

News from "The Station"



By Dawn Rehm, manager
Raffle winners the week of Sept. 1 are: Janice Younggren, Ed Jerome, Ti Folland, Margaret Dythuis, Jim Sjostrand, Jody Bowman, and Joyce Bergh.

bingo at 1 p.m. and every Friday is pinochle at 1 p.m. Fall is starting to appear at the Second Glance Thrift and Gift Store at the Station.

Our evening birthday meal will be here at the Senior Center at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 10. Kris and Don Thorlacius will be our entertainment for the evening.

Whist winners for the ladies this week were Donna K., 1st, Martha Nelson tied, 2nd and Elaine B., low. Winners for the men were Verna L., 1st, Duane P., 2nd and Dave Fertig, low.

Our movie in September, will be "Broken Bridges" to be shown on Tuesday, Sept. 17 at about 12:30 p.m.

Winners of multiple bingo games this past week were Ruth Lupien, Dorothy Muir, Mary Carlson, Arlene Kain, JoAnn Hanson, Marilyn Gatheridge, Helen Tween and Joyce Bergh.

Bring a friend day will be on Thursday, Sept. 19 at 11:45 a.m. Diane will be making meatballs, mashed potatoes and vegetables for lunch.

LSS meals for the week: Thursday, Sept. 5: Oven crispy chicken, potatoes and vegetable.

On Sept. 19 we also will be having Thrivent Financial here to talk about a few things.

Friday, Sept. 5: Baked fish/tartar sauce, potatoes and vegetables.

Our last supper and games for the summer will be on Tuesday, Sept. 24 at 5 p.m. We'll be having Swedish meatballs/gravy, potatoes, salad and vegetables for supper.

Saturday, Sept. 9: Swiss steak, potatoes and vegetable.

Just a reminder every Monday there is whist at 1 p.m. Every Wednesday is

Sunday, Sept. 10: Evening meal, 5 p.m., beef roast, potatoes and vegetable.

Monday, Sept. 11: Lasagna, lettuce salad and vegetables.

Tuesday, Sept. 12: Pork chop/gravy, potatoes and vegetables.

All LSS meals are served with milk, bread and a dessert and the menu is subject to change based on the availability of food products.

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Tuesday: \$1.00 off any Wrap
Wednesday: Grilled Philly Steak Sandwich w/Fries - \$7.75
Thursday: 21 Shrimp w/Fries - \$8.25
Friday: Grilled or Crispy Chicken Sandwich w/Fries - \$8.25
Saturday: Taco Bar - \$10

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CITY CLERKS FROM AROUND THE REGION gathered in Hallock on Thursday, Aug. 8 for MCOFA Region 1 Clerk's Conference. The group learned all about municipal airports and how they operate them.

Peterson sisters ... continued from front page

Bailey has a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Minnesota State University Moorhead and a master's degree in youth development from North Dakota State University.

While they both had different experiences in their first years of teaching, the Peterson sisters agree on why they chose elementary education - to be good role models and create a spark for learning.

"Kindergarten is so important because you get to set the foundation for their entire school career," Kalli said. "My No. 1 goal is that they love school."

"Just learning a new school, even though it's not really new, will be interesting," Bailey said. "We've only been students here, not teachers."

"That's the thing that's so crazy. We're walking down the halls and I think, 'I'm paid to be here!'" Kalli said. "And a lot of the high school teachers were our teachers."

It may come as no surprise to anyone who knows Kalli, but she chose to teach at Kittson Central simply because she loves Hallock.

"There really is just no other place for me, I'm pretty sure," she said. "Our town has a lot to offer and it's really special to be a part of all that."

Although Bailey enjoyed teaching in the city of Fargo for three years, she knew

Kittson Central to offer in-town busing after school this year

By Enterprise Staff

The Kittson Central School District will again offer in-town busing to drop off students after school this year. The board heard the plan from Superintendent Bob Jaszczak during its Wednesday, Aug. 28 meeting.

Hallock daycare provider Tiffenie Larson brought the issue to the table, stating she'd had several conversations with people in the community about it. Jaszczak said only afternoon drop-off would work. He said it's difficult to have several children at one pick-up point because they might wait too long for the bus or they could mess around and get hurt or cause problems.

"In the afternoon, when they're off the bus, then they're not standing there messing around at the bus stop. They're going home," Jaszczak said. "To me, the appropriate accommodation is to have some drop-off spots that are kind of based geographically, and based on where the bulk of the kids are living."

Parents throughout the district received a letter regarding the in-town busing option in the mail at the end of last week. It gives parents the choice of three locations that Jaszczak and Transportation Supervisor Judy Shuck determined would be the best after-school drop-off points - one at the north end of town near Erick and Karen Gubbels's home, one on the east side of town near Larson's home, and the third on the west end of town near Christie Anderson's daycare.

"I think it would probably help most for the families of the smallest children, those who are going to daycare," Jaszczak said. "Some parents are going to keep picking their kids up, but this will level things out a little."

The letter states the in-town drop-off will begin Monday, Sept. 9. This will not add another bus route, Jaszczak said, which would be fiscally unfeasible for the district. However, three bus route drivers would add that little bit of time to the beginning of their afternoon routes.

Board members asked why in-town busing hasn't worked in the past and how they might respond to those parents who ask for more or different drop-off points.

"We put a lot of thought into where these stops would go. We didn't just willy-nilly throw a dart at (the map)," Jaszczak said. "I'm pretty comfortable with it. Is it going to make everybody happy? Probably not. ... We've got these three stops and that's the way it's going to be. If you aren't satisfied with that, then pick your kid up."

Leftover class dues fund

When discussing donations within the treasurer's report, Jaszczak noted the Kittson Central Activity Account which sits at \$18,880.46. This account is leftover money from class dues and funds raised for class trips and scholarships of graduating classes.

"I have not looked into it yet," Jaszczak said. "I know those signs are incredibly expensive. But that's a nice start for it."

Student numbers

Jaszczak reported that student numbers are up this year. As of Aug. 28, the enrollment for Kittson Central was at 237 total for K-12. This is entirely due to the 26-student kindergarten class this year, he said.

"Overall, this is the first time in 25 years where student population is up at the beginning of the school year," he added. "It's been a long time of decline. Hopefully we can maintain those numbers and go from there."

In other business, the board:

• Set the Truth in Taxation meeting to coincide with the regular board meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 18 at 8 p.m.

• Approved a contract for FACS teacher Diane Younggren.

• Approved second readings of policies 419, 532, 603, 611, 616, 618 and 625. All required language revisions approved by the Minnesota Legislature this year.

• Approved policy 713 regarding moving the student activity accounting into the regular school accounting.

• Set the next school board meeting for Wednesday, Sept. 25 at 8 p.m.

Change in Port of Entry hours remains ... continued from front page

"Our 2018 and 2019 decrease in receipts was 24 percent," she said. "That's 218 camping nights. So take 218 times two guests per site average, that's 436 people in our town in a day. If we said they spent \$100 a day, which is a fair number considering food, golfing, gas, hardware for camping, that's about a \$50,000 decrease to our city businesses."

Other business owners in attendance noted their business has decreased as well since the port of entry hours decreased - Bernstrom Oil is down 16 percent, the grocery store is down 5 percent, Lancaster Lumber is down 8 to 10 percent, to name a few.

Ron Nordin, vice president of sales at PodCo, noted also that communities down Highway 59 also suffer.

In conjunction with Carol Johnson's comments, others expressed the CBP cannot only look at the number of cars passing through the port to make a decision on hours. Ted Falk, member of the Canadian House of Commons, spoke directly to this issue as he helped keep the Canadian port hours at 10 p.m.

"You can't just look at the numbers," he said. "It's got to be more of a holistic approach. You have to look at the communities that are affected and you've got to look at the socio-economic impact of the decision you're making. It's not just a traffic count ... I think if you look at it from a holistic point like that, you'll come up with a different solution."

Adele Fasano, CBP director of field operations, said the agency is in the process of re-evaluating the port of entry hour reductions, but didn't give a specific time frame. She mentioned Lancaster's port evaluation was a part of the first phase and CBP is now beginning Phase 2 of evaluating port hours along the U.S.-Canadian border.

"Basically, the issue is that CBP has a lot of challenges," Fasano said. "I'm sure you've seen and heard about the challenges we face. We are a very large operation."

He noted that Canadian truckers also have to make huge concessions to enter the U.S. on time to pick up a load and return to Canada. "Why won't U.S. Customs give us the same courtesy we give to the U.S.?" Greer asked, referencing the fact that Canada kept their port hours at 10 p.m. when the Canadian people opposed a change to 8 p.m.

Fasano said CBP did "an extensive study" recently to find what kind of technology could assist in automating ports of entry to help solve issues like this. Although ports of entry, like in The Angle on Lake of the Woods, are able to use iPads for

visitors to check in, the technology and the money isn't available for larger ports at this time.

"At this point the technology is not reliable," Fasano said. "We have issues with some of the data lines and phone lines. We have pretty good internet access, but we do struggle with the lines."

She also noted that to use iPads at the Lancaster port would introduce security threats, which would require the CBP to upgrade its security systems.

"So, there are a lot of different aspects to this," she said.

Peterson said he is working with other members of Congress, specifically Congressman Bennie Thompson, D-Miss., who is the chairman of the House Homeland Security Committee, to secure \$4.5 billion in funding to help resolve this issue along the U.S.-Canadian border. But, the major hurdle is how to ensure the funding is used for this particular issue.

Fasano said she and her colleagues will summarize the meeting from Thursday and bring that information back to the home CBP office. She added that written communication and support from local and area communities, businesses and governments help when making these decisions.

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