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**Cormorant Township**  
Winter 2019



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## SAVE THE DATE ~ 2019 ANNUAL MEETING

The Cormorant Township Election and Annual Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 12, 2019. The poll hours will be from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm with the annual meeting to follow at 8:15 pm. One Supervisor position and the Treasurer position are up for election this year. Typically, only a handful of people attend this election and the annual meeting, as was evidenced last year when 24 votes were cast and 17 people attended the meeting. Each year as a citizen of this township, you have the right to vote for your township officials, the levies that will be imposed, as well as other important issues that impact your life in Cormorant Township. This grassroots level of government is the most direct form of democracy, as it is the closest to the people. Consider attending this year and see how your township works for you!



## ROAD MAINTENANCE

The primary focus and concern of the Cormorant Township board is the on-going job of maintaining almost 50 miles of township roads. Every spring the supervisors conduct an annual road inspection to determine the condition of each road and what needs to be done, including small patch jobs, crack filling, chip sealing, as well as asphaltting new roads. In the summer gravel roads must be graded and ditches mowed. In the winter snow plows are out sanding and removing snow from the roads. A pick-up with a blade on the front removes snow from dead ends or other roads that the large plows cannot access.

The township is proud of their fleet of maintenance vehicles. They currently own two snow plows, a pick-up with a blade, a road grader, a tractor with a shoulder mower, as well as two lawn tractors used to keep the community center grass trim and neat. The township employs several people to keep this work done with promptness. In the winter there are two snowplow drivers and one back-up driver, as well as a driver for the pick-up. In the summer there is one driver for ditch mowing and one driver for road grading. A "crack crew" is out in the spring filling the cracks that have appeared over the season. Chip sealing and asphalt jobs, both small and large, are put out for bids. Ila does a fantastic job in the summer mowing and maintaining the community center property.

So far this winter, things have been going well, although the crews have been out more this year than in the past few years, including sanding when it gets icy. When we get a snowfall, the drivers start on their routes as soon as it is light outside, which is generally around 8 am. It takes two drivers 6 to 8 hours to plow all the township roads, as well as one driver in the pick-up. They like to keep two plows on the road at the same time, as in the event one gets stuck, the other can come to the rescue.

Don't forget to keep a safe distance from operating snow plows. Remember the road in front of the snowplow is always worse than behind it, visibility could be reduced, and they are also driving at a reduced speed. So be patient and give your snow plow operator some leeway and a little love!

## MAILBOX SUPPORT AND INSTALLATION

If you will be putting up a new mailbox or replacing an old one in the future, please be aware that there are very specific installation requirements by the United States Postal Service. The swing-away posts are recommended, as if installed correctly they will allow for more efficient and speedy removal of snow from the township roads. Most importantly for the mail carriers, they must also be a certain height and distance from the road shoulder. If they are not installed to these specifications, the mail carriers can refuse to deliver your mail. Be sure to contact the township or the USPS for these specifications.

# FACES & ACTIVITIES IN THE VILLAGE

## Township Directory

**Cormorant Community Center**  
10929 County Highway 5  
Pelican Rapids, MN 56572  
cormoranttownship.org

Clerk Office hours:  
Wednesdays 2 pm—5pm  
218-532-7042  
[cormorantcc@loretel.net](mailto:cormorantcc@loretel.net)

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Pelican Rapids, MN 56572  
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Supervisor  
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Pelican Rapids, MN 56572  
218-532-7717

John Buhaug  
Supervisor  
11335 147th Street  
Lake Park, MN 56554  
218-532-3181

Claudia Hanson  
Clerk  
14321 Oak Ridge Road  
Lake Park, MN 56554  
218-532-3644

Susie Braseth  
Treasurer  
12787 Braseth Bay Road  
Lake Park, MN 56554  
218-532-2404

Ila Lindstrom  
Facility Manager  
14480 Globstad Beach Rd  
Lake Park, MN 56554



Coffee Club 8:00 am  
Monday, Wednesday & Friday  
Where in the world is Frank?



Pilates Class 8:00 am  
Monday, Tuesday & Thursday  
Chair Stretch Class 9:00 am  
Wednesday



Storytime ~ 9:00 am  
Thursday, once a month  
ECFE 9:00 am Thursday



The Fitness Center is open daily  
from 5:00 am to 9:00 pm.



Cormorant Area Art Club (CAAC)  
Meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month  
2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday seasonally



Quilters 9:am ~ 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month

## LARL LIBRARY LINK SITE

We are fortunate that the township supports the Lake Agassiz Regional Library (LARL) and a LINK site which is located in the lower level of the community center. They have a selection of books for adults and children, talking books, DVDs and magazines. You can also request books online, which will be delivered to the LINK for pick-up. There are 9 link sites in the LARL system and Cormorant has the third largest circulation. At the 2018 annual meeting, our librarian, Laurie Wanke reported the following interesting statistics:

2016	2017
◆ 2932 items checked out	◆ 3154 items checked out
◆ 1507 patrons	◆ 1490 patrons
◆ 22 new members	◆ 17 new members

The Cormorant LARL LINK site has a new children's book display cart which is adorable AND functional. The cart was purchased by the Cormorant Township and is used often by the children who visit the library after they attend Storytime and ECFE.



 <p>Bridge Club Monday 9:00 am</p>	 <p>Pinochle Thursday 1:00 pm</p>	 <p>Mahjong Tuesday 9:45 am</p>
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## 2019 TALK OF THE TOWN

**Thursday - May 23 - NDSU Grilling** - Learn how and what to grill from the expert!

**Friday - June 7 - Joe Bergeson - Bergeson Nursery**  
Tips for proper planting, pruning and care. Best perennials and roses for our area, planting and care.

**Friday - June 28 - Mary Erickson** - former teacher and long-time resident and creator of Cormorant's **Historical Room**. Learn the history and history of Cormorant.

**Friday - July 19 - Randy Martin** - Exercise Physiologist, Sanford Health. Learn how to work toward your Fitness goals with commitment and techniques to keep our bodies strong and mobile at any age.

**Friday - August 9- Jon Hutchison** - DL, MN - "Music Maverick", performer, teacher and radio host. With his strong faith in Jesus, his first band was a country gospel group called Messiah's Messengers. Enjoy a fun hour with Jon, good country, blues and gospel music.

**Enjoy an hour of entertainment and information from 9 AM - 10 AM at the Cormorant Township Hall with free coffee and cookies and great conversation.**



**Thursday - June 20 - Wayne Luchau Band** - From the Birth of "Rock and Roll" to the "Teen Idols of the 50's and 60's, the ultimate Tribute Show performed in the authentic style from the era. 7:00 - 9:00 PM - Tickets \$15

**Thursday - July 25 - Hidden Talent Show** - enjoy an evening of music, laughter and great "Hidden Talents" of all ages. 7:00 - 9:00 PM - Tickets \$5

**Friday - August 23 - 11th Annual Lobster Dinner** - Enjoy a great dinner featuring fresh lobster from Maine, clam chowder, local corn on the cob, kielbasa and dessert! Ticket prices to be determined and sold only in advance. Dinner at 6 PM.

*Tickets available from Karen Bueling, Jim & Sue Carpenter, Milan Christianson, Rick & Jo Hanson, Doris Haukebo, Dennis & Rachel Johnson, Larry & Linda Martin, Glen & Nancy Sitz, Terry & Rita Soine and Mike & Better Wammer*

# Cormorant Township UPDATE

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Santa was spotted taking a break and walking a few laps at the Cormorant Community Center.

It's STORY  
TIME

February 21  
March 21  
April 11

*Who's Your Favorite?*  
*Spring On the Farm*  
*Eggs, Eggs, Eggs*

Adults stay while your children enjoy stories, crafts and snacks. Geared for children up to 6 years old. This is a FREE event sponsored by the Township.



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# ANNUAL MEETING



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