



# Jacobson Community Center

## Summer Newsletter

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### *Memorial Dance at Community Center*



The Memorial Day Dance was a good time. A light lunch was available along with good music from the Chmielewski Funtime Band. Thank you to all that donated door prizes: Aitkin Tire, Mille Lac Co-op, Northern Star CO-OP, Miller Hill Subaru, Floodwood Feed, Fred's Store, Carlson Muffler Shop, Carquest Coles, Country Kitchen, Edward Jones, Farm Service (GR), Forest Lake Restaurant, L & M Supply, Lake Country Power Napa Auto Parts, Rapids Ford, Target, Toivo's, Anne Marcotte, Harry's Bar, Mike's Outlet, Roadside Market, Tobie's, Grand Casinos Gould's Mississippi Landing, JCC, Lu-

lich Implement, Dairy Queen, Fireside Inn, Mark's Bar, Minnestalgia Gift, Kev's Depot, K & R Meats Sportsman's Café & Schwan's.

Raffle winners were: Bonnie Bagge, \$150.00; Rick Bjorquist, \$100.00; Mary Ritter, \$75.00; Tami Williams, \$50.00; Don Suomala, \$10.00; Althea Miller, \$10.00; Donna Krueger, \$10.00; Janessa Peirzina, \$10.00; Tony Larson, \$10.00; Roger Lindgren, \$10.00.

### *In Memory*



Long time Jacobson Community Center member, Arlene Knopp passed away June 30, 2017.

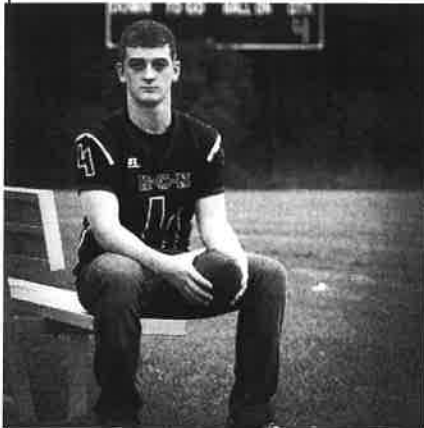
Arlene is survived and will be lovingly remembered by her children, Michelle Morris of St. Paul, MN; Vickie (Mark) Herman of Jacobson, MN; Jon (Meredith) Bjorkquist of Crosslake, MN; Shari (Chip) Bjorkquist Rich of Evergreen, CO; Gayla (Jonathan) Bone of Mora, MN; stepson Chris (Mary) Knopp of Camino, CA. She is also survived by sisters, Doris (Bill) Jamsa of Grand Rapids, MN; Shirley (Harold) Thompson of Grand Rapids, MN; brothers, David (Judy) Maki of New Smyrna Beach, FL; Duane (Mary) Maki of Hibbing, MN; 12 grandchildren; 8 great-grandchildren.

Vickie Herman and Jon Bjorkquist are Board members of the Community Center.

### JCC Board of Directors

- President: Myron Ekstrand
- Vice President: Jon Bjorkquist
- Secretary: Karen Mlaker
- Membership: Marsha Loscheider
- Treasurer: Harriet Suomala
- Board Members :
- Marty Tolvanen
- Bob Jarvi
- Ginny Ekstrand
- Vickie Herman
- Bonnie Bagge
- Lisa Hannula

### Civic Club



Congratulations to Brendon Gould, who received the Annual Jacobson Charitable & Civic Club scholarship for this year.

The club will be meeting on Monday, August 7th at the home of Ginny Ekstrand. Come join us; we'd love to have you.

If thinking about attending please call

Sandy Brown at 752-1070.

### ECR Library



On June 5th, at 2 PM, East Central Regional Library Outreach presented a fun filled magic show by Professor Marvel at the Community Center. There were 26 kids and adults there. Professor Marvel sat and visited with the children as they came. He learned their names so that he could call on them during the show. Preston

Spawn helped to make a peanut butter sandwich with magic. Katie Mousel needed a magic wand to do some magic. Each wand she was given was not big enough. She soon had an armload of wands. The last one was very long, it worked! The bunny was a great surprise!! Much magic and laughter was shared.

We thank East Central Library for presenting this to us.

ECR Library Outreach will be at the Jacobson Community Center every other Thursday at 9:00.

Dates are:

July 27;

August 10 & 24

September 7 & 21

October 5 & 19

Book Club meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 2:00 at the Community Center.

If you are interested in joining our book club call Harriet at 752-6699.



**AITKIN COUNTY TRIAD INVITES YOU TO**

## “Aitkin County Attorney, What Do You do?”

By Aitkin County Attorney's Office  
Tuesday, August 15, 2017  
Aitkin American Legion 11:00 a.m.  
Lee Post # 086  
20 – First Ave. NE Aitkin

Free lunch served following program

Reservations for lunch encouraged:  
call Ginny Ekstrand at 218-752-1111 or  
e-mail: [ekstrand@frontier.com](mailto:ekstrand@frontier.com)  
Reservations preferred by August 12, 2017

### Memory Garden to get TLC

This fall, we will be adding to and reworking the Memory Garden. If you have perennial plants that you are splitting, please give Becky Spawn a call. 218-244-9684 or e-mail, [fasterthanfire@yahoo.com](mailto:fasterthanfire@yahoo.com)

### Seniors

The Jacobson Seniors took the month of June off. But we are now meeting on our regular schedule: every Thursday from 10:00 to 2:00. And of course we stop for potluck lunch. Come and join us once in a while. It's summer time. Take a break and stop in. The books have been audited; we're ready for a new year.

## *JCC Calendar of Events*

**Tuesday, August 1                      NATIONAL NIGHT OUT**

6:00 p.m. @ Jacobson Landing Recreation Area

**Saturday, September 16            JACOBSON FALL COLORS FUN FALL BIKE RUN**

9:00 a.m. Jacobson Community Center

**Saturday, October 28                COMMUNITY HALLOWEEN PARTY**

4:30 p.m. @ Jacobson Community Center

**Saturday, November 11            HUNTERS' SUPPER**

4:30 - 8:00 p.m. @ Jacobson Community Center

**Saturday, December 2            COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS PARTY**

4:30 p.m. Potluck & Program @ Jacobson Community Center

**Sunday, January 7, 2017          ANNUAL JCC BOARD MEETING**

1:30 p.m. appetizers 2:00 meeting @ Jacobson Community Center

## *History Corner*

Walter Koski was an important part of our community. He worked in Blandin, the mines and logged and farmed with his father and then on his own. I was just watching a CD of the 1992 Christmas party at the Center. This was one that Walter planned. He cut down a tree to bring in and decorate. He also got a bagpipe player to come and entertain. He was interested in what happened at the Community Center.

Walter had a lot of memories that he wrote down about his life in Jacobson. He went to school at the Jaakala School. The site is at the junction of county road 10 and 200 right across from the county garage. There is still a bit of the foundation left in the trees. The school had a large room for studying, a coat hall for jackets, a library and a wood room. The teacher, Helma Michelson, lived in the library. There was no electricity, no plumbing, and it was wood heated. In the winter they kept their jackets on to keep warm and their lunch on the floor by the stove to keep it from freezing.

The fall of 1941 Walter started high school in Hill City. He said it was a change with electric lights, warm school, and an indoor bathroom that was the first he had seen.

In 1950 Walter was drafted and was sent to boot camp at Fort Riley Kansas. In 1951 after a furlough home he was sent to Fort Campbell Kentucky. There were six foot high snow banks when he left and Kentucky had green grass. He thought he would like to live there someday but never did.

Walter and Sandy were married on September 9, 1961. They met in the unemployment line, and Walter said he "gave her employment for the rest of her life."

Through the years Walter managed to add on to their farm until, when they sold it, they had 444 acres. He and Sandy took over the farm after their marriage and fixed up a house for his parents on the land that they had just purchased.

Walter and others in the community were instrumental in getting a veterans memorial at the Ball Bluff Cemetery. A local artist designed the eagle clutching the flag. Walter, with the help of Neal Erickson, set up a dedication. All the area came to see the dedication. They even had an airplane fly over by Andy Hunnula. Many of the area cemeteries also had a memorial installed and Walter helped them get theirs also.

Walter left his mark in the Jacobson area with the many things he enjoyed working on. Many of us remember him.

## Hazardous Waste Day



On May 6th, the Jacobson community participated in the spring Household Hazardous Waste Day for the 9th year in a row. This year we set a record with 17 households dropping off hazardous materials to be delivered to Aitkin County Hazardous Waste Site by Jon and Mary Hanson .

This program has helped clean up a number of local barns, sheds, basements, and garages. Litter, like partially empty paint cans and plastic jugs full of nasty mystery liquid, all safely transported to their new home.

The program was designed to give county residents two opportunities each year to recycle and dump their hazardous waste items. The Jacobson Community Center board chose to participate in the Spring drive, thus limiting the pickup opportunity for our neighborhood to just once per year. From all the feedback heard, once a year is probably plenty.

Beginning at 9:00 AM, a pickup truck and trailer were parked at the fire-hall ready to receive the 'donations'. Neighbors arrived with boxes filled with all manner of hazardous materials. Solids. Liquids. Even long fluorescent light tubes and halogen bulbs. Neighbors brought their waste for a solid hour and all seemed to enjoy the bonding.

At the 10:00, the goodies made their way down River Road then into the Hazardous Waste site just north of Aitkin. At the front gate, the load was greeted by volunteers eager to accept the material from the legendary town of Jacobson. (Yes the word is out that our community has the reputation of working together and doing great things!)

Inside a large metal building, a dozen volunteers unloaded, sorted, then disposed of the materials. It was a great day for our town. And the folks at the Waste Site were glad so many of us made the effort to keep things clean and safe.



**TUESDAY, AUGUST 1,  
Jacobson Landing Recrea-**

**2017  
tion Area 6:00**

**Potluck -Bring a dish to share  
Bring lawn chairs if you wish  
Aitkin County Sheriff Scott Turner  
And K-9 Unit with "Loki"  
Fire Truck  
Free ice cream for dessert**

**Sponsored by Jacobson Community Center, Jacobson Landing Recreation Area, Jacobson Fire Department and Van Duse Lake Association**

*Jacobson Community Center*  
MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION FORM

**2017**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Dues: \$10.00 per Adult**  
 Ages under 18 are free.  
**Make check/money order payable to:**  
**Jacobson Community Center**  
**Clip and Return with your payment to:**  
**Marsha Loscheider**  
**11615 Great River Road**  
**Jacobson MN 55752**

Check here if change

Check      Check Number \_\_\_\_\_

Cash

Money Order

I request a receipt for my payment

I want to receive announcements via e-mail

I want to receive my newsletter via e-mail

Membership Dues \$ _____ Contribution (Beyond Dues) to support JCC \$ _____ <input type="checkbox"/> \$10 <input type="checkbox"/> \$25 <input type="checkbox"/> \$50 <input type="checkbox"/> Other \$5.00 contribution to cover my newsletter cost \$ _____ DATE: _____ TOTALS \$ _____
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**Jacobson Community Center Rental Fees\*\***

	<u>Member*</u>	<u>Non-member</u>	<u>Non-Profit</u>
<b>Facility</b>	\$125.00	\$150.00	\$75.00 (Kitchen & Hall)
<b>Kitchen Only</b>	\$25.00	\$50.00	\$15.00
<b>Damage Deposit</b>	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00

(A \$100.00 deposit is required in all cases. This is to be a Separate Check that will be returned if no damage is done and the facility is left as it was found. The Custodian will use the set-up and clean-up summary form to make that determination.)

**ALL RENTAL FEES ARE PAYABLE IN ADVANCE**

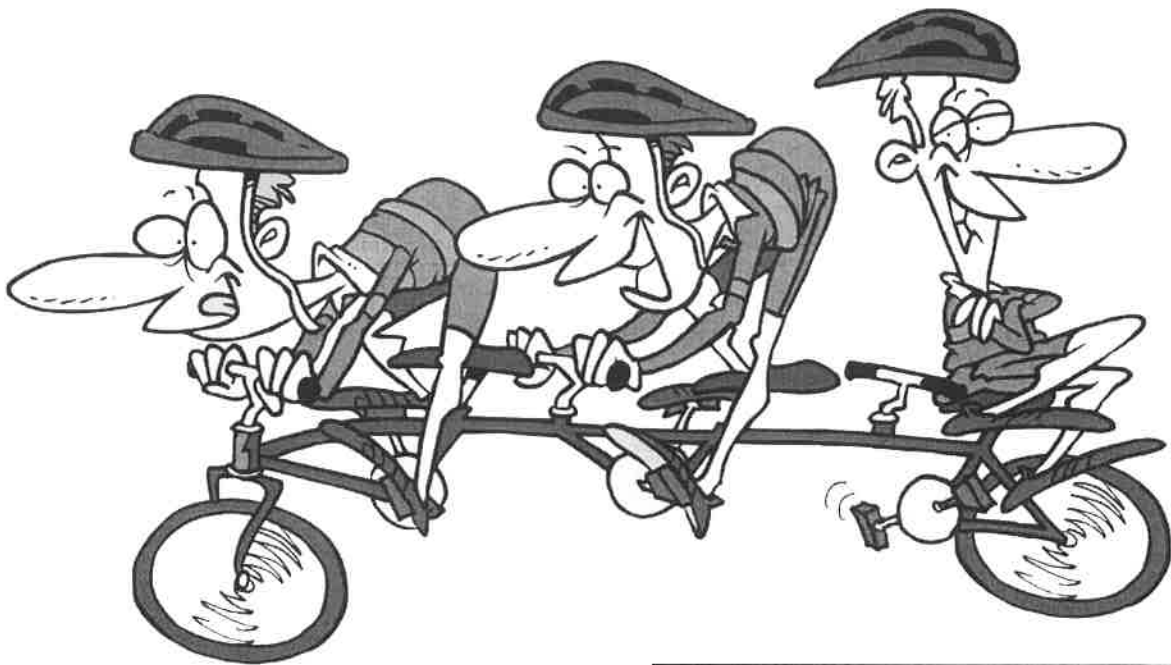
\*Member rates are effective for new members six months after membership dues are received.

\*\* When in question, other rates may be established by the JCC Board of Directors for individual or unusual requests.

To reserve the JCC or for additional information,  
 Contact Vickie Herman at 752-1511.

# Join Us for the **JACOBSON FALL COLORS** FUN RIDE

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2017



- Visit the Jacobson Community Center during the peak of fall color
- Enjoy 25 miles of the scenic Great River Road from the Jacobson Community Center to Palisade and back, or any distance in between.
- Join a fun bicycle ride for all ages and skill levels.

**Proceeds go to the maintenance and programs for the historic community center**

Go to [www.jacobsonnews.com](http://www.jacobsonnews.com)

Register by September 10

Ages 12 and up \$20

11 and under \$10

Day of event \$5 additional

Non riders \$5 (food only)

Check in and ride 10-11 AM

Ride from 1 to 50 miles

Hydration stops

Lunch when you return from 12-2

\*ANSI approved helmet must be worn by all riders

At the historic Jacobson Community Center • Jacobson MN  
On the Great River Road, 3 miles south of highway 200