

Esko's Corner

Esko Public School District #99

Connecting School and Community

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April 2020

A Note From the Director

Thank you for your understanding that our newspaper is likely smaller than usual and holds some information that may change by the time we go to print. In our current state of emergency, we seem to be altering plans hourly or daily unlike this paper occurring monthly.

I think we can agree that life has changed significantly since I began putting the paper together on March 16th. I would like to point out some of the things we've learned haven't changed. Community is important to us. Social distancing has proven to be challenging most likely because as human beings, we generally like to socialize with our friends, family, parents of the children our kids know, neighbors, businesses and more. I hope we never again underestimate the value of community once we come through the other side of this pandemic.

Those of us working in Community Education are generally passion driven people who strive to create opportunities for people to connect. We live in the belief that connection is key to a strong community.

This connection is on pause for now, but we continue to look forward and plan for brighter days ahead.

We are looking forward to August with National Night Out

on Tuesday, August 4th followed by Esko Fun Days straight through Saturday, August 8th. We plan to come together and celebrate our community with a medallion hunt, parade, carnival, presentation of community volunteer awards, and a street dance. We hope to meet with a full committee soon to begin the planning process. Details can be found on our Community Education page on the school website. We will also be looking for donations to cover the costs of this week-long event, and hope our area businesses will be in a financial position to continue to support us. If you have questions about Esko Fun Days or would like to support the events financially, monetarily, or by volunteering, please contact me at mcarlson@esko.k12.mn.us.

Although I am not an Esko native, I quickly learned and adopted the pride Eskimos carry in our belief in Sisu which is a Finnish concept described as stoic determination, tenacity of purpose, grit, bravery, resilience, and hardiness and is held by Finns themselves to express their national character. This concept is becoming more real and pertinent every day. The challenges we face and our children face are giving us an opportunity to exercise our grit and resilience. I am thankful to be an Eskomo, and know we will get through this together.

Michele Carlson

Thank You!

Thank you to these people for their contributions to Esko's Corner. The paper costs us over \$13,000 to print annually and that money comes directly from the community education budget which is a little more than \$130,000 total state tax dollars and is used to run School Readiness, ECFE, Cool Kids, After School Clubs, Kids Plus, adult enrichment classes, and our office staff. We appreciate the support! If you would

Tentative Esko Fun Days Schedule

Sunday, August 2 10:00-3:00 PM

Minnesota Equestrian Region 3 Special Olympics
North Country RIDE
Open to the Public

Tuesday, August 4 5:30-7:30 PM

National Night Out Esko Schools

Wednesday August 5

Esko Seniors Lunch & Davis Hellberg Award presentation

Thursday August 6 5:30-7:30 PM

Community Spotlight on North Country RIDE
Open House 5:30- 7:30 PM

Friday, August 7

Bingo- St Matthews
Movie outdoors- Field outside school

Saturday August 8

Kristin Burkholder 5 K
Parade 11:00 AM
Games at School Field 11:30-2:00 PM
Corn hole Tournament
Street Dance at the Fire Hall

like to donate to support the paper, mail to: Esko Community Education P.O. Box 10 Esko, MN 55733.

Donald Himango and Sandra Anderson

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Claudia Sunnarborg

Vicki Carlson

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Community News

An update from Chad Stoskopf: Activities Director and Testing Coordinator

Spring sports are officially in season, therefore, all League rules, policies and bylaws surrounding participation are in effect. Effective from March 18 through Friday, March 27, 2020 due to the rapid evolution of COVID-19 there will be no MSHSL activities at school. Furthermore all scrimmages, contests, and competitions with other MSHSL programs for Spring activities are prohibited until April 6, 2020. The MSHSL will continue to monitor the most current information and directives from the Minnesota Department of Health, the Governor of Minnesota, and the CDC and make adjustments as needed.

Our Spring sports coaching staff used last week's practices on Monday and Tuesday to communicate how our athletes would be able to access voluntary individual sport specific workouts during the school closing. Some coaches will use a team page on Canvas others will use social media platforms.

During the school closings Coaches and Directors May Not:

- Have in-person contact with participants.
- Require or suggest groups of participants to gather.
- Suggest or support "captain's practices" or "open gyms."
- Provide evaluations or feedback on participants' performance.
(i.e. require participants to submit video of a skill or performance)
- Require participants to take part in individual workouts or skills training, etc. (i.e. journaling, reporting of time spent, submission of results)
- Place undue influence on participants to take part in any individual workouts or skills training.

Coaches and Directors May:

- Connect with participants via technology (i.e. email, Learning Management System, school approved communication tools).
- Provide optional individual workouts or optional individual skills training via electronic communication.
- Connect with and support participants who are challenged by the changes in their routines and life due to changes caused by COVID-19 limitations and restrictions.

Coaches and Directors Must:

- Include the Activities Administrator on all communication to participants.

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MCA & ACT Testing

The federal government has waived each state's standardized testing requirement, therefore Esko students will likely not be taking standardized tests (MCAs) this school year. Concerns about spreading the coronavirus have forced a move to distance learning. So again, it is unlikely we will host the MCA's originally planned for April and May. There is the possibility that we will still host the ACT in late April and if that is the case I will email the juniors originally signed up for the March 24 administration.

Please Note:

Spring Rummage Sales in Esko are canceled.



ACT Spring 2020 District Testing
act.org/stateanddistrict/districttestdatespring

Dear Chad Stoskopf,

ACT has made the difficult decision to postpone the remaining ACT District testing dates for Spring 2020, including April 7 and April 21, in response to concerns regarding the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19). This includes all standard time and accommodated testing windows, both paper and online.

At this time, ACT is exploring the possibility of opening a new District testing window in early June. This testing experience would be separate from the National June 13 test day, which is still scheduled.

We understand this June testing window may not work for your district and want to do what we can to help ensure your students can take the ACT and stay on track toward college and career preparation. To learn more about June 13 and July 18 National testing, pre-paid vouchers, and fall district testing, or to discuss all available options, please reach out to your ACT account executive or email salesteam@act.org.

As a reminder, for test security reasons, the test booklets provided to schools participating in the District Testing Program may only be used within the specified scheduled testing window as instructed. If you received test booklets for the March 24 initial test window that you did not use, please DO NOT use those materials to test students outside of the scheduled testing window; doing so will result in a misadministration. **It is important that you return all test booklets to ACT as soon as possible.**

Please watch your email for additional information from ACT in the coming weeks regarding this new emergency makeup date. In the meantime, you are welcome to visit the [ACT District Testing Webpage](#) to check for any general updates regarding this situation.

Sincerely,
ACT District Testing Team

Phone: 800.553.6244
Standard time questions, ext. 2800
Accommodations and supports questions, ext. 1788
Email: actdistricttesting@act.org

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Community News

Esko All School Reunion

Celebrating One Century of Graduating Esko High School Seniors

1921-2021

Friday, July 30, 2021

and

Saturday, July 31, 2021

Events are to be held at the Esko Schools and Athletic Field.

Individual class events are also being scheduled separately from these reunion festivities. Contact your classmates for your class information.

Please join our Facebook page Esko All School Reunion!

POC:

Facebook: Dan Bass Esko All School Reunion

Email: Maggie "Nic" Nicotera Sunnarborg at msunnarborg@esko.k12.mn.us

How to Clean your iPad!

To clean your iPad, unplug all cables and turn off iPad (press and hold the Sleep/Wake button, and then slide the onscreen slider). Use a soft, slightly damp, lint-free cloth. Avoid getting moisture in openings. Don't use window cleaners, household cleaners, compressed air, aerosol sprays, solvents, ammonia, abrasives, or cleaners containing hydrogen peroxide to clean your iPad. The iPad has an oleophobic coating on the screen; simply wipe iPad's screen with a soft, lint-free cloth to remove oil left by your hands. The ability of this coating to repel oil will diminish over time with normal usage, and rubbing the screen with an abrasive material will further diminish its effect and might scratch your screen.

Save the Date!

Kristin Burkholder 5k

08.08.2020

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for updates:

burkholder5k@gmail.com

24th Annual 5k

Proceeds benefit the
Kristin Burkholder
Memorial
Scholarship Fund

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Hubert (Hubie) Gonsorowski graduated from U.S. Air Force Basic Military Training at Lackland Air Force Base in Lackland, Texas on February 14th. Hubie graduated Air Force Basic Military training with honors – scoring in the top 98% on the written portion of his exam and receiving the Marksman Ribbon. Hubie was the only Airman to receive both honors within his Flight.

Hubert is son of Kelly and Mickey Gonsorowski of Esko and graduate of Esko Lincoln High School – Class of 2019. Hubie has two siblings – Ava, a 2017 graduate of Esko and Kade, currently a sophomore at Esko.

Hubie will continue technical school training in Texas and New Mexico with expected completion this summer. Upon completion, Hubie will attend Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, MN and continue to serve the Air Force as a reserve member at the 148th Fighter Wing in Duluth.



Presents: Esko Fun Days Parade

Saturday, August 8th, 2020
11:00 AM



Call 879-7608, email ncride@gmail.com or mail the entry form
below to 180 Hatinen Rd, Esko, MN 55733

Parade entry Form

Name: _____

Organization: _____

Phone #: _____

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Type of Entry

Walking Group

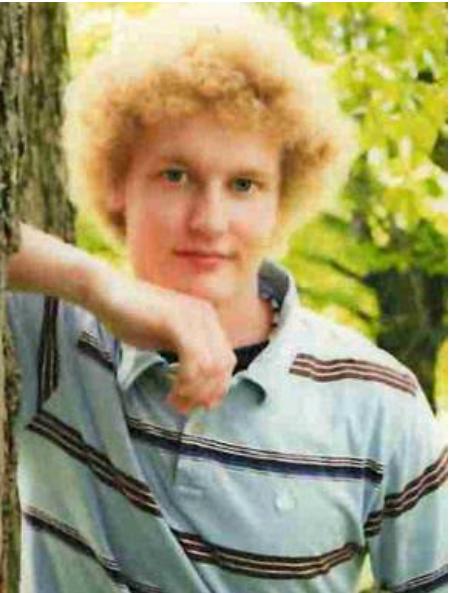
Truck

Float

Horse

Other _____

Community News



The Esko Educational Foundation (EEF) announces the Peter Seppanen Memorial Scholarship to be awarded to a Class of 2020 graduating senior. The scholarship is \$1000 for a student enrolling in the trade apprentice programs, such as, but not limited to, iron worker, electrician, plumber, and carpenter. Additional criteria for selection include the student's school activities and community service. This scholarship is funded by Peter's family. Peter was a graduate of Esko High School Class of 2007. He was a journeyman ironworker for Ironworkers Union Local 512. He loved the outdoors and sports, including hunting, fishing, skiing, snowmobiling and motorcycling. Peter was also a member of the Northwood Shooting Club and the Superior Curling Club. Peter tragically died in a motorcycle accident in Duluth in 2019.

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At-Home Learning Opportunities

Parents & Students: Looking for constructive educational opportunities due to school closings? You're not alone! We're here to help.

Our previously scheduled ACT seminar at Esko High School may have been effected but we have the same great test strategy training available via our on-line and recorded classes.

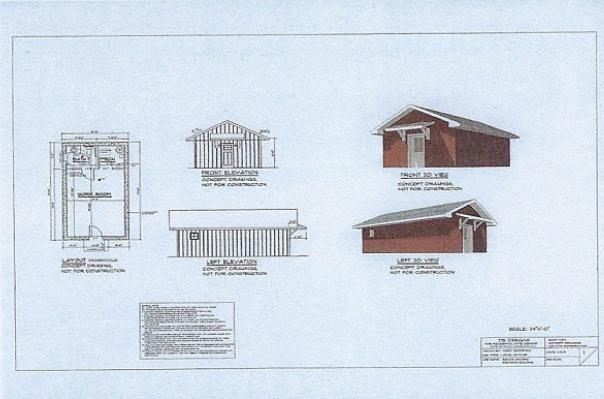
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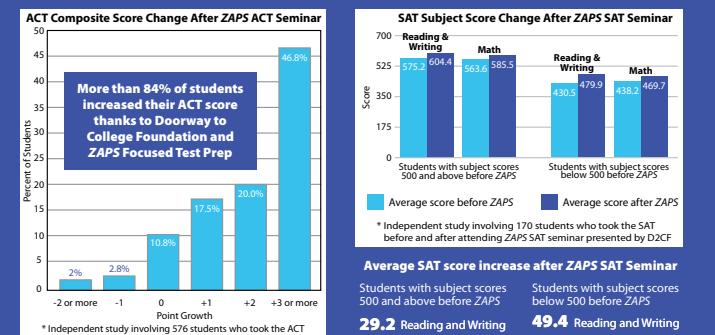
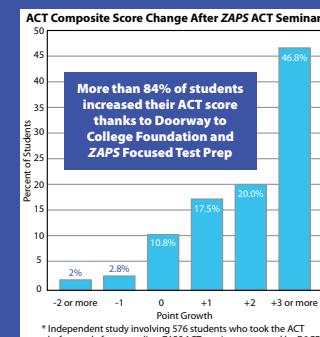
Help us preserve and make available a large amount of historic records, photo's and objects of the beginning and growth of Esko, with a new building to be located on our current Esko Museum site. We currently have over \$10,000 dedicated to this project but need another \$45,000 for the construction



Could you please help us with a donation of any amount?

Esko Historical Society is a 501c3 organization, your donation will be tax exempt. Donations can be sent to: Esko Historical Society, P.O Box 83, Esko, Mn. 55733. For further information call 218-879-9450 or e-mail to eskohistadm@centurylink.net. Thank You

PROVEN RESULTS



WHAT STUDENTS ARE SAYING

"I took a month-long class last year, and I thought that this one seminar was as useful and productive, if not more so, than the month-long class."

—Matthew,
Dos Pueblos H.S., CA



"Most test practice seminars are very boring and not that helpful. This one is the first where I learned valuable tips and information, and, I actually can say I enjoyed."

—Jillian,
Manhattan H.S., KS



"I found this seminar very useful! I appreciate the time and enthusiasm that was put into the presentation, and now feel 100 times more confident about testing. Thank you!"

—Olivia,
Westford
Academy, MA



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Celebrate Earth Day,

April
22nd!



Since we have this time with family being in and around the house together, what a wonderful opportunity to spend some time learning the responsibility of the “three R’s”: Reduce, Reuse and Recycle.

Reduce:

Take some time to visit with your child/family about ways you can reduce waste.

- Can you use a cloth hand towel, rather than paper towels to dry your hands (remember to change out each day)?
- Can you choose reusable containers for food storage, rather than plastic storage bags?

Reuse:

Be aware (you could make a list after searching the house like detectives!) of items that could be reused.

- Can you turn that plastic frosting container into storage for markers?
- Can you turn the oatmeal container into a drum? The tissue box and paper tube into a guitar (just add rubber bands around it)?
- Can the pickle jar be used as a vase (glue on tissue paper or paint the outside to beautify)?

Recycle:

Learn what your recycler accepts and create a poster of those items.

- Are you recycling all items that qualify, rather than throwing them in the garbage?
- Have you checked to see if an item can be reused in another way before recycling?

Lastly, a great way to honor our earth is to keep her clean! Grab a garbage bag, glove up, and take a family walk to pick up any garbage that you find along the roads or ditches near your home. You may be surprised at how much you collect!

***Note:** Ensure young ones are close to a grown up, and review safety rules prior to your walk. Only grown ups should pick up sharp or unknown items (ie. glass or metal object from a vehicle). Ask your child to play “I spy” and show what they’ve found, instead of picking it up.

This April, let's all do our part in caring for our planet!

GROWING BOOK BY BOOK

A GUIDE TO NURTURING YOUNG READERS



Early Literacy Technology Resources

Site/Resources	Link	Description	Age
Storyline Online	https://www.storylineonline.net/	Professional actors read aloud children's books. FREE	3 and up
Vooks	https://www.vooks.com/	Professionally created book videos. Similar to Netflix but for books. PAID	3 and up
Podcasts (Stories Podcast, WOW in the World, Story Pirates)	Check the podcast app on your phone or access via Spotify. https://www.spotify.com/us/	Listen to stories via audio. FREE More recommended podcasts here: https://growingbookbybook.com/great-podcasts-about-childrens-books-and-literacy/	3 and up
Audiobooks via your public library's digital downloads. (Hoopla, Libby, Cloud Library, etc.)	Check the website of your local library	Listen to stories via audio on your phone or computer. FREE Recommended audiobooks: https://growingbookbybook.com/how-to-find-the-best-audiobooks-for-kids/	2 and up
Teach Your Monster to Read	https://www.teachyourmonstertoread.com/	Playful early literacy games from letter sounds to beginning reading. FREE on computer and PAID app	3 and up
Starfall	https://www.starfall.com/h/index.php	Kids play by building words, listen and/or read a story using the words they built and then work on a literacy skill. FREE on computer and PAID app	4 and up

Community Education

Read All About it!

The Five Love Languages of Children

By Gary Chapman, Ph.D and

Ross Campbell M.D.

Submitted by: Gretchen Grover

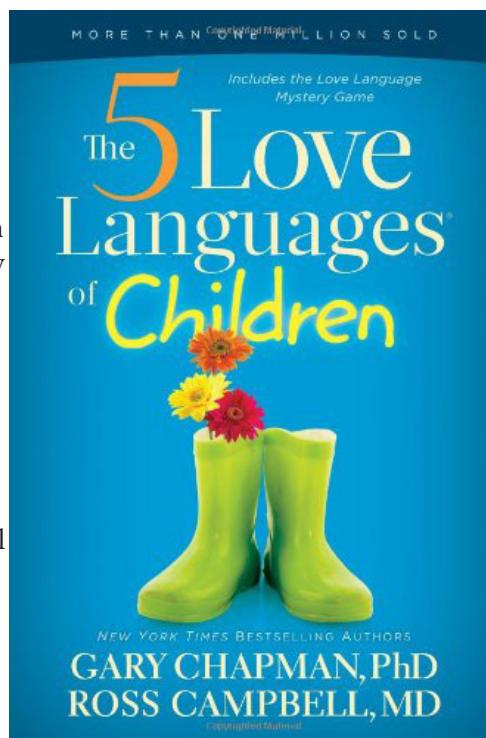
My children are growing up and sometimes communicating with them in a loving way is difficult. They rarely want hugs or snuggles anymore and trying to let them know how much I love them besides just saying the words is challenging.

The Five Love Languages for Children shows parents other ways to express love other than just snuggles and words. It explains there are a total of five love languages.

I will tell you my two favorite languages of the five and why. My first favorite is language number four, the language of gift giving. I believe that meaningful gifts can create symbols of love. As an example, getting a gift if your parents went on a trip and brought something special back, or a special "out of the blue" gift can mean a great deal to your child. I am not saying to go and buy your children stuff everyday. I believe receiving gifts can instill kindness and generosity in the child themselves. As an example, I have a friend who's teenage daughter likes to grocery shop for the family and make them meals, and I think that is a great example of gift giving!

My second favorite one is quality time. Sometimes in busy families, finding time is a challenging task. Even in my family where we aren't running to a sport every minute, spending time together is difficult. As children grow older, they don't want to spend much time with you. Figuring out what your children like to do and you can participate in with them is vital. My husband and daughter are experts at this concept. They ski together quite frequently in the winter and they compose a lot of music together on the cello. My son and I are also good at this, as we love to play Star Wars or build Legos together. We are always trying to have quality time with each child. Another way we do this is to camp together and play outside.

The other three Love Languages are Physical Touch, Words of Affirmation, and Acts of Service. I believe they are all important, The most important task is finding your child's love language so you can better understand each other and have that loving feeling even if your child isn't overly eager to give you a hug or say "I Love you" everyday.



Destination Imagination

Submitted by: Gretchen Grover

Esko's Destination Imagination Teams have experienced two years of out of the ordinary seasons! I would like to take this opportunity to thank the kids, team managers and parents who have dealt with so many surprises with grace. Last year we had a blizzard and Minnesota Destination Imagination decided to cancel our Regional Tournament in Proctor, automatically qualifying all of the teams for the state competition. This year, teams began practice in September two months earlier than our normal start date in November. The teams had such great ideas and created amazing skits. One team created their own App. Fortunately, regionals went off with a bang and all of the Esko DI Teams qualified for the State competition. Unfortunately, the Covid-19 outbreak interrupted our success and State was canceled. The national DI organization opened Global competition in Kansas City, Missouri to all teams through a virtual tournament. Stay tuned to find out if any of our Esko teams decide to compete virtually. As for me, I am hoping for a season next year with a few less challenges to get through!



Community Education

Due to the Governor's directive to close schools, we have chosen not to publicize any new classes for the month of April. This is to avoid refunding money and having users pay a convenience fee on a class we are unable to hold.

Classes will be rescheduled to May. If you've registered for Art with Emily, Freezer Meals or Driver Education, you will be emailed the new dates. Refunds will be processed for those who are unable to attend at the new time.

All ECFE classes are postponed with hopes of making up classes in May. If school remains closed, we will offer distance opportunities for ECFE. Watch our Facebook page for details.

All School Readiness classes are suspended by order of the Governor for the month of April. Our staff will continue to offer at home learning opportunities for our enrolled families.

All after school clubs are on hold until we have an opening date for school.

Youth Baseball and Softball are still open for registration online. We don't know if the season will be canceled as of (March 25, 2020).

For updates on classes and events, follow us on Facebook at Esko Community Ed.

With a lack of classes to advertise, we thought we'd share some info on at home activities with you.

From: Playful Learning Lab for Kids Whole Body Sensory Adventures to Enhance Focus, Engagement, and Curiosity by Claire Heffron and Lauren Drobnjak

Why Free Play Matters

Studies say that free play may correlate with better executive functioning in kids and that unstructured play is essential for physical, social, and emotional well-being. Studies have also found that people who recall having plenty of free time during childhood enjoy high levels of social success as adults.

There is a time and place for structured, planned learning activities. It's also important to

allow plenty of time for child-directed activities. Encouraging free play in kids can:

- Help them keep more engaged in activities they find meaningful for longer periods of time.
- Help them develop a more spontaneous, dynamic, and functional repertoire of movements and sensory responses that correlate better with real-world experiences than structured, planned activities or activities.
- Help them learn ways to tolerate and cope with the unplanned, unexpected sensory. Motor, behavioral, social, and cognitive challenges that arise in everyday life.
- Help adults build an even deeper connection and rapport with students at school and kids at home as they honor and respect the kids' choices, preferences, and interests.

How to increase opportunities for free play:

- Make sure kids have access to the settings, spaces, basic tools, and-above all-time to engage in self-directed play.
- Trust the idea that simple, self-driven play activities are exactly what help kids develop the motor, sensory, cognitive, and social skills they need most.
- Give control over to the kids and acknowledge what they're truly capable of. Sit back, be quiet, and watch what happens.
- Promote more creative play by mixing and matching different toys that the kids don't typically play with at the same time.
- Try using toys in unusual settings (e.g. take art supplies on your nature walk, build with blocks in the sandbox, etc.)

Movin' and Groovin' Nursery Rhymes

From Cell Practices: Center for Early Literacy Learning

Exploring the world of language while getting to move their bodies is exciting for most toddlers. Action rhymes- rhymes paired with body movements- are fun. They give toddlers opportunities to learn new words and phrases while matching them with physical movements.

Ring Around the Rosies

Ring around the Rosies.

A pocketful of posies (Hold hands together and go around in a circle for the first two lines.)
Ashes, ashes, we all fall down! (Fall to the ground.)

Row Your Boat

Row row row your boat
Gently down the stream
Merrily, Merrily, Merrily, Merrily,
Life is but a dream.

(sitting on the floor with your child, hold his/her hands and rock backward and forward.)

Stretching

When I stretch up, I feel so tall. (Reach high)
When I bend down, I feel so small. (Bend over)
Taller, Taller, Taller, Taller. (reach up high.)
Smaller, Smaller, Smaller, Smaller. (Get low on the floor.)
Into a tiny ball.



Winterquist Elementary News

Winterquist PIE Minutes

Time: 6:30pm

Location: Winterquist Library

Board members in attendance: Emily Waldo, Josh Michaud, Jessie Oveson, Crysta Reeves

Minutes Approval

Approved

Treasure Report

Starting Balance (02/01/2020): \$22,786.40

Deposits (total): \$48.55

Checks (total): \$0

Interest: \$.27

Ending Balance (12/31/2019): \$22,835.22

Teachers Request Remaining Balance: \$4,211.20

Food Request Remaining Balance: \$198.08

Teach Requests

I love to read committee: \$56.00 for I love to read reward snacks/hot chocolate. Motion to approve. Motion passed.

1st Grade: \$121.87 per teacher - \$487.48 total for 2 boxes of K'nex and plusplus blocks per teacher for a STEM tool in the classroom. Motion to approve. Motion passed.

Mrs. Ringat - \$15.00 for military kids breakfast. Motion to approve. Motion passed.

Conference Meals

Pizza was purchased for conference meals Feb 11. \$103.43 to reimburse Emily for the cost of the pizzas. Motion to approve. Motion passed.

Bully Speaker

We plan to do it this fall when school year opens. Mr. Harker will find dates that work by next meeting so we can schedule the speaker

Yearbook

We need to decide the price per book, and number of books. \$13 will cover the cost of the year books.

Sensory Walk

Current plans would be the hallway by the music room, and one between Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Fetch's rooms. Which options should we purchase? If we purchase all options, its \$2,874.00 without shipping and tax. Motion to approve entire package recommended by teachers. Motion Passed with understanding there will be additional cost for taxes and shipping.

Weighted Lap Pads

We have all the supplies, Emily Waldo is coordinating sewers for the 19th.

New officers nominated next meeting: Secretary, Co-chair, Treasurer

Thank you to the 5th grade teachers for the ELC trip!

The trip is on for next year in November, please strongly encourage your future 5th grader to go on the trip! Everyone who goes loves it.

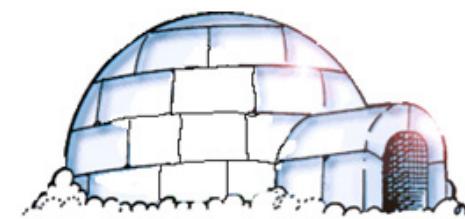
Questions/Comments

A STEM program would be nice to do after testing for all the kids. Emily Davey or Michele Carlson from Community Education were looking into an after school extension. Starlab is one idea.

No decisions have been made yet for second grade class size next year. The general target for second grade is 24 kids. The team is monitoring the current class size in first grade, the projection is maybe 25 kids per second grade class.

Next Meeting April 13th, 6:30pm Library

any questions you can email at pie@esko.k12.mn.us



6th Grade Math Masters

On Thursday, February 27, eight Winterquist Elementary 6th graders traveled to Duluth to participate in the Math Masters competition.

Math Masters began as a fifth-grade math competition in 1989 with teams from 44 schools taking part. In 1995, the competition was expanded to include sixth graders and this year, there are approximately 5,500 fifth and sixth graders registered to compete. Math Masters is designed to promote excellence in critical thinking skills and problem-solving abilities as well as provide recognition to students for academic effort and achievement

Sixty-eight area students competed in the Duluth event. Mason Eng placed sixth in the Fact Drill. Sophia Naud placed 14th, Kali Foxx 15th and Haley Glendenning placed 16th in the Individual Rounds. Congratulations to our 6th grade Math Masters participants!



Front row left to right_ Evan Weaver, Haley Glendenning, Charlie Parendo, Sophia Naud. Back row left to right_ Madi Padgett, Mason Eng, Tucker Selin, Kali Foxx.

National History Day

National History Day, a non-profit education organization based in College Park, Maryland, offers year-long academic programs that engage over half a million middle and high-school students around the world annually in conducting and presenting original research on historical topics.

Each year, the History Day program provides students with a theme. This year's theme was Breaking Barriers in History. Students can choose a topic from a variety of interest areas including Art, Politics, Medicine, Social Issues or Science. Students can present their findings in one of five different ways: a paper, a website, a performance, a documentary or an exhibit.

Two groups of Esko students presented their projects on Saturday, March 7, at UMD. Layla Hagelin, Ashley Schultz and Ethan Lindgren completed a performance on Breaking the Sound Barrier, and Ava Sheridan and Meghann Kaasa presented their exhibit on The Montgomery Bus Boycott: Breaking Barriers in Segregation. Both groups did a great job on their projects. Layla, Ashley and Ethan will be moving on to the state competition scheduled for Saturday, May 2, at the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities. Congratulations to all of our History Day participants.

Left: Here are Meghann Kaasa and Ava Sheridan meeting with the judges on their exhibit on The Montgomery Bus Boycott: Breaking Barriers in Segregation

Imagine It! Day

The class of 2020 participated in Imagine It! Day on Tuesday and Wednesday, February 25 and 26. As part of their Senior English classes, students created cover letters and resumes for a job of interest. Area human resource personnel, and managers of area companies, were invited to serve on interview panels giving our seniors the opportunity to go through two professional job interviews. Approximately 50 area professionals volunteered to work with our students. Esko seniors were very grateful for the opportunity to have this authentic, real-world experience to learn from.

Thank you to all who gave of their time to interview our students! We cannot thank you

enough for your contribution to this event.

Area organizations represented were:

Minnesota Department of Transportation
Essentia Health
AAR Corporation
Verso Corporation
Community Memorial Hospital
St. Luke's Hospital
NE Minnesota Office of Job Training
Career Force
Widdes Feed and Farm Supply
Benedictine Health System
Superior Water, Light & Power
Air Force Recruiting Office
State of Minnesota
Duluth Police Department
Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

Maurices, Inc.
The College of St. Scholastica
UMD Human Resources
Carlton County Human Resources
Carlton County Sheriff's Office
Carlton County Public Health & Human Services
Residential Services, Inc.
Cirrus Aircraft
Northwoods Credit Union
Target Stores
True North Americorps-YMCA
Boldt Construction
Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College
St. Louis County
Northland Constructors
Fond Du Lac Tribal & Community College

SAVE THE DATE

~ Esko Prom Presents ~
The Roaring Twenties
MAY 16th
Photos at 4pm at Esko High
Grand March at 5:30pm at
Esko High
Dinner and Dance at 7pm at
the DECC, Horizon Room
** If school is reopened**

First Lego League Robotics

Four Esko Students (Bryce Sweere - 7, Ainsley Rauner - 6, Abigail Naud - 6 & Sophie Naud - 6) competed in the FLL State Competition in St. Paul. The team did great, earning 380 points in their robot run, and performed well in their Core Values, Project and Robot Design.



From Our School Board

Clerk's Minutes

The Esko Board of Education, Independent School District No. 99, Esko, Minnesota, held a school board meeting on Tuesday, January 29, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. in the board conference room.

Members present: Julian Bertogliat, Jerry Frederick, Mark Nyholm, Todd Rengo, Jeff Salo, Margaret Sunnarborg, and Superintendent Aaron Fischer. Members absent: None.

Call the Meeting to Order

Acting Chairperson Julian Bertogliat called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Todd Rengo, second by Jeff Salo to approve the agenda. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Election of Officers

Chairperson Julian Bertogliat called for nominations for Board officers.

- Call for nominations for Board Chair.

Jeff Salo nominated Julian Bertogliat for the position of Board Chair. Second by Mark Nyholm. There were no other nominations and Julian Bertogliat was elected Chairperson by acclamation.

- Call for nominations for Vice Chair.

Julian Bertogliat nominated Jeff Salo for the position of Vice-Chairperson. Second by Mark Nyholm. There were no other nominations and Jeff Salo was elected Vice Chair by acclamation.

- Call for nominations for Treasurer.

Todd Rengo nominated Margaret Sunnarborg for the position of Treasurer. Second by Mark Nyholm. As no other nominations were received, Margaret Sunnarborg was elected Treasurer by acclamation.

- Call for nominations for Clerk.

Jeff Salo nominated Todd Rengo for the position of Clerk. Second by Mark Nyholm. As no other nominations were received, Todd Rengo was elected Clerk by acclamation.

Approve Designation of Authorized Personnel and Statement Recipient

Moved by Todd Rengo, second by Jeff Salo to approve Janet Halonen, Business Manager, Aaron Fischer, Superintendent, and Dawn Mattson, Administrative Assistant as Authorized Personnel and Janet Halonen as the Statement Recipient. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Action Setting Salary of School Board Members

Moved by Jeff Salo, second by Mark Nyholm to set the meeting rate at \$60 for each meeting with a six-month cap of \$1,680 per six-month period which is the current rate.

BE IT RESOLVED, that all members of the Board of Education of Esko, Independent School District No. 99, are compensated at a rate of \$60 for each meeting and/or workshop attended with a cap of \$1,680 per six-month period. Members shall be paid semi-annually in June and December 2020. Motion carried by the following vote: Aye votes by J. Bertogliat, J. Frederick, M. Nyholm, T. Rengo, J. Salo; Nay vote by M. Sunnarborg..

School Board Meeting Dates

Moved by Todd Rengo, second by Mark Nyholm to set 2020 and early 2021 School Board meeting dates as follows: One regular board meeting per month at 6:30 p.m. on the 4th Tuesday of each month except for February 18, 2020, December 16, 2020, the reorganizational meeting on January 11, 2021, January 25, 2021, February 22, 2021. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approval of Depositories for School District Funds for 2020

Moved by Jeff Salo, second by Jerry Frederick to approve depositories for district funds for 2020 as follows: US Bank, Northwoods Credit Union, PMA/MN Trust/Associated Bank, National Bank of Commerce, Members Cooperative Credit Union. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approval of School Newspaper for 2020

Moved by Todd Rengo, second by Mark Nyholm to approve the *Pine Knot* as the official school newspaper for 2020. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approval of District Attorneys for 2020

Moved by Jeff Salo, second by Todd Rengo to approve Fryberger Law (Cloquet) (formerly Rudy Law, Cloquet) and Rupp, Anderson, Squires PA as district attorneys of record for 2020. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Committee Assignments for 2020

Moved by Jeff Salo, second by Mark Nyholm - Committee assignments will be as follows:

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| • Finance | Committee of the whole |
| • Certified Negotiators | J Salo, J Bertogliat, M Nyholm |
| • Non-certified Negotiators | J Frederick, M Sunnarborg, T Rengo |
| • Community Education | M Sunnarborg, Todd Rengo/Alternate |
| • Special Education | Todd Rengo, A Fischer/Alternate |
| • MSHSL Governing Board | J Bertogliat |
| • Town Board Liaison | Chair/Vice Chair/Alternate |
| • Township Recreation Board | J Bertogliat, J Frederick/Alternate |
| • Staff Development | J Salo, T Rengo/Alternate |
| • Safety | B Bertogliat, T Rengo |
| • Technology | J Frederick, M Nyholm |
| • Facilities | J Bertogliat, J Salo, Mark Nyholm, J Frederick/Alternate |
| • Policy | M Sunnarborg, J Salo, M Nyholm/Alternate |
| • Wellness | J Frederick, M Nyholm |
| • Curriculum Advisory | T Rengo, J Bertogliat |
| • Health Insurance Committee | J Salo, T Rengo, J Bertogliat/Alternate |
| • Meet & Confer | J Bertogliat (Chair), J Salo (Vice-Chair) |

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve Authorization to Perform EFT

Moved by Jeff Salo, second by Mark Nyholm to authorize business manager and district administrative assistant to perform electronic fund transfers. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approval of Consent Agenda Items

Moved by Jeff Salo, second by Mark Nyholm to approve the Consent Agenda:

- Approve the minutes of the December 17, 2019 regular school board meeting.
- Approve the checks as follows:

Date	Check #s	Total
11/26/19	88618-88646	\$11,079.94
12/10/19	Void #88288	(\$9,269.04)
12/11/19	88647-88703	\$104,225.99
12/30/19	Void #88597	(\$44.00)
12/30/19	88704-88776	\$89,649.95
1/14/2020	88777-88869	\$141,358.44

- Treasurer's Report – December 2019.

Date	Payroll Type	December 2018 Checks	Direct Deposits	Electronic Payments	Grand Total
12/13/19	Regular	# 107749-107769 For	\$24,107.15	\$195,469.32	\$218,743.16
12/31/19	Regular	# 107770-107788 For	\$22,538.74	\$199,092.44	\$218,159.65

Date	Acct. Transferred From	Acct. Transferred Into	Amount
12/13/19	PMA/MN Trust	National Bank of Commerce	\$350,000.00
12/30/19	PMA/MN Trust	National Bank of Commerce	\$400,000.00
● Donations:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Accept donation from DTE Energy in the amount of \$500 for robotics.○ Accept donation from Wells Fargo Your Cause in the amount of \$100 for elementary discretionary.○ Accept donation from Northwood Credit Union in the amount of \$200 for robotics.○ Accept donation from Daughtery Appliance in the amount of \$50 for robotics.○ Accept donation from Alltec Clean Energy in the amount of \$1,000 for robotics.			
● Personnel:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Semester II Sixth Assignment for Brenda Lilly in ELL.○ Semester II Lane Change – Laura Brown from BA to BA15.			
● Fundraiser Requests:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Eskomo PIE – online apparel sale.			

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve the Purchase of a New Computer-HVAC System

Moved by Jeff Salo, second by Mark Nyholm to approve the purchase of a new computer for the HVAC system in the amount of \$693.43 per the quote from Dell. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

From Our School Board

Accept the Safety Glass & Security Project Bid

Moved by Mark Nyholm, second by Todd Rengo to accept a bid from Donald Holm Construction in the amount of \$57,500 plus the alternates included in the amount of \$10,000 for a total of \$67,500. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Accept the Bus Garage Project Bid

Moved by Mark Nyholm, second by Jeff Salo to accept a bid from Max Gray Construction with alternates 2, 5, 6, 7 for a total bid of \$822,900. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Accept Bid for Earthwork and Parking Lot Project

Moved by Mark Nyholm, second by Todd Rengo to accept a bid from Kimiski Paving in the amount of \$862,000 with no alternates. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approval to Close Sports Complex During Summer Construction

Moved by Todd Rengo, second by Jeff Salo to approve the closing of the sports complex during summer construction. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approval of School Readiness Rates for 2020/2021

Moved by Todd Rengo, second by Jerry Frederick to approve rates for 2020/2021 School Readiness tuition (copy of fee schedule on file in the office of the Superintendent). Motion carried by the following vote. Aye votes: Julian Bertogliat, Jerry Frederick, Todd Rengo, Jeff Salo, Margaret Sunnarborg. Nay vote: Mark Nyholm.

Approve WIPFLI CPAs and Consultants to serve as

Independent Auditors for Year Ended June 30, 2020

Moved by Jeff Salo, second by Mark Nyholm to approve WIPFLI CPAs and Consultants as independent auditors for the year ended June 30, 2020 per their proposal. (Copy of proposal on file in the office of the Superintendent). Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Accept Letter of Resignation from Alissa Anderson &

Nicole Peterson, Head Girls Soccer Coaches

Moved by Jeff Salo, second by Mark Nyholm to accept a letter of resignation from Alissa Anderson and Nicole Peterson, co-head soccer coaches effective immediately, with thanks for their service and with approval to post the vacancy. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Accept Letter of Resignation from Sarah Petite, Jr. High Track Coach

Moved by Mark Nyholm, second by Margaret Sunnarborg to accept a letter of resignation from Sarah Petite as jr. high track coach effective immediately, with thanks for her service and with approval to post the vacancy. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Accept Letter of Resignation from Joyce Bergstedt, Jr. High Track Coach

Moved by Mark Nyholm, second by Jeff Salo to accept a letter of resignation from Joyce Bergstedt as jr. high track coach effective immediately, with thanks for her service and with approval to post the vacancy. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Accept Letter of Resignation from Chris Evavold

Moved by Jeff Salo, second by Mark Nyholm to accept a letter of resignation by retirement from Chris Evavold, secondary science teacher effective June 30, 2020, with thanks for his service to the District and with approval to post the vacancy. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Accept Letter of Resignation from Anna Kemptar

Moved by Mark Nyholm, second by Jeff Salo to accept a letter of resignation from Anna Kemptar, secondary visual arts teacher effective June 4, 2020, with thanks for her service to the District and with approval to post the vacancy. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Accept Letter of Resignation from Gayle Disch, Cool Kids Program Assistant

Moved by Jerry Frederick, second by Margaret Sunnarborg to accept a letter of resignation from Gayle Disch as Cool Kids Program Assistant effective January 16, 2020, with approval to post the vacancy. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Accept Letter of Resignation from Stephanie Norstrom, Cool Kids Program Assistant

Moved by Jeff Salo, second by Mark Nyholm to accept a letter of resignation from Stephanie Norstrom as Cool Kids Program Assistant effective January 30, 2020, with approval to post the vacancy. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Accept Letter of Resignation from Debra Croft

Moved by Jeff Salo, second by Mark Nyholm to accept a letter of resignation by retirement from Debra Croft, certified occupational therapy assistant effective June 4, 2020, with thanks for her service to the District and with approval to post the vacancy. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approval of Resolution Limiting Open Enrollment

Moved by Jerry Frederick, second by Mark Nyholm to approve a Resolution Limiting Open Enrollment. Copy of Resolution on file in the office of the superintendent. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approval of Resolution Directing Administration to make Recommendations for Reductions in Programs and Positions and Reasons Therefor.

Moved by Mark Nyholm, second by Todd Rengo to approve a Resolution Directing Administration to make Recommendations for Reductions in Positions and Reasons

Therefor. Copy of resolution on file in the office of the superintendent. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Reports

Board Committee Reports:

- Julian Bertogliat – ARCC meeting, facilities meetings, certified negotiations meetings.
- Margaret Sunnarborg – Community Education Advisory Committee meeting, 2021 reunion committee meetings.
- Jerry Frederick – MSBA Conference.
- Jeff Salo – Facilities meeting, certified negotiations meetings, Esko Hall of Fame Selection Committee meeting.
- Mark Nyholm – Certified negotiations meetings, facilities committee meeting.
- Todd Rengo – Community Education Advisory Committee meeting, MSBA Conference.

Principals' Reports:

Elementary Principal Brian Harker reported:

- The third quarter has begun.
- February is I LOVE TO READ Month. Sledding will be the reward.
- They are looking at special education staffing numbers.

Secondary Principal Greg Hexum reported:

- Work is being done to increase skilled trades. This is a grant that has been received to work on this over the next two years. Partnerships with outside entities have and are being formed for this class.

Superintendent's Report:

- Superintendent Fischer reported that the new HVAC is working great and the District is seeing some savings.
- The Curriculum Advisory Committee did meet and has been discussing the new trades course and possible additional new courses.
- Enrollment update.

Open Forum

Thomson Township Board Member Ruth Janke was present to provide some updates.

- The 14 acres that Coates RV owned is for sale again.
- North Ridge Park is not being rented for parties.
- The County will be closing the bridge until next October.

Adjournment

There being no further business, moved by Jeff Salo, second by Mark Nyholm to adjourn at 8:16 p.m. Motioned carried by unanimous vote.

Todd Rengo, Clerk

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MINUTES
TOWN BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 6, 2020

Present: Terry Hill, Ruth Janke, Bill Gerard, Jason Paulson, Rhonda Peleski, David Pritchett
Absent: Tony Compo

Chairperson Hill called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Board Room at the Town Hall.

Gerard made a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting with one change. Second by Paulson. Motion carried.

Paulson made a motion to approve the current vouchers in the amount of \$ 67,744.95 (Check #'s 44930-44979) to pay payroll and due bills and electronic payments in the amount of \$ 10,560.44. Second by Janke. Motion carried.

Peleski presented a list of election judges for the upcoming Presidential Nomination Primary election. A motion to approve the list, pending confirmation of completing required training hours, was made by Janke with a second by Gerard. Motion carried.

Janke presented the recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission regarding the Finn Ridge subdivision being developed by 1LLC. The developers had previously submitted a plat with nine lots in the subdivision. It had been approved pending the approval of the wetlands delineation by Carlton County. Unfortunately, Carlton County's Technical Evaluation Panel did not agree with the 1LLC's wetland delineation.

The developers have now submitted a plat with four lots. The recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission is to approve the preliminary and final plat for Finn Ridge Subdivision on Torma Road. A motion to approve the subdivision pending payment of all developers' fees was made by Janke with a second by Gerard. Motion carried.

Road Maintenance Supervisor Logan Saline informed the Board about the availability of lease return graders at two local dealerships. He requested the Board's approval to do more research and also schedule a demonstration of the equipment. Discussion was held on trade in value of the current equipment and the increased efficiency if the grader is replaced. Saline was given approval to continue to look into the lease return graders. It was also noted that the pickup is scheduled for replacement and possibly the backhoe.

Town engineer, Joe Jurewicz, created an inspection form for the sewer lateral inspections that will now need to be completed before a house on the sewer line can be sold. This is per Ordinance No. 44 which regulates Inflow and Infiltration Compliance. A motion was made by Paulson with a second by Janke to approve the form as presented. Motion carried.

In the interest of public safety, a motion was made by Ge-

rand with a second by Paulson to donate \$ 150 to the 2020 Esko All Night Graduation Party. Motion carried.

An email was received from Aaron Gunderson, Assistant County Engineer, regarding future County road projects in or near the Township. The Midway River bridge is scheduled for replacement. Pavement replacement and shoulder paving will be done on Erickson Road from Highway 61 to No. Cloquet Rd. Dalles Avenue in Carlton will also have the pavement replaced. Gerard and Saline will schedule a meeting with him to get additional information.

Saline inquired if the recent approval of PubWorks software included \$975 for training and also data conversion. The two items were included in the approval.

Zoning Official Dan Stangle was present with his report. He met recently with area fire chiefs and Jay Cooke State Park staff to continue the discussion of addresses within the Park. He is still working with the consultants on the Comprehensive Plan to schedule the final meetings. The consultant isn't available in February and there are conflicts with scheduling in March.

Saline reported that there have been 42 emergency calls so far in 2020 for the fire department. There was also a recent house fire in the township.

Saline reported that the road crew has been busy ice cutting and steaming culverts.

Deputy Rob Lucas was present with his monthly report. He is in the process of locating stolen property. He'll also participate in Imagine It Days at Esko School in February.

Gerard requested a dead-end sign be installed on Kangas Road.

Gerard reported on the Mission Creek watershed tree planting project. A grant application was submitted to the U of M Sea Grant program by the Duluth Urban Watershed Advisory Committee.

Janke reported on the recent school board meeting she attended. The sports complex will be closed for the summer due to construction projects in that area.

A motion to adjourn was made at 7:19 p.m. by Gerard with a second by Janke. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Rhonda Peleski, Clerk/Treasurer
Terry Hill, Chairperson
Town of Thomson

FEBRUARY 20, 2020

Present: Terry Hill, Bill Gerard, Ruth Janke, Rhonda Peleski, David Pritchett
Absent: Tony Compo, Jason Paulson

Chairperson Hill called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Board Room at the Town Hall.

Gerard made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous regular meeting. Second by Janke. Motion carried.

Janke made a motion to approve the current vouchers in the amount of \$ 66,167.81 (Check #'s 44980 - 45016) to pay payroll and due bills and electronic payments in the amount of \$ 12,428.80. Second by Gerard. Motion carried.

January receipts in the amount of \$ 53,340.01 and January fund balances were reviewed.

Lenny Conklin was present to discuss an idea he has for climate-controlled storage and to get the Board's opinion on whether it would fit in the business park. Board members were in agreement that it would fit with the current business park allowed uses.

With the removal of the existing school bus garage at the athletic field and other construction in that area, the school is asking if the buses can be parked in the town hall parking lot. Concerns were raised regarding the large vehicles parked before the frost is out and the blacktop breaking up. There has been breakup from when they were previously parked in the lot. Drivers will be told not to park too close to the edge of the pavement.

A motion was made by Gerard with a second by Janke to schedule a public hearing for April 2, 2020 at 7:00 to take public input for the proposed Key Lock Box ordinance. Motion carried.

Fire Chief Kyle Gustafson shared two quotes for auto extrication equipment. After discussion regarding the equipment and financing, a motion was made by Janke with a second by Gerard to approve the purchase of auto extrication equipment from Equipment Management Company in the amount of \$ 22,097. The equipment will be paid for from the General Fund with five annual payments from the Fire Fund back to the General Fund. Motion carried.

Joe Jurewicz requested quotes from local contractors for the repair of the stormwater pond on Keanu Lane. One quote was received from A+ Landscaping. A motion was made by Gerard with a second by Janke to approve the quote from A+ Landscaping in the amount of \$ 23,947.44. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Gerard with a second by Janke to approve the completion of a feasibility study by MSA for the paving of E. Riverside Road and Serenity Way. Motion carried.

Gustafson and Dan Stangle continue to work on 9-1-1 access points and addresses within Jay Cooke State Park.

Gustafson received an estimate in the amount of \$ 1,600 for fixing a hydraulic hose on the ladder truck. The repair was instead completed by the road crew. The cost was a \$ 60 hose and two men for 1 ½ hours labor. A thank you was given to the road crew.

Gustafson has also spent several hours with investigators for a recent house fire.

Road Supervisor, Logan Saline, reported that a John Deere grader has been demo'd for a week. A CAT grader

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will also be brought in for a demonstration.

Discussion was held on Northridge Park and the work that will take place there this summer. The parking lot will be made bigger and the entrance to the lot will be moved. Gerard, Peleski, Saline and Jurewicz will meet soon to discuss the work.

Gerard reported that the Duluth Urban Watershed Advisory Committee will be replacing Emerald Ash Borer trees in 2021. So far Gerard has reached out to local Girl and Boy Scout troops to see if they would like to help plant trees.

Gerard has received complaints regarding the snow pushed from the trail on Canosia Road. Residents were told to contact Carlton County since its their trail to maintain.

Gerard reported that Wood City Riders have the approval from Carlton County for a trail through Thomson Township. They still need approval from MNDOT, Minnesota Power and the Buffalo House. They would like to run the trail north of Widdes Feed Mill property and across to the Church Road. For this they still need approval from property owners.

A motion to adjourn was made at 7:26 pm by Gerard with a second by Janke. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Rhonda Peleski, Clerk/Treasurer
Terry Hill, Chairperson
Town of Thomson

DOGS AND CATS

Thomson Township has a leash - running at large ordinance. This applies to all areas of the Township. All animals must be under their owner's control at all times and not on neighboring properties.

And as a reminder: Please pick up after your pet. Your neighbors appreciate it. There's also a link to a video on the Town website: thomson.govoffice.com with more information on the effects of animal waste on the local waterways.



RECYCLING SHED HOURS

The recycling center is located at the Town Hall at 25 E. Harney Road.

Year-round hours of operation are:

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 2 p.m to 6 p.m.
Saturday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The staffed facility in Esko is for residential recycling only.

With the increase in online shopping there has been an increase in cardboard being recycled. If you have a large amount of cardboard, please bring it directly to the Carlton County Transfer Station at 1950 Highway 210, Carlton. All boxes must be broken down before putting them in the dumpster.

Please do not leave items at the facility when it is unattended.

TOWN BOARD MEETINGS

The town of Thomson Board of Supervisors holds their regular meetings on the first and third Thursdays of each month at 6:30 p.m. The meetings are held in the Town Board Room at the Town Hall, 25 E. Harney Road.

TOWN HALL RENTALS

Remember: the Town Hall is available for private rentals. Contact the Town office at 879-9719 for details or visit our website: thomson.govoffice.net

THOMSON TOWN OFFICE

The Thomson Town Office is located at 25 E. Harney Road. The regular office hours are Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

SNOW PLOWING REMINDER

The Town of Thomson reminds all snow removal operators/property owners that it is unlawful to deposit snow on or next to a public highway or street.

Minnesota law prohibits the plowing, blowing, shoveling or otherwise placing of snow onto public roadways. **This includes the ditch and right-of-way area along the roadside.**

This would include pushing the snow from your driveway across the street onto the right-of-way of a vacant lot. The snow from your driveway needs to remain on your property.

According to state law, violations are considered misdemeanors, but civil penalties also apply if the placement of snow creates a hazard such as a slippery area, frozen rut or bump that contributes to a motor vehicle or pedestrian crash. The civil liability can extend to both the property owner and the person who placed the snow.

Other hazards created by improper placement of snow on or near a public roadway include drainage problems, drifting, sight obstruction and safe accessibility. Special attention should be made to keep crosswalks, intersections, entrances and exits clean and unobstructed.

Church News



NORTHWOOD

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The little church with a BIG heart.

62 W. Hwy. 61 ~ Esko, MN 55733

608.495.3147 ~ www.northwoodesko.com

Pastor Brian Cornell, bcornell@wnccumc.net

Sunday Worship: 9:00 am ON-LINE WORSHIP

Northwood UMC is offering ON-LINE WORSHIP each Sunday at 9:00 am during the CORVID-10 pandemic. Please go to: www.facebook.com/Northwood-United-Methodist-Church-Esko-MN-113344768735604/

Special Events may be postponed or cancelled.
Please call Ann Butler at 218-384-3776 to confirm or
check Northwood's Facebook page.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Northwood Youth Event — April 4 at 7:00 pm
- Mercy Me and Jeremy Camp Concert, Amsoil Arena
- Esko Boy Scout Troop 152 meeting at Northwood
- Sunday, April 19 from 7:00-8:15 pm
- Esko Girl Scout Troop 4139 meeting at Northwood
- Monday, April 13 & 27 from 5:30-6:30 pm

SPECIAL EVENTS

- Maundy Thursday, April 9 — 5:30 pm
- Judeo Christian Seder Meal — RSVP to Ann, 218-590-6288
- Sunday, April 12 — Easter Morning Breakfast @ 8:00 am ! Delicious breakfast of egg bakes, fruit salad and baked goods followed by the Easter service at 9:00 am.
- Sunday, April 26 — Spring Auction at 10:30 am!
Bring auction items or provide a service item to auction. Come enjoy this fun, fast-paced fun raiser!

NUMC VISION STATEMENT

Northwood UMC is an open, welcoming, seven-day-a-week church that shares God's spirit, serves as a community hub and sponsors good works.

Find us on FACEBOOK at Northwood United Methodist Church, Esko, MN (include ESKO MN in the address). Newsletters, bulletins, photos, news at www.northwoodesko.com

APOSTOLIC LUTHERAN CHURCH

25 Church Road, Esko, MN 55733 (PH: 879-3882)

Pastor Bruce Bergstedt & Pastor Nathan Juntunen

Worship Schedule

Sundays: April 5, 12, 19* & 26

8:00 AM - Worship Service – All Ages
9-9:45 AM - Sunday School / Coffee & Fellowship
10:00 AM - Worship Service – All Ages
*(3rd Sunday - Holy Communion)

Wednesdays: April 1 & 8

9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study
5:45 PM Dinner
6:30 PM Lenten Services

Wednesdays: April 15, 22 & 29

9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study
5:45 PM Dinner
6:30 PM Adult Bible Study & activities for all ages.

Lenten Schedule/Easter

April 9, 6:30 PM: Maundy Thursday Service with Holy Communion
April 10, 6:30 PM: Good Friday Service
April 12, 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM: Easter Service
9:00 AM: Easter Brunch
(No Sunday School on Easter Sunday.)

† Check out our Church website at www.eskoapostolic.org. There are pictures, upcoming events, bulletins, church calendar, cemetery information and more.

*We did not receive updated scheduling information from Apostolic Church. Please contact the church if you have questions regarding worship or upcoming events

ST. MATTHEWS LUTHERAN CHURCH

4 Elizabeth Avenue, Esko, MN 55733

218-879-3510

www.stmatthewsesko.org

Pastor Jeff Walther 218-591-1436

Pastor Jeff Walther 218-343-2080

Greetings and blessings to our community! Here are a few updates to our worship and activities schedule:

WORSHIP:

Sunday mornings- St. Matthews Lutheran Church worship services will be online via Facebook Live at 10:30 am. on the St. Matthews Lutheran Church Facebook page until further notice.

On TV - Another option for worship is on television: Channel 6 (KBJR) is still airing Mainstreet Living Northland every Sunday at 9:30 am.

Wednesday Lenten Services - Weekly Lenten Devotions will be posted via Facebook and our website.

BIBLE STUDY:

Weekly Bible Studies from our pastors will be posted online via Facebook and our Website.

YOUTH:

Sundays - watch Facebook and our website for a link to a Youtube video Bible study hosted by our Youth Director.

Tuesdays - we are not meeting for our afterschool program T3, but watch your e-mail or texts for an encouraging word!

Thursdays – Youth Group will be online via Zoom at 6:00 pm. I will send out a link Thursday mornings and you can join with your phone or computer. We will have games, music, devotion time, and even some prize giveaways!

*TO JOIN ANY OF THESE YOUTH ONLINE OPTIONS TEXT YOUR CELL PHONE NUMBER AND/OR EMAIL ADDRESS TO CHRISTINA 218-391-3649.

CARE & OUTREACH:

We have a Care and Outreach task force set up to help those in need. Please call the church office if you or someone you know has a need of any kind.

Together, and with God's help, we will get through this tension-filled time. God is with us!

Looking Forward to Seeing You!

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