

Roosevelt Township Newsletter

Spring, 2015

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Supervisors: Chris Hewitt-Chair, Ann Stafford, Rick Hennes
 Clerk: Bonnie Orton; Treasurer: Shirley Weyer,
 Not pictured: Dept. Clerk: Sherlee Hewitt

ANN STAFFORD—New Town Supervisor

As your newly elected Supervisor, I would like to first thank those of you who voted for me. Secondly, I want to assure you, the residents of Roosevelt Township, that I will do my best to represent you, and that I will do all I can to make sure that your tax money is used wisely and for the good of the town. Lastly, you can contact me by phone with any comments, questions and/or concerns that you might have. I look forward to hearing from you and serving on the board. Sincerely, Ann Stafford 320-692-5761

Website: www.roosevelt township.govoffice.com

Regular Board Meetings:
 2nd Monday
 of each month at 7 pm
 Public invited to attend.

Residents are encouraged to contact the Board with your comments, ideas, questions or concerns.
 Township email: rsvlt@brainerd.net

Newsletters:

The Newsletters are posted on the website, unless you specifically request to have it mailed or emailed.

Please submit these requests to the clerk and provide her with your address.

Clerk's Contact Info:
 Phone# 320.247.2105
rsvlt@brainerd.net

WELCOME BACK—ED KLAUSE
 Ed Klause has accepted the position as Lead Maintenance Tech. Contact # 218-821-7065



TRANSFER STATION OPEN FOR YARD ROUGHAGE

1st & 3rd Saturdays—12:00—4:00 pm
 Closed 7/4, 8/15 — Ending Oct. 17

ROADS

On behalf of the Town Board, we would like to ask the residents for their patience while we work on fixing the roads. There will be times that the roads may look worse than before; but this is necessary in order to fix the roads so they are in good condition again. We understand the need to fix the roads quickly and we are working diligently towards that goal, but it will take time in order to do it correctly.

We would like to thank the residents in advance for their patience and understanding while we work on this problem.

Ann Stafford, Supervisor

Elections

ELECTION RESULTS TUESDAY, MARCH 10

Supervisor - 3 year term
Ann Stafford - 21 Votes
Bobbie Germanson - 2 Votes

Treasurer - 2 year term
Shirley Weyer—22 Votes
Marge Kotten—2 Votes

Pine Center Quilters

PC Quilters brought in 8 quilts in February for Essentia Health's cancer and pediatric patients. We are continuing work on our next batch of quilts and hope to increase our output! Thank you to Bonnie and all the generous people who have brought in fabrics to use in our projects and for getting the word out for our needs for the future.
Submitted by Linda Straight



MEETINGS

7:00 AM & 5:30 PM – Wednesdays

Location: Roosevelt Town Hall
County Rd 2, Pine Center

Pine Center Meeting Stats
Lost 50+ lbs. = 5 members
Lost 25+ lbs. = 11 members
Lifetime Members = 7 members

New Series starting 6/24/15!

*Raffling off 2 FREE Memberships!

*With minimum of 40 enrolled members.
2nd raffle for Gift Card to those that enroll by 5/31!
New members get FREE cookbook too!!

To enroll, contact:
Megan Cummings, Leader
218.839.5508 or megtony@brainerd.net

Annual Meeting

ANNUAL MEETING—To Be Continued Roosevelt Town Hall Monday, August 3 7 pm

For the purpose of setting the levy for 2016.
Provides an opportunity to develop a clearer picture of the financial needs of the town.

The tax levy amount has been at \$230,000 since 2012.
In 2014 & 2015, \$65,000 of that went for Bond Payments.
\$72,000 is needed in 2016 for Bond Payments.

The challenge is having enough money left after Bond Payments to make the necessary repairs on the roads in our township.

FINANCIAL REPORT

2014			
Beginning Balance	Receipts	Disbursements	Ending Balance
\$292,231.46	\$270,845.27	\$262,136.40	\$300,940.33
2015, 1st Quarter January 1—March 31			
Beginning Balance	Receipts	Disbursements	Ending Balance
\$300,940.33	\$24,488.39	\$111,497.57	\$213,931.15

Pine Center Sportsmen's Club

Easter Egg Hunt 2015 was a GIANT Success.

200 dozen eggs were hard boiled and colored by our club members. We had a record number of 337 participants this year. The club was honored to collect \$504.75 in donations. \$1,287.75 was given away to participants. Along with 13 baby gift baskets. The Easter Bunny even stopped by.

The next events the Sportsmen's Club is hosting will be ATV Safety Training on Saturday May 16, 2015 and a Memorial Day bucket raffle.



Nicci Smude
Pine Center
Sportsmen Club

Do you know the answer to these questions?

From the Civics Questions for the Naturalization Test-US Citizenship & Immigration Services

1. What is the supreme law of the land?
2. When was the Constitution written?
3. What does the Constitution do?
4. The idea of self-government is in the first three words of the Constitution. What are these words?
5. What are the branches or parts of the government?
6. What stops one branch of government from becoming too powerful?
7. What are responsibilities of United States citizens only?
8. What are rights of United States citizens only?
9. What are the rights of everyone living in the United States?
10. What are ways that Americans can participate in their democracy?

2015Goal : Township Pride & Unity

New Maintenance Employee: - Ed Klause

Newsletters

New Accounting Software: Updated Account #'s and Object Codes for more detailed picture of receipts and expenses.

Annual Election—New Board Supervisor, Reelected Treasurer

Annual Meeting—Continued to August 3

Roosevelt Township Day—August 15

Township Logo

Road Inspection—Roads to repair

Policy for Internal Controls

Detailed policy for Officers compensation

Records Retention-Organization, List, & Destruction

Preserving Historical Records

Updating Website

Planting donated perennials & bushes at Town Hall & Garage

1. *The Constitution.*
2. *1787*
3. *Sets up the government.
Defines the government.
Protects basic rights of Americans.*
4. *We the People.*
5. *Congress - legislative
President - executive
The Courts – judicial*
6. *Checks & Balances
Separation of Powers*
7. *Serve on a jury
Vote in a federal election*
8. *Vote in a federal election
Run for federal office*
9. *Freedom of expression
Freedom of speech
Freedom of assembly
Freedom to petition the government
Freedom of worship
The right to bear arms*
10. *Vote
Join a political party
Help with a campaign
Join a civic group
Join a community group
Give an elected official your opinion on an issue
Call Senators and Representatives
Publicly support or oppose an issue or policy
Run for office
Write to a newspaper*

**OUR INVISIBLE NEIGHBOR...THE FISHER**

- Patrick Lanin-

The fisher (*Martes pennanti*) is a fairly large member of the weasel family, related to mink, otter, badgers, pine marten, wolverine and of course weasels. Fisher do not fish, like their cousin the otter. Fisher, rather are arboreal (live in trees) and typically hunt squirrels, birds (and eggs), rabbits, and are the only animal that can effectively hunt porcupine. An adult male fisher will be from 35" to 45" long and will be about 16" high with all 4 feet on the ground and will weigh between 8 and 13 pounds, females will measure 30" to 38" long and weigh 4 to 6 pounds. They have a cat-like appearance, and are called fisher-cats in New England. A male fisher may occupy a territory of 2 to 4 square miles, and a female half of that. Most people have no idea what a fisher is and are likely to confuse it with an otter. Generally they are shy animals and are seldom seen, even where they may reside. I usually get a fleeting glance of a fisher once every year or two, even though I spend over 200 days a year in the woods.

On several occasions I have found fisher-killed porcupine remains in the early spring. Fisher are very good at hunting porkys....they are excellent climbers, and very quick. Typically they will grab a porky by the nose repeatedly, often throwing them out of trees. Once the porky is exhausted, they flip them on their backs, and rip open the belly. Porky remains are almost always found laying on their backs with the flesh completely removed. Fisher have evolved an unusual adaptation for porky hunting...an enzyme that is found just under the skin that dissolves quills in less than 24 hours. So within a day or two, any quills the fisher picks up will just fall off.

Fisher have a most unusual reproductive cycle. The female gives birth in the spring...April or May usually to 3 or 4 kits. Within a few weeks of giving birth, the female will breed. Meanwhile mom will feed and care for her kits until they are about 4 months old, at which time they are on their own. It is very unusual, if not impossible, for any nursing female mammal to become pregnant. The fisher embryos develop to a tiny microscopic "blastocyst" and remain dormant until late the following winter. At that time, they implant in the uterus and begin a 2 month gestation. If the female is under stress from a lack of food, the embryos will reabsorb into the mother's body and there will be no offspring that year.

Fisher is sought by trappers for their valuable pelts. The female is worth about twice as much as the much larger male. The reason for this difference is the male's coat is much coarser and has a mix of gray hair covering the fur on the back similar to a grizzly bear, while the female's coat is very uniformly dark and silky. In the late 70's fisher pelts hit an all-time high of nearly \$500 for a top notch pelt. A year ago a top quality female fisher pelt was worth well over \$100, while the top males were worth about half of that. The fisher is a very elusive predator which means that relatively few are trapped each year. As noted they are highly effective in reducing porcupine numbers and help maintain healthy forests. The picture above is a prime female fisher.

Patrick Lanin is a retired science teacher who resides on Camp Lake. Thank you, Patrick!

JOIN US

Promoting Local Government



ROOSEVELT TOWNSHIP DAY

AUGUST 15, 2015 1:00 - 5:00 pm



Refreshments Served

Activities For Kids

Township Hall & Garage
22613 County Rd 2
Brainerd, MN



PROMOTING Local Organizations and Businesses.

Township Logo Contest

Submit entry to clerk @ rsvlt@brainerd.net or 24561 Williams Rd Hillman, MN 56338
Voting for best entry on Aug. 15. Roosevelt Tsp. Day
Prizes awarded.

THANK YOU!!

Pine Center Sportsmen's Club for their donation of \$500 for Township Day expenses.

VENDORS WANTED
Business & Organizations
Promote your product - Promote your group

To register, contact:
Bonnie: 320-244-2105 - rsvlt@brainerd.net
Shirley: 320-692-4315 - rsvlttreas@yahoo.com

Or go to roosevelttownship.govoffice.com for more information.



Volunteers are needed to help with the planning.
If you want to get in on the fun,
Come to our next planning meeting on
Tuesday, June 9, 7 pm at the Town Hall.
Ideas & Suggestions Welcome

Do you know of a business or organization that might be interested in being a vendor or donating for the prize drawings?

If you would like to volunteer to help with the planning of the Roosevelt Township Day, please contact Bonnie at rsvlt@brainerd.net or 320-247-2105, or come to the meeting on June 9 at 7 pm.

Thanks for your help!

ARTISTS NEEDED FOR THE LOGO CONTEST

We need a Township Logo to use for our Newsletter, Letterhead, Notices and Signs.

Have your friends vote for your entry on August 15.
Your talent could win you a cash prize!