, seal coated and re-stripped.
- Roads will continue to be graded every three weeks or more frequently as needed.

In addition this summer St. Louis County will:

- Reclaim & overlay Munger Shaw Rd between Maple Grove and St. Louis River Rds.
- Chip seal Morris Thomas Road between Canosia and Midway Roads.

If you have a particular problem on your road, please call the township office at 729-5134 so we can address it.

Jim Miller Retires!

With Jim's retirement we mark the end of an era. For 24-years Jim faithfully ran the recycling program for Solway Township after being hired in July of 1992. It's with reluctance that Jim is now calling it quits. He hoped that with time off during the winter he'd be able to return to the job this spring but two further bouts of medical problems make that impossible.

In addition to supervising the recycling shed Jim used his time to collect aluminum cans to sell and raise money for the youth programs of two area churches. This practice



started way before his recycling tenure with the Township. In an article published by the Duluth News Tribune in 2000 Jim had already collected over a million cans. He's well on his way to the 2nd million at this time. Many have profited by his service over the years. In 2001 Jim was the recipient of the Solway Citizen of the Year Award.

During the last several months many residents have inquired about Jim and his health. The Township would like to recognize Jim's contributions to the Solway Community and give residents an opportunity to wish him well in his retirement. We have scheduled an open house on Sunday August 7th between 1 & 4 PM at the town

hall. Coffee, punch and cake will be served. We'll see you there.

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Lake Head Harvest Show

The 55th Annual Show will be August 26, 27 and 28, 2016. The show grounds are located at 70 East St. Louis River Road which is east of Canosia Road. Donations are \$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 to 5:00 PM in any weather.

Demonstrations include: saw milling, threshing, blacksmithing, wood shingle making, antique rock crushing, field work and potato digging, daily parades of tractors and vehicles. Other attractions: food concessions, petting zoo, steam and gas model engines and tractors, flea market, ladies activities, church service Saturday evening at 7:00 PM. On Saturday there is an antique and classic tractor pull at 2:30 PM.

Bring the family. This is a valuable educational opportunity for our youth.

Check lakeheadharvest.org or brochures for further information.

Dog Agility Trials

Mark your calendars for Saturday July 23rd and Sunday July 24th when the Arrowhead Dog Agility Association again hosts the USDAA sanctioned trials at the Solway town site. Dogs from all over the United States and Canada will be participating. Admission is free to everyone. It's a fun family event. Food concessions are available.

Country Music Show Continues

Live music performances will continue at the town hall the second Saturday of each month. Mr. Bill Pelto and his entourage of singers and musicians perform 6 to 9 PM. Come early, bring a food dish, and enjoy the potluck that runs from 5 to 6 PM. A dance floor is available for all wishing to kick up their heels rather than be just toe tappers. There is no admission charge but Bill puts out donation cans for free will offerings to cover show expenses. All performers and set-up crew donate their time and talents. Dates this calendar quarter are July 9th, August 13th, and September 10th. This year marks the 9th season of continuous shows. Thank you Bill!

Halloween Carnival

This year's Halloween Carnival will be held Friday, October 28th. The event will again be sponsored by Solway's Special Events Committee with help from many community volunteers young and old. 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 in setting up the previous Thursday evening and in running the games on Friday itself.

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 Mondays and Wednesdays traveling down the 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 the 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 1:45 to 2:00 PM
- A one way trip is approximately \$2.10.

Call 1-800-862-0175 option 3 for reservations or more information. Be sure to check for schedule changes. The bus needs five people minimum in order to run.

Thank You Goodfellowship Club

The Goodfellowship Club members continue to help beautify our townsite. The Club, with the help of the Senior Citizen Club again purchased geraniums to decorate the town hall this summer. Shirley Nylund with help from her grand-daughters demonstrated her "green thumb" in planting the flowers. Our gratitude goes out to them and the rest of the Clubs members for their donation.

Shirley is Solway's Citizen of the Year for 2016.

Looking to Meet Your Neighbors and Engage the Body and Brain?

Solway Township and Proctor/Hermantown Community Education are developing a relationship to hold classes at the Solway Town Hall. One class is an AARP Driving Class on Friday, November 11, 2016 from 11am – 3pm. Two computer classes are being looked at as well: Introduction to Chromebooks and Google Docs.

Please watch your mailbox for the brightly colored Proctor/ Hermantown Community Education Booklet for Fall 2016, which will contain all the information needed to sign up for these classes.

Do you enjoy playing cards or perhaps have a hobby or interest you would like to share with the rest of the community? Think about becoming a Community Ed Instructor. Please contact Jessica Worden, jworden@isd700.org or 218-729-7661 X115.

Need Tables or Chairs?

Any Solway resident in need of tables and chairs for an event may contact the Town hall at 729-5134 and ask for Terri Jensen or leave a message with your name, phone number and date needed. Availability is limited so it is on a first come first serve basis.

Community Club News...

Flamettes

Our next meeting will be September 12th at 7PM. We would like to thank everyone who supported us this past year. If you would like to join us, we meet the 1st Monday of the month at 7PM, except January, July and August, or if the Monday is a Holiday we meet the following Monday. We raise money for the Solway Volunteer Fire Department by holding a Halloween Dance, Pancake Breakfast and helping with the Easter and Thanksgiving Bingos by serving food, bars, and grocery and food basket raffles.

Monday Bunch

We meet every Monday (except holidays) 12:30 PM to 4 PM for crafts, to share our knowledge and enjoy conversation. Come join us, there is always room for more. Our next Craft and Rummage Sale will be Saturday September 24th, 9 AM to 1 PM.

Solway Senior Citizens

We had a grocery raffle and served lunch at the Craft Sale in May. Thanks to those who stopped in to shop or have a sloppy joe and coffee.

At our May meeting St. Louis County Sheriff Jeff Karkainen gave information on fraud and scam issues that our prevalent in our area.

After our meeting in June we played bingo. In July we will have a catered picnic at a cost of \$5.00 per member. The Seniors will serve lunch at the Monday Bunch Craft Sale September 24th.

Maple Grove 4-H

The 4-H Club members are busy working on projects for the South St. Louis County Fair. We're looking for new members. We meet the 3rd Monday of each month at 6 PM. Amy Johnson is the contact person at 729-0503.

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. Thanks Veronica, Leon and Paul.

Craft and Rummage Sale

Saturday September 24th 9 AM—1 PM

Solway Town Hall

Hwy #2 and Munger Shaw Road

Sponsor: Monday Bunch

If you wish to have a display table call
Bonnie at 729-8382.

The cost is \$10.00 per table.

National Night Out 2016

This year the National Night Out is scheduled for Tuesday August 2nd. This event "has proven to be an effective, inexpensive and enjoyable program to promote neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships in the fight for a safer nation."

Furthermore the "National Night Out is an annual event designed to strengthen our communities by encouraging neighborhoods to engage in stronger relationships with each other and with their local law enforcement partners. The goal is to heighten crime-prevention awareness, build support and participation in local anti-crime programs, and most importantly, send a message that our neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

It's also the perfect opportunity to get to know your neighbors even better.

Last year free food consisting of hot dogs, beverages and bars were enjoyed by all. Ice cream cones were distributed by fire fighters during the Fire Department Open House. Kids enjoyed handling the fire hoses, face painting, and Butch Hanson's train rides. Valerie Fox and the Twin Ports Kennel Club put on a dog obedience demonstration. St. Louis County Deputy Sheriffs were on hand with the K-9 unit to answer questions and interact with residents.

The previous events were seen as being successful by those attending. We will continue sponsoring the Night Out this year. Consequently, we will start planning for this event. Special Event members will meet prior to the Night Out for planning the evening. They will need the help of the entire Solway Community so please call the town office 729-5134 to volunteer or offer ideas.

Plan to come and enjoy! Maybe you'll even win one of our door prizes.

The Bookmobile Continues to Roll

The Bookmobile operated by the Arrowhead Library System is a convenient way to provide library materials for your family, especially the kids during the summer months.

They not only bring an assortment of books into our neighborhood, but also DVD's and other instructional materials. If you can't find what you're looking for ask about it and it can be ordered to be brought at the time of the next Bookmobile visit.

The Bookmobile comes every three weeks on Thursday afternoons at 3 PM. They're in the parking lot for 45 minutes before moving on to their next location. Watch our township sign and website for when they will be here next. The next scheduled visits are Thursdays July 14th; August 4th, 25th; Sept 15th.

James and Valeria Witte Memorial Trail

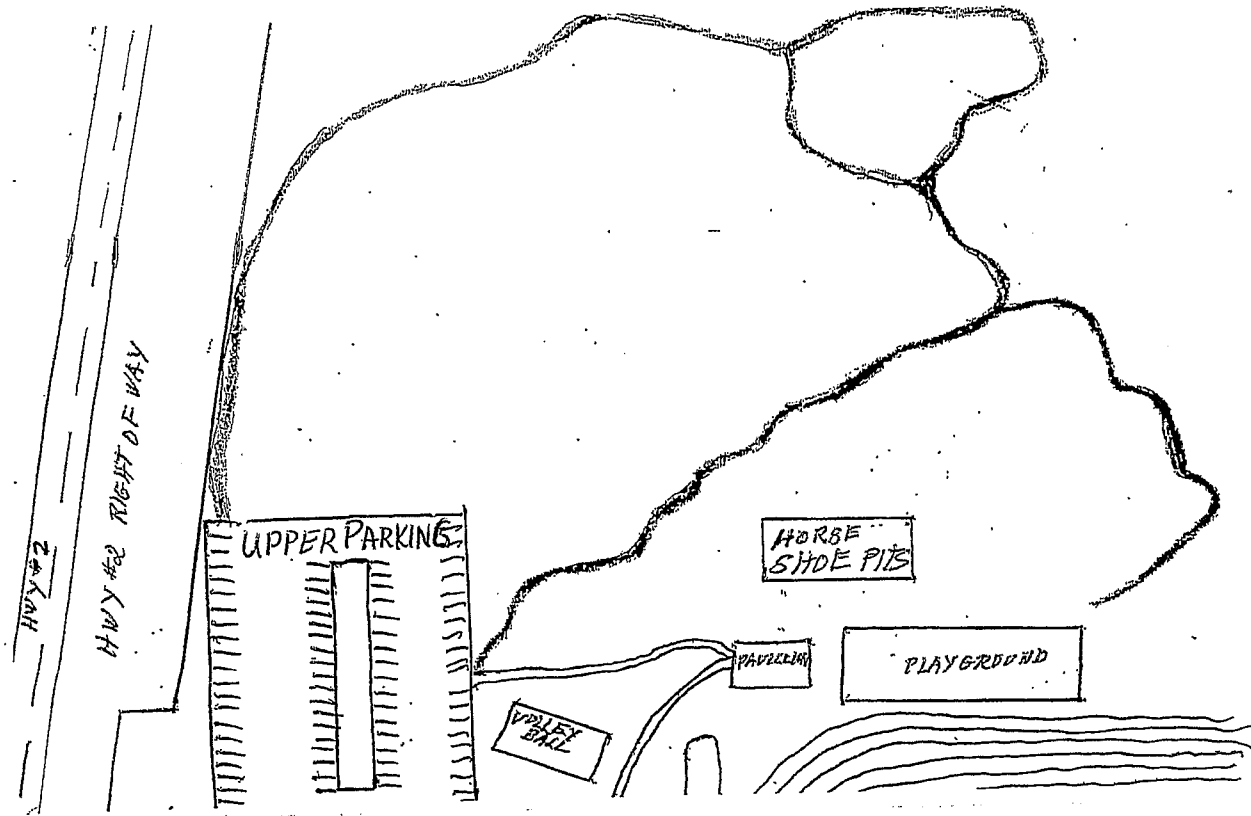
James and Valeria Witte were residents of the township since the 1940's. They both were contributors of time and talent in the development of the Solway community. Jim died prior to our Solway Citizen of the Year awards development but Valeria was recognized as Citizen of the Year in 1993 becoming the second recipient of the award. She was also recognized both at St. Louis County and the State of Minnesota levels for her voluntary service to her community as a senior citizen.

When Valeria died in January of 2015 her family requested that memorials be sent to Solway Township as much of Valeria's life was involved in service groups and activities of the township. With a considerable amount of money received brainstorming began for how the money could be spent for enhancing recreational opportunities at our townsite.

Some time ago on April 18, 2005 a Recreational Special Events meeting was held to discuss ideas for developing memorials for deceased residents of the township. Gardens consisting of small trees, shrubs and perennials were suggested. Walking trails could have plants and trees planted along them in honor of deceased family and friends. Also benches could provide rest stops and time to pause for reflection.

After discussing these suggestions and others with Jim and Valeria's family it was agreed upon to develop hiking trails through the woods on the western side of the townsite. The memorials and a generous donation from Shelton Excavating, who constructed the trails, made it possible for their being completed this spring. The trails are open for your use. Temporary signs depicting a map, directions and distances are being installed so hikers have an idea of the Trails routes. They can then make a judgment as to how long it will take to walk them. Additional suggestions for developing the signs are welcome before permanent ones are installed.

Ten cedar benches are being built as an Eagle Scout project by Boy Scout troop #84 of Proctor. The benches can be designated as "donated by" or "in memory of a loved one" for a donation of \$200. Residents can reserve a bench by contacting the town office and making their donation payable to Solway Township. Four by six inch signs will be attached to each bench indicating the donor or who it's in memory of. Benches will be allotted to the first ten donators. The benches will be installed strategically along the trail routes for the hiker's convenience.



Fireworks Safety

Now that the calendar says it is summer and the 4th of July is fast approaching our firefighters would like to remind everyone about being safe with fireworks and to please review the following safety guidelines:

- Read, understand and follow the instructions on each device prior to using.
- Use fireworks with close adult supervision.
- Choose a safe place to use fireworks that is far from anything that could be damaged. Fireworks should only be ignited outdoors and away from animals, buildings, storage tanks, brush or combustible materials.
- Anyone acting in an irresponsible manner or who appears to be under the influence of alcohol or other drugs should not handle or discharge fireworks.
- Keep fireworks away from small children and store them in a cool dry location away from sources of ignition (heat and flames). Fireworks should not be allowed to become wet and should not be used when dried after becoming wet.
- Do not carry fireworks in your pocket or on your person.
- Never ignite fireworks inside another container, such as inside a bottle or can.
- Eye protection is recommended for those using fireworks. Never throw fireworks or aim them at another person, animal or building.
- Only light one firework device at a time, then move away from the device quickly. Keep clear of any device that has been ignited, but has yet to go off.
- If a firework device has been ignited but fails to go off, stay clear of the device for an extended period of time to prevent injury due to delayed activation. Soak the device in water before handling it.
- Never place any part of your body, especially your head, over the firework device when lighting. Approach the item from the side and light while keeping your body away from the item.
- Never relight malfunctioning fireworks. Never experiment with fireworks, make your own fireworks, or alter fireworks in any manner.

Have a safe and happy 4th of July.

What if No One Answered the Call?

If you are 18 years of age or older, like helping other people and serving your community, we need you! Becoming a volunteer firefighter can be the most rewarding experience of your life while allowing you to reach out to someone in need. Together with the Solway Township Volunteer Fire Department you can ensure there is always someone to "answer the call".

If you are interested in becoming a member contact Fire Chief Nick Priolo at 218-729-6304.

It's Fair Time Again

The South St. Louis County Fair—Proctor, will be Wednesday July 6th—Sunday July 10th. Tuesday July 5th is entry day for the Industrial Building from 1PM to 7:30 PM. Bring your flowers, baked goods, produce and crafts. Check the Website (proctorduluthfair.com) under premium list. The Fair starts Wed July 6th at 6 PM through Sunday July 10th. Check the Website for a full listing of events.

There will be horseshows, 4-H events, remote control car races and an Enduro car race.

The following is a list of some of the events:

Thurs July 7th:

1 PM—3 PM Sarah Mae & the Birkeland Boys.

7:30 PM Todd Eckart performs on stage.

Friday through Sunday: Alf's Robotic Puppets.

Fri July 8th:

7 PM White Sidewalls perform on stage.

Sat July 9th:

8 AM Game Horse Show / 4-H on stage.

3 PM Crawling & Toddler Race.

3:20 Kids Coin Scramble.

5 PM Kid Power Pedal Tractor Pull.

6 –8 PM No Cover Band performs on stage.

8–10 PM Circuit Breaker Band performs on stage.

Sunday July 10th:

1 PM Amateur Talent Contest on stage.

5 PM Stock Car Race.

7 PM Entries released at 7 PM.

Website: www.proctorduluthfair.com

State Fire Wardens for Solway

To obtain a burning permit please contact one of the fire wardens listed below:

Dennis Essig, 6365 Morris Thomas Road, Cloquet, MN, 218-940-1966

George Hughes, 6995 Morris Thomas Road, Cloquet, MN, 879-2724

Duane Rands, 4535 Caribou Lake Road, Duluth, MN, 729-8672

John Rogalla, 3699 Sandberg Road, Duluth, MN 55810 628-1429

You may also get a burning permit at the Cloquet Area DNR Office by calling 879-0880, or online at www.dnr.mn.us. There is a \$5 charge per calendar year for the online service.

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Summer brings with it the task of cleaning up our yards from winter refuse. Remember, when burning outside please do not burn garbage or any other refuse material that you would not burn in a campfire you would use to cook on. Also, if your fire is bigger than 3-ft X 3-ft you need a burning permit from a local fire warden.

**Town Office**  
**4029 Munger Shaw Road**  
**Cloquet, MN 55720**

**Phone: 218-729-5134**  
**Fax: 218-729-5651**  
**Email: solwayclerk@hotmail.com**

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## *Solway Section Lines*

### **Township Events Calendar**

July 12.....Town Board Meeting 6:30 PM  
July 14.....Bookmobile 3:00 PM  
July 6-10..... St. Louis County Fair  
July 9..... Country Music Show 5:00 PM  
July 23-24 ..... Dog Agility Trials  
August 2 ..... National Night Out  
August 4, 25.....Bookmobile 3:00 PM  
August 7.....Jim Miller Retirement Open House 1-4 PM  
August 9.....Primary Election—Polls Open 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM  
August 13.....Country Music Show 5:00 PM  
August 16.....Town Board Meeting 6:30 PM  
August 26–28.....Lakehead Harvest Reunion  
September 10.....Country Music Show 5:00 PM  
September 13.....Town Board Meeting 6:30 PM  
September 15.....Bookmobile 3:00 PM  
September 24.....Craft and Rummage Sale 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM  
October 6, 27.....Bookmobile 3:00 PM  
October 28.....Halloween Carnival 6:00 PM  
October 29.....Halloween Dance 7:00 PM