

EDUCATION

Talent show at Indus School

INDUS SCHOOL REPORT

The annual Indus Student Council Talent Show March 19 included 16 student acts and one surprise performance.

Several performance categories were included in the show, such as comedy, vocals, instrumentals, skill demonstrations, and piano tunes. Each performer was presented with a gift certificate for the school store.

Emceeing the program were Student Council Vice President Chanaya Wheelock and Treasurer Holger Olesen. Performing vocals were the following: Alexis Dawson with an unnamed song, Kierstyn Johnson with “Let Me Go,” Kinsey Seegert with “Blown Away,” Anastasia Noyes with “Slipped Away,” and Nissa Thomas with the Bunny Choir singing, “Peter Cottontail,” accompanied by Stephanie Schiro. Hattie Ulrich and Abrianna Has-



Karen Anderson, Indus administrative secretary, surprises the audience with a “grandparent” version of “My Favorite Things.”

bargen also gave a smash vocal performance of “All About That Bass.”

Instrumentals were performed by Alexandra Knoff, Annie Schiro, Anastasia Noyes, Holger Olesen, and the Indus “Rusty Goat” bluegrass club. Yili Schiro



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The Bunny Choir sings “Peter Cottontail.”

played “Rock Anywhere” on piano, and Cade Ottmann and Ellie Wendt also performed separate piano selections.

Providing humor to the evening were Matthew Kotnik telling jokes and Bennett Smith presenting a comedy skit, ala “Painting with Bob Ross.” Gauge Olson gave a “Pogo Boy” skill demonstration.

At the close of the evening, Indus Administrative

Secretary Karen Anderson delighted the audience with a surprise vocal rendition of “My Favorite Things,” grandparents’ edition.

The inspirational event capped off an evening where a free supper was served and the Scholastic Book Fair and Science Fair were on display. In addition, Student Council held their traditional fundraiser — “Shamrock Shakes” — thanks to a donation from Dairy Queen.



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The Kruegers assist Indus students in learning some Tae Kwon Do moves during an after-school recreation program activity.

Indus students learn martial arts

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The Indus Elementary Recreation Club recently enjoyed a visit from black belt Ken Krueger from Karate North martial arts school in International Falls.

His wife Jackie joined him in teaching the kids proper forms for punching

and kicking, as well as a brief background on Tae Kwon Do and some phrases in Korean for bowing in and out of class.

Students have enjoyed a variety of activities as part of the second session of the after-school recreational program, including sledding and swimming.



Jackie Krueger teaches students the proper forms for punching and kicking.



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Some of the sixth graders line up around Jacob Hasbargen after he finished demonstrating the potato launcher he engineered.

Science fair at Indus School

INDUS SCHOOL REPORT

During the month of March, students at Indus School worked on a Science Fair.

Grades four through nine made boards presenting many different science subjects.

Fourth grade worked as a class with the subject of “How to Boil an Egg.” Fifth graders had a range of subjects: bouncing eggs, lemon electricity, exploding volcanoes, etc.

Sixth graders worked on STEM projects in science, technology, engineering and math as part of the Minnesota Standards. Jacob Hasbargen engineered a potato launcher which he demonstrated to his class members outside the school. He said the inspiration behind the launcher was needing “to get potatoes from my garden to my house. My house is far away from the garden so the potatoes get really heavy. I needed to come up with something that made it easier to get potatoes to my house from far away.”

Seventh grader Annie Schiro did her Science Fair project on horse feed and what is the best kind for your horses.

Austin Hasbargen, also a seventh grader, studied how to make lightning using a balloon, tin foil, Styrofoam plates, and himself.

Kyle Schiro, eighth grader, studied the difference between his fresh spit and the spit at the bottom of his saxophone. Kierstyn Johnson, also an eighth grader, did her project on multi-tasking.

Ninth graders Brianna Smuda and Jacy Gerthofer studied and showed the ages of all the planets. Maddy Frank, ninth grader, made rock candy.

The Science Fair projects were set up around the school and grades seven-nine were judged during the week of March 16-20. Elementary students received participation ribbons.

Blue ribbon winners included seventh graders Annie Schiro and Emma Morgan and eighth graders Corinne Dahl and Kyle Schiro. Red ribbon winners were seventh graders Austin Hasbargen, Gabriel Olson, Wesley Shelton and Kaitlynn Stavish; eighth grader Ryan Noyes; ninth graders Madison Frank, Hayley Gaetzke, Haley Grover and Arryn Swartz.

STRAIGHT ‘A’S

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Honorable U. S. Representative Rick Nolan Transportation Forum - Panels on Rail and Essential Air Services

3:00 - 4:30 P.M., Monday, April 6, 2015

Council Chamber, 600 Fourth Street, International Falls, MN

The meeting may include a quorum (three or more) of the members of the City Council; however, no official actions of the City Council shall be taken.

AGENDA

City of International Falls – City Council Regular Meeting

Approximately 4:30 P.M., Monday, April 6, 2015

Council Chamber, 600 Fourth Street

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

APPROVE AGENDA WITH ANY ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA (only by unanimous consent).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 1. Minutes of the Monday, March 16, 2015 regular City Council meeting (Council action-motion)
- 2. Minutes of the Monday, March 23, 2015 special City Council meeting (Council action-motion)

PAYMENT OF CLAIMS AND APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT OF

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

- 1. Adopt Resolution No. __-15, Approving Payment of Claims and Accounts Payable (Council action-motion)

AUDIENCE – OPEN FORUM (The Open Forum is an opportunity for the audience to address the City Council on any matter not listed on the agenda. Please limit your comments to five minutes.)

PUBLIC HEARING – ACTION ITEMS

OPENING BIDS (AND/OR QUOTES)

OLD BUSINESS

CONSENT AGENDA The Consent Agenda allows the City Council to take action on routine matters by one motion that shall not be debated and shall be adopted by unanimous vote of those present. Any individual council member may remove an item from the Consent Agenda for discussion on the regular agenda. (Council action – motion)

- 1. Approve/allow necessary expense for two public works employees to attend the 2015 MN-AWWA Northeast District Waterworks Operator School, May 13-15, 2015 in Ely, MN.
- 2. Resolution # -15 designating Bremer Trust, National Association as Depository (Council action-motion)

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Acknowledge with appreciation the “Certificate of Excellence to the International Falls Youth Firesetting Prevention and Intervention team” awarded to Fire Chief Adam Mannausau and Firefighter Engineers Clayton Bahr and Jacob Harris from the Minnesota Chapter of the International Association of Arson Investigators (MNAIAI), Mayor Anderson
- 2. Fun Food Factory use of Smokey Bear Park from June 12-20, 2015 (Council action-motion)
- 3. Mayoral Proclamation – Sexual Assault Awareness Month - April 2015 (Council action-motion)
- 4. Approve advertising for bids for 2015 street improvement projects – 12th Street and Terrace Lane (Council action-motion)
- 5. Authorize purchase of 2015 Ford 3500 Reg Cab 4x4 w/167.5 wheelbase including Talco flatbed vehicle for the water/sewer (Council action-motion)
- 6. Authorize seeking quotes for two 2015 Police Package AWD sedan patrol vehicles with ARMER mobile radios and declare the 2013 Ford SUV and 2011 Chevrolet Caprice as surplus property for trade-in, Police Chief Musich (Council action-motion)
- 7. Approve Human Resources Committee recommendation to appoint Griffin Offerdahl and Zachary Vork as part-time patrol officers effective immediately (Council action-motion)
- 8. Approve Human Resources Committee recommendation to revise the Firefighter Engineer Job Description regarding EMT Certification requirements (Council action-motion)
- 9. Approve Human Resources Committee recommendation to renew the agreement for the Employee Assistance Program (EAP) between the Sand Creek Group, Ltd. and City and payment of invoice for the annual contract cost of \$2,772.00 (Council action-motion)
- 10. Approve Human Resources Committee recommendation to update data practices and convert the existing ordinance language to a data practices policy approved by City Council resolution (Council action-motion)
- 11. Approve Human Resources Committee recommendation to require that supervisors perform annual employee performance evaluations prior to the employee anniversary date (Council action-motion)
- 12. Approve Resolution No. __-15, Resolution approving repeal and directing the Charter Commission to consider repealing Chapter IX, Board of Equalization, Sections 108 – 110 of the Home Rule Charter in and for the City of International Falls, MN (Council action-motion)
- 13. Approve Resolution No. __-15, Resolution Opposing H. F. 1782, A bill providing for Competitive Rate for Energy-Intensive Trade-exposed Electric Utility Customer, Councilor Jaksa (Council action-motion)
- 14. Approve Resolution No. __-15, Resolution Supporting H. F. 1062, A bill modifying health plan requirements to add mental health crises services to emergency services, requiring recommendations on funding children’s mental health crises residential services, and appropriating money, Councilor Jaksa (Council action-motion)
- 15. Any other business

REPORTS OF ALL BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

- 1. Reports of the Administrator, Attorney, and Department Heads
 - a. Police Monthly Report, March 2015 (Council information)
 - b. Fire/Rescue/EMS Monthly Report, March 2015 (Council information)

Reports of the Mayor, Council Committees, Boards and Commissions

AUDIENCE – OPEN FORUM

CORRESPONDENCE

- 1. February 9, 2015 – North Koochiching Area Sanitary District meeting minutes
- 2. February 18, 2015 – Convention and Visitors Bureau meeting minutes
- 3. February 25, 2015 – Airport Commission meeting minutes
- 4. March 18, 2015 – International Falls Recreation Department meeting minutes

REMINDERS

- 1. Next regular City Council meeting is Monday, April 20, 2015 at 4:30 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

Note: Matters inappropriate for consideration at the meeting or not in the order specified shall not be considered except 1) with the unanimous consent of the members of the City Council, or 2) scheduled public hearings or bid lettings, but not before the time stated in the notice.

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