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Road Maintenance for 2014

Due to the late snows our road inspection had to be re-scheduled from April 25th to May 2nd. As a result of our findings, grading, gravel application, dust control, culvert replacement, ditching, sign replacement and roadside mowing were planned for May, June and July.

- 143 loads of gravel were applied to the roads the week of June 9th.
- Calcium chloride will be applied to roads at the end of June.
- Ditching projects were scheduled for Jerry and Sandberg roads during June.
- Roadside mowing will continue over the summer months.
- Roads will continue to 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.

Fire Truck Updates

In the July 2013 newsletter we reported that our old tanker #3 a 1980 Chevrolet 7000 was being retired after 33-years of service. This truck was replaced by a 2005 International 4300 chassis purchased for \$23,595.00. The tank, pump, lights, etc. of old #3 were transferred to the International chassis with additional storage cabinets added. Subsequently old #3 was replaced with the International chassis and refurbished tank and other equipment for a cost of about \$54,000. This tanker is operational and should provide many years of service.

For a number of years we have used a 1995 Chevrolet Ambulance as our rescue rig. This vehicle is not township owned, but on lease from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. At this time we have outgrown the vehicle. It is a lighter built truck and not capable of carrying all our extrication equipment and other rescue tools. Being only a two wheel drive it's difficult responding to calls in winter weather with unplowed roads. It's at a point where a considerable financial investment is needed to keep it running. The rescue rig responds to all calls coming into the department, both fire and medical. Because of these issues, the township is replacing the DNR vehicle.

After bids were received, the township purchased a 2014 Ford F550 chassis upon which a rescue apparatus will be built by Stainless and Repair Inc. Marshfield, WI. The truck will be financed through Ehlers of Roseville, MN through the sale of \$135,000 in General Obligation Certificates of Indebtedness Series 2014A.

Our fire hall which was financed for 15-years is paid off this year. The monies from the hall payments will be applied toward the truck payments which will begin in 2015. The new truck will be paid off in 2020. With this arrangement there will not be a need for an increase in our township levy.

The new Rescue Vehicle should be operational in time for the winter weather even if it comes early.

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Lake Head Harvest Show

The 53rd Annual Show will be August 22, 23 and 24, 2014. 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, 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 26th and Sunday July 27th when the Arrowhead Dog Agility Association again hosts the USDA 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 a donation can 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 12, August 9th, and September 13th.

Halloween Carnival

This year's Halloween Carnival will be held Friday, October 24th. 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 townsites. The Club, with the help of the Senior Citizen Club again purchased geraniums to decorate the town hall this summer. Shirley Nylund demonstrated her "green thumb" in planting the flowers. Our gratitude goes out to her and the rest of the Clubs 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 of 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 4th 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 will meet again on September 9th at 7 PM. October 25th 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 6th, 9 AM to 1 PM.

Solway Senior Citizens

We had a singing group here for entertainment one month and in June we made plans for our picnic in July. We may have some entertainment or play bingo in upcoming months.

We are making plans for our annual fall Senior Bazaar on September 6th. Come and shop, or have lunch, or both. There will also be coffee and bars.

Join us on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 1PM for our meeting and lunch along with entertainment or bingo.

Munger Goodfellowship Club

We made an Easter decoration in April and served lunch at the craft show in May. We attended a luncheon in French River for our Area Homemaker Clubs. At our June meeting we learned how to make a scarf using yarn and only our hands. In July we may tour a flower garden and make plans for the Area Homemakers Club meeting in October. We usually meet with the Maple Grove Club ladies in September.

Maple Grove 4-H

The 4-H Club members are busy working on projects for the South St. Louis County Fair. Tuesday is entry day, 3:30 to 7:30. Wednesday is animal check in noon to 6PM at the barns.

Thursday 9AM - Beef, Dairy, Swine, Sheep Show in the Dirt Floor Arena. Thursday 11AM - State Qualifying Horse Show starts in the Dirt Floor Arena. Check website or the fair books for other events.

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 townscape the finest in the area. Thanks Veronica, Leon and Paul.

South St Louis County Fair Amateur Talent Contest

The Amateur Talent Show at the South Saint Louis County Fair will be Thursday July 10th at 5:00 PM. Divisions are; Preteen 12 and under, Teen 13–18, and Open Any Age. There is only one entry allowed, with a four minute time limit. Tape accompaniment must contain instrumental ONLY! No voice allowed. Amateur only no professionals. Pre-registration needed before June 30th. Check fair books or the website www.proctorduluthfair.com, or call Valeria at 729-7080.

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, 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. Watch our township sign and website for when they will be here next. The next scheduled visits are Thursdays July 10th & 31st; August 21st; Sept 11th and Oct 2nd and 23rd.

National Night Out 2014

This year the National Night Out is scheduled for August 5th. 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.

The previous events were seen as huge successes 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 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.

Townhall Improvements

Plans are in progress for replacing the exterior doors on the main floor of the Town hall. With the sharp increase in fuel prices it was decided that new insulated doors would enhance our energy savings. New doors should also improve the security of our building.

The doors are on order and will be installed by Perrault Construction as soon as they are available for installation.

The old decorative front doors will be re-installed as interior doors. They will replace the hollow core doors at the base of the front interior staircase entering the downstairs meeting area.

Recently we've experienced sewer line clogs. With the help of Midway Sewer Service we have retrieved a diaper and feminine products from the lines. We ask all townhall users to take ownership in avoiding these problems again by properly disposing of these articles in the waste receptacles provided.

At the June music show the downstairs bathrooms would not drain properly and had to be closed. Further inspection of the lines uncovered a broken pipe under the basement floor. We were able to run a new line by-passing the break and avoiding breaking up the floor to get to the broken pipe.

In addition to the broken pipe we discovered our drain field to be total saturated by the heavy snow melt and abundant June rains. The field is draining back into the septic tank.

Our septic system was installed in 1973 and has reached its limit in "absorbing" our sewage. We are exploring alternatives for a new system that can provide service for the next 40 years. Please tolerate any excavations that may be necessary to correct our problems. A new installation would probably be on the north side of the hall toward the lower playgrounds. Corrective work hopefully will not interfere with use of the hall.

It's Fair Time Again

The South St. Louis County Fair—Proctor, will be Wednesday July 9—Sunday July 13th. Admission is \$4.00 for adults; 12 and under are free. Weekly pass is \$12.00. 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
- Wally Zerbko petting zoo Thursday—Sunday
- Daily: Horse Events and 4-H Events
- Pure Stock Wednesday 7PM (Thursday make-up day)
- Kids Day—Friday and Saturday
- Sheep and goat judging—Thursday 8AM
- Senior Day 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
- Enduro—Thursday 7PM
- Band Twisted Bone—Thursday following the talent show
- Band Rage-N-Country—Friday
- Kids Pedal Tractor Pull—Saturday 5PM
- Rabbit and Poultry Show - Friday 1-3PM
- Crawling and Toddler Race—Saturday 3PM
- Coin Scramble—Saturday 3:30PM
- 4-H Dog Show—Saturday 5PM Arena
- Lawn mower tractor pull—Saturday 7PM

- Band Shack Shakers—Saturday night.
- 4-H Awards and Fashion Review—Sunday noon-5PM in the Tent
- Stock Car Races Hot Laps—Sunday 5PM
- Races—Sunday 5:30PM Admission
- ALFY's of Robotic Puppets—Thursday through Sat
- All American Lumberjack Show—Thurs through Sat

4-H Events

Tuesday, July 8 to Sunday, July 13

Tuesday—3:30 to 7:30—Exhibit judging in the Industrial Building

Wednesday—noon to 6PM—Animal check-in at the barns

Thursday—9AM—Beef, Dairy, Swine, Sheep Show in the Dirt Floor Arena

11AM—State Qualifying Horse Show in the Dirt Floor Arena

Friday—8:30 AM Goat show in the Dirt Floor Arena

9AM—Rabbit judging near the Rabbit Barn

Noon—Horse Costume Contest followed by the Horse Fun Show

3PM—Pet Show at the Outdoor Stage

6PM—Horse Music in Motion Contest

Saturday—9AM Poultry Show in the Poultry Barn

1PM—Food Review & Demonstration Contest

3:30—Performing Arts & Fashion Review at the Outdoor Stage

Sunday—3:30 to 5:30 PM—State Fair Trip Meeting

5:30—Awards Ceremony

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.

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## *Solway Section Lines*

### **Township Events Calendar**

July 8.....Town Board Meeting 6:30 PM  
July 10.....Bookmobile 3:00 PM  
July 9-13..... St. Louis County Fair  
July 12..... Country Music Show 5:00 PM  
July 26–27..... Dog Agility Trials  
July 31..... Bookmobile 3:00 PM  
August 5..... National Night Out  
August 9..... Country Music Show 5:00 PM  
August 12.....Primary Election—Polls Open 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM  
August 19.....Town Board Meeting 6:30 PM  
August 22–24.....Lakehead Harvest Reunion  
August 21..... Bookmobile 3:00 PM  
September 9.....Town Board Meeting 6:30 PM  
September 11..... Bookmobile 3:00 PM  
September 13.....Country Music Show 5:00 PM  
October 2.....Bookmobile 3:00 PM  
October 4.....Craft and Rummage Sale 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM  
October 23.....Bookmobile 3:00 PM  
October 24.....Halloween Carnival 6:00 PM  
October 25.....Halloween Dance 7:00 PM