

Solway Section Lines

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Road Maintenance for 2013

Our Township road inspection occurred on Friday, April 26th. As a result of our findings, gravel application, dust control, culvert replacements, ditching, sign replacement, road-side mowing and brushing were planned for May, June and July.

- 143 loads of gravel were applied to the roads the week of May 10th.
- 5800 gallons of calcium chloride were applied to roads on June 18th and 19th.
- Ditching projects were scheduled for Jeffrey, Heine and South Hanson Roads during May and June.
- The Town Hall parking lots and basketball/tennis courts received crack filling, seal-coating and striping June 11, 12, and 13th.
- Roadside mowing and brushing will continue over the summer months.
- Roads will be graded every three weeks or more frequently as needed.

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

Great Northern Transmission Line Project

Open House Meeting July 23, 2013 from 5:00 – 7:00 pm

Minnesota Power is currently in the process of designing two potential routes for the southern portion of its Great Northern Transmission Line. The Great Northern Transmission Line Project consists of a 500KV high-voltage transmission line from the Minnesota–Canada border to a receiving substation near the Iron Range, and a double-circuit 345KV high-voltage transmission line from the Iron Range substation to the Arrowhead Substation located off the north side of Morris Thomas Road between Solway and Midway Roads.

Minnesota Power needs to compile two separate routes for the transmission lines that are then presented to the State of Minnesota for their approval of one of the routes. Both potential routes will traverse Solway Township due to its proximity to the Arrowhead Substation, the project end point. The new transmission line will likely parallel existing lines, but will require additional right-of-way. The Minnesota Public Utilities Commission will determine the exact location of the line through the route permit process.

Minnesota Power held two rounds of open house meetings in the fall of 2012 and spring of 2013 to provide information, learn about the routing process, and gather input on the route alternatives. Because of the impact on Township property owners we have requested them to hold an additional meeting at our town hall. This meeting will be held Tuesday, July 23rd 5PM to 7PM. With an open house format you can stop by anytime during the meeting time and no formal presentation will be given. The project team will be available to give small group tours and answer your questions. Informational materials and detailed maps will be displayed at the open house and light refreshments will be provided. If you have any questions or concerns on this project be sure to make use of this meeting to have them addressed.

If you are unable to attend, you can view project information, maps, and open house materials on the project website by visiting www.greatnortherntransmissionline.com

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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.

Lake Head Harvest Show

The 52nd Annual Show will be August 23, 24 and 25, 2013. The show grounds are located at 70 East St. Louis River Road which is east of Canosia Road. Donations \$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, 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 27th and Sunday July 28th when the Arrowhead Dog Agility Association again hosts the USDA sanctioned trials at the Solway town site. Over 100 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 a donation can for free will offerings if you'd like to contribute. All performers and set-up crew donate their time and talents.

Halloween Carnival

This year's Halloween Carnival will be held Friday, October 25th. This 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.

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 second and fourth 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 \$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 continued 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, Morgan Nylund, and Betty Freeman demonstrated their "green thumbs" in planting the flowers. Our gratitude goes out to them and the rest of the Club members for their donation.

Garbage, Garbage, Garbage!

Have you had garbage thrown in the ditch alongside your property? A lot of people have. The township spends money each year picking up peoples garbage from our road right or ways.

My guess is that the garbage problem comes from people living outside the township hauling their garbage to the countryside to get rid of it. I ask each of you to pay attention to unfamiliar cars and if they start dumping garbage to take a picture with a camera or your camera cell phone if you have one. If we get a license number we'll follow up in tracking down the offender. Thanks for helping in this neighborhood watch.

Craft and Rummage Sale

Saturday October 5th 9 AM—1 PM

Solway Town Hall

Hwy #2 and Munger Shaw Road

Sponsor: Monday Bunch

Lunch: Good Fellowship Club

If you wish to have a display table call 729-8382. The cost is \$10.00 per table.

Community Club News...

Flamettes

We are off for the summer. We next meet on September 9th at 7 PM. October 26th is the date for the Halloween Dance, so work on your costumes and join us for a fun night. All our profits go to the Solway Fire Department.

Monday Bunch

We meet every Monday 12:30 PM to 4 PM (except holidays). Bring your crafts to work on. We have a potluck and good conversation. Our next Craft Sale will be Saturday October 5th, 9 AM to 1 PM.

Solway Senior Citizens

Since January we lost Ruth Eklund. Many of our members attended the Winter Fun Day at the town hall. Our April meeting was cancelled because of snow. We sent a card to Isabelle Callahan when she moved to Grand Rapids. Our group helped the Goodfellowship Club pay for geraniums to plant at the hall and had a speaker.

We'll have a catered picnic in July and help Valeria Witte celebrate her 90th Birthday in August. A craft sale is scheduled for Sept 7th. We have been in existence since 1973—40 years. We need new members. Come and join us the third Thursday or each month at 1 PM for a meeting, lunch and a speaker or bingo. We have the Election of Officers in September.

Munger Goodfellowship Club

Since January we played bingo after our meeting, had a Valentine party to exchange our Secret Pal gifts. We had a visit with Millie Warren at Edgewood Vista for her March Birthday. We cancelled our April meeting because of snow and had an auction at our May meeting. We attended the Area Homemakers Recognition Luncheon and served lunch at the May craft sale. Thank you for coming to shop or have lunch.

We planted geraniums at the hall in June for all to enjoy and we thank the Senior Citizen Club for helping us to pay for them. Also in June we all enjoyed making our own pizzas from Grand Biscuits and put together our own salad. We will have a picnic in July.

Maple Grove 4-H

The Club is busy preparing entries for the South St. Louis County Fair. The Club enjoyed the pool and an outdoor hot dog roast at the Keppers for the June meeting. The Club meets the third Monday of each month at 6PM at the Solway Town Hall.

Maple Grove Homemakers

The Club enjoyed the June meeting at the Dry Dock. Main discussion was planning the joint meeting with the Munger Goodfellowship Club in September. We will not meet in July due to it being fair time. If you would like to join our club, we meet the second Wednesday of each month at 1 PM. The location changes each month.

South St Louis County Fair Amateur Talent Contest

Thursday July 11th at 5PM is the date for the Talent Contest. Divisions are pre-teen—12 and under; Teen Division 13—18; Open Division—any age. Only one entry—time limit is four minutes. Deadline for entries is June 30th—no late entries accepted. Applications may be obtained by calling 729-7080, or Mike Donnohue at 218-341-9429 and in the fair book, or online.

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. Unfortunately right now it is in the shop for repairs. Hopefully they'll be back on the road in the near future. Watch our township sign and website for when they will be here next.

They not only bring an assortment of books into our neighborhood, but also DVD's, VHS tapes 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 3:00 PM. They're in the parking lot for 45 minutes before moving on to their next location. The next scheduled visits (if the bookmobile is fixed) are Thursdays July 18th; August 8th & 29th; and Sept 19th.

National Night Out 2013

This year the National Night Out is scheduled for August 6th. 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's event was seen as a huge success by those attending. They felt we should continue sponsoring the Night Out this year. Consequently, we will start planning for this event. Special Event members will initially meet Monday July 8th at 6:30 PM. They will need the help of the entire Solway Community so please call the town office 729-5134 to volunteer; offer ideas; find out the time of our next planning meeting that you may attend. As this is only our second year we will probably experience some "growing pains" together.

Solway Memorial Day Observance

Photo courtesy of the Proctor Journal

Residents turned out to honor military veterans and remember family members that are buried at the Solway Cemetery. Pastor Walter Lehenbauer from Hope Lutheran Church led a non-denominational prayer service for attendees. The Proctor American Legion Honor Guard held a gun salute and laid a wreath at the Veterans Memorial Cross. Bugler Carl Prevost Jr. played taps and Kerry Welsh played Amazing Grace on the bagpipes. We are grateful to all those who participated in the edifying program.

It's Fair Time Again

The South St. Louis County Fair—Proctor, will be Wednesday July 10—Sunday July 14th. Admission is \$3.00 for adults; 12 and under are free. Check out the following events.

- Industrial Building—Entry Day Tues July 9th 1PM-7:30PM
- Barn Entries - Wednesday July 10th 10AM—7:30PM
- Lake Superior R.C. (radio control) Club races on the hill Tuesday through Saturday
- Midwest Rides and Concessions—Wednesday night 6PM, Thursday—Sunday night.
- Carnival Rides: armband \$18 good for 1 day 1-5 pm; 8 ride tickets \$18.00 (1-ticket per ride); Mega armband \$40.00 all day every day. Advance ride tickets: call Mary 348-1453; Frank 591-6274 or 628-2401
- Double D Ranch petting zoo Thursday—Sunday
- Squeek the Clown @PM Tent Friday—Saturday
- Daily: Horse Events and 4-H Events
- Enduro Wednesday 7PM (Thursday make-up day)
- Kids Day—Friday and Saturday
- Sheep and goat judging—Thursday 8AM
- Outstanding Senior Volunteer Award in the tent with Chmielewski Band—Thursday 1PM Free
- Amateur Talent Contest in tent—Thursday 5PM
- Lorenzi's Boxing of Duluth—12 to 15 youth boxing Matches-Doors open at 5PM Saturday Tickets \$5
- The Denfeld High School Robotics Team demonstrations of their robots Friday 1-3 PM
- Rabbit and Poultry Show—Friday 9AM
- Overtones Quartet—5PM to 9PM Friday
- Kids Pedal Tractor Pull—Saturday 5PM
- Crawling and Toddler Race—Saturday 3PM
- Coin Scramble—Saturday 3:30PM
- 4-H Dog Show—Saturday 5PM Arena
- Pine Hill Lutheran Church Service Sunday 10:30 AM
- 4-H Awards and Fashion Review—Sunday noon-5PM Tent
- Stock Car Races Hot Laps—Sunday 5PM
- Races—Sunday 5:30PM Admission

Beginning on Thursday, the Fon du Lac Museum of Native American Culture will present a wild rice demonstration and the museum will also provide several displays throughout the weekend. The displays include: A natural resources exhibit, birch wood canoe, gardening group exhibits, and the Tribal Government of Human Services will also be in attendance. Saturday and Sunday, the native tribe will also perform a dance demo.

See you at the Fair; there's something for everyone!

Website: www.proctorduluthfair.com

Firefighters Caution Safety First

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.

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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.

## Fire Tanker in the Making

Old tanker #3 a 1980 Chevrolet 7000 is being replaced after 33-years of service. Recently it has only rolled as a backup because of its deteriorating condition. It's sirens weren't used responding to fire calls because it couldn't get up to road speed limits. With a need of further costly repairs, the old #3 is being retired.

A 2005 International 4300 truck chassis was purchased May 30, 2013 from Mid-States Truck Service, Inc. in Marshfield, WI for \$23,595.00. The tank, pump, lights, etc. of "old#3" are being transferred to the International chassis. Hansen's Welding in Esko is doing the refurbishing. Our "new #3" should be ready to roll in another month or so. The International chassis, refurbishing work, painting etc. will come to a total of \$48,700. Aggregate tax monies will be sufficient to cover this expense.

## History: Munger School and Teacherage

The school was built December 1937 through May 1939 for a total cost of \$58,000. It served our community till its closure by the Proctor School District in 1998. A search ensued for alternative uses of the building. Finding none that were financially feasible the building was torn down. The school property was deeded to Solway Township for a cost of one dollar. Today, the site is occupied by a soccer field serving Proctor students involved in Arrowhead Youth Soccer and the junior and varsity soccer teams. The bus garage now serves as a facility for township road and grounds maintenance equipment and workshop.

South of the Munger School was a home built for teachers who taught at the school. Originally Minnesota law required teachers to be women who were expected to live in the school district and be part of the community. The teacherage where the four women lived remained on the property till October of 1978 when it was sold at auction and moved to the property where it sits today. Gerald and Karen Ruona bought the property in 1985 and it continues to serve as their family home.

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## *Solway Section Lines*

### **Welcome Smokey**

If you've been by the town hall on Hwy#2, you've probably noticed our new Department of Natural Resources fire conditions sign. Smokey the Bear was installed following arrangements made by our fire department members with the DNR. Thanks to the firefighters, current and retired, who put the sign up. It's an attractive addition to our townsite

### **Township Events Calendar**

June 27.....Bookmobile 3:00 PM  
July 9.....Town Board Meeting 6:30 PM  
July 10–14 .....St. Louis County Fair  
July 13..... Country Music Show 5:00 PM  
July 18.....Bookmobile 3:00 PM  
July 27–28 .....Dog Agility Trials  
August 6..... National Night Out  
August 10 ..... Country Music Show 5:00 PM  
August 13 .....Town Board Meeting 6:30 PM  
August 23–25.....Lakehead Harvest Reunion  
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September 19 .....Bookmobile 3:00 PM  
October 5 .....Craft and Rummage Sale 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM