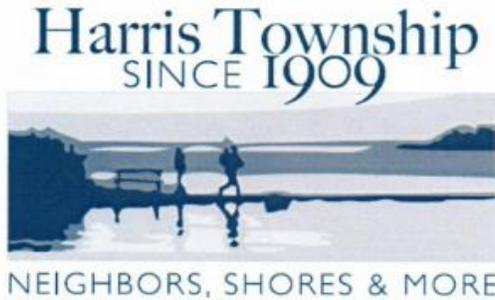


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Mission Statement:
The Harris Town Board strives to enhance the quality of life, protect the environment, and maintain economic stability for the residents of their community.

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We have new features, a recipe along with some history from our Township. Please enjoy this publication!

Newsletters will now be sent via email. If you would like to receive them, send a request to harristownshipclerk@gmail.com

You can also find it on our website or Facebook page!

Remembering Wendigo School

The Wendigo School, grades 1-8, was built on property donated by Justus Romans. The land for the baseball diamond and playground was donated by Louie Romans. The school was ready to for use in January 1917. This was the hub of the Wendigo Community.

Roads were built so children from all directions could attend here. The first Town Meeting for the Town of Harris occurred here. Elections were held in the school. The Farmers Club and a local PTA were organized and a "Union Sunday School" was also held on the property. An Athletic Association, with baseball and basketball were formed. Community picnics, graduations and dances were celebrated here. This was much more than just a classroom to the area.

The Wendigo School was closed in 1982.



COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Harris Township has undertaken to update its comprehensive plan. Last adopted in 2012, the Township's plan is being revised to better meet the emerging needs of the community relative to increasing property tax base, addressing recreational facility needs and considering other land use and development concerns in what is Itasca County's second largest unit of government in terms of population.

Residents and property owners are encouraged to attend the Community Planning Workshop scheduled for Wednesday March 15, 2017 at 6:00 pm at the Harris Town Hall. Meeting participants will engage in several interactive exercises that address: Harris Township's "sense of place" or the characteristics and attributes that make our community special; commercial development within the Highway 169 corridor; and Township boat accesses on Lake Pokegama. A copy of the current plan is available on the Township's website. Persons who cannot attend the meeting are encouraged to submit comments by email, post or by contacting the Town Board.

A subsequent public meeting will be held to Review the Draft Plan. This meeting will be Wednesday March 15, 2017 at 6:00 pm at the Harris Town Hall. The purpose of this meeting will be to review and suggest changes to the draft plan prepared by the planning consultant, and, discuss specific actions to be taken by the Township to implement the plan. A copy of the draft plan will be available on the Township's website prior to the meeting.

The Town has retained the services of planning consultant John Powers of Applied Insights North who assisted the Township with its prior comprehensive plans. Half the costs of this effort are underwritten by a grant from the Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Board.

Harris Township 2017 Meeting Schedule

The Harris Town Board will meet on the following dates in 2015, with the meetings starting at 7:30 p.m., and held at the Harris Town Hall, 21998 Airport Road.

Regular Meetings:	P & D Meetings:
(Second Wed. of the month)	(Fourth Wed. of the month)
March 08	March 22
April 12	April 26
May 10	May 24
June 14	June 28
July 12	July 26

TUESDAY MARCH 14
TOWNSHIP ELECTION
12:00 – 8:00
ANNUAL TOWNSHIP
MEETING
8:00 PM

Know Your Neighbor!

Edmond and Janet Probst

Ed and Janet have lived on the LaPlant Road for 62 years in a house they built themselves. Ed served in the US Army from 1947 to 1950, with two of these years being at Yokohama, Japan. Upon discharge, Ed worked in Alaska building roads for the DOT. He lived in Alaska when it was still a Territory. Janet and Ed met and were married in 1953 and were both in Alaska for another year. They were in a very isolated area and their car had to be delivered via railroad.

Upon coming back to Minnesota, Ed worked for Swanson's Motors in the parts room for 35 years. After leaving Swanson's, Ed embarked on a new career as a locksmith. He tells of being called out to very remote areas at midnight to unlock cars, etc. Janet would accompany him traveling to cabins, on one lane roads through very muddy, swampy areas. Janet cleaned homes and resorts for a time before going to work at the Red Owl for 3 years. From the Red Owl, she cooked at the Wendigo School for 25 years.

During their marriage, they were blessed with 4 daughters. In their spare time, they traveled often through the Western States. They planted 17 acres of trees in hopes of harvesting them for Christmas. They were so busy the trees got away from them and were harvested for other purposes. They also enjoyed hunting and fishing. They belonged to the Wendigo Community Club. The purpose of the club was to do things for the community. They cleaned out an area on the LaPlant River just before it dumps into the Pokegama for boat access, built a little ski hill and planted a lot of trees, along with other projects. They have lived a very busy and adventurous life.



Wendigo School Chocolate Cookie Recipe -
A favorite amongst the children!

2 C Shortening 4 Eggs
2 C chocolate chips 2 C nuts
3 C Sugar (half white and brown)
1 tsp. Soda & 1 tsp salt
Bake at 350 for 10-12 minutes or until
brown.

Greetings from the Maintenance Crew of Harris Township

Memorial Day is a special time to remember those who have served our country. Harris Township holds a service every Memorial Day at the Harris Cemetery. The Maintenance Crew puts out the stars and flags for this service and over the years, the Harris Township board of supervisors and the Maintenance Crew have been notified periodically from people that their friend or relative was missing a star and a flag. This is not done intentionally. The only way that we know if someone has served in the armed forces is if it is already in our records or we are told by the Veterans Office or Funeral home. Otherwise, we do not have that information. Along with the services, we put out a clipboard on Memorial Day, for people to write down any Veteran that was missed. We will then update our records so the Veteran doesn't get missed in the future.

If someone does get missed or if you have any questions, you can reach us at the Harris Township Service Center (218)326-6190.

Thank you,
Harris Township Maintenance Crew

Hello from Peggy Clayton, Supervisor C.....

I was appointed to the Harris Township Board in November 2016 and will be running for Supervisor C in March 2017. I am excited about many new projects, etc. on the horizon for Harris Township. One I will focus on in this newsletter is: **EMERGENCY BROADCASTING!**

As many of you remember the November storm that hit the entire Itasca County area, Harris Township roads were the "hot topic". Due to the impact of this storm, there were a few roads/areas in Harris Township that did not get plowed out for days. This brought the Supervisors together to discuss how we can better take care of the roads/constituents if we are placed in this position in the future. Thus.... the start of "Harris Township Emergency Broadcasting." All emergency broadcasts would include all emergency weather situations (tornados, flooding, storms/high winds, etc.) in Harris Township, and in and around Itasca County, as this online registration is a state system, as well.

We can pull together a system in place for constituents in Harris Township who have completed the "Code Red" application. What does this mean for you and how will this work? Simply put, for those constituents in Harris Township who have not completed the "Code Red" alert, now is your chance to not only be receiving emergency broadcasts for Harris Township, but also for Itasca County, and surrounding areas. This will also help Itasca County Sheriff Department add to their current data base. (NOTE: if you have already completed the 'Code Red" there is no need to do anything further!)

For those who would like to register for "Code Red", you can do so in one of two ways. 1) go online at: www.codered.com and complete the short application. This short application will ask you for your address and your phone number. The more phone numbers you can list, the more options of getting "code red" alerts on all your devices. 2) if you do not have access to a computer or do not feel you are computer savvy, you can contact our Clerk, Cari Ann Alleman, by email at: harristownshipclerk@gmail.com and she can email you the application or send it to you. Once you do get the application, you can complete it and drop it off at our Harris Township Maintenance Center located on Wendigo Park Road and we will take care of the rest for you!

We are all extremely excited to be able to add an additional means of communication to you, our constituents! Also, please continue to check out our Harris Township website and Harris Township Facebook page!

Until next time.....be safe! Peggy L. Clayton



Many people are unaware of Joe's Garage. It is located near the intersection of 169S and the Southwood Road. Joe and his wife are both from the Grand Rapids area. Joe was raised near his Grandpa Melvin Mallum and got his love for mechanical work from him. Upon graduating from high school, Joe went to Mankato State in to specialize in automotive engineering. After two years of college, he decided he'd rather get a job so he went to work for Snell Motors in Mankato.

Seven years passed and after many trips to the "Northland" Joe and his wife decided to start over and move back "home". He worked for Ray's Sports for 6 months and was hired on at Magnetation. Joe went to work his first night and by morning he was completely convinced that night shift and weekend work would not be on his itinerary.

In 2011, Joe began work out of his brother's garage. After a short time, he went into his present location on 169. He has 3 bays in his shop of 1,200 sq. feet. There are 3 people working for Joe's Garage in addition to himself. Approximately 60% of Joe's business is custom work, consisting of installing vehicle lift kits, remote starters, lining pickup boxes, custom painting, etc. Forty percent of his business is maintenance and repairs. He services 4 wheelers, boats, etc. Don't be afraid to ask Joe what he repairs, it would probably be easier to ask "what don't you repair?"

Now Joe has run out of space and needs a larger building for his growing business. He has purchased a lot on 169S across from Ray's Sports and Cycle. His plans are to begin construction in March, weather permitting, for a new 3,500 square foot building. He will remain in business at his present site until construction is completed.



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March or November Elections.....Ken Haubrich

Greetings,

I would like to take this opportunity to address a question that will be on the Township Election Ballot this March. The question concerns the issue of moving the Township Elections from March to November. The Minnesota Legislature passed legislation in 1999 to allow Townships to move their elections from March to November with the consent of the voters. One adjustment that will happen if the question passes, is that terms of office will be lengthened from three to four years.

However, there are a couple of important considerations, such as cost savings and voter turnout, which I would like to bring to your attention. Elections cost money, and bundling our election with the General Election in November will save the Township considerable cost, because of the fact there will be one less election. General Elections are held every two years, this is the reason the term of office needs to be lengthen. Township Officers will assume office in January as opposed to March.

And finally, voter turnout typically for March elections is lighter than November elections. I've been told that there has been a time that less than 20 constituents voted. I would argue that Township Elections are important. Issues that affect all voters such as; taxes, broadband, parks, roads, compressive plans, lake access, cemetery, and annexation are all issues that the Township Board will be addressing in the future. Your vote is very important. In my opinion, moving the election to November should make it easier for voters to vote the issues.

Sincerely,

Ken Haubrich

Supervisor A

Harris Township