

Kennedy Klips

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January 30, 2018

6th Annual Meatball Supper

Saturday, February 10, 2018

4:30 - 7:30 P.M.

At the Kennedy Community Center

Meatballs, mashed potatoes, candied carrots
fresh baked buns, salad, beverage and dessert.

Take-out and delivery available.
218-674-4396 or 218-791-9475

All proceeds go to the Kennedy Community Center.

Calendar

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, February 12, 2018, 7 p.m.
At the City Office.
Public is encouraged to attend.

DELINQUENT WATER BILLS DUE

Wednesday, February 14, 2018, 2 p.m.
At the City Office.

WATER DISCONNECTION DAY

For All Delinquent Accounts
Thursday, February 15, 2018, 8 a.m.

CLERK COONEY'S LAST DAY

Thursday, February 15, 2018

PRESIDENT'S DAY

City Shop Closed
Monday, February 19, 2018

Snow Day Reminder

Please keep **all** vehicles, trailers, boats, etc. off of city streets so the plow can do its job. Also, please remember to blow your snow into your yard and not onto City streets. The City thanks you for your cooperation in keeping our streets clear and safe.

HELP WANTED

City of Kennedy Seeking Applications for City Clerk Treasurer

On Tuesday, January 16, 2018, Kennedy City Clerk Treasurer Mary Cooney submitted her resignation letter with a one month notice, her final day being February 15, 2018. Council member Cindy Urbaniak submitted the following for publication.

Wanted: City Clerk /Treasurer to work 24-32 hours a week for the City of Kennedy. Job description available on request. Applications are available from Todd's Electric by calling 218-674-4422 or 701-739-3485. Applications will be accepted for 2 weeks until February 9th or until the position is filled.

Kennedy Center Under New Leadership

During the last week of December, several board members resigned their positions at the Kennedy Center, while a slate of new board members were elected. Jeanne Cooney, Gary Bostad, and Greg Mitziga resigned, and Bernie Wilebski, Tom Silewski, and Butch Fossell were elected to join board members Duane Peterson and Gail Larson, who retained their seats. New board members thanked outgoing members for their work, which included sponsoring art classes, bingo, special events and meals, as well as creating and maintaining the Little Free Library, hosting Saturday breakfasts and bake sales, and overseeing the Community Garden and Youth Summer Jobs Program. The new board's plans are under development.



February

- 1st Gail Larson
- 2nd Mary Ann Petersburg
- 4th Jason Bowles
Mary Lundberg
- 5th Steffen Snare
- 7th Greg Bogestad
Jesse Stark
Rod Stark
- 11th Patti Swanson
- 13th Milt Elhard
- 14th Trevor Deere
- 15th Kay Hultgren
Cindy Gunnarson
- 16th Doug Turn
- 17th Isaac Gustafson
- 18th Crusita Ayala
- 19th Randy Knutson
- 20th Erin Fletcher Langen
- 22nd Jim Larson
- 27th Alexis Turn
- 28th Brent Thorsteinson
J.P. Mortenson
Ava Mortenson



A Note from the Clerk

First, I must thank many of the residents and business people in Kennedy for the pleasure of serving you the last seven years. I have always liked my responsibilities as clerk treasurer and had planned to stay another three years and train a replacement before I retired. However, that didn't work out, so I will now be on my merry way. No doubt I'll see you at the post office, the bank, or out and about.

I've been busy since I gave my notice, trying to finish up as many tasks and projects as possible during my last month. In the process I have been cleaning out the safe and the file cabinets, a tedious, never-ending project I have grappled with my entire seven years. One day last week, while going through a previous clerk's folder labeled "Ideas for the *Klips*", I found the following article. It was not dated, but I imagine it comes from either Shannon Mortenson or Cindy Spilde. I agree with whomever chose the article, and I think it's excellent.

Sincerely,
Mary M. Cooney

"...I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THE FATE OF ANY GIVEN SMALL TOWN WILL BE DECIDED BY ITS LOCATION IN THE STATE, OR ITS ACCESS TO WATER, OR OTHER OBJECTIVE CHARACTERISTICS. THESE FACTORS CAN HELP OR HURT ECONOMIC SURVIVAL. BUT...

"THE ESSENTIAL INGREDIENT IS SOMETHING HUMAN, UNPREDICTABLE AND IMMEASURABLE. IT IS THAT ELUSIVE THING WE CALL... *LEADERSHIP*.

"LEADERSHIP IS VISION... SOME NOTION OF WHERE THE FUTURE LIES AND HOW TO GET THERE. LEADERSHIP IS GUTS... THE WILLINGNESS TO STEP UP TO HARD DECISIONS, TAKE RISKS, STEP ON TOES, AND MAYBE TO FALL FLAT ON YOUR FACE TRYING. LEADERSHIP IS ENERGY... THE DETERMINATION TO KEEP GOING WHEN EVERYONE TELLS YOU IT'S A LOST CAUSE. LEADERSHIP IS LOOKING IN THE MIRROR AND SAYING, "IT IS UP TO ME..."

"YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE ELECTED TO BE A LEADER. YOU JUST HAVE TO CARE AND DECIDE TO DO SOMETHING, AND TO ENLIST LIKE-MINDED PEOPLE IN THE DOING. IN VIEW, THAT'S WHAT SMALL TOWNS NEED TO SURVIVE: THE SPARK OF LEADERSHIP BY COMMITTED LOCAL PLEOPLE WILLING TO RISK FAILURE TO REACH FOR SUCCESS..."

James P. Cannon, Editor
The Des Moines Register