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NAME THE PARK.

The Township Board wants a neutral name for the new Campground.

Our grant, which was submitted two years ago, has finally been approved. There was a change in grant administrators for the DNR Trust Fund this past spring. The approved grant package for the campground could not be found by the new grant administrator. She requested a new submission. Bill Sanders, our Architect/Engineer coordinated a new application, and submitted same.

Upon review of that application, the new administrator was not satisfied with the mapping, and Rob Spear had to redo the boundaries for resubmission.

We have now been formally notified the grant approval has been signed. Mr. Sanders has begun the design process. In the near future we'll begin the bid letting process, and then start construction. Tentative schedule put forward by Mr. Sanders was completion early summer, 2016.

We are currently conducting a community "naming project" for the new Campground. Once selected the Board will hire Jon Mykkanen to carve the entrance sign, on which we intend to display an appropriate thank you plaque to the Eagle/Cliffs Foundation for their gracious gift of \$75,000, which was the Township's match for the grant..

The Board intends to enhance this new campground with signs and displays of historical data, commemorating all of the families and businesses that were within the Boundaries. Munson's Homestead/Park is already identified and that sign and the park will remain where it is. We have asked if the Historical Society would mind researching all of the owners including the Kesketalo Dairy Barn, The Venn Boarding House, Carlson's cabins, the businesses that were sited in the middle of the Ethnic Days Grounds including Memo Hendrickson's station, and everything between there and the old VFW. They have agreed to help us. We would like a copy of one or two pictures of each, if they were available, but realize they may no longer exist.

It's the Board's intention to honor the legacy of as many of those that came before us as possible. We would like those families to also have the recognition they deserve.

You are welcome to go on the township's web site, and get the link to vote on a neutral name. Ballots are also available in the vestibule of the Township Hall.

ALL SCHOOL REUNION

We have extra alumni books available for sale. Books can be purchased at the Towns Hall from Lori. Cost is \$6.00 apiece.



TREASURER'S CORNER

It's time for back to school and gorgeous Fall weather. Hoping everyone enjoyed their summer.

I am asking all utility and taxpayers to please pay their bills separately. Do not write one check to cover your utilities, taxes, and/or transfer station bills. Each bill goes into separate accounts: therefore it requires more work in order to process payments. Thank you VERY much for your cooperation.

I will always try my best to keep all residents bills confidential. Most recently the records of the 2014 tax liens were FOIA requested by a Republic Resident. Republic Township did not release the names associated with the tax lien amounts. However, that resident did receive this information from the Marquette County Treasurer's office. I want to assure the community that I will not release any bill information. In the event your tax lien/bill amounts were released to other individuals... KNOW that I did not release this information.

Reminder: All delinquent & outstanding bill amounts will be going to Tax Lien for the Winter Tax bills on November 1st.

The Remaining Transfer Station dates are September 19th, and October 10th & 17th.

"Watch out for the joy-stealers: gossip, criticism, complaining, faultfinding, and a negative judgmental attitude." Joyce Meyer

*Thank you,
Kristina Koski*

TRIVIAL FACTS.

Republic contributes approximately \$10K per year so for six years for the Heritage Trail, they will put in about \$60K. The construction of trail in Republic will be \$198K plus 50% of engineering costs which comes to \$25K, plus kiosk and panels of \$10K, and bridge of \$30K. So Republic has gained a \$318K project for \$60K. The Heritage Trail Association is still working on Highway 95 signage as well.

**There will be no reason to be bored in Republic this September, October and November!!! A lot of happenings going on, starting Saturday, September 26th. At 11am there will be a ribbon cutting for the "Grand Opening" of our leg of the Iron Ore Heritage Trail. Come and take part in peddling or walking the trail for as far as you are comfortable. We are working on getting some information booths set up—including bike experts, some physical therapists who will answer questions on the 'right' way to walk (yes, there is a right way!) and possibly some other fun booths. Mark your calendar now. October will host the 2nd 'cancer awareness' day on Saturday the 24th, adding a 5K run/walk for "cancer crushers"!!!! Again, mark your calendars!!
Holiday Hoopla will be Saturday November 21st— More to come, but, once again—Mark Your Calendar!!!!!!
The Chicken Coop is very proud to support this town and in return, we want to say 'thank you' for your support of us!!
Sandy and Liz**

How about cleaning up in front of your residence, and maybe the lot along side. Let's help to make the community look a little better

**SWEET DREAMS
BLANKET PROJECT**

Would you like to make someone's Christmas a little happier and a little warmer?

We are looking for people to make NEW Fleece Tie Blankets. No sewing required! Fleece Size (Measurements)
1 yard - 1 ½ yard - 2 yard

**Another option: If anyone is interested in making
NEW Rag Quilts for this project - that would be fantastic! Same measurements would apply.

Blankets will be given to children 17 & under in connection with the St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Basket Program.

Our Goal Is 80 BLANKETS!

New Bed Pillows will also be accepted!
Deadline date for Blankets/Pillows is Wed., December 2nd

You can drop-off your Blankets with Tammy Mattson, Kim Isaacson, St. Vincent de Paul or True Value. Call 376-8143 for more information/questions. Directions for the No Sew Fleece Blankets will also be available at St. Vincent's & True Value (August).

Let's make our blankets with love, tie them with hope, donate them with prayer and deliver them with a smile.

Dear Community Leaders,

In the past few years, we have had a decrease in the number of home delivered meal and congregate dining clients in the Champion, Humboldt, Michigamme and Republic areas.

Currently, we deliver to Republic on Monday and Thursday. We deliver to the Champion/ Michigamme area each Thursday.

Congregate dining is held on the first and third Thursday of the month at Riverview Heights in Republic.

In the past, we also provided meals to the congregate dining site at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Champion. Due to many of the participants passing away, we have temporarily closed that site.

I understand there are congregate dining opportunities for folks in Humboldt and Michigamme and I commend your communities for providing this enjoyable and valuable service to your senior citizens.

I am hoping that you will share this information (other attachment) with the people in your township.

If you know of people that may benefit from our service, you can make a referral by calling me at 228-6522 extension 303.

With more people participating in the home delivered or congregate dining programs, there is a greater possibility of increasing our services to your communities.

Sincerely,
Brenda Mattson

Food Services Manager
AMCAB

FISHING DERBY RESULTS

Winners of the Children's Category

Walleye:
 1ST Place Nathan Brewer \$75.00
 2ND Place None

Northern Pike:
 1st Place Riley Steppig \$75.00
 2nd Place Austin Brewer \$50.00

Perch:
 1st Place Devin Tasson \$50.00
 2nd Place Alex Radcliffe \$25.00

Bass:
 1st Place Taylor Lahtela \$50.00
 2nd Place Taylor Lahtela \$25.00

Crappie:
 1st Place Austin Kamrann \$50.00
 2nd Place Dawson Lawry \$25.00

Rock Bass:
 1st Place Paige Lahtela \$50.00

Blue Gill:
 1st Place Taylor Beck \$50.00
 2nd Place Nathan Brewer \$25.00

Winners of the Adult's Category

Walleye:
 1st Place Robert Lahtela \$2500
 2nd Place Ray Binguette \$400

Northern Pike:
 1st Place Duane Saari \$500
 2nd Place Arvo Lyyski \$250

Perch:
 1st Place Chris Wixtrom \$100
 2nd Place Jeff Worth \$75

Bass:
 1st Place Sid Stoinki \$100
 2nd Place Lori Levi \$75

Crappie:
 1st Place Paul Latvala \$100
 2nd Place Paul Latvala \$75

Rock Bass:
 1st Place Teresa Schutts \$100
 2nd Place Jared Kleczka \$75

Blue Gill:
 1st Place Tim Levi \$100
 2nd Place Robert Hess \$75

2015 Annual Fishing Derby Raffle Winners


- Ojibwa casino package – Marsha Durant
- \$100.00 value Gift Bag – Lyn Koski
- Air Compressor – Neil Pavola
- Bear Statue and Hams Beer sign – Cathy Jacobson
- Flat Screen TV – Kurt Vadnais
- Table top charcoal grill – Dorothy Warlin
- Fishing pole lamp – Debbie Shippe
- Lounge Charis – Pine Grove
- Pine Bench – Tom Fitzpatrick
- Birds Eye maple Gun Cabinet – Earl Bickers
- 4 Wheeler – Ron Dumas
- Handmade quilt – John Saarela
- \$250.00 Wanda Koski
- \$100.00 K. Conklin
- Sunday's 50/50 with a \$50.00 Walmart Gift Card – Mark Erickson



Lions Club Pie Social

Republic Lions Club Pie Social
 is held the 1st Wednesday of each month
 in the Township Hall, 10:00 AM-2:00PM

To donate a pie contact
 Ann Carne at 376-2580



Republic Non-Profit Housing Corporation
 will hold its Annual Meeting on Monday,
 Sept.14, 2015 at 1:00 pm. in the Recreation
 Room. General Membership and \$5 dues will
 certify voters for the election of board mem-
 bers. Written applications for membership may
 be delivered to the Riverview Heights office.

Karen Richards, President



People are questioning why the river basin drops “every” year this time. The big reason is, there is usually is no rain of any appreciable amount for several weeks starting the last week in July and the first, sometimes also the second, week in August. The volume of water going out is more than the amount coming in. The main reason water is going out is a “few” leaks in the structure that’s supposed to be holding the water back. Part of those “few” leaks are shown above, with the red circles around them. There are several on each gate, with the center gate being the worst. Evaporation caused by the sun and wind blowing across a basin system 5 1/2 miles long and up to a half mile wide adds to the problem.

The only thing that could maintain a level under those conditions is a spillway, and the dam owners have already rejected any attempt to build one as “unacceptable”. And they own all of the land on both sides of the river, from the dam to Kloman bridge, excepting “two-holes” boat launch and what was the Ethnic Days area.

It’s a waste of time for the township crew to try to maintain a water level under these conditions. Until the owner repairs the gates, we have to let the owner maintain the river level. The gates all have holes in them and the rails for that center gate are rusted, with pieces missing. Without repairs it isn’t going to be long and the center gate is going to fail.

The TIFA is still negotiating with the owner, trying to come to some kind of agreement on either ownership or repairs. Until that happens, the TIFA has reluctantly decided to not lease the dam. And the Township will not be operating it.

TIFA UPDATE

There are ongoing negotiations between the TIFA and Mr. Roger Crimmins concerning the dam, and we are currently exploring Grant sources for the purchase of the dam. Any new or further information concerning the dam will be shared, whenever something is concrete.

Laura Maze

TIFA Chairperson.

If you have internet access, we do have our own website: republicmichigan.com. On there is a link with an e-mail address that you can use to send us questions, photos, letters, completed forms, or even ideas for the township.

Our email address is:

republictownship@gmail.com

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COMMUNITY CALENDARS CAN BE PICKED UP AT THE REPUBLIC TOWNSHIP HALL ON WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, SEPT. 9TH, OR MONDAY THE 14TH.



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My wife was in labor with our first child. Things were going pretty well when suddenly she began to shout, "Shouldn't, couldn't, wouldn't, didn't, can't!" "Doctor, what's wrong with my wife?" "Nothing. She's just having contractions."

Fore! The 16th tee featured a fairway that ran along a road. The first golfer in a foursome teed off and hooked the ball. It soared over the fence and bounced onto the street, where it hit the tire of a moving bus and ricocheted back onto the fairway.

As they all stood in amazement, one of the golfer's friends asked, "How did you do that?" The golfer shrugged. "You have to know the bus schedule."